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## "Hooked" on Volunteering!

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# *Lend Your Voice:* The Changing State of Medicaid

Just before our Fourth of July holiday, Ohio brought its state budget process to a close when Governor Kasich signed the biennium budget. The approved budget invests an additional 64 million dollars into Medicaid services for people with developmental disabilities over the next two years. These additional dollars are primarily earmarked for expansion of community-based “waiver” services. Since 1999 Luther Home has worked to develop and expand these service offerings. LHM now provides robust programs in four Ohio counties including in-home supports, day programs, and employment services aimed at increasing opportunity and choice for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A small percentage of the state increase is also designated to assist in direct care costs for those living in intermediate care facilities, including the main campuses at both Luther Home of Mercy and Filling Memorial Home. While this, too, is positive news, years of insufficient Medicaid rates cannot be offset by this slight increase. Our Intermediate Care Facilities are a vital part of the housing and care choice options for people in Ohio. At Luther Home, our average length of stay is almost 22 years. The Williston campus is home; filled with peers and friends as well as providing care for often complex medical needs.

Encouraging news at the state level comes on the heels of federal legislative proposals, both in the Senate and the House of Representatives, aimed at drastically cutting Medicaid funding. Medicaid dollars not only fund services to approx. 10 million people with disabilities but also provide health and long-term supports to 2/3 of seniors in nursing homes, and 39% of our children. The effect of proposed federal legislation estimates a cut of almost ½ of current spending.

Equally important, proposed legislation converts Medicaid (a guaranteed benefit—meaning you receive benefits if you qualify) to a per capita or block grant (meaning states receive a fixed pot on money regardless of need). Simply being eligible for benefits would not guarantee that you would receive them. Each state would then decide how best to divvy up the federal dollars.

Medicaid is the primary—and often only—payer of long-term care. Because Medicaid is a federal-state partnership, which flows through the state, severe cuts at the federal level will affect funding from the state. More than 95% of Luther Home’s revenue is received from Medicaid. Faith-based organizations like ours are called to care for those in need. And we do. For almost 90 years Luther Home has been caring for neighbors, sons, daughters and loved ones. We are proud of the work we do and prouder of those we serve. We understand the concerns about the current healthcare situation and agree that a fix is needed. However, if Medicaid is severely cut—or capped—our ability to serve will be drastically limited.

While each day seems to bring more news on the changing topic of Medicaid, we invite you to lend your voice in helping to make positive change. Please be in touch with your legislators and let them know that our most vulnerable citizens need their support. In Ohio please visit [usa.gov/elected-officials](http://usa.gov/elected-officials) for a listing of legislative e-mails and phone numbers.

— Terri Rodriguez, LMM President and C.E.O.



*Medicaid matters to Joe and thousands of others in our community. Medicaid is the primary source of funding for services necessary to the health and safety of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

# “Hooked” on Volunteering



*Ayla, Hanna and Nancy enjoy time spent together at the local parade.*

Our volunteers will often tell you, there's just something special about spending time with the people we serve. Clay High School students, Ayla Canterbury and Hannah Clark, were no exception to this feeling after joining us in 2015 to complete service requirements for National Honors Society. Encouraged by Ayla's mother, Luther Home LPN Charge Nurse, Monica Canterbury, the two best friends started volunteering at our annual Fall Fest and continued to join us for various parties, dances and special events. Both 2016 graduates found the experience to be so rewarding that they decided to remain volunteers and help as their busy schedules permit.

Now a Neuroscience pre-med major at Bowling Green State University, Ayla's love for the individuals we serve brings her back to Luther Home on a regular basis. "I like hanging out with the residents because they are a lot of fun. Seeing the smiles on their faces at the events makes me really happy to be a part of something like this," she shares.

It didn't take long for residents to recognize the duo and get excited to spend time with them. Now, when thinking about the people we serve, Hannah states that they "feel like friends". A certified STNA, Hannah is currently studying at Bowling Green State University to pursue a career in nursing. She has found her time at Luther Home to be so fulfilling that she recently joined our team of Direct Care Staff to gain professional experience while completing her studies. While her goal is to one day work in a hospital setting, Hannah remarks that she's heard from colleagues who anticipate that she will love working at Luther Home so much she'll never want to leave.

Whether sharing a dance at spring promenade, joining in the delight over a winning bingo card or helping bowlers roll the next strike, Ayla and Hannah's friendly nature and warm acceptance has not only touched our hearts but enriched our lives.

## Luther Home of Mercy Fall Fest 2017

**"God Grows the Harvest"**

**Beginning with Outdoor Worship at 2:30 pm**

**Rev. Donald Wukotich will deliver the message**

**Free Event: Bring your family & friends**

**5810 N. Main Street Williston, Ohio**

Sunday  
September 17,  
2017

**Picnic Supper   Craft + Bake Sale   BINGO   Petting Zoo**

Volunteers are needed & RSVPs by 9/13 are appreciated.

Please contact Arielle Semer: [asemer@lutherhome.org](mailto:asemer@lutherhome.org),

419-972-4431.



# Administrative Offices Receive New Home

After several months of construction, the renovations to cottage 7 are complete. Thanks to the support from a generous donor, the building, which was once home to 32 residents, has been transformed into beautiful and spacious offices for our administrative staff. Additionally, the newly renovated cottage 7 offers ample accessible meeting areas for families and loved ones to converse with our team. With the help of Maumee Valley Movers, the entire move took place over the course of 2 days. While all of the boxes are not yet unpacked, our administrative team is already beginning to feel at home in this modernized and expansive workspace.



*LHM's new Senior Accounting Manager, Joseph Beagle, enjoys a visit from Craig.*



*Maumee Valley Movers made short work of the two-day move.*

## You are Invited: "God's Work. Our Hands." September 10, 2017

Since 2013, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has designated the Sunday following Labor Day weekend as a time to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. Known as "God's Work. Our hands." Sunday, this year's day of service will take place September 10, 2017. We invite individuals and congregations to join us as we complete projects that will enhance the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our



maintenance and activities teams are compiling opportunities to work directly with the people we serve and help with sprucing up our numerous facilities. We encourage you to contact Mission Advancement Coordinator, Megan O'Brien, 419-972-4436, [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org), for more information and project availability. Whether your group is interested in rolling up their sleeves or leading a lively game of bingo, we look forward to seeing you on September 10th!



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

# Our Giving Valleys...Lillian Kept a List

**W**e are often encouraged by stories of our founders and those who powered our Ministries of Mercy through the early years. Like those Fremont Local Pastors who, in 1911, called Rev. Harry Long from a congregation in Illinois to a new ministry – an Inner Mission in the City of Toledo. Those same Pastors, in 1928, encouraged Pastor Max Schleicher's dream of a Home of Mercy in Williston. In turn, Pastor Max encouraged Carrie Filling Vajen and Pastor Moser's vision of Home of Mercy in Napoleon.

As we approach the task of budget planning for important ministries in the year ahead, we can't help but wonder if these folks ever worried over the cost of buildings and utilities, program materials and supplies? Almost in answer to this question, Pastor John Schleicher and his wife, Phyllis stopped by for a special purpose visit. They had found a collection of photos and records from the early years of Luther Home of Mercy. The collection included hand-written entries from Pastor John's Grandmother, Lillian Schleicher. Here, in neatly lettered script, Lillian itemized all expenses associated with keeping the doors of ministry open: oil, coal, electricity, groceries, bread, milk, household and farm supplies, insurance, maintenance and repairs, printing, postage, transportation, funeral expenses, loans, and a number of other items – all important, all necessary.

Understanding that Lillian's list was written long before the existence of government programs like Medicare and Medicaid, we have to marvel at the faith and courage of those who first looked at the numbers; and trusted that such expenses could – somehow – be paid. To better understand such faith, Lillian provides another List – a list of letters and calls, visits and gifts of encouragement from "Our Giving Valleys." To highlight just a few of these entries:

- *Rev. and Mrs. Mauer, Lillie Gerwin and Mrs. Brinker brought greetings from nearby Gibsonburg. Rev. and Mrs. Price visited from Fremont together with Art Berry and Mr. Keel from radio station WFRO. Vicar Gerald Labuhn visited from St. Mark of Toledo, Rev. and Mrs. Nesper brought gifts from Woodville. Pastors Moser and Heuter visited with their wives from Napoleon.*
- *Greetings from farther away were delivered from Valley City (Rev. and Mrs. Gunkelman) and Youngstown (Rev. J. G. Mittermaier), Milwaukee (Sr. Anna Pohlman) and Saginaw (Rev. T. Brueckner). Rev. Ernest Henkelman and Mr. J. Koehler brought canned goods and a brass band from Pigeon, Michigan. Rev. and Mrs. Emil Mengerling visited from Saskatchewan; Tatianna Dauksza from Latvia. Pastors Walkenhaure and Dietze together with Drs. Oberdick and Kehr visited from Germany. Missionaries brought greetings from South America (Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman), Africa (Rev. Rupp), and New Guinea (Ella Walborn, Dr. J. Kuder, Rev. and Mrs. M. Heist).*

Lillian's List carefully documents the importance of such encouragement to the existence of our Lutheran Ministries, as many "Giving Valleys" bear witness to how wide and long, how high and deep is the love of Christ.

— Pastor Don Wukotich, Executive Director Emeritus



Lillian & Pastor Max Schleicher

## Because of You...



**LHM's newest vehicle accommodates wheelchairs of all shapes and sizes. Karen is able to use LHM transportation to get her hair cut and styled in the community.**

**B**ig things can happen when people come together to solve an urgent need. In 2016, Luther Home of Mercy identified inadequate space to transport individuals who use wheelchairs as a barrier to their ability to live full and enriching lives. With your donations and participation in the LHM and Four Lutheran Agency Golf Outings, your #GivingTuesday contributions and a generous grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, we have been able to add accessible transit vehicles to our fleet. This has enabled us to retire unreliable and outdated vehicles and add 4 additional wheelchair spaces. With this added space, Elizabeth can enjoy an evening out to eat with her cottage mates, Rickey can go bowling and meet new friends in his community and Sondra can enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights that adorn the Toledo Zoo each year. Thank you for your gift to Luther Home of Mercy. You have opened doors to new possibilities and made life brighter for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

# Lutheran Ministries of Mercy Gifts

**Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Alexander**  
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## Gifts

April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

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**Mr. and Mrs. John E. Flick**  
North Ridgeville, OH

**Mrs. Jacqueline Frazier**  
Woodville, OH

**Genoa Bank**  
Genoa, OH

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Perrysburg, OH

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Edgerton, OH

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**St. Jerome Threads Ministry**  
Walbridge, OH

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Deshler, OH

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Montpelier, OH

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Oak Harbor, OH

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Rocky Ridge, OH

St. John Lutheran Church  
Stony Ridge, OH  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Williston, OH  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Fremont, OH  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Wapakoneta, OH  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Lima, OH  
St. Michael Lutheran Church  
Ottawa Lake, MI  
Mr. Robert Storer  
Holland, OH  
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Blissfield, MI  
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Perrysburg, OH  
Mrs. Dorothy J. Tebbe  
Fremont, OH  
TESCO  
Oregon, OH  
Toledo Community Foundation  
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Toledo, OH

Trinity Lutheran School  
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Sylvania, OH  
United Way of Greater Toledo  
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Pastor Blair Miller Zion Lutheran  
Church  
Gibsonburg, OH  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Luckey, OH  
Zion Lutheran Church\*  
Perrysburg, OH  
Zoar Lutheran Church\*  
Perrysburg, OH  
Ms. Elverda J. Zunk  
Perrysburg, OH

## When a Shirt is More than a Shirt...

**A**s you go about your day, have you ever noticed the variety of T-shirts that you pass? Often times they are as colorful as the people who wear them and provide a glimpse into the personality of each owner. A shirt can tell you a lot about a person—from what school teams they favor, what events they have been to and even what businesses they support.

Individuals who attend the Genesis Community Center (Northwood, OH) are ready to prepare your next customized T-shirt order. From logo wear to family reunion gear, no job is too large or small and they are happy to help bring your vision to life. When you place your next shirt order with Genesis you are helping individuals with developmental disabilities gain work skills and experience that they can use as a stepping stone to paid community employment. Working alongside Genesis staff, individuals help with shopping, sorting, prepping and preparing shirts for delivery. Clients take pride in their work while learning skills that boost confidence and teach teamwork. For more information about placing your next shirt order with Genesis, contact Kim Auxter, 567-249-4283, [kauxter@lutherhome.org](mailto:kauxter@lutherhome.org).



*Habilitation Specialist, Sharon Dean, and Jolene team up to complete an order of more than 350 shirts for our friends at Filling Home.*

## Join the New “Circle”



**W**e invite both new and occasional participants along with storied veterans of LHM to join our new Circle of Friends; an enthusiastic volunteer group focusing on building fellowship, contributing to the life of Luther Home and learning about happenings within our organization. Each bimonthly meeting involves a time for pizza and conversation followed by a brief meeting of upcoming events, updates and opportunities to become involved. A resident or client centered event is planned at the conclusion of each meeting offering the opportunity to stay and get to know some of the people we serve. Circle of Friends is open to LHM families, staff members, volunteers, clients and all individuals who are interested in getting involved or learning more about our organization. Bring a friend and join the fun! For more information about our next meeting, contact Mission Advancement Assistant, Arielle Semer, 419-972-4431, [asemer@lutherhome.org](mailto:asemer@lutherhome.org).



# Memorials

April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

**Sister Angelita Abair**  
Luther Home of Mercy  
Auxiliary  
Williston, OH

**Kenneth Anthony**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ruch  
Bowling Green, OH

**Lawrence and Anna Avers**  
Mr. Dale J. Avers  
Lucky, OH

**Kaye Blum**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Anthony Bruno**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L.  
Herm  
Palos Park, IL

**M. Earline Buehler**  
Mr. Robert G. Buehler  
Carleton, MI

**Patricia J. Buehler**  
Mr. Robert G. Buehler  
Carleton, MI

**Todd H. Buehler**  
Mr. Robert G. Buehler  
Carleton, MI

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burnard**  
Dr. and Mrs. S. James Zafirau  
Port Clinton, OH

**Dolores Coleman**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Michael V. Czerniak**  
Mrs. Dolores A. Czerniak  
Toledo, OH

**Janet Dauterman**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
Bockbrader  
Elmore, OH

**William and Edna Dombi**

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Collins  
Sylvania, OH

**Glenn Dunlap**  
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Green Springs, OH

**Hilda M.C. Fork**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul E.  
Meyerholtz  
Perrysburg, OH

**Audrey J. Freimark**  
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Nowak  
Graytown, OH

**Howard and Bertha Gahn**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A.  
Fishbaugh  
Green Springs, OH

**Howard Gerwin**  
Mr. Daryl W. Gerwin  
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ebbeskotte  
Chatfield, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Heinlen  
Bucyrus, OH

**LaVada Graening**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Jaeger  
Cincinnati, OH

**Lawrence and Edna Haack**  
Mrs. Myra Zaenger  
Holland, OH

**Rev. Fred and Dorothy Hagen**  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Eckardt  
Hot Springs, AR

**Alice Hanson**  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Women  
Williston, OH

**Harold Hill**  
Mrs. Lois A. Walters-Ebka  
Napoleon, OH

**Doris J. Hoesman**  
Mr. Kermit L. Hoesman  
Woodville, OH

**Martha Kamerer**  
Mr. Paul Kamerer  
Hartville, OH

**Mary Kieffer**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary C. Rhie  
Elmore, OH

**Mary Catherine and Elsie Kline**  
Mrs. Marjorie Wonderly  
Largo, FL

**Donna Leonhardt**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Richard Michael Lieber**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A.  
Sinn  
Norwalk, OH

**Ruth Light**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Susan Martens**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Irene Meder**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Conklin  
Sylvania, OH

**Charles "Red" Morfier, II**  
Mrs. Edith Morfier  
Bellevue, OH

**Carol Mullins**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

**Lowell Murray**  
Mrs. Rosann Murray  
Oregon, OH

**Ernest and Emma Ness**  
Mr. Robert H. Ness  
Gibbon, MN

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Mr. & Mrs. Roger R. Scheid  
Monroeville, OH

**Jennie M. Noble**  
Mr. Nelson E. Noble  
Gwynn Oak, MD

**Ursula Jane Nowak**  
Mr. Loren Nowak  
Elmore, OH

**Betty Palmer**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

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Oak Harbor, OH

**Susan Rasmussen**  
Mrs. Phyllis Rasmussen  
Fraser, MI

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St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Sulphur Springs, OH

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Mr. S. Dean Roberts  
Holland, OH

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Perrysburg, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Garner  
Elmore, OH  
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Port Clinton, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E.  
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Genoa, OH  
Mrs. Jeanette Hille  
Curtice, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Vasilis  
Karayannis  
Millbury, OH



*The Comets Come Marching In: This past Memorial Day marked the 70th visit by the Genoa Comets Marching Band to our Williston campus. Each year they stop by on their way to Memorial Day services at the Williston Cemetery. Residents look forward to hearing the music and feeling the beat. GO COMETS GO!*



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kusian  
Curtice, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schanke  
Graytown, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W.  
Scheanwald  
Curtice, OH  
Ms. Linda Voutsas  
Northwood, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wagoner  
Curtice, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Witt  
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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas  
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**Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zafirau**  
Dr. and Mrs. S. James Zafirau  
Port Clinton, OH



## Bequests

April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

**Arda Ortman Estate**  
Pemberville, OH

**Mrs. Anna Louise Witker Estate**  
Bradner, OH



## Honor Roll

April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

**George & Barb Beery's anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Beery  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Deborah Craze**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Craze  
Sterling Heights, MI  
**Mr. & Mrs. Jack Eisenhower's 60th Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. Dale J. Avers  
Lucky, OH  
Mrs. Dolores Schult  
Pemberville, OH  
**Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Fehr's 55th Wedding Anniversary**  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Women  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Cindy Kline's Help with Family Member**  
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Kohlman  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Joyce Koehler & Ed Shaffer's combined over 110 years of service to music ministry**  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Upper Sandusky, OH

**Mr. & Mrs Herman Kohlman's 65th Wedding Anniversary**  
St. John Lutheran Church  
Women  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Kathleen LaPlantz's Birthday**  
Mr. and Mrs. Larson Haines  
Holland, OH  
Mrs. Berniece LaPlantz  
Genoa, OH  
Mr. David LaPlantz  
Santa Fe, NM  
**Luther Home of Mercy Staff**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey  
Port Charlotte, FL  
**Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Nowak's 71st Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H.  
Nowak  
Graytown, OH  
**Phyllis Rasmussen's 91st Birthday**  
Mr. James D. Rasmussen  
Chesterfield, MI  
**Paul Reinke's 76th birthday**  
Mr. and Mrs. William K.

Dahmer  
Loveland, CO  
Mr. and Mrs. Randall G. Koch  
Sandusky, OH  
**Residents & Pen Pal's in Cottage 3**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell W. Evarts  
New Washington, OH  
**Jim & Toni Rybarczyk's 50th Wedding Anniversary**  
Ms. Kathryn Rowland  
Tucson, AZ  
**Mr. & Mrs. Dale Swartz's 70th Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Snyder  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Pastor Don Wukotich's Retirement**  
Apple Nutrition Consulting  
Oak Harbor, OH  
Mrs. Helen Elevick  
Salem, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Fabian  
Dayton, OH  
Mrs. Elaine Gruetter  
Curtice, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L.

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Williston, OH  
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Oak Harbor, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Nelson  
Perrysburg, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Reilly  
Westminster, MD  
Mrs. JoElaine Schimming  
Williston, OH  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fremont, OH  
**Michael Zweidinger**  
Ms. June Zweidinger  
North Ridgeville, OH





# Summer Fun!

Ah! Summer is finally here! Snow boots have been replaced with flip flops and winter coats are tucked away as we sport our favorite pair of sunglasses. Summer is a time to relax, enjoy the beautiful sunshine and make memories with those we hold dear. Many of the residents and clients who are served by LHM Ministries are taking vacations, enjoying day trips throughout their communities and exploring new learning opportunities. While the sunshine will soon fade as we transition to autumn, the treasured memories of new experiences and fellowship with friends will last a lifetime.



*Rooting for the home team! Genesis Community Center clients enjoy an afternoon at the Mud Hens ballpark.*



*Helen takes delight in the sound of her new bell while biking through the Williston campus.*



*The Jerusalem Township Fire Department provides an exciting adventure for participants of the Emmaus Community Center.*



*A picnic supper at the park and a stroll along the Maumee River are the perfect ending to a summer day.*



**Saturday,  
November 4th, 2017  
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

## Scrapbooking Crop Fun-raiser!

benefiting Luther Home of Mercy

Location: Luther Home of Mercy Habilitation Center Gymnasium  
5810 N. Main Street, Williston, OH 43468

\$35.00 Full Day (or \$25.00 for only a portion of the day)  
Includes 4 ft. of table space, breakfast, lunch & dinner  
with more fun being planned!

Register & pay online at [lutherhome.org](http://lutherhome.org)

Contact Megan O'Brien with questions:  
419-972-4436, [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org)

Need More space?  
Get your own 8 ft. table for  
\$10 extra



*Sunshine broke through pouring rain just after the start of the  
21st Annual Four Lutheran Agencies Golf Outing.  
Adventuresome golfers in soggy shoes were not deterred  
as they played to raise much needed funds to benefit the ministries  
of Luther Home of Mercy, Lutheran Social Services of NW Ohio,  
Filling Home and Genacross Lutheran Services.*



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*Luther Home of Mercy is an ICF/DD (Intermediate Care Facility  
for Developmentally Disabled) — the main campus is located in  
Williston and Community Ministry serves  
clients in four NW Ohio counties.*



*The therapy horses from Serenity Farm are a welcome favorite of LHM residents. Mini horses, Thunder and Sunny, captivate with their gentle nature on a stroll around the gymnasium track.*