



# Echoes of Mercy

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## Looking Back, Looking Forward

I was looking back over forty-some years, sorting through records, letters, photos; and pausing frequently to reflect on memories. They were good years, every one. Not everything went well, of course. A couple of challenges turned out to be a foot taller than expected; and I found myself wishing for more wisdom, talent and time to make things right. Most of the memories, however, remain rich and satisfying.

While packing books away, I came to one my mother had found at MacMillan's Book Store (*E. State Street, Salem, Ohio, Est. 1850*). Mom was careful with spending; but the title, "*Lincoln's Devotional*," caught her interest. This, she told the clerk, was to be a special gift for her son who was going off to the seminary.

The book is a reproduction of a tiny devotional published by The Religious Tract Society, London, 1852; and officially titled "*The*

*Believer's Daily Treasure*." Folks from Salem would find it hard to believe that MacMillan's would not have a first edition; but, in fact, the only original known to exist belonged to Abraham Lincoln. On occasion, those close to Lincoln would observe him reading from this little "pocket testament."

*The Believer's Daily Treasure* features a passage of scripture for every day of the year, followed by a reflective verse of prose. I like to look at the day before me, but sometimes wander to passages assigned to other days—often finding there a word of direction, encouragement or truth. Words found yesterday were especially meaningful:

*Thou shalt remember all the way  
which the Lord thy God led thee  
these forty years...*

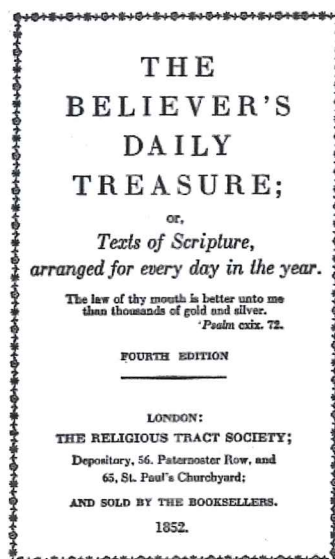
*To humble thee, and to prove thee,  
to know what was in thine heart,  
Whether thou wouldst keep his  
commandments. Deut. Viii. 2*

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*Thus far the Lord has led me on,  
And made his truth and  
mercy known;  
And while I tread this desert land,  
New mercies shall new songs  
demand.*

Go with me here for just a bit; for we have traveled together. We have experienced excitement, enthusiasm, discovery, joys and sorrows. Tested by events, we have spent time being lost, humbled and hopeful. Together we have felt the hand of God leading us to truth. And together, we look forward to new mercies and new songs.

— Pastor Don



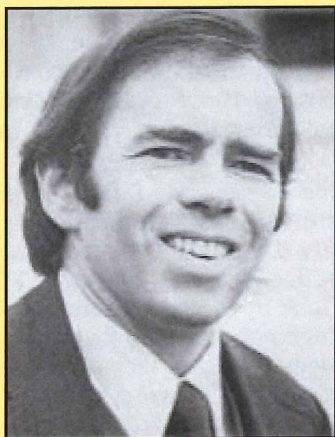


# *"Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!"*

*- Matthew 25:23*



First arriving to Luther Home in 1986 Pastor Don recalls, "I thought I might be here for 5 or 6 years". Never wavering, his career has spanned the last 31 years...a career marked with kindness, dedication and commitment. To all that know Pastor Don, he is appreciated for his ability to weave scripture, song and story into his leadership; sometimes humorous, other times sad; yet always inspiring. Don has enriched the LHM ministry beyond words, been a source of inspiration and wisdom for our partners in ministry and is a guiding light for all those in service to others. With sincere gratitude for his service and extraordinary gifts, we extend best wishes to Pastor Don and his wife, Dee, as he transitions to retirement.



*Arriving to the  
Luther Home  
Ministry  
in 1986*



*Listening,  
caring,  
and truly  
loving*



*Learning  
and teaching,  
guiding with  
grace*





# President and Chief Executive Officer Named

Following an extensive search process, which began in November of 2016, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy (LMM) has selected its next President. At a special meeting held on April 3, 2017, the LMM Board unanimously supported the recommendation of its Executive Committee, naming Terri Rodriguez to succeed Pastor Don Wukotich as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy. Terri assumed these duties, effective May 1st, 2017.



Terri has served Luther Home of Mercy in various leadership roles for more than two decades—most recently as Vice President, responsible for overall management of the entire LHM program. Embracing Luther Home's core values, she has consistently advocated for the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, participating in local, state and national consortiums.

Terri received her graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Toledo. A Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, Terri also holds undergraduate degrees in human services, law enforcement and social work.

An Ohio native, Terri resides in Sylvania, Ohio with her husband, Arnulfo and daughter, Maria.

## LMM Annual Meeting Highlights: Shine Jesus Shine

The Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg, Ohio was the gathering spot for this year's annual meeting of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy. LHM residents and clients were on hand to greet over 200 attendees, man agency displays, and lead the group in song. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Bishop of the Northwest Ohio ELCA joined the meeting to share his message of "letting our light shine" for Christ in the work we do.

Delegates from the Association of Congregation churches elected Board Members including Mr. Steven Graf, Mrs. Janet Meyer, Mr. Milton Pommerantz, Pastor David Proctor, Mr. Steven Westrick and Pastor Rita Bair. In addition Pastor Al Baumann, Mr. Richard Chase and Pastor Jeffrey Corder were elected to the Lutheran Social Services Foundation.

Retiring President and C.E.O., Rev. Donald Wukotich, was honored for his 31 years in ministry through the establishment of a scholarship fund. The Donald

L. Wukotich Scholarship fund will be open to all employees of LMM affiliates: Lutheran Social Services, Filling Home and Luther Home who are working to further their education in the caring fields. Should you be interested in honoring Pastor Don through a contribution to this fund please mark this in the memo portion of your check.



## A Celebration of Ministry



Families, friends, volunteers and all those who share an interest in the work of Luther Home of Mercy are invited to the annual LHM Fall Fest. On Sunday, September 17th, the celebration begins at 2:30 pm with an outdoor worship service under the tent. Rev. Donald Wukotich, our Executive Director Emeritus, will be the guest speaker. Following the service, festivities continue with activities and games, photo booths, a bake and craft sale featuring the works of residents and clients, a petting zoo, music, and a picnic dinner.

We hope you will set aside some time to visit with those we serve and all who make such wonderful care possible!



# LHM SUPERHERO

**E**ach year at Luther Home of Mercy we set aside a special time to celebrate the many gifts staff members bring to their work with residents and clients. LHM's "Spirit Week", this year with a superhero theme, provides an opportunity to thank and recognize all those who make the commitment of service to those in our care. Many special activities are planned, from a parade, washing cars, to cookouts, even epic bingo with a soup-er dinner.

Nothing is greater though, than appreciating the dedication and caring spirit of those who put heart and soul into their work at LHM. The uniqueness of every staff member brings richness and diversity to the special places our residents and clients call home.

In 2017 we are especially pleased to recognize those staff celebrating milestone anniversaries:

**55 YEARS**



**Jean Witt**  
Director of  
Business Office Services

**40 YEARS**

**Sharon Dietrich**  
Nursing  
**Jodi Espinosa**  
Program Services  
**Carol Purney**  
Central Supply  
**Karen Shaffer**  
Executive Secretary  
**Debra Wilburn**  
Nursing

**30 YEARS**

**Cheryl Briggie**  
Transportation  
**Toni Fletcher**  
Direct Care  
**Susan Schuster**  
Laundry  
**Patricia Shank**  
Day Programming

**25 YEARS**

**Nancy Chalfin**  
Day Programming  
**Carolyn George**  
Housekeeping  
**Juanita Lauffer**  
Direct Care  
**Terri Rodriguez**  
President and C.E.O.

**20 YEARS**

**Tammy Diebert, Direct Care**      **Tara Kopp, Dietary**








**Melissa Anderson**  
Occupational  
Therapy      **Heather Mildon**  
Day  
Programming      **Marlene Moll**  
Cottage  
Supervisor      **Jill Scaggs**  
Activities      **Barbara Turner**  
Hab Specialist      **Albert White**  
Direct Care



# HERO STAFF!

## 15 YEARS

Krystle Barrett.....Direct Care  
 Brenda Hartford.....Direct Care  
 Toni Hoffman.....Supported Living  
 Ebony Michael.....Supported Living  
 Sarah Oden.....Supported Living  
 Lori Purney.....Nursing  
 Christine Rucki.....Supported Living  
 Kim Scaggs.....Hab Specialist  
 Thomas Shinaver.....Driver  
 Kelley Snyder.....Day Hab Supervisor

## 10 YEARS

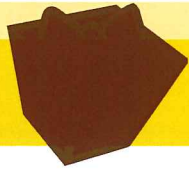
Linda Barker.....Janitorial/Lawn Crew Enclaves  
 Christina Clark.....Hab Specialist  
 Delores Dula.....Direct Care  
 Sheridan Ellis.....Supported Living  
 Whitney Fredrick.....Direct Care  
 Michelle Holmes.....Supported Living  
 Dawn Keith.....Supported Living  
 Nino Lanza.....Shredding Assistant  
 Ronald Ohm.....Janitorial  
 Chickita Parker.....Direct Care  
 Trina Richie.....Nursing  
 Kimberly Rost.....Direct Care  
 Thad Stroble.....Dietary Manager  
 Charlotte Wheaton.....Supported Living  
 Amanda Zunk.....Outreach Team Leader

## 5 YEARS

Melody Anderson.....Supported Living  
 Shavonna Baker.....Direct Care  
 Neil Bower.....Maintenance  
 Gloria Cade.....Supported Living  
 Lynn Calmes.....Nursing  
 Tiaria Cleveland.....Outreach Team Leader  
 Dale Coffman.....Shredding Assistant  
 Joy Cook.....Nursing  
 Carol Gibson.....Supported Living  
 Haley Gittus.....Nursing  
 Autumn Goings.....Supported Living  
 Resa Hastings.....Outreach Scheduler  
 Lavetta Hatch.....Nursing  
 Nichole Holt.....Vending Machine Enclave  
 Kathleen Huston.....Hab Specialist  
 Whitney Kingsborough.....Nursing  
 Nataisha Lipkins.....Supported Living  
 Kevin Ludwig.....Supported Living  
 Regina Martin.....Supported Living  
 Lynn Mason.....Supported Living  
 Ladonna Miller.....Supported Living  
 Catherine Mills.....Direct Care  
 Christina Moffit.....Nursing  
 Shauntae Neal.....Direct Care  
 Megan O'Brien ....Mission Advancement Coordinator  
 Marisha Peace.....Outreach Team Leader  
 Ronald Robinson.....Driver  
 Anthony Sutter.....Driver  
 Cleah Tack.....Supported Living  
 Zakiyyah Triplett.....Direct Care  
 Antoinette Ware.....Nursing  
 Lucy Witt.....Direct Care  
 Jennifer Wolf.....Nursing  
 Jason Wolfe.....Vending Machine Enclave







# Gifts

January 14, 2017 – April 8, 2017

**Advent Lutheran Church**  
Uniontown, OH  
**African Safari Wildlife Park**  
Port Clinton, OH  
**Ms. Deborah Amborski**  
Oregon, OH  
**Ms. Judith Ann Anzelmo**  
Columbus, OH  
**Augsburg Lutheran Church**  
Toledo, OH  
**Mr. Dale J. Avers**  
Luckey, OH  
**Mr. Jeffrey Barnes**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bauman**  
Findlay, OH  
**Mrs. Carole Beamer**  
Martin, OH  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women**  
Attica, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Billow**  
Toledo, OH  
**Mr. John O. Bossart**  
Sandusky, OH  
**Mr. Richard H. Bosse**  
Millbury, OH  
**Mrs. Loretta J. Bruns**  
Luckey, OH  
**Ms. Rita A. Busdeker**  
Trenton, MI  
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Chase**  
Maumee, OH  
**Mr. James R. Coldren**  
Toledo, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Craze**  
Sterling Heights, MI  
**Mr. Thomas R. Duris**  
Lambertville, MI  
**Mrs. Helen M. Eby**  
Norwalk, OH  
**First English Lutheran Church**  
Gibsonburg, OH  
**First Lutheran Church Women**  
Upper Sandusky, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. David H. Gerwin**  
Gibsonburg, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gnepper**  
Williston, OH  
**Mr. Charles Gundlach**  
Sandusky, OH  
**Mr. John F. Heminger**  
Genoa, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hetrick**  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Mrs. Ruth Hill**  
Van Wert, OH  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hofacker**

Massillon, OH  
**Dr. and Mrs. Merlin H. Hoops**  
Reynoldsburg, OH  
**Hope Lutheran Sunday School**  
Bowling Green, OH  
**Mr. Michael House**  
Curtice, OH  
**Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Iehle**  
Sandusky, OH  
**Pastor Robert Johnson**  
Stony Ridge, OH  
**Mrs. Dorothy Konst**  
Bellevue, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kruse**  
Woodville, OH  
**Lutheran Church of The Master**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Ms. Beverly Mackey**  
Port Clinton, OH  
**Mrs. Helen M. Martaus**  
Toledo, OH  
**Maumee Bay Resort & Conf. Ctr.**  
Oregon, OH  
**Mr. Jonathan Milbrodt**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Mrs. Mary Jane Miller**  
Sandusky, OH  
**Ms. Kathy Morfier**  
Bellevue, OH  
**Ms. Ruth Morgan**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Olivet Lutheran Church**  
Sylvania, OH  
**Mr. Randy L. Patrick**  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peper**  
Liberty Center, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. David Pfisterer**  
Findlay, OH  
**Mrs. Judith Pflieger**  
Sandusky, OH  
**PNC Bank**  
Toledo, OH  
**Mrs. Virginia C. Podolny**  
Cleveland, OH  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
Oregon, OH  
**Rev. David D. Proctor**  
Bryan, OH  
**Mrs. Phyllis Rasmussen**  
Fraser, MI  
**Mr. and Mrs. David I. Roberts**  
Holland, OH  
**Mrs. Estella M. Roberts**  
Helena, OH  
**Mr. Kyle D. Ruff**

Marysville, MI  
**Mrs. Margaret San Gregory**  
Bellevue, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Schneider**  
Lima, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sevits**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Christine Siefert Trust**  
Cleveland, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Siek**  
Pemberville, OH  
**Ms. Sandee Sledd**  
Doraville, GA  
**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith**  
Toledo, OH  
**Solomon Lutheran Church**  
Woodville, OH  
**Mr. Norbert C. Sonnenberg**  
Archbold, OH  
**Mrs. Margene Spring**  
Oregon, OH  
**St. Jerome Threads Ministry**  
Walbridge, OH  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Stony Ridge, OH  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Toledo, OH  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Williston, OH  
**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
Temperance, MI  
**St. Mark Lutheran Church**  
Wapakoneta, OH  
**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
Ottawa Lake, MI  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Blissfield, MI  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Bowling Green, OH  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Jenera, OH  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Prospect, OH  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Sulphur Springs, OH  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church**  
Saint Clair, MI  
**St. Petri Lutheran Church**  
Toledo, OH  
**Mrs. Velma L. Sundermeyer**  
Sylvania, OH  
**Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Textor, Jr.**  
Curtice, OH  
**Thrivent Choice**  
Minneapolis, MN  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Sandusky, OH  
**United Way of Greater Toledo**  
Toledo, OH  
**Rev. Andrew W. Wilch, Jr.**  
Gahanna, OH  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
Gibsonburg, OH  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
LaFayette, OH  
**Zion Lutheran Church Women**  
Luckey, OH  
**Zion Lutheran Church Women**  
Perrysburg, OH  
**Zoar Lutheran Church**  
Perrysburg, OH

*Staff member, Niesha Armstead and her daughter share a craft-making session at the April Easter celebration. Residents and clients, staff, and family members searched for more than 900 treat-filled eggs and enjoyed a visit from the Easter bunny.*





# Our Giving Valleys

## ***Maybe You Forgot...***

However large or small, every act of kindness is important.

A small act of kindness...something ordinary and common...something that might have happened only once and long ago could make such a difference to another person. In Matthew's Gospel, faithful servants of God were astounded to discover that anyone had noticed; for they could not even remember their acts of kindness ("When, Lord, did we do these things?").

A larger, more comprehensive act of kindness...something uncommon and out of the ordinary...something which might have seemed almost too big – too involved, costly, frightening or troublesome – could be the only hope for someone in critical need. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells of an act of kindness provided to a certain man who was met by thieves on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. It was a well traveled road, but no one stopped to help until a Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion. He went to the injured man, dressed his wounds, transported him to an inn, arranged for room, board and continuing care. To Jesus, the Samaritan traveler was a good neighbor.

Today's good neighbors emulate the example provided by the Good Samaritan: by responding courageously when others turn away; by providing

*With this little kindness...you keep me warm, give me comfort, dry my tears, help me build a fort, bring color to my life, and even catch the popcorn I drop. With this little gift...you show me you care. Thank you to all those who now, and throughout our 89 year history, have crafted blankets and lap robes for residents and clients.*



immediate and vitally necessary help; by thoughtfully carrying through with "next-step" assistance; by providing a continuing relationship to assure response as long as there is need.

Maybe you forgot when you did all these things, but the Lord has not forgotten. Every act of kindness is important.

— Pastor Don Wukotich



***Volunteers from St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge contribute their efforts to LHM's Earth Day clean-up. Along with members of St. John Lutheran Church in Williston, this energetic twenty-eight member crew raked, weeded, mulched and made campus a more beautiful place for residents.***





# Memorials

January 14, 2017 – April 8, 2017

## Mary E. Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Genzman  
Oak Harbor, OH

## Ruth Aring

Zion Lutheran Church Women  
Lucky, OH

## Lucile Atkinson

Ms. Yvonne Hammer  
Fremont, OH

## Norman E. Atkinson

Ms. Yvonne Hammer  
Fremont, OH

## Norman Avers

Mrs. Doris M. Avers  
Woodville, OH

## Louise Baumgartner

Mr. Frank G. Baumgartner  
Whitehouse, OH

## Stan Beck

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Nowak  
Graytown, OH

## Carl Bensch

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arndt & Family  
Oak Harbor, OH  
Mrs. Doris M. Avers  
Woodville, OH  
Ms. Nancy A. Bolton-Berry  
Mary McNutt & Family  
Oak Harbor, OH  
Mrs. Evelyn Farrow  
Fremont, OH

Mrs. Jeanne Haar  
Elmore, OH

Mr. Barry Hall and Ms. Judith Meyer-Hall

Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. Robert Harris

Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Hartman

Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Norm Jimison

Salem, SC

Mr. Robert Leutz

Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ottney  
Martin, OH

Mrs. Marilyn Sandwisch

Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Snyder

Perrysburg, OH

Mr. Doyle Sommer  
Oregon, OH

## Harold Boehler

Mr. Fred Johlin  
Woodville, OH

## Mr. & Mrs. Dale Crozier

Mr. James P. Crozier  
Woodville, OH

## Hattie Crozier

Mr. James P. Crozier  
Woodville, OH

## Walden "Bud" Damschroder

Mrs. Mary A. Damschroder  
Perrysburg, OH

## Richard Eckermann

Mrs. Carol L. Eckermann

## Mr. Pat Florio

Mrs. Bernadine Florio  
Elmore, OH

## Mr. & Mrs. Lester Friemark

Mr. James P. Crozier  
Woodville, OH

## Mere E. Girkins

Mrs. DeLores L. Kleine  
Lucky, OH

## Dorothy Hagen

Mr. Gary F. Gleason  
Minneapolis, MN  
Miss Marie Hagen  
Northfield, MN  
Mr. & Mrs. David P. Kennedy  
Farmington, MN

## Lois Helle

St. John Lutheran Church  
Women  
Williston, OH

## Betty Henline

Mr. Luther Henline  
Pemberville, OH

## William Herl

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Nowak  
Graytown, OH

## Lois Hoeft

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bockbrader  
Elmore, OH

## Doris J. Hoesman

Mr. Kermit L. Hoesman  
Woodville, OH

## Carol Hundsruker

Mrs. Louise Laine  
Perrysburg, OH

## Herbert Israel

Mr. David M. Rinderknecht  
Upper Sandusky, OH

## David Joehlin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Joehlin  
Oregon, OH

## Martha Johnson

Mr. Melvin C. Johnson  
Bowling Green, OH

## Mary Kieffer

Elmore Medical Associates, Inc.  
Elmore, OH  
Ms. Eleanor E. Kuehn  
Toledo, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Blair D. Miller  
Elmore, OH  
Ms. Kathryn L. Miller  
Oregon, OH  
Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Raglow  
Walbridge, OH

Ms. Anna Wasylshyn  
Perrysburg, OH

## Al & Clarissa Knappe

Mrs. Doris M. Avers  
Woodville, OH

## Regina Kulow

Mr. James Rybarczyk  
Maumee, OH

## Donna Leonard

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips  
Curtice, OH

## Nancy Looby

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Emmelhainz  
Galloway, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Emmelhainz  
Galloway, OH

## Helen Loverich

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Upper Sandusky, OH

## Paul Edward Martaus

Ms. Cecilia Martaus  
Alexandria, VA

## Norene & Merritt Moore

Ms. Nancy A. Taylor  
Toledo, OH

## Roy Moritz

Mr. Fred Johlin  
Woodville, OH

## Ernest & Emma Ness

Mr. Robert H. Ness  
Gibbon, MN

## Gary Osburn

Mrs. Maybelle Osburn  
Sylvania, OH

## Kathryn L. Price

Mr. Gaillard A. Bach  
Elmore, OH

## Lowell & Lucille Ross

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Duseberg  
Mountain Home, AR

## Ireta Ruth

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Women  
Upper Sandusky, OH

## Forest H. Sabin

Mrs. Mary Ellen Buckley  
Curtice, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bunte  
Holland, OH  
Mrs. Geraldine Bunte  
Perrysburg, OH  
Ms. Beverly A. Kennedy  
Millbury, OH  
Ms. Jeriyn Podany  
Cedar Hill, TX



More than 40 residents and clients submitted original works of art for a contest organized by Lori Butts-Vogelbacher, the Site Manager at Portage Trails Day Program. A team of 10 judges rendered their votes in categories such as mixed media, strongest emotion and true realism. Congratulations to contest winners: Hart, Deb L., Deb M., Krissy, Janelle, David S. and Ron.



St. John Lutheran Church  
Women  
Williston, OH  
**Kathryn Sanders**  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hattan  
Port Clinton, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert R.  
Heineman  
Woodville, OH  
Mr. John Hoesman  
Woodville, OH  
**Mrs. Mary E. Meyer**  
Pemberville, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Paul  
Woodville, OH  
Ms. Susan Sandrock  
Elmore, OH  
Mr. John W. Walker  
Fremont, OH  
**Karen Sandrock**  
Mrs. Ruth McMaster  
Genoa, OH

**Marvin & Edith Sandrock**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller  
Haverhill, MA  
**Fred Schneiderbauer**  
Mrs. Norma Schneiderbauer  
Toledo, OH  
**James E. Sheahan**  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Sheahan  
Curtice, OH  
**Rev. Dave Shugert**  
Mr. and Mrs. Uve L. Schuettler  
Manassas Park, VA  
**William H. & Louise C. Smith**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl F.  
Hagemeyer  
Wayne, OH  
**Margaret Snyder**  
Zion Lutheran Church Women  
Lucky, OH

**Janet M. Stone**  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hofacker  
Massillon, OH  
**Carol Taylor**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Beery,  
Jr.  
Bellevue, OH  
**Lloyd L. Tea**  
Ms. Sandra Gray  
Clyde, OH  
Ms. Carol Hildebrandt  
Bellevue, OH  
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Hofelich  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rogers  
Fremont, OH  
Ms. Charlene A. Snyder  
Fremont, OH  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Steager  
Vickery, OH

**Nelson Valentine**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Escareno  
Northwood, OH  
**Donald & Elnora Vorwerk**  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Storm,  
Jr.  
Dundee, IL  
**Earl & Harmon Wegman**  
Mrs. Margie A. Wegman  
Oak Harbor, OH  
**Ann Wengert**  
Zion Lutheran Church Women  
Lucky, OH  
**David Young**  
Mrs. Mary E. Berryman  
Fremont, OH



## Bequests

January 14, 2017 – April 8, 2017

The Kathleen and F. Lee Lichtenfels Foundation  
Lima, OH

## Honor Roll

January 14, 2017 – April 8, 2017

**Great Grandchildren,  
Owen & Audrey Tank**  
Mrs. Frances Wilson  
Holland, OH

**Regina Kulow**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Borgia  
Toledo, OH

**Tony Lompis**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Borgia  
Toledo, OH

**Military Men & Women**  
Mr. Daryl W. Gerwin  
Santa Cruz, CA

**Kathleen Miller's 90th  
Birthday**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Hagemeyer  
Wayne, OH

**Norma Reif's 90th Birthday**  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard  
Lewandowski  
Dayton, OH

**Terri Rodriguez**  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Borgia  
Toledo, OH

**Jim & Toni Rybarczyk's 50th  
Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. Anthony Lompis  
Northwood, OH

**Rev. Donald Wukotich's  
Retirement**  
Rev. and Mrs. Kirk Havel  
Gladwin, MI  
Mr. William K. Montague  
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# The Many Faces of Employment

**I**n March of 2012 Governor John Kasich signed an Executive order authorizing the Employment First initiative in the state of Ohio. In doing so, Ohio joined several other states in supporting a shift within the developmental disabilities community; a shift to a culture that recognizes and embraces the contributions of people with developmental disabilities in the workplace.

Since that time, Ohio has worked to foster increased employment opportunities of all types for adults with developmental disabilities with the belief that every person should have the opportunity to pursue employment in the form they choose. State budget initiatives have supported employment transformation through carefully crafted employment supports and services.

At Luther Home we work to assist those we serve to fully utilize their strengths and talents when seeking jobs that match their skills. For some people, this may mean fully integrated competitive employment. Jay and Carolyn both work in the community and each works in a restaurant setting. For Jay, a long-term employee, his work enables him to more fully participate in his community where he knows and interacts with scores of friends and neighbors. Carolyn is working toward greater economic freedom and while she might tell you this isn't her dream job, she will also tell you she is no longer afraid to apply for work or interact with co-workers. Carolyn's next goal....dream job!

Other clients find meaningful employment in work enclaves such as landscaping, cleaning crews and vending machine sales. These mobile crews are supervised by an LHM staff member as they travel to area businesses to complete their work. Here they are valued for their high quality and efficient work while earning competitive wages.

Many residents and clients take advantage of the more traditional "sheltered employment" opportunities at Riverview Industries, LHM day programs, and Northwest day program. These center-based activities, such as arts and craft sales, packaging, and light assembly jobs enable participants to take pride in their efforts and resulting paychecks. Their work is important and appreciated and is a key to increased feelings of self-worth.

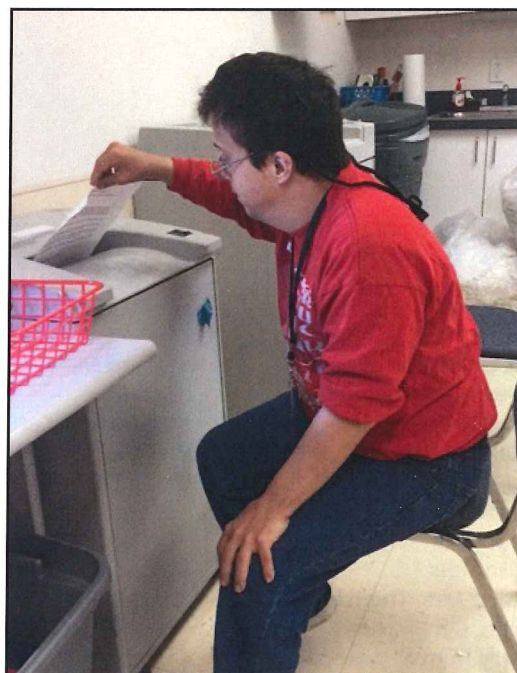
The increasing scope of employment opportunities for those we serve takes many forms as we work to fully embrace Ohio's Employment First initiative. Now, more than ever before, LHM residents and clients are finding respect in positions where they feel personal fulfillment and experience an increased quality of life. If you would like to learn more about LHM employment services, or are interested as an employer, please contact Shelly Coker, LHM's Director of Community Habilitation Services at: [scoker@lutherhome.org](mailto:scoker@lutherhome.org).



*2017 is Linda's tenth year of employment on LHM's cleaning and lawn crews.*



*Donna sorts and packages manufacturing components at Riverview Industries*



*Nino completes shredding which is then donated to the Toledo Zoo for bedding in the gorilla and orangutan enclosures.*



# Save The Date for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

This year the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has designated September 10th as “Gods Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. On this day all ELCA members are called to put their faith into action by engaging in a service activity in their neighborhood or surrounding community.

It is just amazing what can be accomplished in a few hours when many caring hands come together. In past years Luther Home has appreciated the volunteer efforts of many area congregations and individuals. Again this year we have a variety of service opportunities available: for individuals; and both small and large groups. Every effort counts and every hour spent helps those entrusted to our care. We encourage you to contact Megan O’Brien, LHM’s Coordinator of Mission Advancement, to explore ways you and your congregation can be involved at 419-972-4436 or [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org).



*Take this opportunity to share your passion to help others and make a positive change.  
Volunteer on September 10th!*



## Lutheran Men in Mission Walk the Mackinac Bridge

Lutheran Men in Mission are taking another step toward their continued goal of supporting the important work of Luther Home, Filling Home and Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio. This Labor Day a small band of NW Ohio members, along with families, friends and volunteers will make the annual trek across the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Each year their journey gathers support from churches and individual donors who aid them in this fundraising effort.

We invite you to take a step in the right direction and join us, either as a walker or a sponsor, for this unique and fun event. To learn more, please contact Richard Noll at [ranoll47@gmail.com](mailto:ranoll47@gmail.com) or visit us on-line at [www.lutherhome.org](http://www.lutherhome.org).

## It’s Tee Time!

*Calling all golfers...two great golf outings, one great purpose!*

*Please join us for the Luther Home of Mercy Golf Scramble and the Four Agency Golf Scramble this year.*

**The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, August 11th** at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, Ohio. With a shotgun start at 8 a.m., golfers will enjoy 18 holes on the scenic course followed by lunch under the tent at the park lodge. Registration information is available on the LHM website or by contacting [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org).

**The Four Agency Golf Scramble** also benefits LHM as well as Filling Home, Lutheran Social Services and Genacross Lutheran Services. Enjoy this year’s event, complete with lunch, on June 23rd at Stone Ridge Golf Course in Bowling Green, Ohio. Please contact Joyce Willier for registration information at [JWillier@lssnwo.org](mailto:JWillier@lssnwo.org).





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