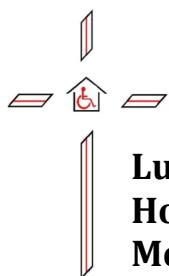


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Home is an
informational
newsletter for family,
friends and
volunteers who share
in the mission of
Luther Home of
Mercy.*

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MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

This Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Luther Home of Mercy would like to celebrate how, together, we are making a difference. This year's theme for DD Awareness Month is "Side by Side." People with and without disabilities are working, going to school, playing and participating in their communities together. This theme highlights community inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities and praises their valuable contributions to workplaces, schools and more.

Luther Home of Mercy, along with Filling Homes, will be sponsoring flyers and bulletin inserts to be distributed throughout Northwest Ohio ELCA and Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations in recognition of how together we are living *side by side* and making a difference. In addition, our aim is to raise public awareness about barriers that those with developmental disabilities sometimes face in connecting with their communities. During Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we encourage you to celebrate the ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to create strong and diverse communities.



*Side BY Side
Hand IN Hand
Heart TO Heart*



PASTOR DON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

As many of you know our Executive Director, Pastor Don Wukotich, has guided our ministry for just over 30 years. Not only has he provided compassionate leadership to Luther Home, but more recently to Filling Home and Lutheran Social Services as well. In recent months Pastor Don has seriously been considering his retirement date and, although there never seems to be just the right time, he has made the decision to retire from his current position on May 1st. Both he, and our Board of Directors, are working to establish a smooth leadership transition and the Board is currently searching for a new C.E.O.

The coming months will be a time of reflection and transition for us all. Please join us in wishing Pastor Don peace and enjoyment as he approaches this monumental change in his life. News of planned retirement celebrations will be announced in the near future.



Thank you, Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week, April 23– 29th, is a time to honor those of you who volunteer your time and talents to Luther Home of Mercy & celebrate the power of volunteerism in our community. In the many ways you have contributed to our ministry- whether you are a group or individual that contributes through service projects, donates Christmas gifts for Adopt-A-Resident, shares your time and talent at a special event, visits one of our day program sites, are a pen pal or special friend to an individual we serve, or have enriched the lives of those at Luther Home through your volunteerism in countless other ways,

You are appreciated!

Thank you for supporting our ministry and its mission. The impact you have on the lives of those we serve is immeasurable!



Easter Egg Hunt: April 8th, 2017

In celebration of Easter, Luther Home of Mercy will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th on our main campus in Williston, Ohio. Resident and client families are invited to join us with your loved ones. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to your loved one's cottage leadership or house manager. Staff members are also invited to attend with their families. The egg hunt will begin at 2:30 pm, in front of the habilitation center, with refreshments and a craft activity to follow in the LHM gymnasium.



Volunteers and donations will greatly help make this event a success! Volunteers are needed to assist with transport and help the residents search for eggs. We are accepting donations of plastic Easter eggs, egg fillers (wrapped Easter candy, stickers, tattoos, other trinkets, bite-size 3 musketeers preferred) and baked goods. The drop off location for these donations is the LHM administration building, 5810 N. Main Street, Williston, OH 43468. Office hours

are Monday– Friday, 8:00– 4:00 pm. If you have any questions about this event or are interested in volunteering, contact Arielle Semer, 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org.

Earth Day Campus Spruce Up

Luther Home of Mercy will be hosting an Earth Day Campus Spruce Up on Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 23rd, 12:30 pm start on both days. We are seeking individuals and groups that would like to participate in helping clean-up our main campus grounds by pulling weeds, mulching and planting. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Arielle Semer, 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org.

*Let's join hands on **Earth Day**, to make our Earth a better place to live.*



Client Spotlight: Meet Amy

Joining our ministry just before the new year, Amy is the newest member of the Luther Home campus family. Amy has been a great addition, with her easy going, yet kind character. Moving to a new home is always an adjustment, but Amy has appreciated getting to know our staff, visiting with them and her fellow cottage friends and loves having her own bedroom. Having her own space is a new feature of living for Amy; in the past, she shared a space with a roommate. When visiting with Amy, you see her room reflects some of her favorite things. Next to her stereo, she has a collection of dozens of CDs. One of her favorite pastimes is listening to music in her room. “NOW That’s What I Call Music” CDs are her favorite to collect because she has a wide range in taste of music. She loves visits with her family; her mother, five siblings: four brothers and one sister, and many nieces & nephews. Since her move to Luther Home, Amy has gotten involved by attending many of the campus activities, she particularly likes activities that include arts and crafts. We have really enjoyed getting to know Amy and look forward to building many more great memories with her.



Auxiliary Meeting: April 3rd, 2017

The first Auxiliary meeting of the year will be **Monday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm** in the LHM board room of the Administrative Building. Future meetings will be Monday, September 11th, the annual meeting and potluck luncheon, and Monday, November 6th. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend!

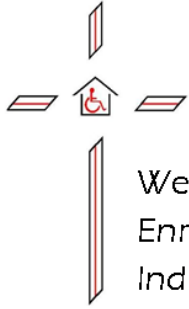
The dues are only \$5.00 per year. To join, simply send your check to: LHM AUXILIARY, PO BOX 187, WILLISTON, OH 43468. If you have any questions about LHM Auxiliary please contact Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org. Your help with this worthwhile organization would be truly appreciated!

LMM Annual Meeting: March 13th, 2017

Please join us for Lutheran Ministries of Mercy annual meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017 at Hilton Hotel at Levis Commons in Perrysburg, Ohio. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Bishop of Northwest Ohio Synod of the ELCA. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm with the business meeting immediately following. To learn more or to make a reservation, please contact Joyce Willier at 419-726-8653 or jwillier@lssnowo.org.

Update from the Social Services Department

Luther Home of Mercy will be hosting a 3-hour **Guardianship Training** through the Ohio State Supreme Court on Thursday, April 20th from 1:00-4:15 pm in the LHM chapel. More information on the training will be mailed to guardians in the near future. All court guardians are also welcome to attend the training. If interested in attending, we ask that you RSVP to our social services department. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tony Lompis, 419-972-4411 or tlompis@lutherhome.org.



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We updated our website—
Check it out : lutherhome.org



SAVE THE DATE:

4 Agency Golf Outing

Friday, June 23rd, 2017

9:00 am shotgun start

**Stone Ridge Golf Course,
Bowling Green, Ohio**

More details to come in future
Happenings at the Home!



LHM Golf Outing

Friday, August 11th, 2017

8:00 am shotgun start

**Maumee Bay Golf Course,
Oregon, Ohio**

Check out our website:

lutherhome.org

for more information on the LHM
Golf Outing and registration!