


# 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!

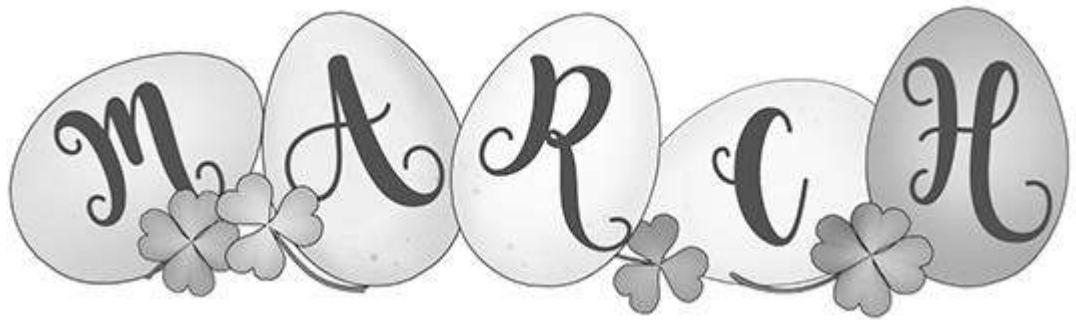
- 3rd—Ladies Tea @ 11am
- 10th—Men's Group @ 11am
- 17th—Ladies tea @ 11am
- 17th—St. Patrick's Day Party @ 1pm
- 19th—Resident Group @ 10am
- 20th—Goldenaires @ 3pm
- 21st—Kimballton BINGO @ 3pm
- 24th—Craig Kruse @ 2:15pm (unit), 3pm (dining room)
- 24th—Men's Group @ 11am
- 28th—Catholic Mass @ 10am
- 31st—Ladies tea @ 11am

GARDEN CLUB to begin this month,  
date & time TBD

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



## From the Administrator's Desk

### Spring is Just Around the Corner

Spring is always a great time for renewal and refreshment. We have had a lot of both here at Salem and we are so excited to see the progress that has been made. In the last year a lot has happened here and we are so grateful for all of your patience with us through all of these changes.

We know that it can be difficult at times to deal with change and we are working very hard to

ensure these changes are kept in line with our dedication to serving all of our residents. We also know that it is very important to all those that we serve that they feel engaged in what is going on here at Salem and beginning this year we have started to make

some big strides in ensuring that happens.

We know that when not only our staff are engaged, but also our residents, great things happen. We have received your feedback and heard what you have to say.



With that, throughout this next year we will be working very hard on making sure that everyone here feels supported in their needs. We will be working with each of our residents to

make sure we have a clear understanding of what their needs and preferences are to ensure they truly feel like they are home.

We thank you for sharing your loved ones with us and we are so honored to care for so many individuals.

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## Resident Birthdays

6th—Terry Hamdorf  
8th—Esther Andersen  
17th—Pat Dvorak  
22nd—Mary Nichols  
28th—Mariann Nielsen



## Employee Birthdays

18th—Carolyn Rudolph & Tiffany Swagel  
19th—Mandy Rath  
25th—Donita Nowatzke  
31st—Kaci Croxell

## Employee Anniversaries

6th—Melissa Akers, 5 years  
13th—Josie Young, 3 years  
25th—Don Norris, 9 years

## Veteran of the Month



### Chris Retzlaff



Chris Retzlaff is Salem's Director of Environmental Services, meaning he is in charge of the Maintenance, Housekeeping and Laundry departments.

Chris enlisted into the United States Marine Corp. in February of 2001 and served for 2 months before being honorably

discharged due to an injury sustained during basic training. Chris was influenced to enlist by his two brothers who were also serving in the Marines and the Navy.

He enlisted with a couple of friends and attended basic training in San Diego. During his short time of service Chris said his favorite place to visit was the California beaches.

After his time serving the country, Chris worked as an industrial pipeline mechanic, as well as in the auto parts industry before coming to Salem.

Chris lives in Elk Horn with his two daughters.

Thank you for your service to the country and to Salem!

## February Birthday Party

Every month, one of our association of churches hosts a birthday party for our residents with birthdays in that month. February's birthday party was hosted by Elk Horn Lutheran Church on February 12th. The party was complete with the second grade class from Exira-EHK coming and singing some songs (including Happy Birthday), Neta Sander telling Ollie & Lena jokes, and they served cherry cheesecake to all who attended the party. Photos from the party can be seen below.



2nd grade students from Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton came to sing songs to the residents.



Birthday girl Betty, pictured above with her father Wayne enjoying the cheesecake.



## Salem Valentine's Day Royalty

February 14th brought Valentine's Day and Salem once again crowned a King & Queen in both the Memory Care Unit, as well as the main area. Staff voted all week and when votes were tallied the following people were selected: Tim Hartvigsen, Virginia Holcombe, Bill Emery, and Phyllis Krohn. Also receiving honorary King & Queen were Marilyn Grabill & her husband Keith. Photos of the royalty can be seen below.



2018 Salem Valentine Royalty Tim Hartvigsen & Virginia Holcombe



2018 Salem Valentine Royalty Bill Emery & Phyllis Krohn



2018 Honorary Royalty Keith & Marilyn Grabill



### *In Loving Memory...*

Clifford Fries, Donald Norgaard,  
Ronald Boehme

### *Welcome...*

Delores Nordby, Jerry King, Fern  
Knudsen, Dar Lund, Marvel Jacobsen

### *Best Wishes...*

Lola Linton, Delores Nordby,  
Larry Krohn

## Memorials

**Betty Frederiksen**—\$10 Doug & Wanda Smith, \$10 Galen & Eileen Sornson

**Charles Madsen**—\$10 Terry & Neta Sander

**Donald Norgaard**—\$20 Roland & Peggy Hansen

**Duane Christensen**—\$15 Keli Hansen, \$25 Barbara Fanning, \$50 Galin Karpisek & Joyce Fledderman, \$50 Peggy Wright, \$1,000 Sandra Schilling, \$10 Terry & Neta Sander

**Joan Lange**—\$20 Terry & Neta Sander, \$5 JoAnne Greving

**Ronald Boehme**—\$20 Dick & Sonja Switzer, \$5 Terry & Neta Sander, \$5 JoAnne Greving

**Teresa Kardell**—\$10 Trinity Lutheran Church Women

**Margaret Hanson**—\$10 Trinity Lutheran Church Women

## Donations

### Expansion

\$50—Jessica Billings Hoegh

\$50—Gary & Kathy Soetmelk

\$20—Billy & Joyce Misner

### General

\$170—Kimballton Immanuel Lutheran Church

\$500—Elk Horn Lutheran Church

\$100—Brayton Lutheran Church Women

### Resident TV's

\$338.51—Roland & Peggy Hansen

\$1,765—The family of Murriel Petersen

\$150—Anonymous

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