



# SALEM MESSENGER



**Salem Lutheran Homes and Rehabilitation Center** *Life With Christian Dignity*  
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## July 2016

### NOMINATE A FRIEND FOR \$20

#### MINIMUM TO SIT IN



### Jail Cell Fundraiser

### July 25th, 9am to 2pm

EACH INMATE WILL HAVE TO SIT IN SALEM JAIL CELL UNTIL THEY MATCH THE NOMINATION FEE (1 HOUR MAXIMUM TO RAISE BAIL MONEY)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE FUTURE EXPANSION PROJECTS

DISCLAIMER\* THIS WILL NOT STAY ON YOUR RECORD

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be in Salem Jail, July 25th. He or she must stay in Salem Jail until they raise enough to match my nomination donation (1hr Maximum).

Nominated person:  
Phone number:  
Mailing Address:

WANTED PICTURES, JAILER, BOOKERS, AND LUNCH PROVIDED

Salem Maintenance will be crafting a cell!



# Salem's got Talent Do you?



What? A Talent Show + Buffet Style Picnic  
When? Sunday, August 21st, 12 to 2:30PM  
Where? East Garage of Salem Lutheran Homes and Rehabilitation Center on Park Street \$20

Tickets will be sold at Salem + at Shelby County State Bank Tickets are \$25, if not taking part in the catered meal, \$10 at the door. There is a \$10 Talent Registration Fee. There will be 3 GRAND PRIZES. The panel of judges will consist of residents and staff.

Talent Registration:  
Name:  
Age:  
Talent:  
Contact Information:

Mail to: Salem Lutheran Homes & Rehabilitation Center  
Katrina Parker, Res. Dev  
P.O Box 358a  
Elk Horn, IA 51531

**Dinner tickets will be available to purchase at Salem and at Shelby County State Bank in Elk Horn -Starting July 1st.**

**Watermelon furnished by Elk Horn Optimist Club**

### Resident Birthdays in July

25- Donald Leback 26- Gertrude Krauel

### Employee Birthdays in July

6- Lollie-Green, Lonnie L. 25-Amber Romick  
13-Ellisa Woodruff 26-Tina Thielen  
22-Kathy Soetmelk 29 Christina Baxter  
24-Marcia Carlson

### Employment Anniversaries in July

1-April Kirchner 1 yr 11- Jacquelyn Meyerhoff 9 yr  
2-Vicki Stevens 2 yr 14-Kristen Melanson 12 yr  
10-Nancy-Joy Wilson 3 yr

## July Highlights

- 4<sup>th</sup>- Happy Fourth of July
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Communion Services
- 9<sup>th</sup> Craig Kruse Music 3:00 PM – Community Event
- 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party- Immanuel Harlan 3:00 PM
- 14<sup>th</sup> Natures Beauty
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Staff Pool Party & Potluck
- 16<sup>th</sup> Abundant Life Visits- DR 3:00 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service 2:00 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo – Kimballton Lutheran 3:10 PM
- 21<sup>st</sup> Resident & Staff Balloon Ball 11: 30 AM
- 25<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser Jail Cell Day 9 to 2pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Catholic Mass 10:00 AM
- Wednesdays- Garden Volunteers Needed 1:00 PM
- Fridays- Wii Bowling League, Open to Public 3:00 PM

### Welcome New Residents

Jack Pickham, Cicil Denney, & Richard Fairy

## ***Salem Friend on the NEWS...***

Salem Lutheran Homes and Rehabilitation Center has been very fortunate to know the longest living, female, Marine in Iowa. She was featured on the "Knically Done" segment on WOWT, Channel 6 News, June 9<sup>th</sup>! This photo was taken by Nick Nicotero, our Board President and active volunteer!



## ***Is our Administrator balloon crazy?***

You never know around here what will happen when you miss a day of work and even more so when it's your birthday! Staff and Maintenance took advantage of this rare moment and Administrator J.R. Moss walked into a 'popping' surprise. To make more use of the crazy amount of balloons, J.R. hosted a 'balloon ball' game with residents and staff. The residents love balloon ball! Kathy Soetmelk, with social services, was the best team player! She was found on her hands and knees under the dining table throwing balloons out to the residents as they got stuck! During staff lunch, J.R made his famous hot wings for his birthday; they were hotter than the sound of a balloon popping.



***July's Veteran of the Month is Gerald McCreary. He served in the Air Force for 4 years as a Bombardier on B-52 in Vietnam.***

***Our Wii bowling skills will take practice, but practice makes perfect! Big thanks to the residents for making it so much fun!***

Our Wii Bowling League is being incorporated to increase restorative therapy efforts. Part of restorative therapy is to strengthen and increase endurance, motivation, and medical conditions with the right type of assistance. Assisting too much can result in excess disability and assisting too little can result in fatigue and frustration. With our team's persistence in advanced care planning they know exactly what type of assistance to provide and when. Along with promoting optimal health goals, we strive to promote dignity and well-being.

Wii-bowling helps with range of motion and can be done with very little risk. The bowling ball is lighter than the average and attaches to your wrist so no one actually ends up throwing it. Donna McClain and Vicky Merrill had a great time teaching everyone how to use the Wii ball. It did take time but through continued effort, it will be accomplished! Please join a team for Friday league in the dining room! Call Donna McClain for more information 712-764-4209.

## ***In Loving Memory...***

Maynard Jensen, Patsy Petersen, Gilbert Hoogensen,  
Don Hopp, Jo Sanders, & Duane Kropf



## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with Shopping, mail delivery, letter writing or just spending time visiting, escorting outdoors, baking, musical programs such as singing, playing guitar, or any other instruments, playing cards (pitch, pinochle, dominoes, board games, Uno, etc.) Please call Donna for details 764-4209.



### ***Fairy Gardens...***

Volunteer, Claire Schlueter, created fairy gardens inside painted pots that our residents designed and colored. These gardens were then sold at the Shelby County Harvest Market for \$10 each and at Salem. This is something the volunteers and residents would like to do again!

\*Proceeds go back into more horticulture efforts.

### ***New technology inspired by nurses...***

SLH has acquired a new technology system normally only seen in hospitals. ASCOM is a critical communication solution to help our nurses work smarter. This tool creates a direct communication chain from the patient to the nurse through a mobile device. With this system, alarm noises and stress levels will dramatically be reduced. This system will only send to nurse staff help bring greater efficiency to our home and get the right nurse to the right patient at the right time. All nurse directors and eventually CNA's will have an ASCOM cell phone. Salem will be receiving four more in July and the rest of nursing should all have one by the end of December.



Josie Young, "I love ASCOM because it helps me better serve my residents more efficiently."



## ***Welcome our NEW Chaplain...***



Sam Jacobs, who most know as the Pastor at the Immanuel and Bethany Lutheran Church in Kimballton, IA, is now also ministering at Salem Lutheran Homes and Rehabilitation Center. Sam felt called to go to Lay School 5 years ago and became the Pastor at the Church in Kimballton 3 years ago.

While ministering at both congregations he is also studying at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Wartburg's program leads a strong institution with a history of faithful and innovative responses to the needs of Christ's church and the changing world. He is a busy man but through his positive personality, he makes it work. All of us enjoy his attitude and charismatic sermons that leave us feeling inspired!

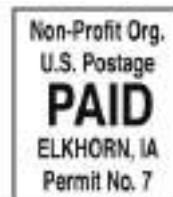
Sam knows how to get his hands dirty and work hard too. He started driving straight line trucks when he was 17 and then graduated to semis when he joined the Air Force. Sam was in the Air Force for 10 years and then in the Air Force Reserves for 4 years. He met his wife, Diane, the first day he moved to Offutt Air Base in Omaha. They have 5 kids ranging from 18 to 33 and have 13 grandchildren, with one on the way! Sam looks forward to spreading the word throughout our home. It takes a special heart for this profession and he's got it!

### **Salem Association of Churches**

Bethany-Kimballton      Trinity-Avocca      Monroe Methodist

Brayton	United-Shelby	Immanuel-Harlan
Bethlehem-Jacksonville	Exira	Immanuel -Kimballton
Ebenezer-Audubon	Elk Horn	St.Paul's-Atlantic
St. Paul's-Irwin	Holy Trinity,	Atlantic

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*Or current Resident*

**Management Team 712-764-4201 (Ph. Ext. Number)**

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**712-764-4228 (Ext 228)**  
**Pastoral Services**  
Pastor Sam Jacobs, Chaplain (226)

***Memorials***

**Gilbert Hoogensen:** \$100 Rita Whitely, **Patsy Petersen:** \$20 Bethlehem Lutheran **Maynard Jensen:** \$20 James & Deb Bieker, \$20 Bruce & Calla Poldberg, \$5 Helen Roenfeld, \$10 Terry & Neta Sanders, \$10 John & Hertha Haas, \$10 Mark & Barb Smith, **Don Hopp:** \$10 Howard & Rhoda Henriksen, **Duane Kropf:** \$10 Mark & Barb Smith



***Donations:***

**\$417 Elk Horn Lutheran Church**  
**\$64 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton**  
**\$667 Memorial of Don Hopp**  
**\$25 Outlook Study Club donation for Therapy Presentation**  
**\$250 Fairy Gardens**

***Best Wishes to Jack Pickham***