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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 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,

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, 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!



Our Giving Valleys...Lillian Kept a List

We 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, telephone, construction, 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.

Big 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
Miamisburg, OH

Ms. Carol Asmus
Bowling Green, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Bassett
Lakewood, OH

Mr. & Mrs. David Beakas
Waterville, OH

Mr. and Mrs. George Beery, Jr.
Bellevue, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn J. Bensch
Oak Harbor, OH

Mr. Jeff D Bischoff
Toledo, OH

Rev. and Mrs. James V. Bosse
Dayton, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Cohrs
Napoleon, OH

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

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Genoa Bank
Genoa, OH

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Hicksville, OH

Mr. Michael House
Curtice, OH

Mrs. Grace Johnson
Williston, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kapp
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Oregon, OH

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Luther Home of Mercy Auxiliary
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Toledo, OH

Mrs. Deborah K. Wehner
Genoa, OH

Mrs. Jean Witt
Martin, OH

Mr. Kevin Yarnell
Napoleon, OH



Gifts

April 9, 2017 – June 30, 2017

Advent Lutheran Church
Uniontown, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bacon
Toledo, OH

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pemberville, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Billow
Maumee, OH

Mrs. Kim Bryant
Oak Harbor, OH

Christ Lutheran Church
Bowling Green, OH

Mrs. Shelly Coker
Curtice, OH

Mr. James R. Coldren
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Mr. and Mrs. Garrett J. Crane
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Dimech Services Inc
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Lambertville, MI

Rev. Jerome D. Essinger
Swartz Creek, MI

Mr. Richard H. Feusse
Waterville, OH

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

Mrs. Jacqueline Frazier
Woodville, OH

Genoa Bank
Genoa, OH

Grace Lutheran Church
Elmore, OH

Grace Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, OH

Mr. John F. Heminger
Genoa, OH

Honeybaked Ham Express
J. Henry Huseman, Endowment Fund

Bloomville, OH

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

Pastor Robert Johnson
Stony Ridge, OH

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Pompano Beach, FL

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kersten
Perrysburg, OH

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Wauseon, OH

Ms. Janet Kroos
Elmore, OH

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Maumee, OH

Mr. Adam Lompis
Northwood, OH

Lutheran Church of The Master
Perrysburg, OH

Ms. Beverly Mackey
Port Clinton, OH

Kevin and Cindy MacLead
Fremont, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Maeschen
Knoxville, IA

Marine Fire Sales & Service
Toledo, OH

Messiah Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

Ms. Kathy Morfier
Bellevue, OH

Mrs. Jean Oberkiser
Oregon, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Claren Osmun
Edgerton, OH

Portage Valley Federation/Luth Men
Perrysburg, OH

Ms. Elaine Radunz
Toledo, OH

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Port Clinton, OH

Mr. Kyle D. Ruff
Marysville, MI

Mrs. Margaret San Gregory
Bellevue, OH

Ms. Rita M. See
Huron, OH

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Sevits
Perrysburg, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Shimer
Fremont, OH

Christine Siefert Trust
Cleveland, OH

Ms. Sandee Sledd
Doraville, GA

Solomon Lutheran Church
Woodville, OH

St. Jacob Lutheran Church
Anna, OH

St. James Lutheran Church
Bradner, OH

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
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Blissfield, MI
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sulphur Springs, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Norwalk, OH
Sherry Hansen, Style Crest
Fremont, OH
Mrs. Velma L. Sundermeyer
Sylvania, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Suttle
Perrysburg, OH
Mrs. Dorothy J. Tebbe
Fremont, OH
TESCO
Oregon, OH
Toledo Community Foundation
Inc
Toledo, OH

Trinity Lutheran School
Marysville, OH
UBS Financial Services
Sylvania, OH
United Way of Greater Toledo
Toledo, OH
VOYA FINANCIAL
Toledo, OH
Mr. Robert F. Walters
Oregon, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Galen Whiteman
Millbury, OH
Mrs. Jean Witt
Martin, OH
Mrs. Patricia Wolfe
Waterville, OH
Rev. Donald L. Wukotich
Woodville, OH

Mr. and Mrs. John Zatzko
Oregon, OH
Ms. Tina Zeiter
Monclova, OH
Zion Lutheran Church
Defiance, OH
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...

As 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.



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”



We 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.



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
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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
Mrs. LaVon H. Miller
East Lansing, MI

Whitey Fishbaugh
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A.
Fishbaugh
Green Springs, OH

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

Audrey J. Freimark
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H.
Nowak
Graytown, OH

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

Howard Gerwin
Mr. Daryl W. Gerwin
Santa Cruz, CA

Robert Goebel
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 Kameron
Mr. Paul Kameron
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

Bessie Kate Nickel
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

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

Susan Rasmussen
Mrs. Phyllis Rasmussen
Fraser, MI

Dorothy Regula
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Sulphur Springs, OH

Mary K. Roberts
Mr. S. Dean Roberts
Holland, OH

Doris Rohtert
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Avers
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Garner
Elmore, OH
Mr. Mark Hamen
Rossford, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Kline
Bellevue, NE
Ms. Jean Linke
Indian Land, SC
Ms. Judy Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffer
Port Clinton, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E.
Sommer
Woodville, OH

Forest H. Sabin
Mrs. Eleanor J. Bunte
Toledo, OH
Mr. William Cashen
Genoa, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ellithorpe
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
Williston, OH
Charles Sack
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Sack
Oak Harbor, OH

Julia E. Schild
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Schild
Norwalk, OH
Edmund and Wilma Schleicher
Mr. and Mrs. Uve L. Schuettler
Manassas Park, VA
Fred Schneiderbauer
Mrs. Norma Schneiderbauer
Toledo, OH
James E. Sheahan
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sheahan
Curtice, OH
Janet Shuck
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Women
Sulphur Springs, OH

Albert and Eleanor Specht
Ms. Janet M. Mancinotti-
Webb
Perrysburg, OH
John P. Stockwell
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dean
Bryan, OH
Mary C. Timiney
Mrs. Maureen Switala
Rossford, OH
Carol Vaffis
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A.
Fishbaugh
Green Springs, OH
Helen E. Wheeler
Ms. Sharon Ann Wheeler
Saint Clair, MI

James F. Wheeler
Ms. Sharon Ann Wheeler
Saint Clair, MI
James J. Wheeler
Ms. Sharon Ann Wheeler
Saint Clair, MI
Richard Witt
St. John Lutheran Church
Women
Williston, OH
Sandra Jean Wozniak
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Kwiatkowski
Maumee, OH
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
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Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Nowak's 71st Wedding Anniversary
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Jim & Toni Rybarczyk's 50th Wedding Anniversary
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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

Contact Megan O'Brien with questions:
419-972-4436, 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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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.