Echoes of Mercy

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Our Samaritan Neighbors

The Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning is a favorite time for me. Our Pastor prepares well, does not hurry with words, and allows for personal meditation with offerings of the heart. My thoughts are often random and alive with current life experiences; but sometimes gathered from a week of devotional reflection. Last week these thoughts centered on neighbors – those gone before who made today possible, and those present for today and tomorrow.



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Pastor Edmund Schleicher had stories for every name, some of them passed down from his father; and more than one story for the Berman's, Johnson's, Nissens', Schimming's, Eckerman's, Sandrock's, and Bergman's. Remembering "The Blizzard of '78" with its sub-zero temperatures and blinding torrents of snow blown sideways by 50 mph winds, Pastor Schleicher recalled how devoted care-givers and other neighbors rallied to provide food, warmth and comfort to our Luther Home of Mercy family. Power was out everywhere, roadways were closed, cars and homes were buried under sixteen foot drifts. But tractors came and snowmobiles, some pulling toboggans to bring supplies, volunteers and staff determined to join those who stayed on. "Those of us who lived it," said Pastor Schleicher, "shall never forget." One especially striking remembrance seemed to capture the entire experience of mercy: "Late at night from an upstairs window, we watched a Coast Guard helicopter – guided by Fire Department floodlights – land in an adjoining field, bringing necessary drugs and medicines from the Lindau Pharmacy of Sylvania."

In Bible times, the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was well known to travelers. The road passed through what some might have called a "bad neighborhood." It was the kind of place where a traveler might be set-upon, beaten and left for dead by thieves and two of three others passing by. The Gospel writer, Luke, however, remembered a story of goodness along that road when a Samaritan traveler made all the difference for a neighbor in need.

Our neighbors are like that. Some live near-by. Others live in Montpelier or Sulphur Springs, Westminster, Marine City, or St. Clair. They live in Gibbon, Marietta, Mountain Home, and Valley City. Samaritan Neighbors. Last Sunday, when our Pastor paused to allow prayers from the heart, I prayed that everyone might experience the goodness of such neighbors.

...Pastor Don Wukotich

Christmas Kindness!

Thank you so much to the businesses, churches, and families listed below who made Christmas so special for residents and clients of Luther Home...

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On Christmas morning, Pauline enjoyed opening her gifts from friends in the community.

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We appreciate the many Thrivent policyholders who have designated their Choice Dollars to Luther Home! In 2012, over \$13,000 was received through this program, making possible the renovations in Cottage 7.

To designate your dollars for 2013, you must contact Thrivent to notify them of your choice. Simply log in to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call them at 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Thanks!!!

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Filling Home Ministries Director, Paul Oehrtman, Retiring

Filling and Luther Homes Explore Closer Working Relationship.



Having completed over thirty years of faithful service in leading the ministry of Filling Memorial Home of Mercy (FHM), Paul Oehrtman has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. Though many changes have taken place through these eventful years, the mission of Filling Home remains the same. It is the Lord's work accomplished by His grace and the faithful service of leaders like Paul Oehrtman, the Filling Home Board, and the uncommon devotion of care-givers – every day, all day, and all through the night. FHM will celebrate Paul's years of ministry and retirement at a special event planned for April 28, 2013 at the Home in Napoleon.

Needless to say, Paul Oehrtman's retirement presents FHM's Board of Directors with a daunting task – namely, the appointment of leadership to shepherd the vision of FHM's ministry into the future. Pursuant to this responsibility, the FHM Board has appointed an Interim Management Team comprised of established leadership to guide the ministry until a new Chief Executive Officer is named; established an agreement with Paul to provide consultation services as necessary through a period of transition



to new leadership; and joined with the Luther Home of Mercy Board of Directors to consider various models which might enable Filling and Luther Homes to work more closely together in advancing our common mission.

The two ministries – Filling Memorial Home of Mercy and Luther Home of Mercy (LHM) – have a long history of encouraging and supporting one another in serving people with developmental disabilities. Located within fifty miles of one another, the two Lutheran ministries have identical missions and have worked together on a number of significant initiatives through the years. One outstanding example would be our HUD projects. By sharing resources, FHM and LHM have acquired four HUD grants – bringing in nearly six million dollars to enable construction of twelve community-based family care homes. Six of these Homes are up and running; six more are in the works. Upon completion and for many years to come, this project will provide quality living space and 24/7 services for forty-eight individuals with special needs.



When asked where joint Board conversations might lead, Pastor Don at Luther Home of Mercy indicated that "We're not talking about a merger – Individual identities are important to both organizations. We are exploring, however, ways our two organizations might – by working more closely together – strengthen our ability to meet current and anticipated challenges."

Volunteer Opportunities



Sandy was one of Michael's dance partners at the Valentine Dance

When Michael Dickrede was looking for a meaningful opportunity to complete his required hours of volunteerism for high school graduation, the choice was an easy one. A senior at St. Francis de Sales High School, Michael has heard many stories from his mother Beth, a Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional at LHM, about the positive impact caring individuals make on the lives of our residents. Michael spent thirty hours of time with main campus residents engaging in arts and crafts, games and conversation. Special highlights included helping with games at the Super Bowl Party and interacting with residents at the Valentine's Dance. Michael described the best part of volunteering at Luther Home as, "being able to sit and hang out with residents and build a connection with them." Michael enjoyed his time with us and hopes to have future visits with the friends that he made.

Luther Home of Mercy has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. Whether your talent is mending, landscaping or interacting with residents, we have an opportunity for you! To inquire about volunteer possibilities call Megan O'Brien: 419-725-5214.

Partnership With Riverview Industries

Riverview Industries, Inc. (RVI), located east of Oak Harbor, provides meaningful work experiences and day habilitation programs for people with developmental disabilities. About 70 of the LHM family attend RVI either full-time or part-time. Many participate in paid work opportunities, which include packaging and sorting various materials, mailing projects, paper shredding, wood projects, and cardboard collecting and crushing. Others are involved in non-work programs offering stimulating games, activities, crafts, song and dance,

and much more. Nursing services are also available for handling medical needs.

One of the exciting areas at RVI is their Imagine Arts Studio. Even though it is small in size, the men and women who enter this studio put their creative talent to work and produce beautiful pictures of all sizes, sculptures, and various other art projects. Many of their items are on display in the window of the Exponent in downtown Oak Harbor.

Staff members at LHM and RVI are committed to "Looking Beyond" the disability of people with developmental disabilities and picturing the potential of their unique capabilities and qualities.



Assisting with mailings is one of the jobs that Nadine enjoys at Riverview.

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Megan & Jason reigned as Queen & King at the Valentine Dance.

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2013 Golfing Dates

Soon the weather will turn warm and golfers will be heading for the golf courses to try for that "hole-in-one!" We hope you will join us for one or both of these golf scrambles...

> Friday, July 19 17th Annual Four Agency Golf Scramble Stone Ridge Golf Club Bowling Green, Ohio 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Friday, August 16 28th Annual LHM Golf Scramble Maumee Bay Golf Course Oregon, OH 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

For more details, email: kschank@lutherhome.org.

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Cottage 1



Livestock was once raised on campus.

posted this entry in her personal journal: "With trust in the Lord, the work began."

Old "Cottage One" was completed in the winter of that year, and residents began to arrive in Janu-



Rev. Max and Lillian Schleicher

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6:00-7:00 p.m. – Registration & Refreshments

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

7:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting

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