



SALEM MESSENGER

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August 2017

Calendar of Events...

- 2nd—Communion Services @ 9:30 AM
- 14th—August Birthday Party w/ Homemade Ice Cream
- 16th—Communion Services @ 9:30 AM
- 16th—Kimballton Lutheran Bingo
- 21st—Resident Council 10 AM
- 23rd—Catholic Mass 10 AM
- 27th—Salem Staff Party & Potluck in the Park, 3-7 PM
- TBD— Nature's Beauty with Christina the Naturalist

- *Patio Pals, Every Tuesday @ 10 AM
- *Book Club, Every Tuesday @ 2 PM
- *Ladies Nails, Every Thursday @ 1 PM
- *Bible Study, Every Thursday @ 3:30 PM
- *Music Therapy, Weekly on Tuesday or Thursday @1:30 PM

Meet Salem's New Activities Director

Kera Bomer of Harlan joined Salem's team of staff on July 5th as the Activities Director. Kera was born in Carroll and moved around central Iowa quite a bit growing up. She graduated from Anita, IA the year before they combined with Cumberland. She has been employed with REM Iowa for the past nine years and is looking forward to meeting all the residents and learning new things about each one.

She chose Salem as she was looking for a change in work environment and found Salem to be a peaceful, fun environment, with great staff personalities & saw that people express genuine joy in their work here. Kera and her husband Josh have three boys ages 10, 7, & 4 so when Kera isn't at work she is busy running to lots of activities with her family. She also enjoys painting and reading. Kera and her family have a 90 pound English Bulldog.

Salem residents & staff welcome Kera to the team.



**Activities Director,
Kera Bomer**

In Loving Memory...
Paul Christensen

Welcome New Residents...
Millie Glenn, Liane Christensen

Best Wishes to...
Marilyn Gray

Resident Birthdays in August....

- 3—Howard Juhler 3—Bernice Mordhorst
- 20—Sara Mardesen 29—Helen Roenfeld

Employee Birthdays in August...

- 4—Marcia Nelson 5—Debra Otten
- 9—Martha Hargens 15—Malaina Leader
- 22—Tori Tranbarger 24—Deb Anthofer

Employee Anniversaries in August....

- 20—Kathy Soetmelk, 14 years
- 22—Debra Otten, 5 years
- 26—Haylee Thompson, 3 years

CLUB

Donate \$5 monthly or \$60 annually
Choose where to contribute your \$5 monthly
You can change your designation monthly

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Charitable Foundation Board in Need of Members

The Mission of the Charitable Foundation is to meet the expanding needs of the Salem Lutheran Homes community by providing an environment that enhances the comfort, security, and welfare of our residents. The Foundation fulfills this mission through fundraising efforts, helping to build long-range stability for Salem Lutheran Homes.

Salem's Foundation Board meets quarterly to discuss how to use annual earnings and helps manage the Endowment Fund that continues to grow and provide a permanent source of income to support the home's 'Christian Community of Care'. Four main categories they look to enhance are: resident care, spiritual care, community outreach and life long learning. Board members serve as the stewards of the fund. They help provide direction in setting priorities for funds spent within the four major categories.

If you have an interest in joining this great endeavor please contact any of the following people:

Tami Schechinger, Director of Resource Development—tschechi@good-sam.com

Wayne Hansen, Foundation Board Member—whansen@metc.net

Jeanine Larsen, Foundation Board Member—jplarsen53@gmail.com

As of July 10th, 2017 our TV Fundraising Campaign is just over one quarter of the way toward reaching the goal! Consider a donation to help us reach the goal! Many thanks in advance!



Veteran of the Month



DON NORGAARD

Don, age 94 proudly served this great country as a member of the United States Army, Infantry Division. Don served for 44

months and received two Purple Hearts as well as a Bronze Star. During his time of service Don was a POW twice, and sustained injuries that hospitalized him for 7 months.

Outside of his military career, Don worked as a farmer, truck driver, state/county worker, and gas station owner before retiring at age 62. After "retirement" Don worked on lawnmowers for another 25 years before officially retiring at the age of 89.

Don was married for 64 years and has three boys, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



Do you love watching TV?

YES...



Well so do Salem's residents !!!

Sponsor a Resident Accessory by donating \$338.51

Towards NEW health grade TVs & Wall Mounts

Recent Additions

- New wardrobes, dressers, night tables, over the bed tables, window blinds
- Safe Resident Handling Lifts
- Blanket Warmers
- New Physical Therapy Program
- Rehab to Home Dining
- Expanding Dining Area
- New Dining & Living Room Flooring
- New Dining Chairs & Linens



Mail checks to:
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Salem would like to purchase new Healthgrade TVs with wall mounts for every resident room. Healthgrade TVs are developed with resident safety in mind. Sets must meet standards based on a products safety performance set forth by Underwriters Laboratories, INC. Safety features include rounded corners, touch panel membrane buttons, the removal of enclosures on non-vertical surfaces, ground plugs, lower allowed levels of leakage, and an all pole power switch to decrease the likelihood of shock.

In addition to patient safety, healthcare grade televisions also provide operational features that make our deployment efforts less labor intrusive. Cloning technology, universal pillow speaker interfaces, pillow speaker controls and front panel locking control functionality help ensure that we have an effective implementation. Most importantly, these sets have a warranty that covers our use, unlike consumer models. Our manufacturer offers an on-site or exchange warranty, so if something does happen, patients are minimally impacted.

Salem will be purchasing 75 Samsung 32" LED display TVs at \$275 each and 75 Peerless SmartMount Universal Tilt Wall Mount kits at \$59 each.

Summer Fun Activities & Events for Salem Residents and Staff



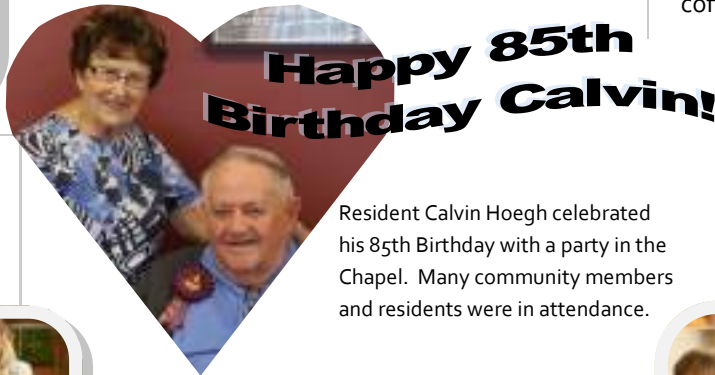
Board President, Nick Nicotero learning how to swing a club at the Shelby Co. Chamber Golf Tournament where Salem sponsored a hole.



Millie Glenn enjoys a relaxing afternoon while getting her nails done.



Residents enjoying afternoon coffee time.



Resident Calvin Hoegh celebrated his 85th Birthday with a party in the Chapel. Many community members and residents were in attendance.



Going Pink Crazy at Salem

What started as a funny little joke between a staff member and a resident has now been going on for over a year. Justin on the Maintenance Team & Salem Resident Bob Leach (pictured below) started wearing pink shirts last year and now this tradition involves all who wish to participate.

Every Friday you will find many Salem staff and residents wearing pink. No real reason behind it, other than two men wanting to start a tradition. These two gentlemen, along with others from the Maintenance Depart-

ment have taken this to a whole new level and have also started Camouflage Mondays amongst themselves.



July's Veteran of the Month, Steve Stevens with his Patriotic Blanket.



Tough Guys Wear Pink!



Several staff like to join in on the fun of PINK Fridays.

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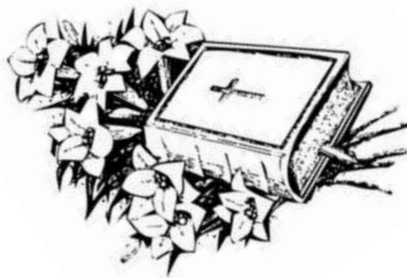
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Management Team Directory

Name	Title	Ext.
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Deb Anthofer	Human Resources	201
Kellie Lynch	Director of Nursing	202
Stephanie Schlegelmilch	Director of Staff Development	204
Melissa Akers	MDS Coordinator	218
Chris Retzlaff	Director of Environmental Services	210
Beth Larsen	Memory Care Coordinator	229
Pam Larsen	Director of Dietary Services	208
Kera Bomer	Director of Activities	209
Kathy Soetmelk	Director of Social Services & Admissions	219
Sarah Kunik	Health Information Management	221
Roylene Bald	Office Manager	200
Jessica Hoegh	Accounts Payable & Receivable	224
Tami Schechinger	Director of Resource Development	220
Pastor Sam Jacobs	Pastoral Services Chaplain	226



Memorials

Norma Nelson—\$20 Terry & Neta Sander; \$10 Helen Roenfeld; \$25 Larry Kolb; \$10 June Haas

Agnes Reisgaard—\$20 Terry & Neta Sander

Alice Martinez—\$5 Terry & Neta Sander

Harold Pieper—\$10 June Haas

Harold Nissen—\$100 Elna Nissen

Sharon Hartvigsen—\$20 Bruce & Calla Poldberg; \$10 Betty Ingerslev; \$20 Calvin & Phyllis Hoegh; \$10 Shirley Esbeck; \$10 Bonnie Grabill; \$10 Terry & Neta Sander

Salem Association of Churches

Bethany Lutheran	Immanuel Lutheran—Kimballton
St. Paul's Lutheran—Irwin	Immanuel Lutheran—Harlan
Exira Lutheran	Monroe Methodist
Ebenezer Lutheran—Audubon	St. Paul's Lutheran—Atlantic
Trinity Lutheran—Avoca	United Lutheran—Shelby
Bethlehem Lutheran	Brayton Lutheran
United Methodist—Harlan	Elk Horn Lutheran

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OPENINGS AVAILABLE ON THIS BOARD!
 Please contact Tami Schechinger or any Board Member to find out more.

Donations

General

\$500—Elk Horn Lutheran Church—May Benevolence

\$205—Kimballton Immanuel Church—General

\$175—Shelby United Lutheran Church—Resident Assistance

TV's, Wall Mounts & Appeals

No donations received this month.

\$5 Club

Join & get listed at the end of the year.