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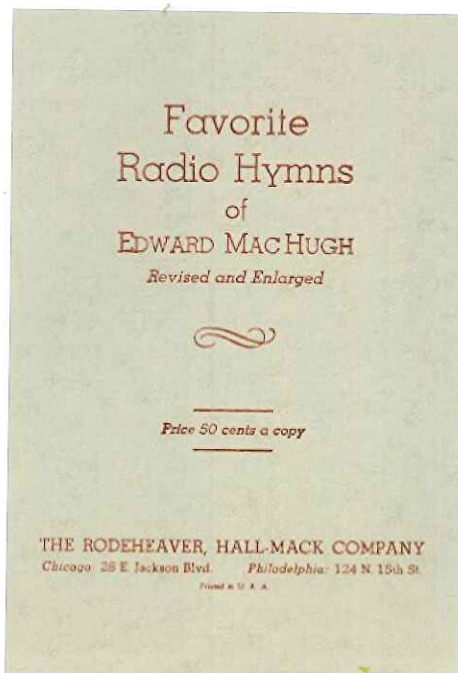
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Bruised Reeds, Flickering Candles and Wounded Souls

"A bruised reed he will not break, a flickering candle he will not snuff out."
 — Isaiah 42:3

Conversations with Pastor Glenn DeVantier remain among lasting memories of our years in Detroit, Michigan. Glenn had been in charge of a program for resettlement of refugees in flight from war-torn, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—a big assignment, stressful, emotional, rewarding. Those who knew Glenn will remember his easy presence, sense of humor and devotional spirit. One afternoon, Glenn noticed a collection of Gospel hymnals on my desk; and one, in particular, caught his attention. "Edward MacHugh," he said; "they called him 'The Gospel Singer.' We had this book, and I remember the radio program. His theme song was: 'If I Have Wounded any Soul Today.'"

*If I have wounded any soul today,
 If I have caused one foot to go astray,
 If I have walked in my own willful way,
 Dear Lord, forgive!
 If I have been perverse or hard or cold,
 If I have longed for shelter in Thy fold
 When Thou hast given me some fort to hold,
 Dear Lord, forgive!*



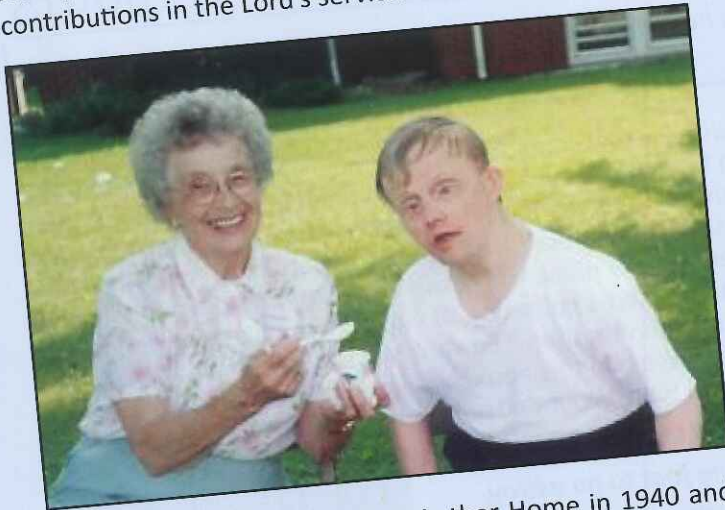
Written more than a hundred years ago as "An Evening Prayer" by C. Maud Battersby, the piece seeks forgiveness for any act that might have caused harm, or any failure to do right.

Glenn felt the lyrics carried an important message for our time (the early eighties). Thirty-five years later, Glenn is still right.

— Pastor Don Wukotich

LaVada's Gift

Just before our country was to celebrate the July 4th festivities, a small group of family members and friends gathered near Cottage #3 on the Luther Home of Mercy campus. Together, they shared memories of days long past with LaVada Graening...their mother, grandmother, friend, co-worker. On July 3rd LaVada would have celebrated her 100th birthday and those in attendance paid tribute to her life—a life filled with the joy of family, the camaradery of good friends, and appreciation of her work and contributions in the Lord's service.



LaVada first came to work at Luther Home in 1940 and was one of the staff serving during the time when "live-in staff" was the norm. In a page from her diary she wrote:

"In 1939 my grandfather took residency there and after several visits I applied for work and began as a nurse's aid. I lived in Cottage #4 which housed 20 male residents.

"Monday was wash and iron heavily starched clothes in humid basement of C #1. Daily routine was cleaning, changing bed and bath days, mending along with caring for residents."



"We began duty at 6 am and residents were in bed by 7 pm. We were given a weekend off every three weeks and a ½ day off weekly. We were paid \$30 a month and were given a \$5 monthly raise."

It was 1987 when LaVada, due to her health, reluctantly retired from Luther Home's staff. LaVada continued to volunteer as she could, returning time and time again to visit and spend time with "her boys" in Cottage #4.

After a visit in 1992 LaVada wrote:

"What a contrast! While visiting all cottages at LHM last week I returned home only to ponder the miraculous changes over 52 years." The tradition of caring through nursing and medical services, therapists, dietary services, pastoral care and administrative service has changed life for God's people. Many of them respond in some way with a measure of love so graciously."

Family and friends dedicated a memorial bench with words of remembrance and thanksgiving. Pastor Dor spoke that "LaVada made us all better." Truly, with each staff person comes a unique and enduring gift to the special ministry and we are strengthened!



Just Golfing and Hoping

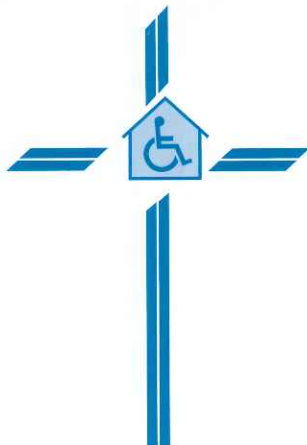
Our Four Lutheran Agencies hosted their twentieth annual golf outing in June at the Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green. These events are especially fun; for they bring together a collection of the most hopeful people on the planet. We're talking about a gathering of Christians with a message of hope for a world in need. What's more, they are golfers. Think about it:

- There is a little white ball, 1.62 inches wide.
- There is a 4.25 inch hole in the ground 160 yards away.
- There is a golfer with a #7 Wood who believes it possible, with one stroke, to put the ball into the hole.
- When a golfer misses – sees their ball drop into water, sand, tall grass or trees – they might get upset; but they do not grieve, as St. Paul might have said, like those who have no hope.

The Apostle was talking of a far more serious matter, of course; but a golfer would be quick to understand the lesson as it applies to life. A golfer who loses hope is in real trouble out there on the course – just as true through the course of life for every child of God.



Those who supported our twentieth annual golf outing – golfers, sponsors, friends – they get it. They understand the message of hope as central to the mission of our Lutheran ministries. By God's grace, we have received; and so we share the Light of hope with those being lost out there on the course. We are so grateful to have experienced another season together in our Lord's service.



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.

Come Home to Highpoint Commons

Looking for a new place to live can be challenging for anyone. This is especially true for our area's growing number of older adults and particularly acute for persons with disabilities. Since 1980 Highpoint Commons Retirement Village in Whitehouse, Ohio has provided low income older adults and those with disabilities safe, affordable and comfortable homes. This 24 unit apartment complex features one and two bedroom apartments, handicap-accessible apartments, single story construction and many amenities. Shopping, banking, dining and health providers are conveniently located nearby.

In 2015 the owners of Highpoint Commons, with the blessing of the federal Department of Agriculture, generously gifted the property to Luther Home of Mercy. Since that time we have been working with the previous owner to assume management responsibilities as required by Rural Development, the monitoring body of this federal housing project.

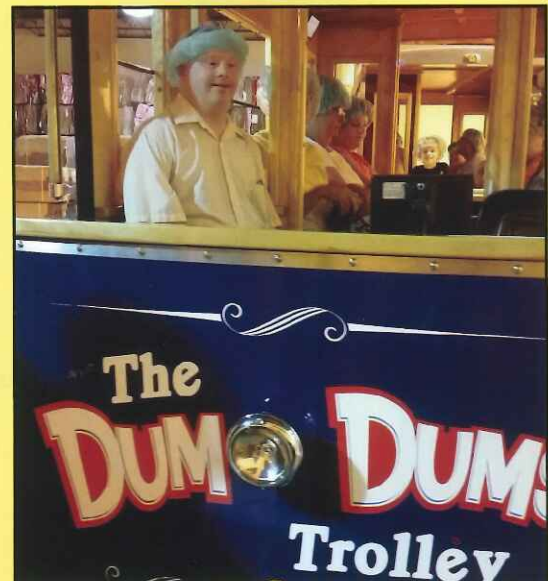
Highpoint Commons invites all prospective tenants to fill out an application. Income restrictions may apply. To learn more please contact the office manager at 419-877-0056 or e-mail highpointcommons@att.net



Summer Fun



With colorful flowers and the help of staff member Carah Butler, Shannon, and Kathleen brighten up the patio of their Sylvania, Ohio home.



Jason tours the factory on the Dum Dum sucker trolley at a recent Spangler Candy tour in Bryan, Ohio.

A Call To Service – “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

Grab your trowel, fishing pole, or bingo cards and join us for “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has set aside this special day as a time to share God’s love with your neighbor by engaging in local volunteer activities. On September 11th we invite you and your congregation to join us as we set out to accomplish a variety of much-needed projects. If your congregation cannot participate on this date, please consider another day.



This is the third year for this special day of service. In 2014 and again in 2015 Luther Home was blessed by dozens of volunteers who worked directly with campus residents, and indirectly by painting, staining decks, washing windows, landscaping, and collecting items to be used by our residents and clients.

Are you eager to make a difference? The list is growing as we consider service projects touching all areas of our ministry. We even have ideas for those congregations located farther away .



Here are just some of the many ways you can be involved this September:

- Create a perennial garden
- Sponsor a bingo game for residents
- Join in with residents at the pond for a fishing competition
- Power washing...power washing...and more power washing
- Build a storage shed

We are also in need of Thrivent members interested in sponsoring a Thrivent Action Team to assist with project expenses and manpower needs. If you would like to learn more, please contact Megan O’Brien at 419-972-4436 or mobrien@lutherhome.org. It’s just AMAZING what we can do together!

Always Needed Items

For many LHM residents and clients, meeting the basic needs of everyday living can be a struggle. Almost 99% of those we serve live well below the federal poverty level. In our community-based services clients are responsible for purchasing all of their own food, personal care items, and household supplies.

Many receive government assistance for food, but the purchase of things such as household cleaners, laundry detergent and hair care products can put an overwhelming strain on already-limited budgets. If you, your group or congregation would like to help here are some items that are always appreciated:

Laundry detergent

Fabric softener dryer sheets

Household cleaners

Dish detergent

Plastic baggies of all sizes

Aluminum foil

Plastic wrap

Glass cleaner

Shampoo and conditioner

Mousse

Deodorant

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Shaving cream

Bath soap (bar or liquid)

Disposable razors

Hand lotion

Paper towels

Toilet paper



Gifts

April 19th–July 15, 2016

Advent Lutheran Church
Uniontown, OH
All Saints Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
American Lutheran Church
Clinton Twp, MI
Anonymous
Ms. Judith Ann Anzelmo
Columbus, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Arndt
Elmore, OH
Augsburg Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Beckman
Woodville, OH
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pemberville, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Billow
Toledo, OH
Mr. John O. Bossart
Sandusky, OH
Rev. Alvera J. Brandt
Toledo, OH
Mr. Andrew Brown
Temperance, MI
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Campbell
Toledo, OH
Christ Lutheran Church
Bowling Green, OH
Mr. James R. Coldren
Toledo, OH
Country Slickers 4-H Club
Graytown, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Craze
Sterling Heights, MI



Rocky and Portage Trails staff member Sarah Gagnon enjoy a visit from the Harris- Elmore Fire Department.

Mrs. Joanne D. Cumbow
Marine City, MI
Cuyahoga Community College
Cleveland, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd W. Daman
Pemberville, OH
Mr. Robert E. Damschroder
Oregon, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Kent A. Delventhal
Genoa, OH
Rev. Paul Deppen
Elmore, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Loren H. Dillon
Upper Sandusky, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Draves
Cridersville, OH
Mr. Thomas R. Duris
Lambertville, MI
Ms. Marlene K. Eagle
Bryan, OH
Rev. Jerome D. Essinger
Swartz Creek, MI
Mrs. James Furlong
Bellevue, OH
Glenwood Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Grace Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, OH
Ms. Kathy Grau
Oak Harbor, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Grau
Walbridge, OH
Ms. Emma Hahl
Clyde, OH
Mr. and Mrs. David Hampshire
Northwood, OH
Mr. John F. Heminger
Genoa, OH
Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey
Port Charlotte, FL
Mrs. Barbara Hirzel
Walbridge, OH
Mr. Michael House
Curtice, OH
J. Henry Huseman, Endowment Fund
Bloomville, OH
Pastor Robert Johnson
Stony Ridge, OH
Mrs. Denese Jones
Martin, OH
Clayman A. & Ruth M. Kabat Trust
Pompano Beach, FL
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kieswether
Wauseon, OH
Ms. Janet Kroos
Elmore, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kruse
Woodville, OH

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lechman
Maumee, OH
Lutheran Church of The Master
Perrysburg, OH
Luther Home of Mercy Auxiliary
Williston, OH
Beverly Mackey
Port Clinton, OH
Ms. Ruth M. Marquardt
Toledo, OH
McDonald's
Genoa, OH
Messiah Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
Ms. Kathy Morfier
Bellevue, OH
Olivet Lutheran Church
Sylvania, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Claren Osmun
Edgerton, OH
Dr. Renee Paye
Warren, MI
Mrs. Virginia Podolny
Cleveland, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Milton R. Pommeranz
Toledo, OH
Portage Valley Federation/ Luth Men
Perrysburg, OH
Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church
Ida, MI
Dr. Sudarshan R. Reddy
Clinton Township, MI
Mrs. Debbie Romano
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. Kyle D. Ruff
Marysville, MI
Mrs. Margaret San Gregory
Bellevue, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schanke
Graytown, OH
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Semer
Van Wert, OH
Thomas and Judith Sevits
Perrysburg, OH
Mrs. Janice Sheahan
Curtice, OH
Ms. Sandee Sledd
Doraville, GA
Solomon Lutheran Church
Woodville, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Sopher
Toledo, OH
Mrs. Laura M. Stellhorn
Sandusky, OH
St. Jacob Lutheran Church
Anna, OH

St. James Lutheran Church
Bradner, OH
St. John Lutheran Church
Deshler, OH
St. John Lutheran Church
Montpelier, 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
Delaware, OH
St. Mark Lutheran Church
Wapakoneta, OH
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Lima, OH
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Ottawa Lake, MI
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Blissfield, MI
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sulphur Springs, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Monroeville, OH
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Norwalk, OH
Mrs. Velma L. Sundermeyer
Sylvania, OH
Ms. Brenda Tank
Oregon, OH
Mrs. Dorothy J. Tebbe
Fremont, OH
Toledo Community Foundation Inc
Toledo, OH
Trinity Lutheran Church
Elmore, OH
Trinity Lutheran School
Marysville, OH
United Way of Greater Toledo
Toledo, OH
Mr. Robert F. Walters
Oregon, OH
Mr. Thomas J. Woodings
Woodville, OH
Mr. and Mrs. John Zatzko
Oregon, OH
Zion Lutheran Church
Gibsonburg, OH
Zion Lutheran Church
Valley City, OH
Ms. Jan Zipfel
Oak Harbor, OH
Zoar Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH

Abracadabra and Blue Suede Shoes



There's nothing that livens up campus like a visit from Elvis, a talented slight-of-hand artist, or an energetic group of dancers. Luther Home invites you to spend an hour sharing your unique gifts with residents and clients. Our enthusiastic audience welcomes both individual and group performers...bands, instrumentals, dance groups, magicians, singers, theatre groups, gymnastics or karate exhibitions, puppeteers, animal acts and story tellers. Please contact Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org. We would love to have you visit!

A Home To Delight In

The LHM Community Ministries program took another step forward in 2015 with the purchase of a home in the Saddlebrook development in Perrysburg, Ohio. The single story, three bedroom home seemed a perfect spot for clients with disabilities. Working closely with the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities, LHM was successful in receiving ninety percent of the home's purchase price from a capital funding program offered by the state of Ohio.

Today, Kevin and Don share this beautiful home and, according to them it "is a dream come true". Kevin, an avid movie buff, loves the spacious living room which is just right for his TV. The refrigerator is especially appreciated because it is full of delicious food...and it's food that he chooses and prepares. The best part of all, says Kevin, "is that I can use the washer and dryer anytime I want and I don't have to put in any quarters." Kevin's roommate Don moved into his new home from a nursing home. "I love it here very much." says Don. His favorite part of his home is the affordable rent and the freedom of being able to go outside anytime he wants to sit on the backyard deck.

Kevin and Don are two men who enjoy the simple pleasures of life, home and family. Their new found friendship has been a blessing to both and they are hoping for many more years together in Perrysburg.



"Hand Picked By God" Annual Fall Fest

Scheduled For Sept. 18th.



Retired chaplain Rev. Alvera Brandt
returns to LHM as our 2016 Festival speaker.

Please join us in this tradition as we gather to celebrate the LHM ministry. This year's theme "Handpicked by God" begins on campus at 2:30 with an outdoor worship service under the tent. Then it's on to games of skill and craft creations, a photo booth, a petting zoo, bingo game, a craft and bake sale and music, all followed by a delicious picnic supper served in the gym.

We encourage you to stop in for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. If you plan to attend, or would like to volunteer, please RSVP to Arielle Semer at 419-972-4431 or asemer@lutherhome.org.



Everyone is Someone Special!

Are you thinking of someone special...maybe a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or wedding? Honor Roll gifts to Luther Home of Mercy can be a meaningful way to honor those people and events in life that are important to you.

Your gift in honor of your friends, co-workers or family members support the ministry of Luther Home of Mercy...a ministry striving to give love, hope and security to those in our communities with special needs.

On the back of the envelope enclosed with this publication you simply fill in the name and address of the person being honored, enclose your gift and LHM will notify them of your thoughtfulness. Honor Roll gifts can also be made on the LHM website at www.lutherhome.org. We thank you for your generosity....it makes such a difference to those we serve!



Memorials

April 19th–July 15, 2016

Douglas Ankenbrandt
Mr. & Mrs. Roger R. Scheid
Monroeville, OH

Lawrence & Anna Avers
Mr. Dale J. Avers
Luckey, OH

William Baldwin
Mr. and Mrs. David O.
Baldwin
Oak Harbor, OH

Bert Banks, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Rank
Sylvania, OH

Oleene Barber
Ms. Nancy A. Taylor
Toledo, OH

E. William Bensch Family
Rev. and Mrs. Eugene W.
Bensch
Roswell, GA

Phillip W. Bunyard
Mrs. Patricia Bunyard
Galion, OH

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Burnard
Dr. and Mrs. S. James Zafirau
Port Clinton, OH

Mark & Karen Doll
Dr. and Mrs. William Doll
The Villages, FL

Michael & Catherine Dombi
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas F.
Agricola
West Chester, OH

Michael F. Dombi
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W.
Dombi
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

William & Edna Dombi
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W.
Dombi
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Mrs. Estelle M. Dow
Mr. Samuel J. Dow
Clearwater, FL

Richard Eckermann
Zion Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH

Timothy Fetterman
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woessner
Lindsey, OH

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

Mr. Pat Florio
Mrs. Bernadine Florio
Elmore, OH

Rev. Charles Fox, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Mark C. Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Angelina (Angie) Frias
Rev. and Mrs. Charles
Campbell
Toledo, OH

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

Rev. John Gast
Mrs. Jeanine Gast
Aiken, SC

Edwin & Doris Gribble
Mr. and Mrs. Milton R.
Pommeranz
Toledo, OH

Leslie Henkel
Mrs. Lela M. Sweigard
Upper Sandusky, OH

Doris J. Hoesman
Mr. Kermit L. Hoesman
Woodville, OH

Rita Gladieux Irving
Mr. and Mrs. Richard P.
Henzler
Northwood, OH

Martha Kamerer
Mr. Paul Kamerer
Hartville, OH

James Klickman
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Mylander
Oak Harbor, OH

Paul Knak, Jr.
Ms. Joan Radeloff
Walbridge, OH

Rev. Jack Kocsis
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Howard Lang
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Rev. Lloyd Linder
Mr. & Mrs. Roger R. Scheid
Monroeville, OH

Loved Ones
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L.
Brossia
Perrysburg, OH

Barbara Luginbill
Mr. and Mrs. Norbert C.
Sonnenberg
Archbold, OH

Valerie McHaney
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Butler
Canton, MI

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H.
Patterson
Utica, NY

Jim, Tom, & Chris Marsh
Charlotte Marsh
Toledo, OH

Carolyn Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Walter W.
Windisch
Oak Harbor, OH

Donald & Marian Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Carl F.
Hagemeyer
Wayne, OH

Glen & Jean Moenter
Mr. and Mrs. Brad Moenter
Waterville, OH

Ernest & Emma Ness
Mr. Robert H. Ness
Gibbon, MN

Alfred Ottney
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Bockbrader
Elmore, OH

Edward Placko
Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Siek
Pemberville, OH

Susan Rasmussen
Mrs. Phyllis Rasmussen
Fraser, MI

Joseph Rybarczyk
Mr. James Rybarczyk
Maumee, OH

Charles Sack
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Sack
Oak Harbor, OH

Dale C. Schimming
Mr. and Mrs. Bill White
Oregon, OH

Edmund & Wilma Schleicher
Mr. and Mrs. Uve L.
Schuettler
Manassas Park, VA

Fred Schneiderbauer
Mrs. Norma Schneiderbauer
Toledo, OH

Gerald Schroth
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Richard Shields
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

St. John Lutheran Church
Women
Williston, OH

Kathleen Soenichsen
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L.
Bockbrader
Elmore, OH

Raymond Sunderman
Mr. Robert Drewes
Custar, OH

Mrs. Ruth M. Lange
Archbold, OH

Mr. & Mrs. William F.
Schwiebert
Hamler, OH

Mrs. Martha M. Sunderman
Holgate, OH

Carolyn Suter
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hartschuh
Sycamore, OH

Mary Truman
Mr. and Mrs. Roland A.
Henderson
Genoa, OH

Carol Vaffis
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A.
Fishbaugh
Green Springs, OH

Gary E. Wolf
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hofacker
Massillon, OH



Ted's creativity decorates the walls of Advent Lutheran Center. Clients and staff teamed up to transform the day program into an under-the-sea wonderland.

Honor Roll

April 19th–July 15, 2016

Deborah Craze

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

**Bill & Karen Doll's 50th
Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Sullivan
The Villages, FL

Carol Eckerman

Zion Lutheran Church
Perrysburg, OH

Marion Fouty's 85th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Marion L. Fouty
Oregon, OH

**Lowell & Diane Hartman's
60th Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Carr
Sarasota, FL
Mrs. Elaine Gruetter
Curtice, OH
Mrs. Lenore Harmeyer
Genoa, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Craig L. Traver
Edna Rideout
Bowling Green, OH

**Martha Jamie's 100th
Birthday**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R.
Johnson
Rossford, OH

**Pastor Bob Johnson's 50th
Anniversary of Ordination**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bitter
Millbury, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Haas
Stony Ridge, OH
Ms. Mary Jane Reitzel
Perrysburg, OH
Mrs. Joanne Schulte
Stony Ridge, OH
Ms. Margaret P. Sheldrick
Perrysburg, OH
Mr. Michael R. Sibbersen
Bowling Green, OH
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W.
Sibbersen
Perrysburg, OH
Ms. Edna M. Stebbins
Rossford, OH



At the June fishing derby Marty reels in his catch with the help of Arielle Semer, LHM's Mission Advancement Assistant.



Deaconess Dorothy Krans, LCMS Director of Recognized Service Organization spent some time visiting LMM agencies along with Pastor Don this summer. Luther Home of Mercy is pleased to be among the 12 Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) in the state of Ohio. An RSO is a non-profit organization that is independent of the church but whose operations foster the mission and ministry of the church. Across the globe, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has more than 6100 congregations and 181 Recognized Service Organizations.

**Bishop Marcus Lohrman's
Retirement**

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F.
Austerberry
Omaha, NE

**Mr. & Mrs. David Mylander's
60th Wedding Anniversary**

St. John Lutheran Church
Women
Oak Harbor, OH

**M. & Mrs. Andrew Nowak's
70th Wedding Anniversary**

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

**Phyllis Rasmussen's 90th
Birthday**

Mr. James D. Rasmussen
Chesterfield, MI

Paul Reinke's 75th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. William K.
Dahmer
Loveland, CO
Mr. and Mrs. Randall G. Koch
Sandusky, OH

**Luther Home of Mercy
Residents**

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

**Members of Salem
Grace Dorcas Circle of
Pemberville/Luckey**

Salem/Grace Dorcas Circle
Luckey, OH

Mr. & Mrs. John Schwegler

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Nelson
Curtice, OH

Luther Home of Mercy's Staff

Ms. Elverda J. Zunk
Perrysburg, OH

**Tim & Mary Stapleton's 50th
Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. David O.
Baldwin
Oak Harbor, OH

Marsha Vandemark

Mr. and Mrs. Craig R. Salhoff
Hagerstown, IN

Mission Walk

At 550 feet tall, the Mackinac Bridge is an impressive sight; and visible for miles on a clear day. Driving over the five mile span can be just a little unsettling—even for passengers; but nothing can match the experience of walking “The Mighty Mac,” and viewing the Straits of Mackinac from the bridge surface.

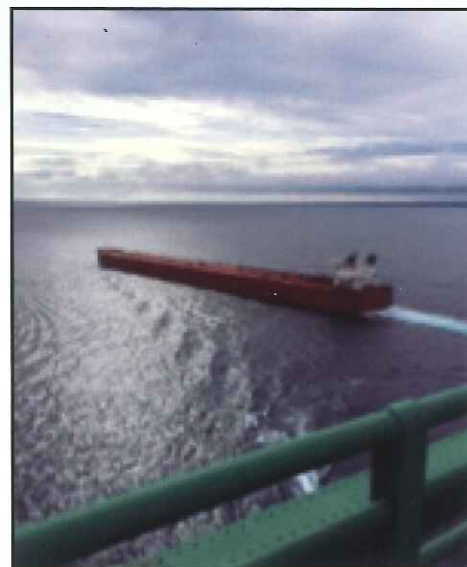
Every year on Labor Day, port authorities open one side of the bridge to pedestrian traffic; so visitors can enjoy that spectacular view. And every year since 2010, The Lutheran Men in Mission of Northwest Ohio have traveled to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to “Walk the Mac for Mission;” and, in doing so, the group has raised a total of \$32,520 for our Lutheran Ministries of Mercy.



The Men would like everyone to know the Lord; and take to heart His message of love, grace and mercy. On September 5, 2016, they would like more friends to join them in person or prayer for their mission walk.

They have set an ambitious goal; and would like to raise another \$10,000 for Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Luther Home of Mercy and Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio.

Sign-up forms are available through Richard Noll (ranoll47@gmail.com); or donations marked “Bridge Walk” can be made directly to Richard at 2474 Twp. Rd. 159, Cardington, Ohio 43315.



“Mighty Mac” Walk on September 5th

Again this Labor Day our friends from Lutheran Men in Mission have organized a fund-raising walk over the Mackinac Bridge in upper Michigan. A small band of local volunteers will join tens of thousands of other walkers for the five mile annual trek, recognized as the “world’s greatest walking event”. All sponsorships for local walkers benefit the LMM partners: Luther Home of Mercy, Filling Home and Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio. If you would like to become involved as a sponsor please fill out and mail the form below or visit us on-line at www.lutherhome.org.



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ADA Day at the Toledo Zoo welcomes hundreds of guests and scores of exhibitors to this annual event.