

Living the Mission

Seventy Years of Service

This year, 2009, we celebrate with pride seventy years of service to the Fond du Lac area. We have not only provided service to the community, but we have treasured being an active part of the community through collaboration and contribution. Every experience has kept Lutheran Homes and Health Services (LHHS) very alive and energized!

Our community, the programs and people of LHHS, are committed to provide for the care and interests of the aging. Our mission states that. The faces and stories share that. Our churches, family and greater community depend on us for that.

One person at a time, one action at a time, and one year at a time...our faith and calling as a social ministry organization continue to bless us with challenges and opportunities.

This past year, we have served more residents, clients and tenants than ever before. Primarily through our Post-Acute unit and Wellness and Rehab Center, staff has assisted the largest number ever of residents to return home. We celebrate the opportunity to be involved in the lives of so many! The faces on the next page tell their stories!

June 2008 brought rains and high waters to this community. Significant damage was experienced to 35,000 square feet – the entire lower level of the Lutheran Home building. A challenge – yes! An opportunity – yes! After nine months of tearing out and rebuilding, we are nearing full completion. We could not have done the huge clean up and rebuild work without our community

neighbors and businesses. We were blessed with the generosity of many. Staff is to be commended beyond words! The new lower level has been an opportunity for change and collaboration!

The nation's economic and housing challenges have caused us to be prudent in the timing of The Hills at Cortland Ridge, our planned independent living community. We appreciate the continued high interest, excitement, and support for this project.

Community collaboration is underway for St. Peter's Place, a new affordable assisted living option located in the heart of Fond du Lac. (See the back page.)

Seventy years...thousands of lives touched by service – hundreds of lives providing service. Each person, each action, each year is valuable. Each one offers a gift. Together we have supported each other and shared a portion of our lives and faith. And for all of this we say **Thank you!**

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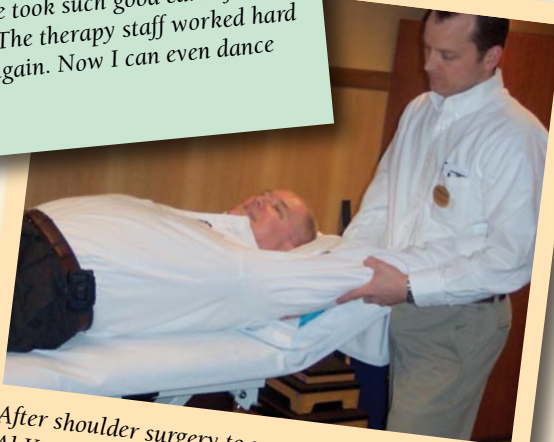
Touch a Life



Wayne Mathers and his wife, Ruthie, didn't think they'd be dancing again after Wayne's unexpected surgery. "The staff at the Post-Acute Center was wonderful. Everyone took such good care of me," Wayne explained. "The therapy staff worked hard to get me walking again. Now I can even dance with my Ruthie!"



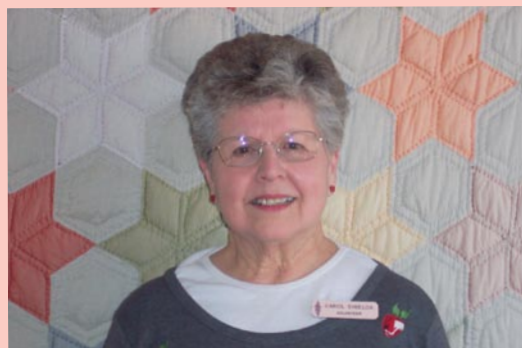
"I love it at DeNeveu Creek Retirement Community," exclaimed Mary Umbarger, a resident of seven years. "We have such a wonderful sense of community here. There's something going on all the time for those interested – coffee and donuts, potlucks, bingo, cribbage, dominoes and family picnics. We look out for each other, too. That gives me a real sense of security."



After shoulder surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff, Al Knuth had a chance to experience the new state-of-the-art therapy equipment for his outpatient rehab. "The rehab area is beautiful and the therapists are outstanding. I actually gained additional mobility in my shoulder," Al noted. "I am so pleased with my quick recovery and pain relief."



"I'm so thankful to be living in Tarfa Terrace," said Elda Hankwitz. "I'm not alone here. I feel so secure. Having someone else clean my apartment is a real treat for me, too!"



Volunteers are the heart of our organization. One of our many volunteers, Carol Shields, transports residents to their beauty salon appointments. "I love visiting with the residents when I'm taking them to and from the salon," said Carol. "It's the very best part of my week! The residents are all very special."

Partners in Ministry

Sharing the Gospel

From its humble beginnings 70 years ago the mission of the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home and Lutheran Homes and Health Services has been to care for people. In addition to our physical bodies, our spiritual side continually needs to be nurtured. This is especially true when families or individuals are faced with a health related crisis or during times of transition. Larger looming questions about life and living often emerge and offer an opportunity to be addressed. Our faith in Christ helps “guide” these decisions and serves as the foundation of who we are and what we are about.

Excellent nursing and rehabilitation care are offered at our organization, but it is our faith connection that sets us apart from other care service providers for the aging. Building upon our Christian faith and the dedicated partnership of local churches, we become Christ’s hands through our social ministry. By attending to the spiritual self of the person, and trusting in God’s holy presence and healing, we are able to minister to people in a Christ-like way.

Weekly worship, Sacramental ministry, Bible Study, one-on-one visits, grief support, end-of-life care, and family support are just some of the ways that we help nurture and support residents and families. A Christian approach to care is not something novel – it’s been part of our fabric from the very beginning 70 years ago.

Thirteen area Lutheran parishes form a solid partnership that actively supports and upholds the mission of Lutheran Homes and Health Services. We are thankful for this partnership in the gospel as well as the ministry of love, care and respect for others. Our corporate sponsoring churches are:

Ascension Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac
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Zion Lutheran Church, Fairwater

We thank the many faithful ecumenical connections we have within the community of Fond du Lac whose members share their gifts of love and service including:

- The Church of the Lutheran Confessions
- Holy Family Catholic Parish
- Local WELS Parishes
- United Church of Christ
- Missouri Synod
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The many lay visitors from sister churches throughout the community speak volumes – our seniors do matter! Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures.

“If a man’s gift is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously.”

–Romans 12:7-8



Pastor Dean Desilet, Director of Pastoral Care

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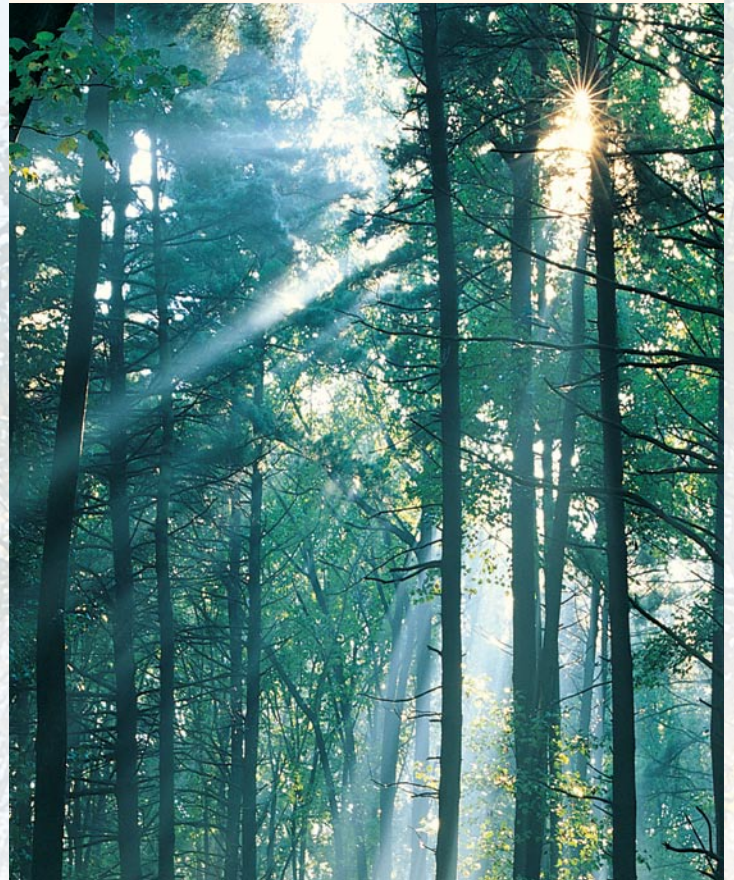
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The purpose of Lutheran Homes and Health Services, Inc. is to take a Christian leadership role that is committed to creatively respond, represent, promote and provide for the care and interests of the aging as an outreach ministry of the churches that are members of the Corporation.



Upcoming Events

Boat Cruise June 16, 2009
St. Peter's Place Fall 2009
New Year's Gala Benefit
January 2, 2010

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to any of these events.*

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St. Peter's Place, located in the historic St. Peter's Lutheran Church and school, is rapidly being transformed into a Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) for seniors. Commonwealth Companies together with Lutheran Homes and Health Services (LHHS) are collaborating on this innovative project to bring enhanced living options to seniors in the Fond du Lac community.

St. Peter's Place (46 apartments) will offer seniors affordable, independent living plus a menu of services that can be accessed, as their healthcare needs change. "There is a real need for affordable senior housing in the Fond du Lac area, especially with so many baby boomers reaching retirement age," states Bryan Polinske, Chief Operating Officer at LHHS. "We need to begin planning for this influx of new retirees."

Affordability and flexibility is what St. Peter's Place will offer seniors. A spectrum

of amenities will be offered such as a fitness center, barber and beauty shop, computer room, family gathering and game room, dining services, linen and housekeeping services, and a variety of social, cultural, recreational and educational programs. St. Peter's Place will allow residents to choose a level of assistance that will suit their needs. Plans range from a Base Personal Care Plan in which a resident receives up to 6 hours of weekly personal care to an Advanced Personal Care Plan allowing 28 hours of personal care per week. Plans can be altered when a resident's needs change.

St. Peter's Place is located near downtown Fond du Lac at First and Marr Streets. Residents will have easy access to banks, the YMCA, drugstores, shopping, and restaurants.

The original school will house 16 one-bedroom apartments; the new addition will house 19 two-bedroom and 11 one-bedroom apartments. Underground parking is also available. Apartments range in size from 851–963 sq. ft.

The \$8.4 million project is scheduled to open in fall 2009. For more information contact Bryan Polinske at 920.322.1111 or visit www.fdllutheranhome.org.

