



# SALEM MESSENGER



**Salem Lutheran Homes**      *Life With Christian Dignity*      **Editor – Katrina Parker**  
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## June 2016

### June Highlights

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 AM Communion Worship
- 2:00 PM Planting in the courtyard, volunteers needed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-8:00 PM Shelby County Harvest & Craft Market in Harlan, IA on the square.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM Bingo and Family Coffee
- 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM Sing along with Sherry
- 10<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM Birthday Party by United Lutheran Church Women of Shelby-Dining Room
- 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM Communion Worship 3:10 PM Bingo by Kimballton Lutheran Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM Abundant Life Visits DR
- 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Music by the Goldenairs 2:45 PM
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM Catholic Mass
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Patio Pals; weather pending

### Wanted: Patio Pals ...

Volunteers be our guests to enjoy a cup of coffee and to chat a while with residents in the Center Courtyard on Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 AM - (Men and Women both welcome! Event held in the Chapel on days when the weather is inclement.) The center courtyard is a delightful area which has beautiful flowers, comfortable seating and great fresh air. Volunteers are still needed to help tend these beds and more planting would be appreciated. **Thank You** to the 4-H Explorers for bringing May baskets, Spartan students for helping clean the courtyard during Earth Day celebrations, Trinity Avoca and Immanuel Kimballton for providing fun and games.

### New to Salem...

Lynette Wall bid farewell to us after 28 years of service but will continue her work with the Good Samaritan Society in Davenport, Iowa as Senior Housing Manager to be near her daughter and more family. Katrina Parker is the new Resource Development and Marketing Coordinator.



She says, "I look forward to working with residents, staff, community and surrounding areas to add to the successes of Salem Lutheran Homes and Rehabilitation. Both of my grandparents, Emmert and Neoma Steen have been residents here and I believe they are still here in spirit. Grandma always told me that whenever she saw a red cardinal outside her window she just knew it was grandpa saying hello. On my third day, Donna McClain pointed out that there was a red cardinal outside my window and that she has never seen one in Salem's courtyard before. It stuck around all day. Hello, gramps and grandma!"

### Welcome New Resident...

**Howard Juhler, Janice Jacobsen, Mary Ann Thysen, Donald Lebeck, Mable Madsen**

### Best Wishes

**Marilyn Gray and Reta Larsen upon returning home**

### Resident June Birthdays

- 5- Bette H. Williams
- 6- Clarice Andersen
- 9- George Kintner
- 16- Murriel Petersen
- 18- Donald Stormer
- 30- Calvin Hoegh

### Employee June Birthdays

- 7- Connie Burns
- 20- Kristen Melanson
- 14- Emily Melanson

### June Employment Anniversaries

- 22-Carol L. Peterson
- 4-Beth A. Larsen

## ***Endowment Corner***

***From the Desk of Katrina Parker***

**Endow for the future.** Salem Lutheran Homes Charitable Foundation's Endowment Fund is designed to preserve the principal and a portion of the earning and use the remainder of the earnings to fulfill our mission. Because only a portion of the annual earnings on our fund is used each year, the fund will continue to grow, buffering against inflation and providing a permanent source of support to our mission.

**What is an endowment Fund and why do we need one?** An endowment fund is a repository for unexpected, unusual or special-purpose gifts. Endowment is also a repository for plans and projects that are unexpected, unusual or special purpose. However, primarily an endowment fund is focused on the long-term financial future of the organization. An endowment fund receives gifts and funds of various types, invests those gifts and funds for long-term growth and distributes income from those investments to current projects in support of the organization's mission.

An organization needs an endowment in several circumstances: When it has money to set aside for future needs; when it has a special project/program which needs long term planning and long-term fund raising; and when it develops a vision of a future need that will require significant financial support, beyond what the annual budget can provide.

The Salem Lutheran Homes Endowment was formed with the estate gift of Erma Rosenbeck. Goals were set for the endowment, which focus on four categories: Resident Care, Spiritual Care, Community Outreach, and Life Long Learning.

**For more information...** please contact Katrina Parker, Director of Resource Development 712-764-4220. Our Endowment Fund is located at the Lutheran Community Foundation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Foundation can also give you information on how this type of gift might work for you.

### ***From the desk of our Administrator...***

I enjoy storytelling, the thrills and adventures of different time frames, and the life lessons that are demonstrated in books. I implemented a book club on Wednesdays to share my love for reading with residents whom also enjoy stepping into the lives of others. This has been a great addition to activities and provides in-depth discussion topics. Right now the book club is reading "How the West was Won". Vicki Merrill substitutes when I cannot be present and does a terrific job. The club begins with discussing chapters that have already been read, just in case any members missed out

on previous dialogue. Sometimes one chapter is read, sometimes multiple, just depends on how much socializing happens. After parts are read, questions are asked on how the club can relate to what the characters are going through. Book club was even implemented in the Unit by Vicki and Katrina Parker. They read a short story about an adventurous road trip; pictures were drawn throughout the character's journey. Book club allows us to use our imaginations and brings back relatable memories.

- J.R. Moss M.B.A, M.H.A, Administrator

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

***Melvin Coenen, Norma Wahl, Gilbert Hoogensen, and Patsy Petersen***

### ***Volunteers Needed...***

***to deliver senior meals in the community. Please call Pam Larsen at 764-4201 ext 208 if you could help with this important service.***



***Mervin Coffman, May Veteran of the Month***

### ***Are you a Veteran?***

There are 240,317 Veterans in Iowa. We are one of the few Veterans' Certified nursing homes located in the beautiful setting of rural Iowa. As part of our facility we orchestrate a Veteran's group that takes trips with the help of volunteers and board President, Nick Nicotero, like visiting Iowa Freedom Rocks. Every month we honor a Veteran Resident and we work with the art guild of Kimballton, IA to provide art therapy. Visit us and see why we are the only VA certified home in Southwest Iowa. Salem is dedicated to American's Veterans.

### ***4-H May Day...***



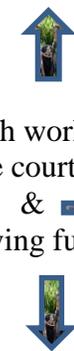
On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4-H Explorers brought May Baskets to the residents.

### ***Earth Day...***

We celebrated Earth Day on May 4th with school volunteers assisting us in getting the gardens ready by raking, trimming and cleaning the beds. This was a wonderful way to start our beautiful gardens! We are hoping to have some ongoing help throughout the growing season. Please call 764-4201 ext. 209 and sign up for this great volunteer opportunity! 30 minutes each week or even each month would make a big difference!



Youth working in the courtyard & having fun!



### ***Salem hits the lanes...***

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the unit coordinator took a few residents to the bowling alley! With more interest in bowling, Activities Director, Donna McClain is organizing an in-house bowling league. The gaming system Wii has multiple virtual sports that can be played which include: tennis, baseball, golf, dancing and bowling.



Wii has created a remote that is in shape of a bowling ball and will allow our residents more grip and won't weigh as much as a normal ball. Donna has one on order! Want to be on a team? Please call 764-4201 ext. 209 and sign up for this great social opportunity!



### Salem Association of Churches

Bethany-Kimballton Trinity-Avoca 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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### Management Team 712-764-4201 (Ph. Extension Number)

J.R. Moss, MBA, MHA, Administrator (205)  
Marchelle England, Director of Nursing (202)  
Deb Anthofer, Office Manager (201)  
Melissa Akers, MDS Coordinator (218)  
Christina Baxter, Assistant DNS & Quality Assurance (225)  
Kenny Davis, Director of Maintenance (210)  
Barb Kriley, Director of Housekeeping & Laundry (227)  
Beth Larsen, Director of Health Info Management (221)  
Pam Larsen, Director of Dietary Services (208)  
Donna McClain, Director of Activities (209)  
Lisa Parker, Director of Staff Development (204)  
Kathy Soetmelk, Director of Social Services (219)  
Katrina Parker, Director of Resource Development & (220)  
Marketing Coordinator EMAIL  
Melinda Hunnicutt, Director of Admissions, RN (228)  
PH: (712)-764-4228

### Pastoral Services

Volunteer Churches & Community Members (226)  
New Chaplain will be announced

### *Our current resident*

### **Memorials:**

**Melvin Coenen:** \$20 Duane & Marlene Christensen,  
\$20 Dick & Sonja Switzer

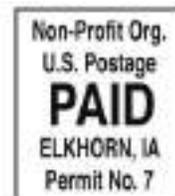
**Gilbert Hoogensen:** \$5 Verdell Hansen

**Patsy Petersen:** \$10 Terry & Neta Sander

### **Gifts**

Messengers \$50 Julius & Joy Rodenmeyer  
\$250 Thrivent Grant Garden Project

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### **Gifts:**

### **Ways to contribute:**

Your contributions can provide monies for equipment and enhancements not affordable through the operating budget, thus helping ensure the future of our important ministry. Unrestricted gifts enable us to use the money where the need is greatest. However, donors may designate their gifts for some special project or program if they wish. Different ways of giving:

- Gifts of stocks and bonds- avoid paying capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction.
- Gifts of real estate- avoid paying capital gains tax, receive an income tax deduction and leave a lasting legacy.
- Gifts of retirement assets- charities are not taxed on gifted IRA or on other retirement assets.
- Gifts of cash- make an immediate impact on our mission today and receive an income tax deduction.

Benevolent Care donations help to offset the costs of care, which are not covered by our normal revenue. Gifts to the Endowment in the areas of Resident Care, Spiritual Care, Community Outreach and Life Long Learning also benefit the long-term goals of Salem. For assistance on learning more about income and tax benefits visit with Administrator J.R. Moss or Katrina Parker with Resource Development. The Good Samaritan Society provides us and you with a planned gifts calculator at <https://good-sam.giftlegacy.com> for the following: unitrust, annuity trust, gift annuity, deferred gift annuity, sale and unitrust or gift and sale along with many presentations!