



# SALEM MESSENGER

Salem Lutheran Homes & Rehabilitation Center



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## Holiday Happenings

### Christmas Tea Open House—

Stop by Salem Friday, December 15th between 2:30-4:00pm for our annual Open House. View our Christmas decorations, see our Honor/Memory Tree and visit with our residents and staff.

### Christmas Carolers Welcome—

Groups wishing to share holiday spirit with the residents of Salem should contact Kera Bomer at 712-764-4201 ext. 209 so that staff can have residents ready to listen.

### Christmas Card Assistance—

Volunteers who would like to assist residents with writing Christmas Cards, please contact Kera Bomer 712-764-4201 ext. 209

### Residents Remembered at Christmas—

Sponsoring Churches will be providing each resident with a Christmas gift to be distributed on Christmas Eve.

### As the seasons change—

We would like to encourage families to assist their loved one in cleaning out drawers and closets of clothing that doesn't fit or is worn out. Please ask and aide for advice if you are not sure about any clothing items. Also, when giving a gift of clothing or a blanket, please ask a staff member to take it to Laundry so it can be labeled.

## Calendar of Events...

For the full listing of events visit [salemlutheranhomes.org](http://salemlutheranhomes.org) and click on the activity calendar under **NEWS** in the headings.

- 1st—Craig Kruse @ 2:15 & 3:00pm
- 6th—Communion @ 9:30am
- 7th—Christmas in Our Hearts (leaving for Omaha @ 11:45am)
- 8th—Nature's Beauty @ 10:00am
- 12th—Roger Kubick, 2:15 & 3:00 pm
- 13th—Hymn Sing @ 9:30am & Birthday Party @ 6:30pm
- 14—Beginning of 12 Days of Christmas Activities
- 16th—Santa & Elf visit, 3-5pm with photo booth
- 18th—Resident Council @ 10:00am
- 20th—Communion @ 9:30am & Kimballton BINGO @ 3:00pm
- 24th—Christmas Eve Service & Gifts @ 9:30am
- 25th—CHRISTMAS (business office closed)
- 27th—Catholic Mass @ 10:00am

Mondays—Movie @ 2:00pm  
 Tuesdays—Trivia @ 3:30pm  
 Wednesdays—Wii Bowling @ 4:30pm  
 Saturdays—BINGO @ 2:00pm  
 Sundays—Ice Cream Cart @ 4:00pm & Christmas Light Drives @ 6:00pm

- \*Book Club, Tuesdays @ 2:00pm
- \*Ladies Nails, Thursdays @ 1:00pm
- \*Bible Study, Thursdays @ 3:30pm
- \*Music Therapy, Thursdays @ 1:30pm

## Welcome

Elleen Wheatley  
Terry Hamdorf  
Larry Krohn

## In Loving Memory

Gladys Breeden  
Richard Schneider  
Virginia Mortensen  
Elaine Christensen

## Best Wishes

Carol Petersen  
Jeff Albert

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# Veteran of the Month



## TERRY HAMDORF

Terry Hamdorf enlisted into the United States Navy in October of 1970 at the age of 18. He wanted to avoid being drafted and he felt called to serve his country. Terry served for 4 years as a Machinist Mate. He attended basic training in San Diego, and then machinist training in Chicago. He was then sent

back to San Diego to wait being sent aboard a ship. He traveled to Japan upon the USS Ajax where he visited his favorite place of Hong Kong. He was then sent to Vietnam to repair ships before being sent back to Japan and then back to San Diego. He then went back and did it all over again. Terry was ranked as a Machinist Mate 2nd Class and received Honorable Discharge as well as Vietnam Service Medals. He reflects back and said they always did a lot of partying while in port. After his time spent serving his country, Terry farmed corn and beans and did custom bailing.



Thank you for your service!

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# Hospice FAIR

Join us in finding out more about Hospice Care & what the options offered at Salem are.

Hospice providers from Myrtue Medical Center, AseraCare & St. Croix will be here for you to visit with & get your questions answered about Hospice Care.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2018  
PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:00 PM  
SALEM CHAPEL

## Telemedicine Implementation at Salem Lutheran Homes

Salem is proud to announce the addition of Avera eLongTerm-Care (eLTC) services, a cutting-edge telemedicine solution that offers timely access to medical providers for long-term care residents. eLTC at Salem is scheduled for a December 12th Go-Live.

“We are thrilled to offer eLTC for the benefit of our residents at Salem. In partnership with our primary care physicians, eLTC is another option that allows residents to be cared for in a familiar setting by staff who know their unique needs, with the expert support of eLTC providers,” said Natasha Urinko, Salem Administrator.

eLTC uses two-way audiovisual telemedicine technology to connect long-term care residents to geriatric trained providers and other specialty physicians; such as, cardiology, oncology, infectious disease, and several others. With the help of facility staff, eLTC can accurately assess residents’ conditions from miles away without the resident leaving their room.

### Benefits of eLTC:

- Reduces costly and exhausting transport to and from a health care setting
- Reduces unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations
- Provides access to care that otherwise may be unavailable due to scheduling or weather
- Helps ensure earlier treatment for acute conditions

To learn more about eLTC at Salem, please call and visit with Natasha Urinko, Administrator or Kellie Lynch, Director of Nursing.

*Salem's Holiday Memorial & Honor Ornament Fundraiser*

*\$10.00 per ornament*

*Ornaments will be available for purchase beginning Nov. 1 and will be on display through the season and available for pickup after January 1*

# Wall of Honor...Donor Recognition Program

In January, our Wall of Honor will be updated with the addition of cumulative giving totals from 2017. If you wish to know your giving total to date, please contact Tami Schechinger 712-764-4201 ext. 220.

The giving levels listed below have been established by Salem Lutheran Homes for the purpose of recognizing generous donors.

Salem Lutheran Homes is a 501 (C)(3) non profit organization and gifts are tax deductible within IRS limitations.

## Lifetime Gifts

Visionary Club	\$1,000,000 or more
President's Club	\$50,000 to \$999,999
Patron's Club	\$25,000 to \$49,999
Foundation Club	\$10,000 to \$24,999
Benefactor's Club	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Advocate Club	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Sponsor's Club	\$1,000 to \$2,499
Honor Club	\$500 to \$999

Our current donors who fall into these categories are posted on the walls inside the East Entrance. As construction begins this may need to be taken down temporarily, but will be put back in place once construction is complete.

## Halloween Festivities at Salem

Salem is very blessed to be located in a small community that does not forget to come visit. On 10/25, the Awana Club came to visit and play games with residents. Our very own Calvin entered them by "playing" his violin for them. Staff in the Memory Care Unit decorated wooden pumpkins with residents and on Halloween the students from Exira—Elk Horn—Kimballton paraded the halls in their costumes. Staff also dressed in costume and Josie, one of our nurses, created her own tribe by providing residents with headdresses. Photos of all the action are included below.



## Resident Birthdays in December....

- 5—Mel Andersen
- 12—Gerry McCreary
- 18—Clifford Fries

## Employee Birthdays in December...

- 9—Mike McClain
- 19—Caroline Tarca
- 20—Justin Heuton
- 26—Fred Phifer
- 27—Sam Jacobs
- 27—Tami Schechinger

## Employee Anniversaries in December...

- 2— Deb Pedersen, 2 yrs.
- 4—Carolyn Rudolph, 24 yrs.
- 8— Melody Weilenman, 3 yrs.
- 12—Barb Kriley, 16 yrs
- 18—Michele Dent, 4 yrs.
- 30—Malaina Leader, 1 yr.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Financial members have the opportunity to designate a social ministry as the recipient of their Choice Dollars through the Thrivent Choice Dollars Program. Salem Lutheran Homes has been blessed by those who have designated us as their charity or as one of their recipients.

If you have any questions about the Thrivent Choice Dollars Program visit with your Thrivent Representative, contact Tami Schechinger at Salem 712-764-4201 ext. 220, or give Thrivent a call at 800-847-4736, say "Thrivent Choice" and when prompted say "Choice Dollars." Then just enter your Thrivent ID number and press 1 to direct your Choice Dollars.

This program is a great addition to your current gifts and contributions to Salem. All gifts and donations are very much appreciated.

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## Memorials

**Cy Petersen**—\$10 Karl & Judith Greve  
**Ed Mathiasen**—\$10 Karl & Judith Greve  
**Henry Walters**—\$10 Karl & Judith Greve  
**Ann Nelson**—\$40 Franklin & Geraldine Hemmingsen  
**Russell Lange**—\$5 JoAnne Greving  
**Marvin Nielsen**—\$5 JoAnne Greving

## Honorariums

\$200—James & Jane Grabill in honor of Marilyn Grabill

## Honor/Memory Ornaments

\$20—Karl & Judith Greve, \$10—Harvey Andersen, \$20—Bev Larsen, \$100—Julius & Joy Rodenmeyer, \$10—Nancy Sand, \$20—Marcie & Marc Carl, \$30—Jessica Billings-Hoegh, \$10—Nadine Jacobsen, \$10—Nick Nicotero, \$10—Elleen Wheatley, \$40—Rick & Roylene Bald

## 2017 Bazaar

THANK YOU to everyone who made this a successful event, including those who donated items for the auction. The total raised from this year's auction was \$7,569.50! Those monies will be used to purchase updated physical therapy equipment once the expansion project is complete! Continue to follow our progress through Facebook!

## Charitable Foundation

President, Tom Cannon	Kay Johannsen
Vice Pres., Wayne Hansen	Barbara Petersen
Treasurer, Jeanine Larsen	Nick Nicotero (liason)

## Salem Board of Directors

President, Nick Nicotero	John Jones	Trudy Juelsgaard
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Secretary, Jeanette Knudsen	Troy Petersen	Julienne Ferry
Rev. Phil Nielsen	Leroy Larsen	Carolyn Oldenburg

## Donations

### General

\$5—Mildren Olsen via Thrivent Choice Dollars  
\$10—Nick Nicotero for 85th Anniversary Slideshow on DVD  
\$60—Kimballton Immanuel Lutheran Church  
\$500—Elk Horn Lutheran Church—September Benevolence  
\$30—Marchelle England via Simply Giving Program  
\$300—Duane & Carol Kropf via Simply Giving Program

### Resident TV's & Wall Mounts

\$50—Karl & Judith Greve

(all proceeds from ornament donations will go toward this project)

## Salem Association of Churches

Bethany Lutheran	Immanuel Lutheran—Kimballton
St. Paul's Lutheran—Irwin	Immanuel Lutheran—Harlan
Exira Lutheran	Monroe Chapel Methodist—Walnut
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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