

THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



July 2016

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Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- **Riverview & Hillside Terrace Picnic**
July 6 at 11 a.m.
East Leach Park, Spencer
- **Rock the Roof**
July 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Roof Garden, Arnolds Park
- **Rosie Osterberg to play the accordion**
July 13 at 2:30 p.m.
Riverview Terrace
- **Jerry & Peggy Roberts to perform**
July 13 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Mainstreet Market**
July 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.
Clay County Courthouse Square, Spencer
- **Movie**
July 15 at 2 p.m.
Spencer Public Library
- **Denny Nelson to perform**
July 21 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Wedding Dress Fashion Show**
July 27 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home

More July 2016 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com

ENJOYING SUMMERTIME WITH ST. LUKE CAMPUS TENANTS AND RESIDENTS



View more photographs on St. Luke Homes & Services' Facebook page.

SPENCER CHAMBER AMBASSADORS TO VISIT



The Spencer Ambassadors will officially welcome St. Luke Homes & Services CEO/Administrator David West to Northwest Iowa at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, at The Highlands, which is located at 1211 St. Luke Drive in Spencer.

Thirty men and women from the Spencer business community, all sporting a famous red plaid blazer shown at the left, make up the Spencer Ambassadors, who greet new staff members and welcome building relocations and official ribbon cuttings to the area.

Please join in the celebration. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

▪ WELCOME

Lorraine Birchard

Beth Bohrns

Margareta Thiner

Jerry Scott

▪ BEST WISHES

Martha Rhodes

▪ SYMPATHY

Florence "Penny" Janssen

Dolores Sierck

Gladys McMillin

▪ NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following individuals who recently joined the St. Luke Homes & Services campus:

• Leah Whittenburg
St. Luke Dietary Aide

• Jamie Horning
St. Luke Cook

• Tasha Watkins
St. Luke CNA

THANK YOU

We appreciate your tax-deductible gifts and donations. They enhance the lives of campus homeowners, tenants and residents and continue to help make the fulfillment of St. Luke Homes & Services' Christian mission possible.

- Carole Peterson, of The Highlands, donated \$30 to St. Luke Lutheran Home's Special Gifts Fund in memory of Arlene Nelson.
- Kevin & Diana Mertens, of Easton, Minnesota, donated \$10 to St. Luke Homes & Services in memory of Lois Fliss.
- Cindy Fliss, Keith & Brenda Fliss, Gene & Debbie Fliss, all of Everly, and Dr. Dennis & Mary Somers, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, donated \$500 in memory of Lois Fliss. Their memorial has been designated for music, bingo and other activities, and the Hands of Harmony Bell Choir.
- The Don Nelson family, of Stillwater, Minnesota, and the Suzi Nelson family, of Spencer, donated framed drawings of Jesus Christ and Mary and a statue of St. Francis of Assisi with children to St. Luke Lutheran Home in memory of Arlene Nelson.

JULY HOMEOWNER, TENANT & RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Leila McDeid
- 6 - Joy Smith
- 7 - Hazel Christenson
- 7 - Judy Wilson
- 9 - Julia Walrath
- 10 - Arla Gould
- 11 - Richard Burgeson
- 14 - Warner Walrath
- 15 - Mildred Klett

- 17 - Betti Oldenkamp
- 20 - Ila Agler
- 20 - Roger Hoberg
- 22 - Dolores Fitzpatrick
- 25 - Luella Huckfelt
- 27 - Rhoda Kaiser
- 28 - Beulah Ahrenstorff
- 28 - Lois Knight



LOOK FOR ST. LUKE HOMES & SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES THIS SUMMER



Members of the Hands of Harmony Bell Choir are scheduled to perform:

- At the nursing home in Hartley at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12
- At the assisted living in Ruthven at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 25



- Bully Bullhead Parade in Ruthven on Saturday, July 9
- Pioneer Days Parade in Milford on Saturday, July 23
- Tall Corn Days Parade in Sioux Rapids on August 6

COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES
▪Bethany Lutheran Church

15 West 14th Street, Spencer
(712) 262-2327
www.bethluthspencer.com

▪Bethlehem Lutheran Church

207 Church Street, Royal
(712) 933-2229
www.royalbethlehemplutheran.com

▪Christ the King Lutheran Church

500 Fourth Avenue SW, Spencer
Rev. David Zimmer
(712) 262-2244
www.ctkspencer.com

▪First English Lutheran Church

1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer
Pastor Paul Kaldahl
(712) 262-5598
<http://spencer-church.com>

▪First Lutheran Church

1525 Three Cross Road, Milford
Pastor Bob Vaage
(712) 338-4514
www.3cross.org

▪Grace Lutheran Church

801 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake
Rev. Dr. Martin Lucin
(712) 336-2446
www.gracelutheranspiritlake.org

▪Grace Lutheran Church

380 N. Rerick Avenue, Primghar
(712) 957-4795

▪Hope Lutheran Church

206 N. Washington Street, Everly
Pastor Dan Taylor
(712) 834-2767
www.hopeeverly.com

▪Immanuel Lutheran Church

2300 27th Street, Spirit Lake
Rev. David Simonson
(712) 336-1010
lcmslakes.org

▪Immanuel Lutheran Church

206 Terril Avenue, Terril
Pastor David Doellinger
(712) 853-6192
www.facebook.com/lcmsterril

▪St. Paul's Lutheran Church

60 N. Central Avenue, Hartley
Pastor Chris Nitzel
(712) 728-2711
www.stpaullutheranhartley.com/

▪Trinity Lutheran Church

105 East High Street, Linn Grove
(712) 296-4438

▪Trinity Lutheran Church

9th & 11th Avenue West, Spencer
Rev. C. Peter Maisenbach
(712) 262-1287
www.trinitylutheranchurchspencer.com

FOR MOMENTS OF DISCERNMENT

Be still.

And let God's peace wash over you

Live waves lapping over pebbles

Smoothing rough edges of insurmountable worries

To tiny insignificant grains of sand,

Taking away the jaggedness of sin

To leave smooth shining love.

And let the peace of God,

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Be with us all today and every day.



- Reprinted from *The Upper Room*

- St. Luke Homes & Services**
- The Highlands
 - Hillside Terrace
 - Riverview Terrace
 - St. Luke Lutheran Home

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If you are interested in visiting with someone about where to enjoy your retirement years, call Georgia Wrightsman at (712) 262-5931, ext. 109.



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"A Caring Community"



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Kristi Kracht joined the St. Luke Campus as a housekeeper in July 2010.

"I appreciate the hours that I work because they are conducive to spending more time with my 7-year-old son, Keegan, and watching him participate in different sports and activities," she said. "I have wonderful coworkers and there is a lot of great teamwork on the St. Luke Campus. I also enjoy visiting with the homeowners and residents here."

Known for being a caring coworker, Kristi also likes to have fun and tease others.



Kristi Kracht
Housekeeper at The Highlands and St. Luke

Prior to working in The Highlands and St. Luke Lutheran Home, Kristi served at the Kmart store in Sioux City and as a department manager in the Sioux City Walmart store before transferring to

Spencer's Walmart store in 2001.

Originally from Correctionville in Northwest Iowa, she graduated from the former Eastwood High School.

Outside of work, Kristi has served on the Clay County Fair Poultry Committee for 14 years, as well as a Spencer Women of Today member. Continuing to grow her faith is important for Kristi. She makes attending and helping at the three-day Via De Cristo retreat a priority each year. She also attends Hope Reformed Church, in Spencer, and enjoys spending time with her husband, Steve, their son, Keegan, camping, playing volleyball and other sports.

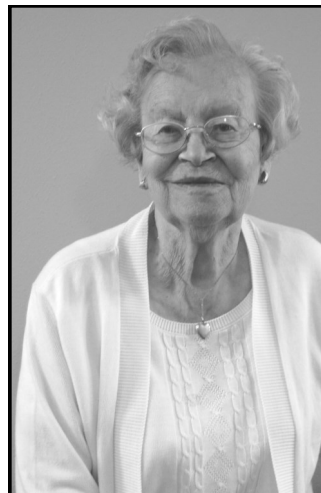
TENANT OF THE MONTH

Thelma Skelton married her Greenville High School sweetheart, Charles Mills, October 6, 1946, at the Little Brown Church near Nashua.

Together, the Mills rented their first farm, in rural Sioux Rapids, beginning in the 1947 crop year. A family was started the next year.

Over the years, the devoted homemaker and mother has encouraged her family to participate and do well in their respective activities. An active church life was also supported by Thelma, who was active in various church activities and served as president of the Women's Fellowship at First United Church in Sioux Rapids.

The Mills relocated to the Riverview Terrace Assisted Living residence in May 2013.



Thelma Mills
Riverview Terrace tenant since May 2013

"We knew some people who lived here and thought it was a good place to retire," Thelma recalled. "We had no second thoughts about our decision to move to Riverview Terrace – especially since we receive good care, when it is needed, and staff

is concerned about our well-being."

Today, Thelma likes to read the daily newspaper and romance novels. She participates in a majority of the activities offered at Riverview Terrace, attends the weekly Sunday church service, helps to assemble the St. Luke Campus' monthly newsletter for mailing and performs in the Hands of Harmony Bell Choir.

"I enjoy the meals and the variety of foods served here," she said. "I like not having to plan and prepare the meals, and leaving the dishes for somebody else once I have finished my meal."

Thelma's five sons include: Dennis of Cedar Falls, Darrel of Winterset, Dale of Nora Springs, Alan of Sioux Rapids, and Kevin of Algona. She also celebrates the lives and activities of 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.