

THE ST. LUKE SPIRIT



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CAMPUS CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF NEW BUS

Upcoming Resident/Tenant Activities:

- Mother's Day celebration, 2:30 p.m. May 3, at Hillside Terrace
- St. Luke Auxiliary meeting, 3 p.m. May 5, at St. Luke
- Ladies Day Tea, 2:30 p.m. May 10, at St. Luke & Riverview Terrace
- Men's Coffee Group with Jeremy Parsons, 10 a.m. May 12, at Riverview Terrace
- Parkinson's Support Group, 1 p.m. May 13, at Hillside Terrace
- People for Pets visit, 10 a.m. May 15, at St. Luke
- Garage Sale, 2-7 p.m. May 16, at The Highlands & in the Riverview Terrace garage
- **More May 2014 activities are available online at www.stlukelh.com**

The recent purchase of a multi-wheelchair position minibus is a definite "win-win" situation allowing staff at the St. Luke Homes & Services, Inc. campus in Spencer to safely and more cost-effectively transfer residents.

Accomplishing this for a wider range of eligible people and in greater comfort is another added bonus.

The used minibus was purchased from an organization that provides wheelchair-accessible package vacation tours in Idaho.

The wheelchair lift-equipped bus seats six spacious wheelchair positions or 14 seated. Its versatile interior has large view windows and a raised, flat floor with a wheelchair track from front to back.

"This vehicle will provide added flexibility to what The Highlands, Hillside and Riverview Terrace, and St. Luke Lutheran Home can offer to our campus' homeowners, tenants and residents," said Al Campbell, CEO/administrator.

To date, invaluable support has been received from the Clay County Community Foundation, the St. Luke Auxiliary and other charities, businesses and individuals from the area. (See "Thank You," page 2.)

"We are grateful for all the support we have had, as this is an important asset for the campus," Campbell said. "Without their financial assistance, this major acquisition would not have been possible. Everyone on the St. Luke Homes & Services campus is grateful to all of our supporters who are helping to make this happen."



(Above) Clay County Community Foundation Vice President Kent Ankerstjerne (left) delivers an \$8,000 grant award to John Jensen, St. Luke Homes & Services' board president.



(Center) St. Luke Auxiliary representatives present a \$2,000 donation to Al Campbell and Amanda Klein (left) of St. Luke Homes & Services.



(Below) St. Luke Homes & Services board members view the new bus.

WELCOME

Warner & Julia Walrath
 Don & Joan Linnan
 Marvin & Ethel Schmidt
 Judy Wilson

BEST WISHES

Dorothy Beck
 Elmer Petersen
 Richard Kirksey

SYMPATHY

Arlene Boettcher
 Cleo Garrod
 Bonnie Manwarren

NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following individuals who recently joined the St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. campus:

- Nicki Nelson
St. Luke C.N.A.
- McKinley Koch
Riverview Terrace
Dining Room
Assistant
- Linda Guinn
St. Luke C.N.A.
- Alecia Tiff
Riverview Terrace
Dining Room
Assistant
- Cathy Wittrock
St. Luke C.N.A.
- Michelle Braun
St. Luke R.N.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your tax-deductible gifts and donations. They enhance the lives of campus homeowners, tenants and residents and continue to make the St. Luke Homes and Services, Inc. campus an extension of the social ministries of area Christian congregations.

- **Dorothy Strawn, of Spencer**, for donating seasonal paraments for the St. Luke Lutheran Home Chapel.
- **Gary & Denise Kramer Tolzmann, of Spencer**, for donating \$25 to St. Luke in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **Covenant Fellowship Church, of Spencer**, for donating \$100 to the campus' new minibus.

- **Michael Rohwer, of Salem, Ore.**, for donating \$150 via the St. Luke Homes & Services' online PayPal account.
- **Alyce Wade Shatto, of Spencer**, for donating an exercise bike to Hillside Terrace.
- **Edwin Bussert, of Chicago**, for donating \$100 in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert via St. Luke Homes & Services' online PayPal account.
- **Jerri Johnson, of Eagan, Minn.**, for donating \$110 to St. Luke in memory of her father, Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **St. Luke Auxiliary** for donating \$2,000 for the campus' new minibus.
- **Lutheran Ladies Aid, of Terril**, for donating \$50 to St. Luke Lutheran Home.

- **Marvin & Inez Rossiter, of Spencer**, for donating \$10 to St. Luke in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **Nancy Rumslo, of St. Cloud, Minn.**, for donating \$50 to St. Luke in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **Carl Bollwinkel, of St. Cloud, Minn.**, for donating \$40 to St. Luke in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **Bethlehem Lutheran Women, of Royal**, for donating \$10 to St. Luke in memory of Elnu Jensen.
- **Eugene & Lois Johnson, of Spencer**, for donating \$15 to St. Luke in memory of Rev. Paul Bussert.
- **Clay County Community Foundation** for donating \$8,000 for the campus' new minibus.

**SPONSORING CHURCHES
OF ST. LUKE HOMES AND SERVICES, INC.**

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| + Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer | + Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Royal |
| + Christ the King Lutheran Church, Spencer | + First Lutheran Church, Milford |
| + First English Lutheran Church, Spencer | + Grace Lutheran Church, Primghar |
| + Grace Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake | + Hope Lutheran Church, Everly |
| + Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake | + Immanuel Lutheran Church, Terril |
| + St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hartley | + Trinity Lutheran Church, Spencer |
| + Trinity Lutheran Church, Linn Grove | |

LIVING THE ALOHA SPIRIT

In observance of National Nursing Home Week, May 11-17, St. Luke Lutheran Home residents and staff will participate in daily activities designed to celebrate the week's special "Living the Aloha Spirit" theme. We invite you to join in the fun!

► **Maui Monday** (Wear Red)

We will make a volcano and eat red velvet cake with Hawaiian punch.

► **Surfin' Tuesday** (Wear Blue)

We will bake a pineapple dessert, talk about Hawaii, and plant the pineapple top.

► **Waikiki Wednesday** (Wear Green)

► **Tiki Thursday** (Wear Yellow)

We will wear leis, be served tropical cupcakes and pose for photographs.

► **Aloha Friday** (Wear Hawaiian attire)

We will view the Elvis movie, "Blue Hawaii," eat peanut butter and banana sandwiches, and sip blue drinks.



DIRECTORS

Alan Campbell

CEO / Administrator

Nancy Mills

Director of Health Services

Greg Meeter

CFO / Controller

Georgia Wrightsman

Social Worker

Dale Meyer

Maintenance Director

Mary Hughes

Interim Director of
Dietary Services

Pastor John Syvertson

Chaplain

Amanda Klein

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Activities Director

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Linda Manwarren

Laundry Supervisor

Becky Thong

Housekeeping Director

Kris Todd

Public Relations &
Marketing Director

Mavis Leinen

Sales & Service Coordinator
for The Highlands

Kerri Kofoot

Director of Assisted Living

MAY RESIDENT & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

3 - Freda Heuer	11 - Beverly McGuire	19 - Ange Cohoon
3 - Janelle Leth	12 - Nicole Petersen	21 - Nancy Noethe
4 - Deb McGuire	13 - Thelma Mills	24 - Crystal Ness
5 - Arlan Clausen	14 - Nicole Ellenwood	25 - Staci Jensen
5 - Dorothy Huberg	14 - Erma Schmid	28 - Amanda Riley
5 - Margaret Nelson	15 - Jane Lake	29 - Madison DeVlaeminck
6 - Ann Carroll	16 - Bernadine Gappa	29 - Helma Hofsommer
7 - Gladys Stoeber	17 - Gladys Johnson	30 - Keith Grover
9 - Connie Geidl	18 - Alice Hoberg	31 - JoAnn Kemp

FIND TREASURE

Garage Sale

2 - 7 p.m. Friday, May 16

▪ The Highlands
(1211 St. Luke Drive)

▪ Riverview Terrace
(travel on 12th St. SE
past Hillside Terrace
to the garage)



PLANT BEAUTY

Marie Butler (at left) celebrates springtime in Iowa by getting her hands dirty while planting seedlings. Plans are to plant the resulting flowers in the St. Luke Lutheran Home courtyard.

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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.



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



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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

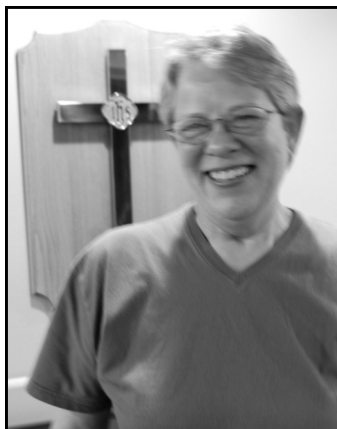
St. Luke Lutheran Home and Peggy Hutcheson go together like a wink and a smile.

As a Certified Nursing Assistant, Peggy is dependable and reliable.

She not only does her job well, she tends to each task with a smile.

Her positive, caring and "can-do" attitude is evident, and appreciated by, residents of the skilled nursing facility. Family members and friends respect her determination and thoroughness.

"Peggy always goes above and beyond her CNA duties. She is a very hard worker,"



Peggy Hutcheson
St. Luke CNA

a co-worker of Peggy's said. "She is awesome," added another. Peggy began working as a

CNA at St. Luke Lutheran Home in May 1984. Residents, family members and co-workers alike find her to be a very caring and giving person.

Humble to her core, Peggy arrives at work willing to give her best while serving others. For her, this is easy because she truly loves the residents she serves.

Peggy, who grew up in Laurens, resides in Spencer with her husband, Les.

Away from work, she enjoys reading mysteries. She also spends a lot of time with Captain, her well-trained Golden Retriever, a number of cats and Paris, her cockatiel.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Carl Abel, who celebrated his 99th birthday on March 9th, was raised on the family farm near Wall Lake.

The World War II veteran served in northwestern and central Europe. From December 1943 through October 1945, his job as a tank driver was to destroy German tanks and prevent them from advancing.

Carl married Marjorie, the love of his life, on Jan. 13, 1946. The gentle, charitable gentleman described his late wife as being "very faithful to her family, her church and to her community."

Carl and Marjorie Abel farmed near Greenville and Royal. Together, the couple raised six children: Dwight, of Greenville; Kathleen Stauffer, of Osage; Bryce, of Ames;



Carl Abel
A St. Luke Lutheran Home resident since May 2013

Clark, of Greenville; Brent, of Pecos, N.M.; and Craig, of Ames. The Abels also assisted family friends Darwin and Ann Zahrt, who were instrumental in the immigration and continued care of several Laotian families to northwest Iowa, with the employment of several Laotian family members on their farm.

Carl's sage advice for others is to "work hard and recognize all good things in life come from our heavenly Father."

In November 2009, Carl moved to the Hillside Terrace Assisted Living residence in Spencer. He transferred in May 2013 to St. Luke Lutheran Home, the campus' skilled nursing facility.

He enjoys religious programming and music, reading the newspaper, eating strawberry ice cream and anything made with chocolate, playing games of 500 and visiting with friends.

From 1968 through 1975, he served as a Clay County Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

Carl has also volunteered as an elder and as a Sunday school teacher at First English Lutheran Church.