



LUTHER MANOR
A Life Plan Community

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News & Notes

"What a Relief!"

Dick Butzer, Independent Living Resident, and his daughter **Michelle Abrahamian** tell the story of Dick and the late Marilyn's journey to Luther Manor in our newest video. Michelle, especially, shares about the relief and peace of mind she felt when her parents made the move, and the advice she has for family members who are seeing their older loved ones struggle and are unsure of how to help.

Watch the video on [Luther Manor's Facebook page](#) or on [YouTube at http://bit.ly/LMRelief](#)



The News & Notes publication schedule is changing - turn the page to learn more!



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MISSION: —POSSIBLE—

When **Roberta Pratt**, Materials Management Specialist, heard that Hospice patients needed CD players to listen to music, she used Facebook to ask her friends and associates for donations. She received a generous response and coordinated the delivery of the donated items. In some cases, Roberta went out of her way to drive to the donor's homes to pick up the CD players. Through their generosity, Roberta was able to give the gift of music to Hospice patients.



Her actions ensured Hospice patients are taken care of on a personal level – not just a clinical and medical level. She cares about making the patient's lives as comfortable as humanly possible. This is just one example the ways Roberta lives out our mission to share God's love by enriching the lives of older adults. She strives to be the hands and feet of Jesus in all that she does.

This month, Roberta will be celebrating 35 years with Luther Manor. While she may have many reasons to celebrate her time here, all of us who have been impacted by her generosity, kindness, giving heart and care for our residents have many, many reasons to celebrate her time with us.

Watch her story and more at luthermanor.org/missionpossible

THE FUTURE OF NEWS & NOTES

In 1958, Luther Manor's first newsletter, *Luther Manor News*, made its debut. Since then, newsletters to and for residents, families and those who love Luther Manor have changed in both look and content. Now, 61 years later, things are changing again.



Our resident newsletter, *News & Notes*, will now be created and distributed four times a year, rather than every month. Our last monthly issue of *News & Notes* will be August of 2019. From there, the newsletter will be issued in October, January, April and July of each year. Along with the four issues of *News & Notes*, we will continue to produce the *Abundant Living* magazine and *Impact Report* once each year. Monthly life enrichment activity calendars and living area-specific communications will continue as currently scheduled.

Why the change? The reason is fairly simple. There is much to be done in marketing Luther Manor and we believe that the resources dedicated to *News & Notes* each month (time, personnel and print costs) will be better used in generating leads and prospects that, hopefully, become new Luther Manor residents.

Going forward, we think it makes sense to reevaluate how we can continue to make *News & Notes* useful. We'll need your help with that! If you have thoughts or ideas as to what we should include or not include in future issues of *News & Notes*, please contact **Dave Hahn (414.434.1763; dhahn@luthermanor.org)** or **Betsy Panzer (414.438.3188; bpanzer@luthermanor.org)**.



BUILDING JOY

Giving to the Faith & Education Center Renovation Campaign Surpasses \$100,000!

More than \$100,000 has been given for the Faith & Education Center Renovation! Now that this milestone has been reached, work can begin! The first phase is to update the technology. Residents and guests attending worship and activities there will notice they can hear and see better because of the installation of technology like a hearing loop, more and better-placed microphones, a high-quality projector and flat screens to display hymns, readings and more for better viewing from every seat. Also included in the first phase is one-touch technology to ensure consistency in settings and ease of use for Pastor Laura and her team, and other staff and visitors hosting programs and activities in the Faith & Education Center. Residents watching from their rooms and apartments will notice the improvements as well.

Reaching \$100,000 is exciting, but we have a ways to go to reach \$450,000. To make a gift, or to learn more, please contact **Cherie Swenson** in Luther Manor Foundation at **414.831.8950**.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

A Very Busy Bee

Our head librarian of fourteen years, **Marjorie Holman Haskell Davis**, O205, recently handed over the reins to another volunteer. My, how she loves her books. She had three libraries here to serve. She retired from her life work as the Senior Vice President at St. Mary's Hospital, became a world traveler, watercolor artist, and volunteer.

Marj Holman was born in 1925 in Barrie, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Toronto Western Hospital as a registered nurse. In 1948, she and a friend traveled by train and plane to nurse in Honolulu, Hawaii. They both met their handsome future partners. In 1950, Marjorie and Tom Haskell moved to Milwaukee so he could attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering. After a seven-year battle with multiple sclerosis, Tom died at thirty-seven.

Childless due to Tom's illness, Marj became a U.S. citizen and started her career in the Milwaukee County System. She was the Head Nurse at the Hospital for Mental Diseases for three years and the Head Nurse at the Milwaukee County Hospital Male Medical/Surgery for 15. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Wisconsin and her Masters at Marquette University.

In February 1970, she was hired by St. Mary's Hospital as an Assistant Director of Nursing. She took over as the Director of Nursing in 1971. Her vision and dedication to patient care delivery services brought many changes throughout the years. Marj stated it was very rewarding to watch managers grow. She liked to give managers larger, more satisfying roles and see them succeed. She also suggested that people, no matter their chosen profession, "to keep moving," to keep going to school, learning new things and accepting new challenges. She said, "Never say, 'I can't do that,' instead say, 'I can't do it this minute, but I'll find out how to do it.'"

In 1968, Marj married Richard Davis. They purchased a home and three-acre property in Door County during the mid-'70s to vacation until their retirement in 1987. Marj was not one to sit and watch the water run by.

She volunteered at the Ephraim Library and worked as a salesperson at "The Irish House." She entertained lots of guests, swam, and attended the Clearing Folk Art School, mainly taking classes in watercolor painting. A fellow watercolor artist was Lu Abshire, a snowbird resident from Arizona. Marj also loved to travel to exotic places like Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, England, Thailand, and Hawaii. One of her many visitors was fellow nursing administrator, Delores Nix. Delores persuaded Marj to not only visit her at Luther Manor but to relocate here as well. She said, "It's been a great relocation!"

She moved to Luther Manor in 2005. During her time here, she has volunteered as a librarian, a cashier in the Manor Mart, and in the Den of Antiquity. We residents and neighbors are so lucky to have such a caring lady volunteer her time to serve us all.

Her free time (what is that?) is spent reading and playing dominoes, hand n' foot, and bridge.

Thank you for your inspiration, Marj. A lesson we should all pass on to our families.

Healthfully yours,
Sharon Porfilio



PASTORAL CARE UPDATES



By Pastor Laura Gerstl-Beukema, Director of Pastoral Care

Weekly Chaplain Visits to Begin Across Campus

In order to better serve the Luther Manor community, beginning in August, we will have weekly chaplain visits scheduled for each area of campus (Terrace, Courtyards, the Academy, Truby 2 and 3, Rehab, Health Care 1 and 2, and Home 2). Of course you are always welcome to request to see a chaplain anytime, but we want to come to each area of the campus on a weekly basis in order to be more accessible, to build relationships with you, and to better meet your spiritual needs. As this is a new undertaking for our team, we may modify days/times as needed in order to find times that don't interfere with meals or other regular activities. We will communicate any changes to our schedule on the monthly Life Enrichment calendars. Please see any member of the Pastoral Care team with any questions.

New Program in the Terrace: Missionary Moments

Responding to resident requests to hear from missionaries, Life Enrichment and Pastoral Care have teamed up to begin a new monthly series, *Missionary Moments*. Each month (except December), we plan to invite a missionary here to Luther Manor to share their story, share photos, and take questions from the residents about their ministry.

Terrace residents are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 14 at 2 pm in the Linden Room as Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson joins us to share about her service. This presentation, including a time for questions, will last approx. 90 minutes and should end by 3:30 pm.

Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson is an ELCA pastor in Port Washington and Saukville, WI, and the 2016 recipient of Luther Seminary's annual Graduate Preaching Fellowship. For many years now, she has been interacting with the Christian Church's response around the world to the global immigration and refugee crisis. She's visited refugee camps and immigration clinics across the United States, from Fargo, ND to McAllen, TX, and also across Europe, Africa, and Latin America. Pastor Kelly also is a sought-after speaker for church communities on the topics of Immigration and Refugee Resettlement. For more information about her travels and refugee work, please visit her blog at <https://hope-beyond-borders.net/>



Backyard BBQ

Assisted Living residents and families enjoyed a lovely day during our annual Backyard BBQ bash on June 22. The picnic red, white, and blue everyone away thanks to our smiling volunteers!



LUTHER MANOR *Life Enrichment*

Terrace

Please sign up for outings in the O Connector.

Water Fitness Class

Mondays, 10:15-11 am in the Whirlpool. Add. fee required. Sign up in the O Connector.

Bunco

Friday, Aug 2, 2 pm in the Patio

Dale Kuntz Movie

Friday, Aug 2, 7 pm in the Linden Room (LR). "Charley's Aunt" (1941)

Dietician Talk

Tuesday, Aug 6, 10:30 am in the LR

Polka Joel

Tuesday, Aug 6, 2 pm in the Lower Atrium (LA)

Domes Trip

Thursday, Aug 8, 1-3:30 pm.

Music by Al Anderson

Friday, Aug 9, 2 pm in the LA

Volunteer Service Informational Meeting

Monday, Aug 12, 1:30 pm in the LR

Historial Milwaukee Bus Tour & Ice Cream

Tuesday, Aug 13, 1-4 pm

Missionary Moments

Wednesday, Aug 14, 2 pm in the LR. Pastor Kelly's Immigration Forum.

Harvest Moon Social

Thursday, Aug 15, 3:30 pm in the Hearth Club

History of Music by Tim Wisely

Friday, Aug 16, 1:30 pm in the LA

Bingo

Friday, Aug 23, 2:15 in the Redwood Room

Brewer's Game

Wednesday, Aug 28, Noon-4:30 pm



Courtyards

All activities are held in the Life Enrichment Room unless otherwise noted.

No Bible Study in August

Devotions

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Chapel

Chair Zumba with Nora

Tuesdays, 9:15 am

Balance Exercise

Wednesdays, 9:15 am

Nia Exercise

Thursdays, 9:15 am

Bell Choir with Yaping

Thursdays, 10 am

Play Sheepshead

Mondays, 2:45 pm in the Ice Cream Parlor

Play Bridge

Thursdays, 10:30 am in the Ice Cream Parlor

Music by Marc Powers

Friday, Aug 2, 1:30 pm

Ragtime Music by Doug Haise

Monday, Aug 5, 3 pm. "His final performance."

Welcome New Residents Party

Wednesday, Aug 7, 2 pm

Brewer's Tailgate Outing

Wednesday, Aug 14, depart 10:30 am, return 4:45 pm. Cost is \$13. See Shari for details.

Music by Regent & Dudzik

Friday, Aug 23, 10 am

Music Down Memory Lane by Bob Ropiak

Monday, Aug 26, 3 pm

Health Care Center

All activities are held
in the Activity Room
unless otherwise noted.

TaiChi/Yoga

Thursdays, Aug 1, 8 & 22,
1:30 pm in the Green Room

Sing a Long

Tuesdays, Aug 6 & 27, 2 pm

Hymn Sing/Poetry

Wednesdays, 2 pm

Ice Cream Social & Music

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm in 1700
Aug 7: Marc Powers
Aug 21: Terry Morgenroth
Aug 28: Robert Ropiak

Resident Council

Tuesday, Aug 13, 2 pm

Brewer's Tailgate Outing

Wednesday, Aug 14, depart
10:30 am, return 4:45 pm.

Progressive Church Baptist Bible Study

Thursday, Aug 15, 2 pm

Dietary Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 20, 2 pm

Dance Party - Line Dances!!

Friday, Aug 23, 3 pm

Veterans Club

Monday, Aug 26, 1:30 pm in
the Welcome Center

Campus Wide

All are welcome!

Summer Nights Concert

Thursday, Aug 1, 5-7 pm
in the F&E parking lot
(weather permitting). Food
& beverages will be served
5-6:30 pm. Music by John &
Carol, a "Sentimental Journey"
with favorites by Sinatra,
Glen Miller, Doris Day &
Patsy Cline, 5:30-7 pm.



14TH ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

Saturday, Sept 7

9 am-2 pm
Faith & Education
Center parking lot

ALL CARS
WELCOME!



Food & Beverages,
11:30 am-1 pm

Registration is \$7 prior,
\$10 day-of.

*If rain, there will be
resident bingo at 10 am
in the F&E.

Contact Kathy at
kjastromski@luthermanor.org
or 414.847.5080 to register or for
more information.

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight Art Display

Don't miss seeing the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight
art display in the Welcome Center! It will be in
place until August 9. The display includes the best,
most moving images of Honor Flight participants in
southeast Wisconsin. All are welcome!

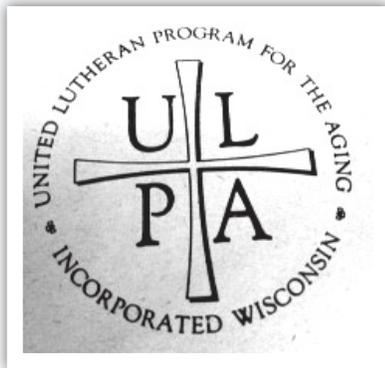
*"Every good and perfect gift is from
above, coming down from the Father of
the heavenly lights, who does not change
like shifting shadows." - James 1:17*

THE HISTORY OF LUTHER MANOR:

A Social Worker Was Needed

By Sharon Porfilio

Safety, parting with possessions, tiredness, fear, loneliness and many other human pressing problems came into the office of Luther Manor long before the building was



ready to receive guests. The administrator, Reverend Elstad, reported on the many concerns that lay ahead for Luther Manor. A daughter concerned for the safety of her aged mother who lived alone; a woman worn out with the care of a bedridden husband, inquiring if she and her husband could be admitted to Luther Manor; a man left alone at the death of his wife - afraid that he would be stricken with illness or perhaps die with no one knowing or caring - wanting to know if it is possible for him to have a room.

The Board recognized the need for a qualified social worker to handle concerns such as this. Such work required a person trained in the techniques of social work, one with a warm sensitiveness to human needs of all kinds. According to the job description, he or she needed a degree in social work, be a practicing member of the Lutheran Church, and if possible have had some experience in social casework. Reverend Elstad asked directly, "Do any of the readers of Luther Manor News know of such a person? If you do, will you contact the office of Luther Manor?"

VETS CLUB REPORT

By Dave Myers, Vets Club Coordinator

John Kessler, a Cold War Air Force veteran, had quite a story to tell Luther Manor veterans and friends at the July meeting. His ability to speak and understand the Russian language put him in the secret world of espionage in Europe and Turkey. The audience got a rare peak at an era in the 1950's that is not talked about today.

No Terrace Vets Club Meeting in August

August has traditionally been vacation time with family and friends, so we take a pass on planning a gathering that few members attend. Instead, for those folks looking for something to do, please join us at the American Legion Post on 124th Street for a fish fry. Mark you calendar = Friday, August 16th for a great feast and live entertainment! The fun starts at 5 pm. Need a ride? NO PROBLEM. Contact **Dave Myers** at **414.445.7855** for free transportation there and back.

WELCOME RACHEL MIERS, VOLUNTEER SPECIALIST

By Cheryl Schmitz, Volunteer Services Director

Luther Manor has welcomed **Rachel Miers** to the Volunteer Service Department. Rachel will be working with Cheryl Schmitz, Dir. Volunteer Services, and the many dedicated volunteers who support Luther Manor's mission with their gifts of time and talents. She will be focusing on student and community group volunteer opportunities.

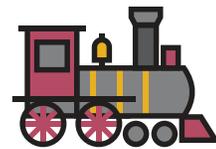


Rachel comes with experience in Hospice volunteer management and has an Art Therapy degree from Mt. Mary University. Rachel has had many connections at Luther Manor beginning with her grandfather who received services in the Transitional Care Rehabilitation Center and later compassionate Hospice care. According to Rachel, she admired the care and concern that her family received at Luther Manor. She even wrote a paper for Jr. High about the experience. It was one of the reasons she decided to consider Art Therapy as a major after graduating from Milwaukee Lutheran High School.

At Mt. Mary University her Art Therapy class participated in the Adult Day Program's Music & Memory program once a week for approximately six weeks. She observed how nice it was for the family to be able to have their loved ones enrolled in the Academy providing them with a safe, loving and active environment when they may be working or in need of respite care.

Rachel has found that Luther Manor is a very active community. Everyone that she has met at Luther Manor is so friendly and they take the time to check in with each other. She is looking forward to getting to know the volunteers and finding out why they love to volunteer at Luther Manor. It is a very selfless act to give the gift of time to others in need.

All Aboard!



Residents and guests of all ages enjoyed glimpsing the action that our volunteers in the Train Room get up to during the Model Railroad Open House on June 22.



Silk Scarf Dyeing

Health Care Center residents created beautiful silk scarves using different foods and edible things found in the kitchen. Each scarf was a wonderful, unique showing of creativity!



CRACKING HUMPTY DUMPTY: The History of a Popular Nursery Rhyme By Harvin Abrahamson

Way back in grade school we children learned nursery rhymes that were popular such as Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

Though written for children, I read in a booklet "The Dark Origins of 11 Classic Nursery Rhymes" by Jennifer M. Wood that Humpty Dumpty was also a history lesson about the English Civil War. Humpty Dumpty was not an egg as published but was actually a cannon used by the army of Charles 1 in 1648 to deter the opposing army of Parliamentarians and fired by an expert gunner, One Eyed Thompson, with the canon being mounted on a church tower, effectively defended the town of Colchester for three months.

Eventually the church tower was knocked down and the cannon fell into the marsh below and was never found.

"Thus, all the King's Horses and all the King's Men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again!"



Happy Birthday

Terrace

Vida Stanton	Aug 3
Marion Lochbihler	Aug 5
Barbara Seitz	Aug 5
Carol Timme	Aug 5
Jean Pierre	Aug 11
Kathy Horkheimer	Aug 11
Ken Strecker	Aug 12
Emily Brauer	Aug 13
Karen Merklein	Aug 13
Hope Olson	Aug 13
Dave Myers	Aug 14
Eileen Cairns	Aug 16
Millie Seefeld	Aug 19
Robert Helm	Aug 26
Josephine Fischer	Aug 28
Tina Laudon	Aug 29
Irene Trippe	Aug 31

Happy 100th!

New volunteers

Dick Butzer
 Kathryn Farseth
 Shemiah Hoskin
 Derrick Maiden
 Serena Stern
 Bernice Trawick
 Amariana Troutman
 Gladys Warford

Courtyards

Clarence Fauteck	Aug 3
Janet Schrank	Aug 7
Margaret Kenowski	Aug 8
Leroy Jastromski	Aug 12
Chuck Chin	Aug 13
Vickie Christensen	Aug 14
Laverne Smithmier	Aug 14
Rogene Vandriest	Aug 16
Erika Plonus	Aug 17
Connie Hubbard	Aug 26
Lelah Engler	Aug 29

Health Care Center

Irmgard Tews	Aug 4
Ronald Albers	Aug 4
Jean Einerson	Aug 9
Susan Fralick	Aug 12
Victor Grabow	Aug 15
Linda Jones	Aug 16
Ruth Tamms	Aug 17
Diane Patt	Aug 17
Norma Ferry	Aug 22
Ethel Clark	Aug 26
Quinle Cook	Aug 27
Eva Copeland	Aug 27
Barbara Landrum	Aug 29



In our prayers

The Luther Manor community offers sympathy to the families and friends of:

Sophie Burgermeister
 Kathleen Cianciolo
 Carolanne Flieller
 Ruth Freiherr
 Gertrude Jensen
 Raymond Kocol
 Tommy Sue Kocol
 Manette Lambert
 Janet Neitzke
 Dorothy Rieck
 Raymond Strehlow
 Roman Szocik



New residents

Vicki Christensen (Courtyards)
 Thomas & Joyce Christie (Terrace)
 Gloria & Leroy Jastromski (Courtyards)
 Maryrose Kanngieser (Terrace)
 Delores Nix (Courtyards)
 Lois Sanford (Courtyards)

50-hour volunteers

Jennifer Ecke
 Ronald Kruger
 Jerry Wilson



Wedding anniversaries

Jim & Sharon Porfilio - 56 years on Aug 10
 Ron & Barbara Albers - 60 years on Aug 15
 Richard & Karen Merklein - 62 years on Aug 17
 Ed & Mary Burhop - 57 years on Aug 22
 Tom & Peg Umhoefer - 61 years on Aug 23
 Lester & Irmgard Tews - 71 years on Aug 28

