



THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT

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Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- **Musical performance by Kevin Anderson**
April 6 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Riverview Terrace Bakery Outing**
April 12 at 9 a.m.
Carroll's Bakery, Spencer
- **Drums and Guitar with Owen & Jon**
April 15 at 2:30 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Hidden Figures movie**
April 18 at 2 p.m.
Spencer Public Library
- **Jewelry Making**
April 26 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Men's Group**
April 27 at 10 a.m.
Riverview Terrace
- **Out to Eat**
April 28 at 11:30 a.m.
American Classic Café,
Spencer

More April 2017 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Welcome St. Luke Homes & Services' newest board member, Gary Halverson. Gary was elected to the board on March 5.

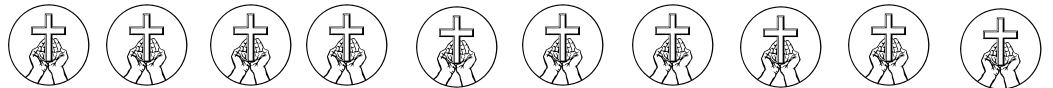
The governing board has also elected new officers: Frank Halverson serves as president, Roger Morris as vice president, and Rev. Peter Maisenbach serves as secretary.



Gary Halverson and his wife, Kathie, live in Spencer. They are members of Bethany Lutheran Church, where he has served on the church council and volunteered in various other roles. Together, he and Kathie have four children and seven grandchildren.

Gary grew up in the Sioux Rapids area. Following his graduation from high school and Buena Vista University, in Storm Lake, Gary moved to Spencer in 1972. He worked at Witco for 14 years before serving 29 years at Thrivent Financial.

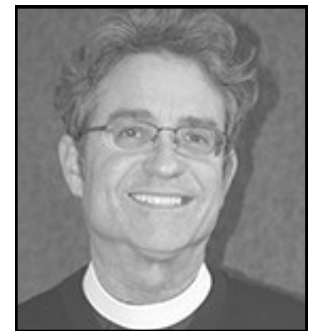
Gary is involved with the Daybreakers Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed being a Spencer Chamber Ambassador and was a member of Spencer Mainstreet Company.



Frank Halverson
Board President



Roger Morris
Board Vice President



Rev. Peter Maisenbach
Board Secretary

In the next *The St. Luke Spirit* newsletter :

- Read about South Ridge Height's first tenant. Donna Wert moved into Northwest Iowa's newest Independent Senior Living community on March 20th.
- Find out who St. Luke Homes & Services' first Employee of the Quarter is for 2017.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

A special thank you to retiring St. Luke Homes & Services board members Mark Nothwehr and Neal Drefke for their selfless service in support of residents, tenants, homeowners and staff associated with our nonprofit, long-term care campus.



Mark Nothwehr
St. Luke Homes & Services Board Member
March 2001 - March 2017



Neal Drefke
St. Luke Homes & Services Board Member
March 2005 - March 2017

▪ WELCOME

Floyd Faulkner

Lois Johnson

Donna Wert

Barbara Brechler

Edwin & Mary Bayne

▪ BEST WISHES

Ronald Peterson

Jean Hadden

Genevieve Burger

▪ SYMPATHY

Ellen Hart

Charles Scheil

William Wintz

APRIL HOMEOWNER, TENANT & RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

1 - Doretta Unrau
4 - Mary Eischeid
4 - Vivian Geidl
8 - Ruby McKee
8 - Doris Schultz
12 - Margaret Lundquist
13 - Dick Hallett
14 - Doris Camp
17 - Harold Hammerstrom

19 - Thora Grover
20 - Dick Romp
24 - Virginia "DeDa" Behrens
29 - Curtis Paulsen



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.

- The Lutheran Ladies, of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Terril, donated \$10 to St. Luke Lutheran Home in memory of Arlene Johannsen.
- The Doug and Sandy Hart family, of Spencer, donated a flat-screen television and stand to St. Luke Lutheran Home in memory of Ellen Hart.
- Dorothea Donaldson, of The Highlands, designated a \$25 memorial in honor of Doris Jespersen to the Chapel Fund of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

CAREERS AVAILABLE

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living and St. Luke Lutheran Home have the following career opportunities currently available:

- ▶ **Part-Time Cook** - 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. - at Riverview Terrace
- ▶ **Part-Time Dietary Aide** - 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. - at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- ▶ **Full-Time Certified Nursing Assistant** - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 2-10 p.m. - at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- ▶ **Apply online at www.stlukelh.com/employment.html -or- Pick up an application at:**

St. Luke Lutheran Home	-or-	Riverview Terrace Assisted Living
1301 St. Luke Drive		1501 St. Luke Drive
Spencer, Iowa		Spencer, Iowa 51301

LEADING UP TO RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Lenten worship services

- 3 p.m. April 4 at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- 2 p.m. April 6 at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

Holy Week services

- 10 a.m. April 13 at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- 2 p.m. April 13 at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

Tenebrae services

- 1:30 p.m. April 14 at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living
- 3 p.m. April 14 at St. Luke Lutheran Home

Easter Sunday services

- 10 a.m. April 16 at St. Luke Lutheran Home
- 11 a.m. April 16 at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living



CHAMBER AMBASSADORS TO VISIT SOUTH RIDGE HEIGHTS



Join the Spencer Ambassadors as they visit South Ridge Heights. Thirty men and women from the Spencer business community, all sporting the famous red plaid blazer shown at left, make up the Spencer Ambassadors, who greet new staff members, welcome building relocations and conduct official ribbon cuttings in the area.

- Plan to join in this ribbon-cutting celebration, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, at South Ridge Heights, 1209 12th Street SE in Spencer.

▪ NEW STAFF

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

- Lorelei Meeter
South Ridge Heights
Service Provider
- Katelynn Wilkerson
St. Luke
Indirect Care Aide
- Geri Kragel
St. Luke
Indirect Care Aide
- Ashley Hanover
St. Luke CNA
- Mariah Richardson
Riverview Terrace
Dietary Aide
- Kristina Cross
St. Luke
Indirect Care Aide
- Carolyn Elliott
Riverview Terrace
Dietary Cook



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES



In March, tenants of Riverview Terrace Assisted Living and residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home were pleased to watch students from First English Christian Preschool, of Spencer, perform several songs.

The children's excitement in showing and sharing what they have learned during the school year was definitely "catchy."

Thank you for sharing your talents and joy with us!

GAINING CAREER EXPERIENCES AT ST. LUKE

Spencer High School seniors are shown practicing some long-term healthcare skills (at right) during a visit with Nancy Mills, St. Luke Homes & Services' director of health services, in a recent tour of St. Luke Lutheran Home for their Extended Career Experience class.



CELEBRATING OUR 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

June 13, 1961 - Pastors and lay representatives of area Lutheran churches first met to explore interest in a project to provide for the housing, social, medical and spiritual needs of the aged in the area.

February 6, 1963 - Articles of Incorporation adopted. First Board of Directors elected.

August 27, 1963 - Site of Spencer Golf and Country Club on Highway 18 East of Spencer purchased for a building location. Purchase price was \$30,000.

October 19, 1965 - Contracts awarded for construction of building to accommodate 60 residents.

November 7, 1965 - Groundbreaking ceremony held at the building site.

June 19, 1966 - Cornerstone laying and commissioning of the first administrator for St. Luke Lutheran Home.

September 28, 1966 - St. Luke Auxiliary formally organized.

February 5, 1967 - Open House attended by 3,000 people.

February 7, 1967 - First two residents admitted to St. Luke Lutheran Home.

May 7, 1967 - Formal Dedication Service of St. Luke Lutheran Home held.

COMMUNITY CORNERSTONES

▪Bethany Lutheran Church

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

▪First English Lutheran Church

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

▪Grace Lutheran Church

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

▪Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

▪Bethlehem Lutheran Church

207 Church Street, Royal
Rev. Dr. Mark Wilms
(712) 933-2229
royalbethlehmlutheran.com

▪First Lutheran Church

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

▪Hope Lutheran Church

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

▪St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

▪Trinity Lutheran Church

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

▪Christ the King Lutheran Church

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

▪Grace Lutheran Church

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

▪Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

▪Trinity Lutheran Church

105 East High Street, Linn Grove
Rev. Rhonda Wykoff
(712) 296-4438

RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS



If you volunteer on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus, please plan to join us for a brunch honoring you!

- We will be feasting on made-to-order omelets prepared by members of Glen Pedersen Post No. 1 of the American Legion.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: St. Luke Lutheran Home
1301 St. Luke Drive; Spencer, Iowa

St. Luke Homes & Services

- South Ridge Heights
- Riverview Terrace
- St. Luke Lutheran Home
- The Highlands

1301 St. Luke Drive
Spencer, Iowa 51301

Phone: (712) 262-5931
Fax: (712) 262-4743
E-mail: stlukelh@stlukelh.com

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

We're on the Web!
www.stlukelh.com

St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc.
"A Caring Community"



Governing Board

Frank Halverson
Roger Morris
Rev. Peter Maisenbach
Jerry Clausen
Gary Halverson
Jim Hitchcock
Rev. Deb Mechler
Sandi Schmidt

CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON CAMPUS



A) Kim Moschenrose, Winnie Schoenewe and Doris Salton, of First Christian Church in Spencer, brought joy during their lunchtime visits to Riverview Terrace, St. Luke Lutheran Home and The Highlands. **B)** Riverview Terrace tenant Don Manley had fun dressing up as a leprechaun for St. Patrick's Day. **C)** St. Luke Lutheran Home housekeepers Kristi Kracht and Janie Daugherty celebrated the holiday with others by sporting smiles and new, green hairdos.

HOMEOWNER OF THE MONTH

Carol Lee was born near Milford and grew up on a farm near Webb.

On August 18, 1939, shortly after graduating from AIB College of Business in Des Moines, Carol married Howard Lee. While he worked as a Milwaukee Railroad depot agent, she also worked as an agent in the Webb depot.

"I had to stand on a tall, wooden stand and hand tickets to the engineer as the train rolled by," Carol explained. "I was scared to death, so they would have to stop the train quite often for me." Over the years, the Lees played bridge with friends in Webb and, once they retired, spent winters in Tucson.

In December 1998, the couple relocated from Webb to The Highlands.



Carol Lee
Highlands homeowner
since December 1998

"The connectedness of the different residences on the St. Luke campus is very handy," she said. "I can't imagine living anyplace else besides here. It's safe and comfortable. They do a great job of maintaining The Highlands and Mavis

Leinen, the manager, is helpful. I can eat lunch with others every day and if I need anything, all I have to do is call."

Carol, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Webb, continues to take pleasure in playing bridge with friends at The Highlands on Tuesdays and at the Spencer Area Activity Center on Mondays. She enjoys leisurely mornings, reading both the *Siox City Journal* and the *Spencer Daily Reporter* newspapers while eating breakfast.

Carol likes that her brothers – Roger and Lyle Overocker – live nearby in Spirit Lake and rural Milford, respectively. She is proud of her son, Curtis (Lisa) Lee of Cedar City, Utah, and daughter, Linda (Leslie) Alexander of Ankeny and Tucson. She also adores the time spent with her five grandchildren and is eagerly anticipating the arrival of her third great-grandchild.