


# SALEM MESSENGER

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& REHABILITATION CENTER

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## Calendar Highlights

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Daily Devotions @ 9am (Unit),  
9:30am (Chapel).  
Daily Coffee Time @ 3pm in Center  
Living Room—Visitors encouraged!

- 3rd—Ladies Tea @ 11am
- 7th—Making Valentines @ 4:30pm
- 9th—Nature's Beauty @ 10am
- 10th—Men's Group @ 11am
- 13th—February Birthday Party @ 3pm
- 14th—Happy Valentine's Day
- 16th—Circus in Omaha Trip
- 17th—Ladies tea @ 11am
- 20th—Goldenaires @ 3pm
- 21st—Kimballton BINGO @3pm
- 23rd—Roger Kubik @ 2pm (unit), 3pm (dining room)
- 24th—Men's Group @ 11am
- 28th—Catholic Mass @ 10am

Mondays—Movie @ 2:00pm  
Tuesdays—Trivia @ 3:30pm  
Wednesdays—Bible Study @ 3:30pm  
& Bowling @ 4:30pm  
Thursdays—Nails @ 1:00pm  
Saturdays—BINGO @ 2:00pm  
Sundays—Ice Cream Cart @ 4:00pm

\*Music Therapy, Thursdays @ 1:30 PM  
\*Communion, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays during devotions



## Meet Salem's New Director of Staff Development

### Lynne Carroll



Lynne is originally from Harlan, but lives on a farm southeast of Avoca with her husband Duane.

Lynne has experience in the field having worked as a staff nurse, charge nurse, ADON, DON, clinic nurse, nurse educator and CPR instructor. Lynne and her husband have four children and five grandchildren that mean everything to them. She loves to read, especially religious, inspiration and nursing education books. She also loves music, singing & dancing. We all got to hear her wonderful singing voice when we caroled with the residents on Friday, December 22nd. Lynne says that her faith is very important to her and knowing that Sa-

lem operates on Christian values and provides holistic care to residents for the highest quality of life is what pulled her in. Lynne hopes to add to the team effort by providing education, input and also learning from the residents. She says, "I'm excited to grow personally & professionally with my new family at Salem."



### Welcome

Virginia Holcombe,  
Helen Petersen

### Best Wishes

Roger Fowble, Elleen Wheatley,  
Beverly Hartranft

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## Resident Birthdays

8th—Betty Eberspacher  
10th—Bill Emery, Bob Leach, Ike Madsen  
21st—Cheryl Hansen  
22nd—Bertha Coffia, Janice Jacobsen, Gary Parkhurst  
23rd—Phyllis Krohn  
25th—Betty Ingerslev  
27th—Lola Linton

## Employee Birthdays

6th—Marcy Larsen  
12th—Kellie Lynch  
20th—Pam Larsen  
25th—Tyler Daringer

## Employee Anniversaries

1st—Pam Larsen, 34 yrs.  
Stephanie Schlegelmilch, 1 yr.  
5th—Mandy Rath, 3 yrs.  
20th—Dixie Sorensen, 5 yrs.



## Avera eLTC System Usage Update

You may recall reading an article in the December 2017 Messenger about Avera eLTC and Salem's implementation of its use. The system has been installed and in use at Salem since December 12th and has been used several times to treat residents urgent care health needs without them having to leave the facility. Colleen Hines, pictured below during Go-Live Training, is a large advocate for the usage of "Oscar" as she has named our system. Avera recommended during Go-Live that we name our system so that everyone would become more familiar with the system and begin to consider it a member of the team.

Colleen had the following things to say about Oscar, "Oscar is awesome, but not just Oscar, the whole service. For example, we can show a doctor a wound, or skin abnormality and get medications for treatment without ever needing to take the resident out of the facility, and that is a huge thing for many of our residents; its also great for weekends and during times of inclement weather. Oscar really helps to bridge the gaps in care when doctors are not available and the system works **with** the Primary Care Physicians so that they stay informed of the care of the residents as well. Oscar is an extra set of hands & eyes we can use to take care of our residents. I'm an old school nurse, but I just love this thing!"



During Go-Live Avera staff were on-site to show staff how to use the technology, as well as provide an opportunity for residents to try it out as well. Pictured left are residents Opal & Mel taking Oscar for a test drive!



## Veteran of the Month



### Merlyn Molgaard



Merlyn enlisted into the United States Army in September of 1943 at the age of 18 and served for two years during World War II. He was stationed at several places including Camp

Wolters, TX, Fort Meade, MD, and Camp Shanks, NY, before being sent overseas to Ireland, England and France. Merlyn achieved Honorable Sergeant rank, received 2 Gold Stars, and was awarded 2 Purple Hearts during his time in service. Merlyn fondly remembers frequenting the beer gardens with his friends from Audubon County that he served with. After his time serving his country, Merlyn worked at a packing house and farmed for 6 years before working at the Elk Horn Meat Locker. He also worked for Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Co. for 28 years before retiring in 1987. Merlyn has 1 son, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Merlyn lives in Salem's apartments. Thank you for your service!

## TV Fundraiser Passes Halfway Point



As of the end of 2017, we are very happy to announce that we have exceeded the halfway point of our goal of raising \$25,050 to install Health Grade Televisions in every resident room. The large jump from last month's reporting is in large part due to Year-End Appeals and the Memory/Honor Tree Fundraiser!

Fundraising will continue in 2018 for this project. If you are interested in sponsoring a TV, the cost to do so is \$338.51. With that, there will be a plaque placed with that television with a message of your choosing.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions and support of this project thus far! If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to Tami Schechinger by calling 712-764-4201 or by emailing [tschechi@good-sam.com](mailto:tschechi@good-sam.com).



# Santa Photo Booth

Santa isn't just for the littles, but for all those who are Young at Heart! Thank you to Elk Horn Mayor, Stan Jens (Stanta) and Michelle Jens (Michellelf) for brightening our day with your visit! These photos are from December 16th when staff, residents & their families were invited to Salem for photos with Santa. All participants received framed copies of their photos at no cost to them. Some of the photos taken can be seen here.



**Thank you to all who participated and made this event so much fun!**

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## Salem Leadership Team

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Health Information Management, Sarah Kunik

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Trinity Lutheran—Avoca	United Lutheran—Shelby
Bethlehem Lutheran	Brayton Lutheran
United Methodist—Harlan	Elk Horn Lutheran

## Memorials

**Russell Lange**—\$20 Rodney & Zola Sornson  
**Harold, Lillie & Maynard Nielsen**—\$60 Mike Nielsen  
**Paul, Duane & Leanne Christensen**—\$30 Galen & Eileen Sornson  
**Dixie Andersen**—\$10 Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran  
**Betty Frederiksen**—\$10 Terry & Neta Sander, \$10 Barbara Jacobson, \$20 Dick & Sonja Switzer, \$10 Larry & Barb Petersen, \$10 JoAnne Greving, \$15 Nadine Jacobsen, \$10 Sue Mardesen, \$10 Verdell Hansen, \$10 Judy Knudsen, \$10 Donald & Patricia Nielsen (to resident activities)

## Donations

### Ornaments

\$10—Tim Hartvigsen & "The Corner Group"  
\$10—Carol Fahrenkrug

### Year-End Appeal

\$100—Gary Hansen, Flooring in memory of Judith Hansen  
\$300—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, General Donation  
\$175—Stephen & Deborah Lamb, General Donation  
\$5,000—Anonymous, General Donation  
\$150—Dorothy Nelsen, General Donation  
\$245—Dr. Roger & Sharon Davidson, General Donation  
\$100—Kay Johannsen, General Donation  
\$100—Donald & Patricia Nielsen, Physical Therapy Equipment  
\$2,500—Mike & Lou Howard, Physical Therapy Expansion & Resident TV's

### Benevolence

\$50—Exodus Lodge No.342 A.F. & A.M., \$175—Shelby United Lutheran Church

### Expansion

\$100—Lucille Winther in memory of Merle & Curtis Winther,  
\$1,000—Jeffrey Petersen (J.P. Flooring), \$40—Bob Stuetelberg,  
\$15—Bob & Robyn Bentzen, \$100—Jessica Billings-Hoegh,  
\$50—Shane & Tami Schechinger, \$50—Brendan from J.P. Flooring

### Gift Basket Raffle

\$75—Several People, \$10—Jessica Billings-Hoegh

### Thrivent

\$330—Simply Giving, designations from Carol Kropf, Marchelle England, \$327—Choice Dollars, designations from James Hansen, Daniel Kem, Sonja Switzer

### General

\$104—Kimballton Immanuel Lutheran Church  
\$200—Atlantic St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
\$100—Lyle & Wava Petersen  
\$500—Elk Horn Lutheran Church  
\$500—Henry Olson  
\$100—Ike & Leta Madsen, in memory of all loved ones lost  
\$50—Nancy Johnson, in memory of J.H. Johnson & Mack Thomsen  
**Resident Activities**  
\$500—Harlan Immanuel Lutheran Church Women  
**Resident TV's**  
\$677—Avoca Trinity Lutheran Church

## 2017 Honor Memory Tree Ornaments

<b>Purchased by...</b>	<b>Ornament Message...</b>	<b>Purchased by...</b>	<b>Ornament Message...</b>
Karl & Judith Greve	In memory of Ed Leistad	Lonnie Lollie-Green	We love & miss you Dad. Dennis Billings
Karl & Judith Greve	In memory of Everett & Mabel Greve	Lonnie Lollie-Green	I miss you my son. Aaron Hoegh. Love you
Harvey Andersen	In memory of my sister Kathryn Hansen	Carolyn Oldenburg	In memory of Dean Oldenburg
Bev Larsen	Janet Hoegh - Music with a Smile	Phyllis Miller	In honor of Rose Anne Poldberg
Bev Larsen	Marcia Nelson - A nurse with (heart)	Phyllis Miller	In memory of Merlin Miller
Julius & Joy Rodenmeyer	In memory of Harvey Sornson	Lori McManigal	In honor of Rose Anne Poldberg
Julius & Joy Rodenmeyer	In memory of Dagmar Sornson	Lori McManigal	In memory of Tom & Janie Petersen
Nancy Sand	Leroy Sand, Remembering you with love.	Terry & Neta Sander	In memory of Harry Roenfeld
Marcie & Marc Carl	Joshua T. Lewis 10-11-2007 to 11-2-2017 10 yrs. 22 days	Terry & Neta Sander	In memory of Viola Sander
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Jessica Billings-Hoegh	In loving memory of Aaron Hoegh	Don Lebeck	In memory of Dorothy Lebeck
Jessica Billings-Hoegh	In loving memory of Aaron Hoegh	Phyllis Hoegh	Merry Christmas Calvin
Nick Nicotero	Jeanne remembered - 2017	Friends	Clyde Kohl
Elleen Wheatley	In honor of Lester Wheatley	Friends	Clarice Andersen
Rick & Roylene Bald	In memory of James Nicholl, Sr.	Friends	Betty Eberspacher
Rick & Roylene Bald	In memory of Darrell Bald	Friends	Irene Larsen
Rick & Roylene Bald	In memory of Gail Bald	Friends	Calvin Hoegh
Rick & Roylene Bald	In memory of Kristopher "George" Crawley	Friends	Marilyn Ihnken
Jessica Billings-Hoegh	Aaron Hoegh Forever In Our Hearts	Friends	Mel Andersen
Verda Johnson	Folmer Johnson	Friends	Janice Jacobsen
Verda Johnson	Salem Staff	Friends	Marion Cornilson
Doris Rasmussen	Lawrence M. Rasmussen	Friends	Bob Leach
Doris Rasmussen	Clark G. Mathisen	Friends	Steve Stevens
Doris Rasmussen	Bertha Mathisen	Friends	Esther Andersen
Doris Rasmussen	Carrie Mathisen	Friends	Rollie Hansen
Mike & Lisa Riggs	Neoma Steen	Friends	RoseAnne Poldberg
Mike & Lisa Riggs	Emmert Steen	Friends	Merv Coffman
Peggy Hansen	To Rollie - Love Peggy	Friends	Larry Krohn
Bill & Pat Kilpatrick	In honor of James Keven Kilpatrick	Friends	Terry Hamdorf
Natasha Urinko	In memory of Ray & Melanie	Friends	Bernice Muerer
Natasha Urinko	In memory of Charles & Lucille	Friends	Ike Madsen
Galan & Janet Johannsen	In memory of Loved Ones from Galan & Janet	Friends	Elleen Wheatley
Lisa & Marty Ericksen	Missing you at Christmas time In memory of Gary Davis	Friends	Pat Dvorak
Lisa & Marty Ericksen	Missing you at Christmas time In memory of Matthew Ericksen	Friends	Helen Roenfeld
Linda Ballantyne	In honor of Paul Hansen	Friends	JoAnn Parker
Phyllis Kosky	Russell Kosky & Loved Ones	Friends	Lucille Clausen



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Lonnie Lollie-Green	I love & miss you Ken Ericksen	Friends	Gerry McCreary
Lonnie Lollie-Green	Love & miss you my son. Dennis Billings	Friends	Mary Denison
Friends	Paul Hansen	Friends	Betty Ingerslev
Friends	Danny Lyman	Friends	Ron Holm
Friends	Becca Bowers	Friends	Don Lebeck
Friends	Bertha Coffia	Friends	Bev Hartranft
Friends	Opal Marcussen	Friends	Peggy Donn
Friends	Glen Fahrenkrug	Friends	Gary Rasmussen
Friends	Janice Weihs	Ike & Leta Madsen (2 ornaments)	Friendship, Family
Friends	Roger Fowble	Ike & Leta Madsen (2 ornaments)	Peace, Joy
Friends	Don Norgaard	Randy & Peggy Clark	Imo Beecher, Love you forever Grammie, Arthur Clark
Friends	Mariann Nielsen	Randy & Peggy Clark	Imo Beecher, LOVE you forever Grambo, Samantha & Steph
Friends	Lola Linton	Randy & Peggy Clark	Imo Beecher, You Saw Me!, Tina Fessler
Friends	Marilyn Gray	Randy & Peggy Clark	Imo Beecher, We love & miss You, Randy Hoover
Friends	Wayne Logue	Randy & Peggy Clark	Imo Beecher, Love you more, Randy & Peggy Clark
Friends	Tim Hartvigsen	Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women	In memory of Darlene Hanson
Friends	Keith Heilesen	Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women	In memory of Keith Jensen
Friends	Pollyanna Sloan	Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women	In memory of Linda Tietzort
Friends	Cheryl Hansen	Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women	In memory of Neil Woebke
Friends	Patricia Boehner	Gary & Kathy Soetmelk	In memory of loved ones
Friends	Ron Boehme	James & Deb Bieker	In memory of Henry Walter
Friends	Phyllis Krohn	James & Deb Bieker	In memory of Cy Petersen
Friends	Delbert Richey	James & Deb Bieker	In memory of Jim Sporleder
Friends	Robert Maxwell	The Corner Group	Miss You Imo (aka "Tequila Hooker")
Friends	Sara Mardesen	Carol Fahrenkrug	In honor of Glen Fahrenkrug
Friends	Betty Keeton	Friends	David Wellman
Friends	Marlene Christensen	Robert Leach	In honor of Salem Staff
Friends	Richard Dalbey	Irene Larsen	In memory of Wendell Larsen
Friends	Clifford Fries	Rosemary Petersen	In memory of Eddie Mathiasen
Friends	Julia Petersen	Rosemary Petersen	In memory of Cy Petersen
Friends	Ruth Thompson	Rosemary Petersen	In memory of Howard Mathiasen
Friends	Mary Nichols	Friends	James Kilpatrick
Friends	Marilyn Grabill	Friends	Gary Parkhurst
Friends	Bill Emery	Ike & Leta Madsen	Carol