

THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS

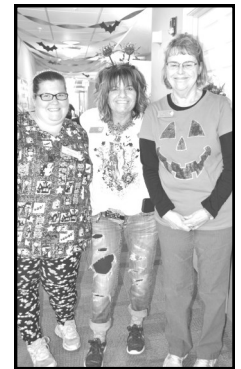
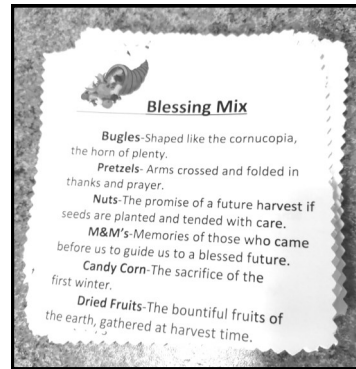
Upcoming Resident & Tenant Activities:

- **Reading Buddies** to visit
January 9 at 2:30 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Music with Bob Floss**
January 10 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Music with Robin Keith**
January 14 at 2 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran students** to entertain
January 16 at 1 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home
- **Tropical Tiki Party**
January 21 at 2:30 p.m.
Riverview Terrace
- **Soda Float Bar**
January 23 at 2:30 p.m.
Riverview Terrace
- **Men's Coffee**
January 28 at 10 a.m.
Riverview Terrace
- **Music with Ray Meyer**
January 31 at 3 p.m.
St. Luke Lutheran Home

More activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com



(L) Santa and Mrs. Claus (Jay & Muriel Steffen) greeted Lucy Steffen at the St. Luke Lutheran Home Christmas party. (C) Virginia "DeDa" Behrens shares pieces of her Dickens Village collection at St. Luke Lutheran Home. (R) Ginny Yore proudly displays the beautiful tie quilt she received from Bev McGuire for Christmas.



(L) Doris Rentsch and Barbara Halverson prepare tasty favors for the holiday tables at Riverview Terrace. (C) The Thanksgiving Day blessing attached to these favors. (R) Miranda Baudler, Cher Lindahl and Deb McGuire dressed up for Halloween.



(L) Mardelle Stroup has fun handing candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. (R) One of the hundreds of families who visited St. Luke Lutheran Home, Riverview Terrace and The Highlands on Halloween night.

THANK YOU

▪ WELCOME

Keith Klatt

Nathubhai Bhakta

Kenneth & Joann
Garrelts

Doris Rentsch

Ginny Olson

Joanne Koch

Wilbert Bielfeldt

Roger Arndt

Frank & Bernice
Parks

Ray Thompson

Norman & Jean
Halverson

Shirley Pruss

John Fogarty

David Feldhacker

Ruth Thurston

Evelyn Simonson

Chuck Coldren

Wayne Calhoon

Connie Faulkner

LaVonne Kramer

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.

- Anne Simmons, of Alexandria, Virginia, is a Thrivent Financial member who directed \$202 Choice Dollars to St. Luke Homes & Services.

- Immanuel Lutheran Church, of Spirit Lake, donated \$100 to the Special Gifts Fund of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Anita Bailey, of Milford, contributed a \$20 memorial gift to the St. Luke Special Gifts Fund in memory of her sister, Dolores "Dede" Shuck.

- Members of the St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary donated \$224 for St. Luke Lutheran Home residents to ride the Queen II, \$250 for resident Christmas gifts, \$130 for large print songbooks, \$500 for flat screen televisions for resident rooms, \$750 for wheelchairs, \$1,300 for a safety glider, and a \$1,000 match for two electric convection ovens.

- Dr. & Mrs. K.M. Johannsen, of Storm Lake, donated \$100 to St. Luke Lutheran Home in memory of all former residents.

- Becky Gould, of Spencer, contributed craft supplies and bingo items for use by St. Luke Lutheran Home residents.

- The Robert L. Schmid Revocable Living Trust Agreement, of Brandon, South Dakota, donated \$250 to the Chaplain Fund and \$750 to St. Luke Lutheran Home in memory of Dorothy Schmid, a late resident of The Highlands and St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Laurie Sorrell, of Spencer, donated a life-size, singing Santa Claus to St. Luke Homes & Services.

- Shelly Bergstadt and Dana Zernechel, both of Spencer, donated an assortment of jewelry items to be used as bingo prizes at St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Karen "Dee" Vanderhoef, of Iowa City, presented a \$400 monetary gift for church and pastoral services at St. Luke Homes & Services.

- Geri Kragel, of Spencer, donated a Snuggie blanket and double woven throw blanket for use by residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Halloween candy for the annual Trick or Treat parade hosted on the St. Luke Campus was donated by the following individuals and business: Spencer Hy-Vee, Fran Grover, Carma Betz and Dayna Schmidt, all of Spencer, and Susie and Joel Hartmann, of Everly.

- Gladys Knapper and members of the Christ Lutheran Church sewing group, of Slayton, Minnesota, made eight lap quilts for residents' use.

- Alice Nielsen and Faith Lutheran Church sewing group members, of Spencer, made two weighted blankets for use by residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Vada Calhoon, of Spencer, donated Christmas crafting supplies for use by residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- The family of Mae Koch donated an air conditioner to St. Luke Lutheran Home for use by current and future residents.

- Members of the Prayer Shawl Committee of Christ Lutheran Church, in Slayton, Minnesota, crocheted prayer shawls for residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- Teresa Stephas, of Dickens, made four lap quilts for St. Luke Lutheran Home residents to use.

- John & Pat Jensen, of Everly, donated \$500 toward St. Luke Homes & Services' Chaplain Fund.

RESIDENTS OF THE MONTH



Barney & Shirley Granstra
St. Luke Lutheran Home
residents since May 2018

Barney and Shirley Granstra are a humble, hard-working and faith-filled couple.

Barney, who was born near Melvin and raised near Harris in Osceola County, enlisted on October 17, 1945, in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Japan following World War II. Barney was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant following two years, 10 months and 11 days of active service.

Shirley was raised by Walter and Edna Ruehle near Ruthven in Palo Alto County. Following her graduation from Silver Lake-Ayrshire High School in 1945, Shirley became a teacher.

The two first met at a high school baseball game in Harris, where she was serving as a teacher. The couple married on June 5, 1949.

The Granstras farmed next to his parents for a few years. Shirley continued serving as a teacher as Barney attended classes at the Wisconsin Institute of Technology. In 1954, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering. Barney and Shirley grew in their faith as a couple as they traveled to Africa, where they served as missionaries for two years in Tanzania and one year in Kenya.

Upon their return to the United States, Shirley continued teaching students as Barney held several construction jobs and then began working for the U.S. Geological Survey with the Water Resources Division. Altogether, she taught primary students for nine years in rural schools throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Montana. During his 15-year tenure with the federal government, Barney served in Pierre and Huron, South Dakota, and Helena, Montana.

In 1971, the couple, along with their children, Sherri and Bryan, returned to

the Granstra family farm near Everly. After farming for one year, Barney chose to own and operate the former Alstar business north of Everly, where he sold Redimix concrete and gravel to area farmers.

As their children grew, Shirley served as a 4-H leader and Barney served as a Bible school teacher and taught adults in the Crossways and Bethel series courses at First English Lutheran Church in Spencer. She quilted. He began cross stitching. Together, the couple square danced, volunteered in various roles at First English Lutheran Church, helped in the construction of nine churches, entered various projects and won many prizes at the Clay County Fair.

Barney and Shirley moved to The Highlands in February 2016 and relocated to St. Luke Lutheran Home in May 2018.

“We are content here and satisfied with our lives,” the Granstras said.

Along with the various activities they choose to participate in on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus, the couple enjoys spending time with their daughter, Sherri (Rod) Stephas of Spencer, their six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

We are proud of the work and commitment of all St. Luke Homes & Services employees. Many years of dedicated and caring service to the Spencer campus’ homeowners, tenants and residents was recently recognized. The following St. Luke Homes & Services staff members have received certificates for their steadfast service, as indicated in the five-year timeframes below:

Five Years: Chaplain John Syvertson, Cari Seversen, Briana Dandy, Taylor McGuire, Julie Behrens, Kandi Fox and Kalli Miller

Ten Years: Elizabeth Essick

Fifteen Years: Nancy Mills and Robert Marshall

Twenty Years: Marc Watts

Twenty-Five Years: Cheri Prange

Thirty-Five Years: Jeanie Culver



Do you have questions?

Please give us a call.

- South Ridge Heights (712) 260-1950
- Riverview Terrace (712) 262-5932
- St. Luke Lutheran Home (712) 262-5931
- The Highlands (712) 262-5404

Check out St. Luke Homes & Services on Facebook!



Our Mission:

“To enhance the life, health and faith of all who choose to live in the St. Luke Christian community.”

HOMEOWNER OF THE MONTH

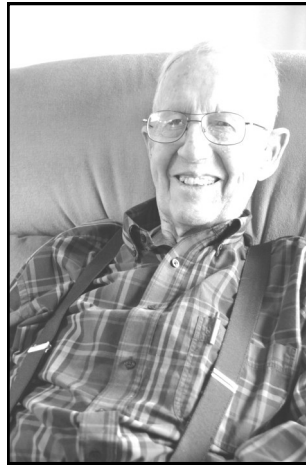
Stanley Jespersen has a warm personality, enthusiastic spirit and good sense of humor. Along with an importance to his family and friends, he has contributed readily to his church, community and country.

Born in December 1924 to Martin and Margaret Jespersen, on their farm near Royal, Stanley was known to ride his horse standing up, without a saddle and as fast as Tony would gallop to both Country School No. 4 and Royal High School.

As a youth, Stanley sang and tap danced for others. He entertained audiences at home, school and church. Following his 1935 confirmation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal, Stanley sang in the church choir and as a soloist for many weddings, anniversaries and funerals, as well as part of a men's quartet and swing band member in high school.

After graduating from Royal High School in 1942, he farmed with his father, under a deferment from the draft for farmers, but chose to enlist. In 1944, Stanley volunteered for the draft. He and two other area men approached the draft board in Spencer to volunteer for the Navy. When they arrived in Des Moines for processing, all three men were instead enlisted in the Marine Corps.

In 1945, Stanley participated in the Battle of Okinawa, the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War of World War II. He received and delivered messages and ran commu-



**Stanley Jespersen
Highlands homeowner
since August 2011**

nication lines from headquarters to forward units during the war. On October 25, 1945, Stanley participated in a ceremony highlighting the surrender of Japanese forces in the area of Tsingtao, China.

The honorably discharged Corporal became an American Legion member following his service in World War II. Stanley served as Commander of the American Legion Post for several years in Royal.

On February 22, 1948, Stanley and LaVone Jespersen married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal. The couple farmed, raised a family including Dennis, David and De Ann, and were active church members. Together, they served as Junior League sponsors, poll workers and enjoyed dancing.

Stanley served as a delegate to the State Democratic Convention, on the Clay County Extension Council, as a Clay County Farm Bureau board member, as a Lincoln Township Trustee and as the Lincoln Township Clerk.

At Bethlehem Lutheran Church, he volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, as Council secretary and president, and on call committees. In addition, he served from 1990 through 1996 on the St. Luke Homes & Services board. During this time, the Jespersens helped for two years with Sunday communion at St. Luke Lutheran Home.

After retiring from farming in 1991, Stanley and LaVone chose to exercise and visit over coffee with friends daily at the Spencer Family YMCA. Stanley swam a mile each day, volunteered in various roles and helped with basketball tournaments there. He was named an honorary Referee of the Year and received a Volunteer of the Year Award. Stanley was instrumental in a number of Y's Men activities, including delivering and selling Nutty Bars at the Clay County Fair and running a 24-hour Relay for Life marathon with other Y's Men members to raise funds for a drug education program in the schools.

Stanley also actively engaged in Spencer Rotary Club activities. He served as an officer and hospice volunteer. Stanley was named Rotary Volunteer of the Year and was the 1998 recipient of the Marvin Kruse Rotary Club Service Award.

In August 2011, the Jespersens moved to The Highlands. LaVone appreciated the scenic view their apartment offers. Stanley likes the heated garage, having coffee and visiting with other homeowners over the daily lunch served at The Highlands. He also enjoys hosting his family when they visit, including their children, David (Leila) Jespersen of San Diego and De Ann (Vernon) Tjossem of Sutherland, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NOTES

- We treasure your presence, but if you have cold or flu symptoms this winter, we ask that you refrain from visiting until you are feeling better.

- Whether you caroled, baked, donated, entertained, gave a gift or said a prayer, the time you spent and the holiday cheer you shared are appreciated.

- St. Luke Homes & Services can email you a monthly bill from The Highlands, South Ridge Heights, Riverview Terrace, and St. Luke Lutheran Home. St. Luke Homes & Services can also electronically withdraw funds from your bank to pay your account. We can help make this monthly task easier! Contact Greg Meeter or Liz Essick at (712) 262-5931 to set this in motion.

- Beat the winter blues in our warm water pool and spa this winter! Entrance to St. Luke Homes & Services' indoor aquatic center is available with a key fob or card. These are available, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at St. Luke Lutheran Home.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Letters will soon be sent to sponsoring church pastors and/or board chairpersons seeking representatives to attend the St. Luke Homes & Services Annual Meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, March 3, at St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer.

If you are interested in attending this informative meeting, or in serving as a St. Luke Homes & Services board member, please contact your respective church pastor or St. Luke Homes & Services CEO/Administrator David West at (712) 262-5931.

If you receive the new Medicare card for a St. Luke campus resident, tenant or homeowner, please bring it to their respective residence so we can make a quick copy of it.



WELCOME, KATIE WISCHMEYER



Katie Wischmeyer began serving as St. Luke Lutheran Home's Social Worker in October 2018.

In this role, Katie handles preadmission and admission interviews. She informs residents and their families of available services, resident rights and responsibilities.

As a long-term care Social Worker, Katie enables each individual to function at the highest possible level of social and emotional wellness. She assures each resident's continuing needs are met and maintains frequent contact with residents and their families. As such, she is a strong advocate for St. Luke Lutheran Home residents and their

families. Her goal is to help residents enjoy their stay at St. Luke Homes & Services.

Katie completed an Early Childhood Education degree from Iowa Lakes Community College before graduating from Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work.

She grew up outside of Webb and now lives with her family in Rembrandt.

Katie and her fiancé, Josh Chindlund, have two boys: Lukas and Jayce.

Before St. Luke Lutheran Home, Katie served at the Centers Against Abuse and Sexual Assault (CAASA), both as a crisis line and shelter advocate and as a sexual abuse victim's advocate for Clay, O'Brien and Palo Alto counties, as well as a behavioral health intervention service Social Worker for Lutheran Services in Iowa.

▪ BEST WISHES

Georgia Sterler
Ruby McKee
Jack Phillips
Larry Prince
Vera Glienke
Pauline Muller
Betty Peters
Elvinah Davis
Judy Roan
Gayle Riessen
Karen Cornwell
Dorothy Huberg
Lavonne Rebhuhn
Lucy Steffen

▪ OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF

Dick Boothby
Clare Wheeler
Helen Leith
Elsie Anderson
Carlton Quee
Mary Killmar
Ila Agler
John Wise
Freda Heuer
Don Linnan
Mae Koch
Irene Groote
Shirley Granstra
Edwin Geerdes

THE SEASON OF LENT

+ Ash Wednesday services - Wednesday, March 6

10 a.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Home

2 p.m. at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

+ Lenten worship services

Tuesdays - 3 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Home

Thursdays - 2 p.m. at Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

+ Holy Week services & Easter Sunday services

- Pastor John Syvertson officiating

THRIVENT MEMBERS HAVE A CHOICE

Through Thrivent's member-advised charitable grant program, Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds are distributed by directing their Choice Dollars.

Choice Dollars, for example, may be directed to the various ministries

offered within the St. Luke Homes & Services community, which is enrolled in the Thrivent Choice® program.

Since the Thrivent Choice® program began in 2010, more than \$330 million in funding has been distributed to enrolled churches and

nonprofit organizations nationwide.

To learn more about Thrivent Choice® and for complete program terms and conditions, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

▪ For the Thrivent members who do choose to direct Choice Dollars toward St. Luke Homes & Services, your consideration and support is appreciated!

REMINDER TO SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 AM on Sunday, March 10, and end on Sunday, November 3, in Iowa.

SENIOR APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Beautiful studio, 1 and 2BR apartments for people 55+ at South Ridge Heights, 1209 12th Street SE, Spencer.

Monthly rent as low as \$500 per month. Stove or cooktop and refrigerator provided. Utilities included and wheelchair accessible. Laundry, common areas and elevator available in this secure building.



To apply, call Mavis at 712-260-1950.

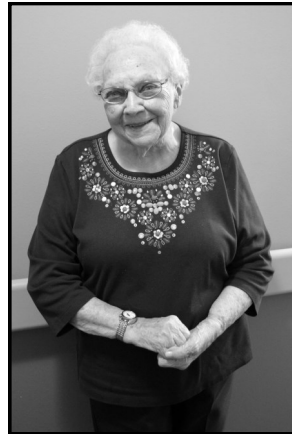
Find more information at: www.stlukelh.com/southridgeheights.html

NEW STAFF

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

- **Damian Classon**
Indirect Care Aide
- **Cassandra Hollander**
CNA
- **Miranda Baudler**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Jacob Barber**
CNA
- **Megan Long**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Cole Siebrecht**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Tori Cooper**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Kaitlyn Janzen**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Amberlee Kerker**
Personal Service Assistant
- **Katie Wischmeyer**
Social Worker
- **Tiara Tunink**
Dietary Aide
- **Nichelle Lagunes Cervantes**
Dietary Aide
- **Alex Miller**
Cook
- **Sarah Wood**
CNA
- **Mary Christopherson**
CNA
- **Emily Beehler**
Dietary Aide
- **Ashley Mendez**
CNA
- **Kristy Fredrickson**
Dietary Aide

WHY RIVERVIEW TERRACE ASSISTED LIVING?



I called Riverview Terrace “home” right away. Two months after moving here, I was able to easily walk up two flights of stairs to attend a birthday party for my great-grandson. I wasn’t able to do that the year before. But, after working with Millennium Therapy at Riverview Terrace, and walking a lot with my walker, my legs are so much stronger and my breathing is better. Today, my kids tease that it’s hard to keep up with me.

~ Anna Rosa

YOUR MONEY IN ACTION

Join in building the ministries at St. Luke Lutheran Home, Riverview Terrace Assisted Living, South Ridge Heights and The Highlands. Your tax-deductible contributions may be earmarked for needed items such as:

- 32-inch flat screen televisions for resident rooms
- Blanket warmer
- Ageless Innovation Joy for All Companion Pet - The Silver Cat with White Mitts, Creamy White Cat and Orange Tabby Cat make cat-like movements and sounds. They feel like a real purring cat, open and close their eyes, lift their paws, open their mouths and move their heads and bodies. These companion pet cats also have synthetic, soft and brushable fur.
- Hasbro FurReal Friends LULU Cat

NO MATTER YOUR SENIOR HOUSING NEEDS, ST. LUKE HOMES & SERVICES HAS YOU COVERED!

South Ridge Heights Independent Rentals
1209 12th Street SE
(712) 260-1950

The Highlands Independent Suites
1211 St. Luke Drive
(712) 262-5404

St. Luke Lutheran Home Skilled Nursing Home
1301 St. Luke Drive
(712) 262-5931

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living Residence
1501 St. Luke Drive
(712) 262-5932

RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE NOW!

St. Luke Homes & Services offers a continuum of care in a Christian setting while attending to the individual needs of everyone who lives on campus.

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SPONSORING CHURCHES OF ST. LUKE HOMES & SERVICES

Bethany Lutheran Church - Spencer, Iowa

Christ the King Lutheran Church - Spencer, Iowa

First Lutheran Church - Milford, Iowa

Grace Lutheran Church - Primghar, Iowa

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Spirit Lake, Iowa

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Hartley, Iowa

Trinity Lutheran Church - Spencer, Iowa

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Royal, Iowa

First English Lutheran Church - Spencer, Iowa

Grace Lutheran Church - Spirit Lake, Iowa

Hope Lutheran Church - Everly, Iowa

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Terril, Iowa

Trinity Lutheran Church - Linn Grove, Iowa

CASTING HER BALLOT

Ina Faye Underwood was greeted and then assisted by Annette Schaefer (at right) and Judy Olson, Clay County absentee election officials, the morning of November 5 as she voted in the 2018 election.

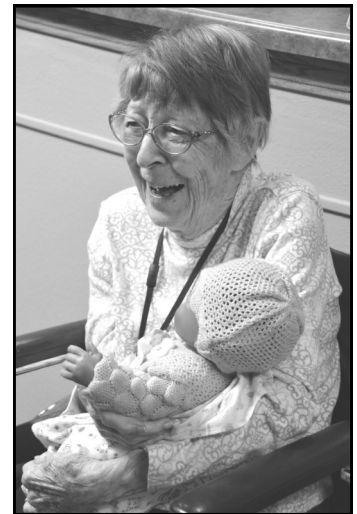


FINDING PLEASURE AT ST. LUKE LUTHERAN HOME



Lavon Kephart (at left) was among the St. Luke Lutheran Home residents and staff grateful for the delicious treats recently delivered by Spencer Municipal Utilities' employee experience team to St. Luke Lutheran Home.

The look of love. Iris Halverson (at right) brightens up every time she holds and soothes a baby.



GRATEFUL FOR THE ST. LUKE LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY



Two fast-cook convection ovens have been purchased for use on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus courtesy an \$8,000 grant award from the Clay County Community Foundation, a \$1,000 gift from the St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary and a \$1,000 matching gift from Modern Woodmen. The addition of these two convection ovens is offering a greater number of quick, yet delicious and nutritious mealtime choices to residents of St. Luke Lutheran Home and tenants of Riverview Terrace Assisted Living. Immediate impacts witnessed with the use of these fast-cook convection ovens include more being eaten, an increase in meaningful conversation among residents at their tables during meals, and greater resident satisfaction. This answer by St. Luke Homes & Services to more person-centered care has also assisted in reducing waste.



(At top) Modern Woodmen Financial Representative Candice Getting (second from right) presents a \$1,000 check to St. Luke Homes & Services' CEO/Administrator David West and to St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary representatives Betty Von Ehwegen, Gwen Vetter, Sylvia Moore and Mary Nelson. Modern Woodmen of America members in Spencer and the surrounding area helped raise money for the St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary during various projects hosted by the sponsoring churches of the St. Luke Homes & Services campus. (At left) St. Luke Homes & Services Director of Dietary Services Mary Hughes takes a pan of fresh baked rolls from one of the two fast-cook convection

ovens currently housed on the St. Luke Campus, courtesy financial awards from the Clay County Community Foundation, St. Luke Lutheran Home Auxiliary and Modern Woodmen.



Wilbert and Phyllis Bielfeldt share with a student from Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School during her recent monthly visit to St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- See more photographs like this on St. Luke Homes & Services' Facebook page.

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

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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.



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



Governing Board

- Frank Halverson
- Roger Morris
- Rev. Peter Maisenbach
- Jerry Clausen
- Dr. Dean Pingel
- Gary Halverson
- Jane Kruse
- Rev. Deb Mechler
- Sandi Schmidt

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

On January 12, 2018, Cheyenne Manwarren began working as a Dietary Aide at St. Luke Lutheran Home. This Spencer High School senior is shy, yet "bubbly and outgoing, hardworking and very polite."

She easily accomplishes her tasks at hand while at work and thoroughly enjoys interacting with and serving residents of the nursing home.

During the week, Cheyenne works the 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. shift. On weekends, she serves from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Being able to see and interact with family members also makes working more



Cheyenne Manwarren
St. Luke Lutheran Home
Dietary Aide

fun for Cheyenne. Her mother, Laura, is a Certified Medication Aide and her grandmother, Kim, is an administrative assistant and accounts payable representative.

Outside of work, Cheyenne sings in choir at Spencer High School. She enjoys attending volleyball and softball games and spending time with friends after work, as well as curling up with a warm blanket while watching action movies.

Cheyenne will enroll in the nursing program at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, where she intends to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and then receive her Associate Degree in Nursing and Registered Nurse license after her second year. She then plans to transfer to South Dakota State University in Brookings to pursue and earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing.

TENANT OF THE MONTH

As a youth, Mildred (Roskens) Klett helped to plow and accomplish other work in the fields using her reliable horse, Kit.

During her freshman year at Everly High School, Mildred's rural home, which was on the blacktop, was one of the first near town to receive electricity.

Mildred also recalled 1936 being a year unmatched in extreme weather conditions. There were severe blizzard conditions in February. Her brother, Herman, was among those killed in an April 30 tornado, and drought conditions occurred that same summer. She met and dated Donald Klett in high school.

After graduating in 1940, she attended summer college and then taught in three area country schools for a total of three years.



Mildred Klett
Riverview Terrace tenant
since September 2015

Following Donald and Mildred Klett's wedding, the couple raised three children: Linda Klett of Plymouth, Minnesota, Karen Mathena of Rosemont, Minnesota, and Gary Klett of Everly. Just as she did as a youth, Mildred helped with the planting and har-

vesting of crops on their farm, but now also prepared meals and snacks between loads.

For years, she raised over 300 broiler and pullet chickens annually and sold their eggs.

As a family, the Kletts participated in many activities at the Reformed Church west of Fostoria. Mildred taught Sunday school, made costumes for special programs, prepared food for many potlucks and helped sew quilts for the church's annual fall bazaar auctions.

In September 2015, Mildred relocated to Riverview Terrace, where she enjoys playing Pokemo and watching the Minnesota Twins and Iowa Hawkeyes on television, as well as indulging in a dish of ice cream every night. Visits from her three children, their spouses, her four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren are also treasured by the hard working, happy and content Klett matriarch.