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Help us spread
*Comfort
& Joy!*
this holiday season

Luther Home of Mercy is a Lutheran Ministries of Mercy Affiliate



With Trust In the Lord, The Work Began...

All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio is a favorite meeting place for social ministry staff from across the state. Centrally located and within a fair driving distance for all, we often come together here to share the news of our agencies workings, meet on special issues and attend educational conferences. It was at All Saints, several years ago that agency staff and Board members, while on a break from the day's teachings, gathered for a cup of coffee and began an impromptu discussion how we could better work together. Some of the forces driving this conversation included shared experiences with the increasing cost of administrative services, rising employee benefit costs and lack of qualified staff... all working to impede our ability to grow services to those in need.

Filling Home and Luther Home of Mercy advanced these conversations and took the bold step in 2013 to become formally affiliated through the creation of Lutheran Ministries of Mercy. In 2015, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio voted to become the third member of this fledgling group. The charge was clear...to embrace the benefits of working together. Today, as formal partners in ministry, our efforts are advancing and outcomes are promising.

Leadership and staff have spent time encouraging collaborative thinking within our agencies, learning from one another, sharing expertise and discovering best practices. Among accomplishments, to date, have been the centralization of Information Technology Services, shared administrative and technical staff, consolidation of insurance and audit costs, joint marketing and fund raising efforts, alignment of Fiscal Services and shared service locations. Administrative costs have been reduced and programs are evolving and expanding. Working toward a common vision, Lutheran Ministries of Mercy affiliates have begun to experience the benefit of administrative and programmatic collaboration.

With trust in the Lord, 2018 will provide continued opportunities for this important collaboration. We appreciate and are thankful for those who support this work and are blessed by your gifts, prayers and continued commitment to ministry.

From everyone here at Lutheran Ministries of Mercy, we wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

— Terri Rodriguez, C.E.O.



Upon the founding of LHM, Lillian Schleicher wrote, "With trust in the Lord, the work will begin".



Mission Statement

"We are a ministry Enriching Lives and Individual Abilities"

In order to carry out this mission

LHM is committed to the following values:

Faithfulness-LHM expresses its faithfulness to religious values and family through a ministry of service to others.

Stewardship-We practice responsible stewardship of resources available to us and strive for the highest standards of accountability.

Ethical Behavior-Luther Home of Mercy is compassionate, caring and loving while providing services based on professional and ethical standards.

Integrity-LHM is committed to carrying out our professional responsibilities in a manner consistent with our training and experience.

Diversity-We recognize and respect the uniqueness of every individual-resident, client, staff and visitors to our programs.

♥ Serving from the Heart ♥

A career as a direct care provider is not without its challenges. This kind of work can be physically exhausting and mentally demanding but also abundantly rewarding to those who are called to serve. Working so closely with one another, strong bonds are formed between care providers and residents who often share in each others' personal struggles and provide mutual smiles and hugs on days when they are needed most.

For Direct Care Staff member Tonya Brecht, a 17 year veteran of the LHM ministry, the day she needed the love and support of her LHM family came in March of 2016 with a diagnosis of stage 3 cancer. Residents soon sensed something was wrong and although Linda, a Cottage 6B resident, is unable to communicate verbally she understands and was deeply concerned. "I cried to her," remembers Tonya and as a result, they cried together.

For the next year Tonya fought her battle with cancer but keeping connected to Linda and her co-workers remained high priorities. Throughout it all, Tonya's Luther Home family was there to lend support, provide a shoulder, and even a bit of humor.

This past spring Tonya returned to Luther Home and is proud to say that she is Cancer Free! "Coming to work means I'm coming home," expresses Tonya who says that enduring cancer has given her more sympathy for the daily struggles that the residents face. "Mentally I needed to come back; I needed that love again; I needed to be needed," she shares.

Tonya recently had the opportunity to tell cancer that she was putting it out of her life through participation in the Victory Center's Over the Edge fundraiser. Tonya rappelled down 16 stories of the Toledo Edison building in downtown Toledo with her dear friend, Linda, waiting at the bottom to cheer her on. "Seeing Linda wave from 250 feet was more exciting than what I got to do," recalls Tonya, "It was so important to me that Linda be there."

The special bond that Tonya and Linda have formed is so true to the LHM mission and ministry where residents often become extensions of family. "The residents are my family," shares Tonya, "I am their voice and I will go Over the Edge for them."



Linda & Tonya support each other through all of life's ups and downs

Come Let Us Adore Him!

Please join us on Sunday, December 17th, at 2:30 pm as we gather on campus in the LHM gym for our traditional Christmas worship service. Residents, staff, families and friends are encouraged to join in the joy of the season as our residents portray the Christmas story.



Make a Difference this #Giving Tuesday!

On November 28, 2017, we invite you to join us for #GivingTuesday. Held each year the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday is recognized as a global day of philanthropy at a time when Black Friday and Cyber Monday are focused on holiday shopping. Across 38 countries, scores of donors will kick off the season by focusing on charitable and year-end giving to their favorite causes. Locally, the Toledo Community Foundation is offering a \$500 matching grants program to nonprofits who participate.

At Luther Home, we have set a big goal for November 28...\$17,000. All #GivingTuesday contributions will be used to purchase new floor lifts and bathing chairs. This need is crucial to ensure the safety of

our employees and those entrusted to our care.

Contributions can be made online by selecting the "Donate" button prominently displayed on our website, lutherhome.org. Cash offerings are also welcome... checks should be dated November 28 with "GivingTuesday" written on the memo line. Additionally, when you dine at any of 15 Toledo area Bob Evans Restaurants on November 28, they will

donate 15% of your check to LHM when you turn in the flyer below. Extra fliers can be found on our website at lutherhome.org. With your help, we can continue to maintain our high standards as a safe place to live, work and play!



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November 28, 2017



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MAKE A
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**GivingTuesday
Luther Home of Mercy**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Open - Close**

Bob Evans will donate 15% of your check* when you present this flyer during checkout at these locations:

**Toledo Area Restaurants
Including Bowling Green, Findlay,
Fostoria, Perrysburg, Tiffin**

(7, 8, 30, 36, 93, 116, 170, 182, 235, 367, 411, 540, 2006, 2010, 2042)

**Flyer must be presented at time of checkout.*

Our Giving Valleys: Giving Relationships

Here's the story of a gift that started with a note from Joe O'Leary in the fall of 2003. Though Joe had helped us in many ways through the years, his note proposed something new. He had the idea that a couple folks from Luther Home of Mercy might enjoy an afternoon of fishing at Rockwell Springs Trout Club in Castalia, Ohio. Well, of course, we accepted the invitation. We thought this would be a really fun day for a few of the individuals we serve, and it was. As for me and Joe—well, it would be dishonest to call this a tough assignment. It was a warm and sunny day at the end of summer; and there we were fishing together with friends, netting some nice Rainbow Trout—we had a good time. Neither Joe nor I were prepared, however, for how richly satisfying this experience would become for all of us—not just for an afternoon, but for many days thereafter.



Though all of us wanted to do this again, it was Joe who made it happen. Every September for the past fifteen years, we've received an invitation from Joe—or from his friend, Jim Porrea—for an afternoon of fishing at Rockwell Springs. We're always ready to go—for the fishing, of course; but there is something more here. It is not just having something fun to do; but having friends who want to be there with you. What a treasure it is to experience such giving relationships. What a blessing it is when they endure.

— Pastor Don Wukotich

LHM Clients are On the Move!

It can be hard for persons with developmental disabilities to find opportunities for socialization, learning new hobbies and having fun. With most individuals living far below American poverty standards, tight incomes along with limited accessible transportation are frequent barriers that many of us take for granted.

With the help of 2015 #GivingTuesday contributions, Luther Home of Mercy established a recreation club to help individuals explore their passions and spend time with friends. Dubbed "On the Move", attendees work with LHM staff to create a full calendar of outings and events for participants to choose from.

Our team of professionals work with attendees modeling appropriate behavior and providing the support needed to ensure that everyone has a positive experience.

Recent gatherings have included a trip to the Toledo Zoo, Bible study, a concert at the casino, People First meetings and cooking club.

Whether participants are creating a meal as a step to greater independence or revving it up at a monster truck rally, lots of fun and laughter is shared among friends!



Chris gives a "thumbs up" to his close encounter with the monster truck driver from Krazy Train.



Daryl learns how to cook up a delicious meal at a recent On the Move outing.

Filling Christmas with Joy!



Tommy and his cottage-mates treasure each carefully chosen package from their "Adopt a Resident" friends.

One snowy December day nearly 20 years ago, Director of Supported Living, Sue Tate, stopped by the home of an outreach client for a visit. While chatting, the client proudly showed off her newly decorated Christmas tree and the few brightly covered packages underneath. Sue marveled at the gifts and asked who had sent such beautiful packages. Her heart sank as she discovered that there was no one in this person's life to remember her during the holiday so she had used her meager income to purchase and wrap the only gifts she would receive.

At Luther Home of Mercy, we believe that every person should experience the delight of opening a special gift chosen just for them each Christmas. This holiday season, we invite you or your group to help us spread comfort and joy by "adopting" a resident. Gift ideas will be provided for each individual adopted. Then, simply purchase the gifts and deliver them to Luther Home a few weeks before the holiday.

If you are interested in adopting a resident or would like more information, please contact Jeanne Rollins at 419-972-4427, jrollins@lutherhome.org.

General Needs This Holiday Season

Are you an avid shopper who loves to find a great deal? You can put your shopping skills to good use when purchasing items for the LHM community. Here are some items that are always much needed and appreciated:

CRAFT SUPPLIES

Crayons
Coloring Books
Washable Markers
Stickers
Simple craft kits
Blanket tie kits
Felt squares
Foam squares
Paint sets
Paint brushes

PERSONAL NEEDS

Norelco electric razors
Socks (men's & women's)
Fingernail polish
Polish remover
Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Shampoo
Conditioner
Combs & brushes
Eye shadow palettes
Perfume/ after shave

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Simple board games (card games, Yahtzee, Connect Four, etc.)
Large golf umbrellas
Bubbles & bubble blowers
Stationary, pens & stamps
Gift cards: Restaurants, shopping, haircuts & Toledo area entertainment
Music CDs (all types)
DVDs (all genres)



Living Generously Through Thrivent



We would like to thank the many Thrivent members who have contributed their Choice Dollars and organized Action Teams in support of our ministry. For more than a century, Thrivent members have shown God's love to others through volunteering and providing much-needed financial assistance to causes that strengthen communities and help others thrive. Over just the past five years, Thrivent members have contributed more than \$64,000, offered countless volunteer hours, and guided our organization as members of our Board of Directors. We truly appreciate this partnership and the many supporters who live generously through Thrivent!



Gifts

July 1, 2017 – October 6, 2017

Ms. Judith Ann Anzelmo
Columbus, OH
Augsburg Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baron
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. George Beery, Jr.
Bellevue, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn J. Bensch
Oak Harbor, OH
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pemberville, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Billow
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Billow
Maumee, OH
Mr. John O. Bossart
Sandusky, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bretzloff
Toledo, OH
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Campbell
Toledo, OH
Christ Lutheran Church
Bowling Green, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Clark
Sylvania, OH
Mr. James R. Coldren
Toledo, OH
Mrs. Sandra Cutchall
Oregon, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Kent A. Delventhal
Genoa, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Draves
Cridersville, OH
Mr. Thomas R. Duris
Lambertville, MI
Mr. Joshua Ehram
Genoa, OH
Faith Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH
Faith Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Mr. Richard H. Feusse
Waterville, OH

Ms. Michele Fisher
Williston, OH
Mr. Roger Foley
Millbury, OH
Four Lutheran Agencies
Genacross Lutheran Services
Toledo, OH
Grace Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L. Hartman
Williston, OH
Mr. John F. Heminger
Genoa, OH
Mr. Frederick Honneffer
Bowling Green, OH
Mr. Michael House
Curtice, OH
J. Henry Huseman,
Endowment Fund
Bloomville, OH
Pastor Robert Johnson
Stony Ridge, OH
Clayman A. & Ruth M. Kabat
Trust
Pompano Beach, FL
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kieswether
Wauseon, OH
Knights of Columbus Genoa
#4237
Genoa, OH
Ms. Janet Kroos
Elmore, OH
Mr. Michael Lincicome
Elmore, OH
Mr. John C Lusch
Waterville, OH
Luther Home of Mercy
Auxiliary
Williston, OH
Lutheran Church of The
Master
Perrysburg, OH

Ms. Beverly Mackey
Port Clinton, OH
Memorial Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Mendelsohn
Maumee, OH
Messiah Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Ms. Kathy Morfier
Bellevue, OH
Northeastern Ohio Synod
ELCA
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Olivet Lutheran Church
Sylvania, OH
Dr. Renee Paye
Warren, MI
Mr. and Mrs. David Pfisterer
Findlay, OH
Mrs. Judith Pflieger
Sandusky, OH
Mr. Frank Pickart
Mrs. Judith A. Placko
Oregon, OH
Mrs. Jane E. Plas
Grafton, OH
Rev. David D. Proctor
Bryan, OH
Mr. Dean H. Pyers
Sterling Heights, MI
Dr. Sudarshan R. Reddy
Clinton Township, MI
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Port Clinton, OH
Mrs. Margaret San Gregory
Bellevue, OH
Mr. Thor W Sand
Ellendale, ND
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sebits
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. Andy Shambarger
Sylvania, OH
Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH
Christine Siefert Trust
Cleveland, OH
Ms. Sandee Sledd
Doraville, GA
Solomon Lutheran Church
Woodville, OH
Mr. Ronald Sonnenberg
Napoleon, OH
Mrs. Margene Spring
Oregon, OH
St. James Lutheran Church
Bradner, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Crestline, OH
St. John Lutheran Church
Oak Harbor, OH
St. John Lutheran Church
Stony Ridge, OH
St. Luke Lutheran Church
Temperance, MI
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Delaware, OH
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Fremont, OH
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Lima, OH
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Blissfield, MI
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Clyde, OH
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sulphur Springs, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Martin, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Monroeville, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Norwalk, OH
Mrs. Laura M. Stellhorn
Sandusky, OH
Ms. Barbara Stults
Fremont, OH
Mrs. Velma L. Sundermeyer
Sylvania, OH
Mrs. Dorothy J. Tebbe
Fremont, OH
Thrivent Choice
Minneapolis, MN
Ms Carol Trick
Port Clinton, OH
Trinity Lutheran Church
Elmore, OH
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sandusky, OH
Trinity Lutheran Church
Willard, OH
Ms. Ruth Wiechman
Columbus, OH
Zion Lutheran Church
Luckey, OH
Zion Lutheran Church
Saint Marys, OH
Zoar Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH



With the help of our friends at Signs Now- Perrysburg, new employees and visitors can learn about LHM's rich history from this beautiful timeline adorning the wall in our newly-renovated administration building.



Memorials

July 1, 2017 – October 6, 2017

Buddy Alday

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L. Hartman
Williston, OH

Lawrence and Anna Avers

Mr. Dale J. Avers
Luckey, OH

Norman Avers

Mrs. Doris M. Avers
Woodville, OH

William Baron

Ms. Janet C. Rogolsky
Toledo, OH

Gregory Blackburn

Mrs. Carol Blackburn
Huron, OH

Susan, Megan & Michael Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sandrock
Curtice, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Burnard

Dr. and Mrs. S. James Zafirau
Port Clinton, OH

Norma M. Burwell

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell W. Evarts
New Washington, OH

Arthur J. Butler

Mrs. Darlene J. Butler
Canton, MI

Mable Jean (Platt) Caylor

Ms Jo Ann Capaul
Ida, MI

Robert Christie

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burdo
Waterville, OH

Roscoe Clark

Ms. Nancy A. Taylor
Toledo, OH

Frank and Edna Coe, Sharon K. Coe, Ronald Knauf, Dennis

L. Kurtz, Edwin, Fred, and
Henry Schuette, Herman and
Frieda Schuette, Lawrence

Schuette, Paul and Elvera Schuette, & Robert VonDeylen

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cartellone
Solon, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Coe
Eaton, OH

Mrs. Lynda Cramer
Ridgeville Corners, OH
Mrs. Sandra Kurtz
Napoleon, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Meyer
Willoughby, OH
Mr. Ronald R. Meyer
Columbus, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Meyer
Kirtland, OH

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Schuette

Holgate, OH
Mrs. Marilyn E. Schuette
Napoleon, OH
The Schuette Family Reunion
Napoleon, OH

Ann E. Davis

Mrs. Ruth H. Kroeger
Elmore, OH

Aleta Dick

Carrol Barron
Lindsey, OH
Mr. and Mrs. James Kusian
Curtice, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Willey
Elmore, OH

John Duschl

Rev. Frederick Duschl
Edon, OH

Richard Eckermann

Mrs. Carol L. Eckermann
Millbury, OH

George Ehman

Mrs. Sandra Cutchall
Oregon, OH

Family and Friends

Ms. Sharon Ann Wheeler
Saint Clair, MI

Richard Foss

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Foss
Fremont, OH

Paul Frederickson

St. John Lutheran Church
Women
Williston, OH

Mrs. Myra Zaenger
Holland, OH

Edwin Gribble

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gribble
Lambertville, MI

George and Edith Hagemeyer

Mrs. Maxine L. Hagemeyer
Wayne, OH

Ilo Mae Hartman

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Alday
Sarasota, FL
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R.

Despones
Genoa, OH

Betty Henline

Mr. Luther Henline
Pemberville, OH

Kathleen A. Hille

Mrs. Phyllis L. Bensch
Oak Harbor, OH

Jackie Hubaker

Mr. and Mrs. David L.
Duseberg

Mountain Home, AR

Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Meier
Perrysburg, OH

Rev. Jeffrey K. Kimpel

Mrs. Louise Kimpel
Perrysburg, OH

Howard King

Mrs. Nancy King
Fremont, OH

Al and Clarissa Knappe

Mrs. Doris M. Avers
Woodville, OH

Paul and Charles Knak

Ms. Joan Radeloff
Walbridge, OH

Andrew Koehler

Mrs. Joyce E. Koehler
Upper Sandusky, OH

Norman H. Kroos

Mrs. Gladys A. Kroos
Elmore, OH

John Lockwood

Miss Mary E. Lockwood
Grove City, OH

Loved Ones

Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Rank
Sylvania, OH

James, Tom and Chris Marsh

Mrs. Charlotte C. Marsh
Toledo, OH

Donald and Marian Miller

Mrs. Maxine L. Hagemeyer
Wayne, OH

Ronald Moenter

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Genoa, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Lester B. Meier
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. William L. Welling
Phoenix, AZ

Ernest and Emma Ness

Mr. Robert H. Ness
Gibbon, MN

Michael A. Nuhfer

Mr. and Mrs. John Shiets
Fremont, OH

Marilyn Oetjens

Mr. Robert G. Buehler
Carleton, MI

Leon and Evelyn Osborn

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C
Osborn
Norwalk, OH

Beatrice Overmier

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Clyde, OH

Ron Pfeiffer

Mrs. Frances Wilson
Holland, OH

Rose Mary Pocock

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Clyde, OH

Susan Rasmussen

Mrs. Phyllis Rasmussen
Fraser, MI

Regina Riminey

Mrs. Maureen Switala
Rossford, OH

Doris Rohtert

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R.
Heineman

Woodville, OH

Mrs. Mary E. Meyer
Pemberville, OH

Ms. Susan Sandrock
Elmore, OH

Mr. Hugh F. Sautter
Lake Wylie, SC

Loraine D. Ruff

Mrs. Marilyn Colman
East China, MI

Theodore "Ted" Ruff

Mrs. Marilyn Colman
East China, MI

Joe Rybarczyk

Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaw J.
Szczerba

Toledo, OH

Donna Sandrock

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sandrock
Curtice, OH

Ralph Sandrock

Mrs. Edna Sandrock
Curtice, OH

Virginia E. Schild

Mr. Lewis C. Schild
Norwalk, OH



Richard recently expressed that he would like to spend a day golfing and with the support of cottage staff, found the LHM Golf Outing to be the perfect opportunity. Golfing alongside ICF Director, Dan Housepian, Richard enjoyed a day of "quiet fun" while practicing his putting on the greens.

Milton Schimming

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sandrock
Curtice, OH

Edmund and Wilma Schleicher

Mr. and Mrs. Uve L. Schuettler
Manassas Park, VA

Loren Schoenberger

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Upper Sandusky, OH

Joan Tewers

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harder
Oak Harbor, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence G.
Money

Port Clinton, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rounds
Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. and Mrs. John Shiets
Fremont, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Steven F. Shiets
Bellevue, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Trout
Fremont, OH

Donald and Elnora Vorwerk

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Storm,
Jr.
Dundee, IL

Sylvia Watson

Mr. Larry A. Buchler
Pinckney, MI

Mrs. Darlene J. Butler
Canton, MI

Sylvia Buchler Watson

Ms. Evelyn J. Panos
Colorado Springs, CO

Rev. Davis Winters

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eisenhower
Pemberville, OH

Terry Witt

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell L.
Hartman
Williston, OH

David Young

Mrs. Sandra Cutchall
Oregon, OH

Mr. and Mrs Samuel Zafirau

Dr. and Mrs. S. James Zafirau
Port Clinton, OH

Mary Lynn Seferain-Zatko

Mr. and Mrs. John Zatko
Oregon, OH

Max and Elsa Ziegler

Mr. Max Ziegler
Ann Arbor, MI



When staff member Kim announced her engagement, friends at the Emmaus Community Center wanted to help her celebrate the big day. Clients joined in the excitement with a bridal shower complete with party games. Yvonne wins "Best Dressed" in the create a bridal gown competition.



Honor Roll

July 1, 2017 – October 6, 2017

Lucas & Jessica (Oliver)**Agricola's recent marriage**

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas F.

Agricola

West Chester, OH

Barbara Beery's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Rella

Indianapolis, IN

60th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene W.

Bensch

Roswell, GA

Phyllis Bensch

Mrs. Bernadine Florio
Elmore, OH

Jim & Mary Boose's 80th Birthdays

Mrs. Susan M. Flick
North Ridgeville, OH

Cottage 3

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Craze
Sterling Heights, MI

Grandchildren

Mrs. Frances Wilson
Holland, OH

Jack L. Haar

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Scheff
Elmore, OH

Luther Henline's 90th Birthday

Mr. Dale J. Avers

Luckey, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Reif's 65th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Lewandowski

Dayton, OH

Mike, Ken & Andy Staib

Mr. & Mrs. William Staib
Walbridge, OH

Rev. Donald L. Wukotich

Mrs. Maxine L. Hagemeyer

Wayne, OH

Mrs. Cheryl F. Wolff

Sylvania, OH

Bequests

July 1, 2017 – October 6, 2017

Mrs. Eleanor McDonald Estate

Toronto, ON, Canada

LMM Donations

July 1, 2017 – October 6, 2017

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, Toledo, OH

Mrs. Helen L. DeVantier, Warren, MI

Mr. Anthony J. Lompis, Northwood, OH

In Loving Remembrance

As 2017 comes to a close, we remember the residents, clients & staff from our LHM family who passed away this year. We treasure your memory and hold you in our hearts.

Charles LaFollette

Michael Zweidinger

Lori Worthington

Aleta Dick

Patty Watson

Heather Laurer

Tim Sutphin

Jeep Lends a Helping Hand

Since the last Jeep Cherokee was built on April 6, 2017, the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles US Toledo North Assembly Plant has been retooling its infrastructure in preparation for the next generation Jeep Wrangler. In conjunction with returning to work, several thousand plant employees helped Toledo-area community organizations “retool” by volunteering during a six-week program known as Season of Service. This fall, Luther Home was pleased to welcome three groups from Jeep who helped paint our former administration building, spruced landscaping at the Emmaus Community Center and joined clients for an animated game of bingo. We are tremendously grateful for this gift of support to our community!



Volunteers made short work out of painting the interior and railing of the former administration building. This building will soon be used to house LHM's Community Ministries management staff.



Bingo was the name of the game when Jeep volunteers took part in an afternoon of fun at Emmaus.

Fall Fun!

Autumn is a time for festivals, friends and fun throughout the LHM ministry. Many residents & clients enjoyed the last bit of sunshine with trips to the pumpkin patch, fall outings and time spent with treasured companions.



Mary Rita and Regan carve out the perfect jack-o'-lantern.



At our annual fall fest, students from Woodmore National Honors Society and Genoa High School helped Kim reach bingo success!



Leslie & Carol are all smiles at a trip to Fleitz Pumpkin Farm.

We **LOVE** to tell the *Story!*



Celebrating 90 Years

1928

2018

We're prepping our party hats to celebrate 90 years of ministry in a BIG way! Look for more information about our 90th Anniversary celebration plans in the next issue of this publication.

Men in Mission Traverse the Mighty Mac

For many years now, Labor Day has meant the Mighty Mac Bridge Walk for the Lutheran Men in Mission of Northwestern Ohio! Each year, a contingent of this group work very hard to round up sponsors and walkers who join thousands to trek the 5 mile span across the Mackinac Bridge in the upper peninsula of Michigan. They then donate all of the proceeds to Lutheran Ministries of Mercy to support the programs of Filling Homes, Luther Home of Mercy and Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio. Our sincere thanks to these gentlemen for their steadfast dedication and tireless efforts for the sake of those we serve!

Don Wukotich, Dutch Rahe, Dick Noll & Sue Funchion keep in stride with more than 25,000 participants at this year's event.



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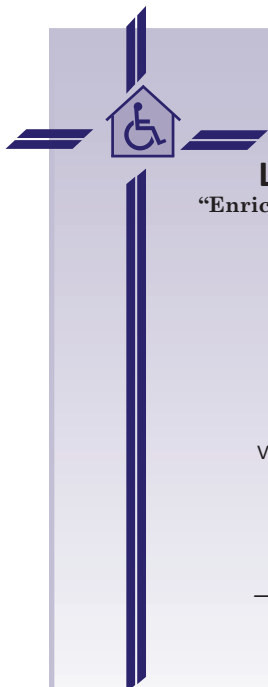
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Day of Service

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”: Many thanks to our friends from St. Luke’s—Curtice, St. Peter—Blackberry, and St. John—Williston for joining our ministry for the ELCA Day of Service. Volunteers tackled weeds, prepared for painting and spent time in fellowship with residents. Each year, we look forward to this shared day of ministry!