



# The FRIEND

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## Mission Statement

As followers of Christ, we are called to do what lies within our power to share burdens that weigh upon the young and the old and to alleviate sorrow and misery in His Name.

## Our Values

Faithfulness to Christ  
Equality and Justice  
Wholeness of Life  
Integrity  
Quality of Service  
Stewardship of Resources

## Our Vision

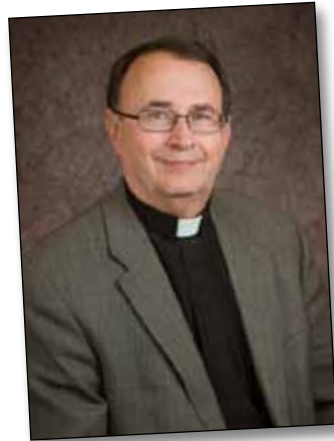
We will be a network of dedicated, gifted, and caring people, providing exceptional services and facilities.

## 156th Annual Meeting of Member Congregations Monday, April 4, 2016

Zoar Lutheran Church  
314 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, Ohio

**6:30 p.m. – Registration**  
**7 p.m. - Opening worship service**  
**7:30 p.m. - Annual meeting and keynote speaker**

The evening begins in the sanctuary with a worship service, followed by the 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Member Congregations. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Marcus Lohrmann, Bishop of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Lohrmann, who will be retiring in July, will speak about the many changes he has seen in Lutheran social ministry during his almost 18 years as Bishop.



*The Rev. Dr. Marcus Lohrmann, Bishop*

Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center at the end of the evening. All attendees are encouraged to enjoy fellowship and dessert and to visit the ministry displays.

To make a reservation, please call 419-861-4954 or email [BApel@LHSEO.org](mailto:BApel@LHSEO.org). Reservations should be received by Monday, March 28, 2016.

## LHS Therapy Focuses on Wellness Initiatives

For several years now the Lutheran Homes Society Therapy Department has provided inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation on the four LHS long-term care campuses in Holland, Napoleon, Sandusky, and Toledo. While therapy services continue to grow, the Therapy Department is also focusing efforts on wellness initiatives that will enable seniors to remain as healthy and active as possible.

“As we focus on these initiatives, the ultimate goal is to provide tools that will enable seniors to age in place,” said Teresa Sutter, Executive

Director of Rehabilitation Services. “By providing wellness programs that include clinics, SilverSneakers® exercise classes, and education on disease processes, LHS can help seniors recognize and manage health changes that occur with aging.”

“The LHS Therapy team members can become familiar faces and reliable resources to our seniors and their families, hopefully easing the fears associated with health care choices,” she added.

For the past year, LHS has offered monthly wellness clinics at

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## Financial Stability Allows for Community Renovations

Dear Friends,

Lutheran Homes Society has been blessed to provide services to elders and youth for over 155 years. While history and tradition are wonderful, it also means the organization has had to respond and change to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

An area we are consistently monitoring is the physical environment in which we serve our residents, patients, and clients. It is important that our buildings are well maintained, not only for comfort and safety, but also so we can meet consumer preferences and provide programming that reflects the latest care delivery models.

With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that LHS has recently closed on the refinancing of the majority of our long-term debt. Due to our strong operating performance and financial stability, LHS was able to take advantage of a favorable interest rate environment to lock in significant debt service savings and borrow additional money to fund improvements for our communities. Working with Citizens Bank, LHS refinanced existing debt and borrowed an additional \$5 million, while still lowering our debt service payments!

LHS will use the new \$5 million for a variety of projects. Two of our long-term care communities will receive extensive renovation as a result of the funding. Lutheran Home at Napoleon and Lutheran Home at Toledo will renovate their skilled nursing units to provide a warmer, more home-like environment with more of the amenities that residents and patients have come to expect in today's market. In addition, we will be significantly

expanding our therapy gym on the Napoleon campus. The changes will allow us to respond to our evolving health care environment and deliver new services that better meet the needs of the communities we serve. Many of the other projects will be less visible, but they will ensure that our buildings remain viable for years to come.

As Christians, God calls us to be responsible stewards of the gifts he has entrusted to us. LHS takes our responsibility of financial stewardship very seriously. I am thrilled that we are able to use this financial blessing to advance the ministry of LHS.

On a personal note, February 1 marked my one-year anniversary as President/CEO of Lutheran Homes Society. It has been an exciting year for me and for the organization. I am thankful to all of you who have made me feel very welcomed to LHS and northwest Ohio. The future of LHS remains bright, and I invite you to join with us as we respond to Christ's call to ministry.



*Rick Marshall,  
President/CEO*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Marshall".

## Wellness Initiatives - continued from front page

several LHS locations. Each clinic offers blood pressure and blood sugar checks, as well as balance testing, strength testing, and screens for urinary incontinence, hearing impairment, and swallowing difficulties.

Starting in March, the Therapy Department is offering the wellness clinics in conjunction with Healthways SilverSneakers® Flex exercise programs. The Cardio and Strength exercise classes are being provided by LHS therapists, who have registered with Healthways to become instructors. SilverSneakers is a Medicare benefit provided by secondary insurance companies.

LHS wellness clinics are being held once a month at Luther Crest, Luther Grove, Luther

Hills, Luther Meadow, Luther Ridge, and Luther Woods senior housing communities, and Creekside independent living. For more information on dates and times, check out the "What's Happening" section of the LHS website at [www.LHSOH.org](http://www.LHSOH.org).

In addition, LHS therapists are offering more than 25 SilverSneakers exercise classes. For a current schedule, go to [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) and click on "Find a Location."

All wellness clinics and exercise classes are free and open to the public. Please note, however, there is a nominal \$2 fee for non-SilverSneakers participants in the exercise classes. For more information, call Teresa at 419-304-8220.

## LHS Names New Executive Director of Family & Youth Services

Lutheran Homes Society announces the appointment of Katie Zawisza as Executive Director for LHS Family & Youth Services. As Executive Director, Mrs. Zawisza will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, community outreach, and business development of the Family & Youth Services ministry.

Mrs. Zawisza has worked for Family & Youth Services in numerous capacities over the past 18 years. She began as a residential child care worker in 1998 and then worked as a therapist for several years, before being promoted to Clinical Director in 2013. She has also been actively involved in the Partners in Treatment program for the past 17 years.

“Our search for the Executive Director was very extensive, and I’m thrilled that we found the best candidate within the LHS family,” stated Rick Marshall, LHS President/CEO. “Katie brings a wealth of experience and a passion for youth services to the Executive Director position.”

Mrs. Zawisza is a licensed clinical counselor in Ohio with

a supervisory endorsement. She earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Toledo, where she also earned a master’s degree in community counseling in 2003. She is a member of the Ohio Association of Child & Youth Care Professionals, Inc.

“I appreciate this opportunity and am looking forward to beginning my new role here at LHS,” stated Mrs. Zawisza, who resides in Toledo with her husband and three children. “I am so proud to be a part of this amazing agency that does so much for so many people.”

“Working with our staff, the youth, their families, and all our ministries so closely over the years has helped me prepare for this position. We will continue our mission to provide a high level of care, using a team approach based on our strong values.”

Family & Youth Services provides a wide range of services for children, adolescents, and adults using a team approach. Key programs include: residential treatment for at-risk children and adolescents



*Katie Zawisza,  
Executive Director*

in need of intensive therapeutic programming; the Partners in Treatment program for preserving family relationships; outpatient mental health and psychiatric services for community members; in-home service provision for adults with disabilities that builds independent living, vocational, and behavior management skills; and educational services in coordination with Liberty Center and Oregon City schools.

## LHS Seeks Board Candidates

Lutheran Homes Society, serving youth and elderly since 1860, has openings on its Board of Directors. In 2014, LHS served over 3,600 residents, patients, and clients, with over 1,000 staff members and 866 volunteers. LHS has over \$32 million in net assets and an annual budget of nearly \$60 million.

The LHS Board of Directors is a high-performance, high-functioning governance board, as recognized recently by the national organization, BoardSource. The LHS Nominating Committee is looking for candidates who possess business acumen and a heart for social ministry to serve on the board.

If you are interested or know of a good board candidate, please contact:

LHS Nominating Committee  
c/o Rick Marshall, President/CEO  
2021 N. McCord Road, Toledo, OH 43615  
or Email: [RMarshall@LHSOH.org](mailto:RMarshall@LHSOH.org)



## Luther Woods Resident Gets Help with Transportation

When resident Bev Sheehan, who has lived at Luther Woods senior apartment community for about a year, scheduled a necessary medical procedure, she was instructed not to drive

herself to the appointment. Keeping her appointment became a real transportation challenge for Bev, until Teresa Mawer, the Service Coordinator at Luther Woods, came to her assistance.

Bev's husband was in poor health and not able to drive anymore. Her children were all working and unable to take the time off. Bev even had Teresa check with LHS transportation services, but all the vans were booked.

In addition, a regular cab service would not meet the criteria either, because the medical office required that someone wait for Bev during the procedure.

In the end, Teresa reserved an LHS company vehicle and drove Bev to her appointment herself. The procedure lasted an hour, and Bev was released to return home with Teresa.

"I really enjoy working with the residents," Teresa said. "It makes my job fulfilling."

"My family and I are very grateful that Teresa was able to assist me in my time of need," Bev explained. "She has a very giving heart, and she is always helping the residents in one way or another."



*Resident Bev Sheehan is grateful for the help of Service Coordinator Teresa Mawer.*

## Lutheran Memorial Home Helps Spread Holiday Cheer

To get the residents and guests in the Christmas spirit, staff at Lutheran Memorial Home in Sandusky came together to hold the annual Christmas party. Nearly every resident attended the event,

which was held in the multi-purpose room. The room was overflowing with family members and guests, as well as a great deal of laughter and smiles.

The event was kicked off with the singing of Christmas carols by the Firelands Chorus, which residents really seemed to appreciate. Just as the Christmas party was in full swing, Santa Claus popped in to spread even more cheer.

Otherwise known as volunteer Steve Flounders, husband of long-time Lutheran Memorial Home employee Jennifer Flounders, Santa greeted every resident. He also brought along his big red bag full of gifts, which were shared with the residents.

"It was such a fantastic turnout, and everyone really enjoyed themselves," stated Gabe Stoll, Executive Director.

In addition to the Christmas party, residents received gifts, courtesy of St. John Lutheran Church in Sandusky (Union Corners). A few days before Christmas, the church delivered beautifully wrapped gifts that were personally selected from "wish lists" that the residents had created. On Christmas Eve morning, staff members delivered the gifts to the residents' rooms.

"Almost every wish was made possible, thanks to the church's generosity," stated Admissions and Marketing Director Krista Balogh, who helped deliver the gifts. "It was such a heart-warming feeling, knowing that good people are willing to do good things for others during the holidays."



*Santa handed out gifts at the Christmas Party.*

## New Executive Director to Lead Lutheran Home at Toledo

Lutheran Homes Society announces the appointment of Thomas Grubs as Executive Director for Lutheran Home at Toledo. As Executive Director, Mr. Grubs will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, community outreach, and business development of the Toledo campus.

Mr. Grubs served as the interim administrator of the Toledo campus before accepting the Executive

### Woodcraft Shop Provides Unique Opportunities

Lutheran Home at Toledo has a year-round woodcraft shop for its residents – a feature that many other facilities do not have the privilege or space to operate. On any given day, you can see residents working on craft projects, whether in a group or individually. Residents from assisted living and the care center, as well as patients from The Labuhn Center, use the shop.

One resident, Forrest Ulrich, spends most of his waking hours in the woodcraft shop. “He has been an avid woodcarver all his life,” his wife Marilyn explained. “Words cannot adequately express how much this place means to my husband.”

“I don’t know what I would do if it wasn’t for the shop,” Forrest has repeatedly stated. “The shop is what keeps me going.”

At Christmastime, the room is like Santa’s workshop. Main “elves” Forrest, Marilyn, assisted living resident Joyce Beavers, and volunteer Bob Strack work at a feverish pace to make and paint Christmas decorations and ornaments for others. Throughout the year, the focus changes to creating decorations for other holidays and occasions.

“I don’t know what I would do without it,” Joyce adds, echoing Forrest’s sentiment. “I have loved

painting my entire life, and I am able to continue to pursue my love for painting here.”

The woodcraft shop gladly accepts donations of wood, paints, glue, and other supplies. To make a donation, please contact Diane Cline, Director of Activities and Volunteer Services, at 419-724-1738.



*Resident Forrest Ulrich enjoys many hours in the shop.*

Director position, and he also was the Associate Executive Director at Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek for a short time. Prior to joining LHS in 2015, he was Executive Director at Arbors of Clyde.

Mr. Grubs is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the state of Ohio. He has worked in long-term care for four years.

Being a nursing home administrator is a second career for Mr. Grubs, who spent 30 years managing and developing a variety of commercial and residential real estate development and construction projects for Rudolph Libbe Properties, Inc.

“We are excited about the experience and leadership that Tom brings to Lutheran Home at Toledo,” stated Jeff Rohdy, Regional Executive Director for Long-Term Care Services. “His experience in construction will be very beneficial during the upcoming renovations of the Toledo campus’ nursing care center.”

Mr. Grubs earned his bachelor’s degree in environmental relations from The Ohio State University. He resides in Temperance, Michigan, with his wife Cindy, who is a hospital liaison for Lutheran Homes Society.

“One thing missing in my previous career was the opportunity to have a very personal impact on people’s lives,” Mr. Grubs stated. “I chose to transition into nursing home administration so that I can help people, as well as continue to manage systems and processes. I appreciate the opportunity to work with the great Lutheran Home at Toledo team.”



*Thomas Grubs,  
Executive Director*

### Toys for Tots Thank You

Partnering with the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and its Toys for Tots Program as a donation site was an overwhelming success for Lutheran Home at Toledo.

“Everyone thought it was a wonderful idea,” Social Worker Angie Tucholski said. “Thank you to everyone for your donations and making Christmas extra special for children who otherwise may not have received any gifts.”

## Adult Day Participants Celebrate New Year's Eve Early

The LHS Adult Day Center, which has been open since September 1, 2015, provides participants with a variety of activities and events that change from day to day. The recent holiday season inspired numerous activities, including a luncheon New Year's celebration.

Decorated party hats and beverage glasses, created during previous crafting sessions, added to the festivities. Lunch was served with "sparkling" white grape juice, and everyone shared stories from their recent holiday gatherings with family and friends.

The planned "Ugly Sweater" contest turned into a "Best Dressed Holiday Sweater" contest. ADC participant Betty Smith was declared the winner, taking home a bottle of sparkling red grape juice to match her beautiful red sweater and decorated party hat.

Currently, the ADC has 25 local community seniors enrolled in the adult day services program,



*Betty Smith (left) and Gladys Triplett celebrate during lunch at the LHS Adult Day Center.*

which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Director LuAnn Willinger at 419-214-0824.

## New Format Livens Lutheran Home at Napoleon Holiday

Lutheran Home at Napoleon has held family Christmas parties in the care center for many years. This year, management decided to put a new twist on the event, which is always filled with laughter, great entertainment, good food, and generosity from families, staff, and the surrounding community.

Several years ago, the party was split into two nights; one for the west unit and another for the east unit. This helped alleviate crowding issues. In 2015, however, the management team wanted to have the Family Christmas Party all on one night to support the cohesiveness and family atmosphere of the building.

Organizing the inevitable crowd (management was expecting over 200 people) was the largest problem to overcome. The solution was to have entertainment in three areas of the building and to have Santa visit in each area to pass out gifts. Once gifts were opened, residents and their families were free to float between the different areas to enjoy the party.

The next obstacle to conquer was the food. Appetizers were set up in grazing stations throughout the care center, so people could easily eat as they mingled. Guests were treated to such items as a snowman cheeseball, strawberry Santa hats, brownies in the shape of Christmas trees, and festive parfaits.



*Artfully displayed refreshment stations enabled residents and guests to eat and mingle.*

Brooklyn Pedroza, from the Dietary Department, used Pinterest to find creative recipes and ways to display the refreshments, and the rest of the dietary staff pitched in. "Several members of the Dietary Department went above and beyond to make sure the refreshments were not only tasty, but beautifully displayed," stated Liz Jones, Activity Assistant.

As usual, Santa had residents and family members laughing and enjoying themselves. For a little while anyway, everyone could forget about life's stresses and enjoy an evening celebrating the best gift of all: Jesus.

# Lutheran Homes Society: Being a Voice in Our Communities

Recently, the LHS Foundation received a donation from an area business, accompanied by the following note:

“We have one Friday each month designated as ‘Jeans Day.’ Each month, on this day, an employee volunteer ‘hosts’ the fundraiser and chooses the charity.

“I chose ADHD awareness, as my 9-year-old grandson is dealing with this disorder. While searching for a local organization that assists our children and families, and offers assistance and guidance, I came upon Lutheran Homes Society’s website. I searched through all the services LHS offers and chose LHS as the recipient for the month. Your Family & Youth Services addresses what my grandson needs.

“We had a 50/50 raffle and a small bake sale and are pleased to send this donation to Lutheran Homes Society. Thank you for all you do.”

The gift is being matched by the employee’s company. This is a wonderful acknowledgement for LHS and particularly for the family and youth program. LHS strives to be a partner in the communities we serve. This letter is a perfect example of a growing partnership, one that can be achieved, as more and more individuals realize the scope of services provided by LHS. If we continue to build relationships, donations will result and dollars will be available to expand our services.

At the LHS Foundation, development efforts are built on sustained relationships. As staff members speak to donors and prospective donors, the LHS story is shared with more and more individuals, and community and corporate citizens realize the outstanding breadth and quality of LHS services.

## LHS Foundation Sponsors Radio Broadcast on Dental Care

“A Firm Foundation for Life” radio program will be recorded on March 15, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek chapel. The guest speaker will be Dr. Peter McGowan, a local dentist who has been in practice for 20 years. He will speak on the importance of dental health in older adults. Refreshments will follow the program. Community members, residents and their families are invited to attend. This program will then air on Saturday, March 19, on Talk Radio 1470 AM from 9 to 11 a.m. LHS Foundation is a sponsor of the radio program.



## Workplace Giving Campaigns and Matching Fund Donations

During a workplace campaign, companies will provide their employees with opportunities to donate to and/or volunteer their time to causes they care about. As board members, donors, and friends of our ministry, ask your company how you can donate to LHS during a workplace giving campaign.

In addition, there are local companies, national companies with a local presence, and organizations such as Thrivent Financial, that offer matching funds for donations made by an employee of that company or organization. In addition to Thrivent, companies such as Avon, Bank of America, Costco, FedEx and others have matching gift programs. Please ask your company’s human resources representative if your company has a matching gift program.

If your company does have a program, ask co-workers to consider giving to LHS. An LHS representatives would be happy to speak with company or organizational representatives and employees about the history of LHS, the diverse services the organization offers, and the financial benefits of giving.

As stakeholders in LHS, you can help us be a more prominent voice in our communities. If you know of a business, service organization, community group, or church which a Foundation representative could speak to, please email [KLemma@LHSH.org](mailto:KLemma@LHSH.org) or call Kathy Lemmerbrock, LHS Foundation Executive Director, at 419-861-4964.

Together, we can do much more about telling the LHS story than any of one of us can possibly do alone.

**In Memory of...**

**October 1 - December 31, 2015**

**David & Darren Achinger** by Marjorie Achinger  
**All Saints** by Weldon Mueller  
**Arthur Andrews** by Dennis & Janet Andrews  
**George & Gladys Ardner** by Carol Ardner  
**Dean Asmus** by Jim & Judy Hill  
**Laurence & Anna Avers** by Dale Avers  
**Norman Avers** by Doris Avers  
**Elsie Baden** by Jane Comune, Marilyn Elling, Donald & Janet Freeman, Dora Titgemeyer  
**Mr. & Mrs. Paul Badenhop** by Wayne & Barb Badenhop  
**William & Elizabeth Beier** by Lucille Rochon  
**John & Amelia Beins** by Michael & Sandra Lininger  
**Kenneth & Louise Beins** by Michael & Sandra Lininger  
**Don Biehler** by Marjorie Biehler  
**Raymond Bockbrader** by Evelyn Bockbrader  
**Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Boldt** by James & Donna Gerber  
**Glenn Boos** by Jeff & Nancy Wellman  
**Dorothy Bostelman** by Bret & Kristi Speiser  
**Susan, Michael & Megan Brown** by Clyde & Mary Sandrock  
**Anna Bulone** by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Bugaj  
**Carl & Alma Burwitz** by Lee & Jane Kreps  
**Eleanor Carpenter** by William Carpenter, Bill & Jackie Chmielewski, Friends & Family, Ed & Marty Lebowsky, Libbey Federal Credit Union, Maumee, Libbey Glass Machine Shop, Toledo  
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**Marjorie Christy** by Dick & Katie Brown, Norman & Sandra Lee, Ann Murnen  
**Russell Cook** by Bob & Linda Knight  
**Fred & Marge Dais** by William Dais  
**Kenneth Damschroder** by Ruthann & David House  
**Julie Delventhal** by Dora Titgemeyer  
**Martha Delventhal** by Bret & Kristi Speiser

**Wally Dierker** by Eloise Dierker  
**Laurence & Esther Dierker** by Eloise Dierker  
**Clarence & Edna Dierksheide** by Harry & Rose Mary Schroeder  
**Paul & Lois Dierksheide** by Diane Bostdorff  
**My parents, Martha & John Ebright,** by Martha Lee Huepenbecker  
**Rudy Eickhoff** by Cheryl & Gary Daman, Carol Dille  
**Margie Elsass** by David & Mary Jane Elsass  
**Helen Fahncke** by Martin Fahncke  
**Francis & Marguerite Falkenberg** by Beverly Rowell & Family  
**Father, Kenneth Favro,** by Sharon Libke  
**Mother, Virginia Favro,** by Sharon Libke  
**Rolland Fickel** by Donna Fickel  
**Kenneth & Audrey Figy** by Norman & Donna Figy  
**Magdalene "Pinky" Fischhaber** by William Fischhaber  
**My husband, Wayne Fox,** by Patricia Fox  
**Frances Freytag** by Marilyn Gerken  
**Maurine Furney** by Felicia Stiegel  
**Norma Jean Gast** by Terry Gast  
**Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gerber** by James & Donna Gerber  
**Nelson Gibson II** by Esther Gibson  
**The Gist Family** by John & Doris Gist  
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**Carolyn Greenhagen** by Donald & Sheila Beals, Carma DeCair, Timothy & Pamela Downey, Family & Friends, Bill & Cathy Glanz, Jane Hoeffel  
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**Deborah Hammersmith** by Gary & Darlene Carstensen  
**Rev. Gerd & Dorothea Heidmann** by Jeanette Heidmann  
**Chris Helm** by Dennis & Kathy Matheney  
**Lester & Mary Henry** by Mary Bath  
**Ann Hill** by Jim & Judy Hill  
**Leroy Hoch** by Ted & Connie Eckardt  
**Dr. Raymond Hollensen** by Janice Hollensen  
**Rev. & Mrs. C.M. Hollensen** by Janice Hollensen  
**John & Jan House** by Ruthann & David House

**Former Luther Haus resident, Bob Jankowski,** by Jean Winkelman  
**Marilyn Jenkins** by John Jenkins  
**Charlie & Jean Johnson** by Frances Wilson  
**Susan Johnson** by Sylvia Leonard  
**Betty Kahl** by Ruth Heyn, M.D.  
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**Jan Kerger** by Mary Deavers  
**Robert & Elfa Klawitter** by Steve & Joy Hammer  
**Clarissa & Al Knape** by Doris Avers  
**Lucille & Charles Knight** by Bob & Linda Knight  
**Karl & Sylvia Koch** by Ronald & Joanne Koch  
**Margaret Koester** by John Jenkins  
**Lois Kohlman** by Frank & Pat Mensing  
**Harold & Helen Konoff** by Ronald & Joanne Koch  
**Mother, Viola Kopfman,** by Elaine Radunz  
**Robert Kucera** by Charline Kucera  
**Elsie Kunst** by Annaline Piel  
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- Son, Christopher Kent Libke**, by Sharon Libke
- Edward & Viola Lohrbach** by Karen Botzko
- Shirley Losey** by Eloise Dierker
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- Howard & Myrtle Madison** by Helen Lange
- Sam & Eva Madison** by Helen Lange
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- My wife, Margaret**, by Richard Manteuffel
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- Mr. & Mrs. W. V. Michael** by Susie Oberst
- Carl & Eleanor Mock** by Dr. & Mrs. Michael Roetter Sr.
- Norma Mollett** by Lou Mollett
- Ralph & Lois Moody** by Viola Liptok
- Robert Mounie** by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Nowak
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- My wife, Mary**, by Weldon Mueller
- Marilyn "Dottie" Mundwiler** by Monty & Cece Mees
- Don & Dolores Norton** by Marilyn Doyle
- My mother, Aleen Norton**, by Marilyn Doyle
- Parents, Dale & Aleen Norton**, by Marilyn Doyle
- James Oberst** by Susie Oberst
- Ila Okonski** by Doris Towers
- Our loved ones** by Garey & Donna Sherer
- Our parents** by David & Mary Jo Dressell
- Our parents, brothers & sisters** by Paul & Donna Sprague
- Martha Panning** by Anonymous, Rod & Jeri Bostelman, Timothy & Becky Buchhop, Family & Friends, Jane & Eldor Gerken, Faye Hall, Connie Lane, Constance Ohlinger, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Panning, Esther Panning, Scott Panning, Sandra Schlosser, Judith Weller
- Pauline Panning** by Anonymous, Jane Claussen, David & Linda Higbea, John & Connie Higbea, Dave & Betty Meyer
- Parents & grandparents** by Rita Schober
- Robert Persiani** by Teri Volk
- Marshall Picking** by Lou Ann & David Kleck
- Steve Plottner** by Harry & Karen Blackmon, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Pfaffenberger, Robert & Sue Pfefferle, Mary Satterfield, Jeffrey & Lorinda Schalk
- Glenn Pocock** by Molly Pocock
- Brother, Ronald Radunz**, by Elaine Radunz
- Bertram Ramlow** by Kathryn Ramlow
- Mr. & Mrs. Bert Rearick** by Doris Towers
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## Wolf Creek Resident Previews Blockbuster Movie

Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek resident David Benner has had many health problems – including a heart attack, stroke, renal failure, and lung cancer. He has lived in Wolf Creek's assisted living

for many years and is now in the care center with hospice services. He has good days and bad days, but throughout it all David never complains, maintains a positive attitude, and enjoys life to its fullest.

The staff loves David, so they were very excited for him when he had the unique opportunity for a private screening of the blockbuster film released in mid-December. David has been an avid fan of the movie franchise for years, but knew his health would not allow him to see the eagerly anticipated episode in the theaters.

In stepped Hospice of Northwest Ohio, which arranged through its Positive Memories program for David to view the movie before it hit the big screen. The movie's director even called David and asked him if he would like a private viewing of the movie in his room. David was

able to have one other person with him, so his sister joined him for the special showing.

On the designated day, guards escorted a laptop computer to David in his nursing care room, where he and his sister had to sign a confidentiality agreement not to disclose the movie's content. The laptop was hooked up to his TV to watch the movie, while a guard stood by his door making sure no one came into his room.

“What an exciting day and a memorable experience for David,” stated Sue Boyne, Director of Marketing and Assisted Living Admissions. “Seeing David receive his ‘surprise’ from hospice made all of us so happy for him. He is so appreciative and still loves to talk about it!”



*Resident David Brenner appreciates staff who help bring joy to his life.*

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