



LUTHER MANOR  
A Life Plan Community

# News & Notes

WINTER 2020



## A SYMPHONY OF SERVICE

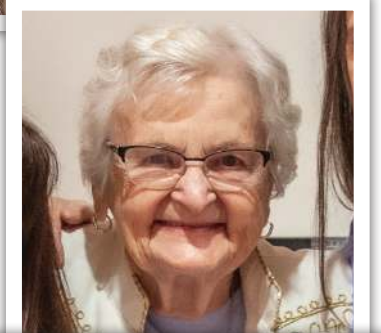
We always appreciate the numerous citizens who willingly give their time and care to Luther Manor, but on Thursday, September 26, 2019, we took time to specially recognize our devoted orchestra of volunteers during our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, appropriately themed "A Symphony of Service."

Volunteers and staff had the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful spread of hors d'oeuvres and each other's company before celebrating kindness, compassion, and service during the program lead by Director of Volunteer Services Cheryl Schmitz.

Volunteers who reached a milestone 500-hour increments or more than 10 and 25 years in their service to Luther Manor were celebrated. We were also excited to recognize three well-deserving volunteers by presenting them with the Good Samaritan Award. Barbara Haessly, Betty Lissack, and Goldie Steinbock (pictured top to bottom) each graciously share their talents with Luther Manor in remarkable, inspiring ways – they are genuine examples of our mission to share God's love by enriching the lives of older adults.

This mission is achieved with the support of dedicated volunteers who convey a sense of home, community, and well-being to the residents, participants, and rehabilitation guests of Luther Manor.

**To learn more about volunteering at Luther Manor, contact Volunteer Services at 414.831.8964 or [volunteer@luthermanor.org](mailto:volunteer@luthermanor.org).**



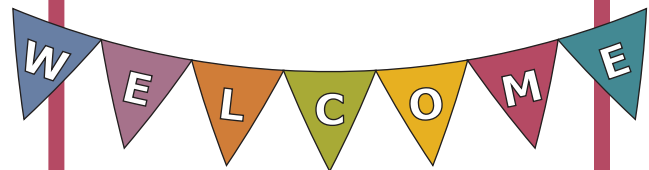


# NEW WEEKLY LCMS WORSHIP SERVICES

Beginning on January 8, we are very excited to announce that Berea Lutheran Church will begin offering weekly worship services here at Luther Manor. These services will be held every Wednesday in the Faith & Education Center, and are open to all. Per Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) policy, only people who are members of a LCMS church will be allowed to receive communion. Fellowship and refreshments will follow worship services each week in the Lobby of the Faith & Education Center. Berea Lutheran Church has been active here for over 10 years, coming to Luther Manor to offer Bible study each Monday afternoon in Grandma’s Kitchen. As this group has grown substantially over the years, the need for a weekly LCMS worship opportunity here at Luther Manor was evident. We are so thankful to Berea Lutheran Church and especially Pastor Jeff Mueller for bringing this worship opportunity to the residents here at Luther Manor.

## COVERAGE DURING PASTOR LAURA'S MATERNITY LEAVE

Sometime beginning mid to late January, Pastor Laura expects to be off for maternity leave. During her leave, Pastor Jon Breimeier will cover for Pastor Laura. Many of you may remember Pastor Jon from the time he served here at Luther Manor as an interim chaplain from February to May of 2019. He looks forward to being back with us at Luther Manor. In addition to Pastor Jon's presence, the pastoral care department will also have Pastor Steven Tipton and Chaplain Marian Wasierski available for pastoral care needs, as well as Lori Schultz, Pastoral Care Specialist. Please contact the front desk if you need help reaching any of the pastoral care staff during Pastor Laura's leave.



## NEW VOLUNTEERS

Sirena Avery  
Carol Bernard  
Sahara Champeau  
Nicole Cornwall  
Franky Castillo  
Faraday Ehlert  
Ebony Hayes  
Jy'veon Hearn  
Zakea Jones  
Cindy Michalski  
Sidney Nwachukwu  
Allison Schwark  
Crystal Vang  
Michaela Van Handel  
Julie Weyhrich  
Zion Woods

# Luther Manor Foundation LOOKING BACK & LOOKING AHEAD

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Luther Manor Foundation in 2019. Your gifts strengthened the Resident Support Fund to help residents who cannot afford the full cost of their housing and care, and helped make possible important projects like the Faith & Education Center renovations.

Building Joy, the Faith & Education Center campaign, has reached \$200,000 in gifts. Have you noticed the changes underway? Beyond modernization to technology and aesthetic changes throughout the space, further renovations are planned including carpeting, lighting, seating and more. Please stay tuned for updates!

The Foundation grows through your giving every day. **If you have questions regarding giving, or would like to learn more about Luther Manor Foundation and the organization's greatest needs, please contact Cherie Swenson, Executive Director, at 414.831.8950 or visit T110.** Thank you!



## F&E RENOVATION UPDATES

Phase 1 of the Faith & Education Center renovation was completed in mid-December! Walls were refinished, lighting was added, and new audio & video equipment including two large projections screens, wall-mounted articulating screens, a new wireless microphone system, new amplifier and speakers, and a one-touch operation control system for ease of use was installed.



## VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Led by Vets Club Coordinator Dave Myers on November 11, Luther Manor's Veterans' Day Service honored all who served in our armed forces, especially the veterans who reside here. Additionally, resident veterans who passed away since Memorial Day were appreciatively remembered by placing a carnation with their name in our Veterans Memorial. Stop by the Welcome Center to take a moment to remember and honor veterans yourself!

# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

## *Tiquita Tuomi (as Told by Her Grandson)*

Hola! This month I am collaborating with grandson Sam Soik, about my friend Tiquita Tuomi (U309). Tiquita and her husband are seven-year residents of Luther Manor. Majoring in “romance” gave her an educational edge as she celebrated 59 years with “*el hombre de su vida*.”

Tiquita Nakamura Tuomi was born in Brazil in 1936. Her parents had emigrated from Japan to Getulina, a municipality in the state of Sao Paulo with a population of 11,287 people. They were part of a fast-growing community of immigrants. Her father owned and operated a dry goods store. Since her parents never had access to formal education, Tiquita and her five siblings’ schooling was a top priority. A proud grandson reports, “My grandma was incredibly studious.” She and her siblings lived in a boarding school for seven years, spending summers at home. They made their parents proud when they graduated to be dentists and doctors – and one teacher. Sam reported, “Grandma graduated simultaneously from boarding school and teachers’ college at age 18.” Tiquita remembers how difficult times were for her mom who lived for 101 years and sewed all their clothes, proudly saying nothing was store-bought. Dad was strict. His kids could not gather in the streets or shopping areas. He picked out her clothes and the colors she wore. The color red was forbidden as he felt it was a color for prostitutes.

Leaving Brazil behind, Tiquita traveled to Japan and New York City. She loved being free at last. Working as a waitress, she enrolled at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. It was there she met her future husband, Roger. They married in 1960 and traveled around the country and the globe for Roger’s job as a civil engineer. She had to postpone her education. Along the way, they welcomed two children, Mark and Ruby. While living in Argentina, they visited Tiquita’s family in

Brazil. In Italy, she discovered her passion and gift for the Romance languages.

After returning to the USA in 1970, she resumed her education at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, attending classes during the day while raising two kids at home. She completed her bachelor’s degree in teaching with concentrations in Portuguese, French, and Spanish. Question – did she ever send dad a Wisconsin tee shirt? During her 23-year career as a Spanish teacher, Tiquita served as head of the Foreign Language Department of the Madison schools. She was also the local president of the American Field Service Intercultural Program, an organization that helped foreign exchange students adjust to the American school system. She regularly took students on cultural immersion trips to Spain and Mexico. In 1995, she retired to help care for her first grandchild (co-author Sam).

In 1991, Tiquita and Roger moved to Brookfield to be closer to their daughter’s family. Twenty-one years later, they gave away their snow shovel to move to Luther Manor. Six days a week, they exercise at the Wauwatosa YMCA. They enjoy attending Luther Manor events. Residents often see their relatives attending family get-togethers in the dining room.

*Adios amigas y amigos,*

*Saludos!*

Sharon Porfilio y Sam



# What's Happening @ LUTHER MANOR



The action during the weekly dart ball competition is INTENSE! Thanks to independent living resident Bert Hartinger for sharing these action shots.



On December 7, assisted living residents and family members enjoyed a special Santa's Brunch featuring an appearance by the big guy himself! A craft and bake sale raised money to buy toys for Sojourner Truth house.



The Milwaukee Choristers performed a wonderful concert on Wednesday, December 4 to a full Faith & Education Center!



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# What's Happening @ LUTHER MANOR



Every month a different assisted living group has a special, themed gathering in the Life Enrichment room called "The Neighborhood Lunch." Residents determine what is served at these special luncheons - and receive a formal invitation. The tables are dressed with linens, cloth napkins, decorative centerpieces and there is music in the background.

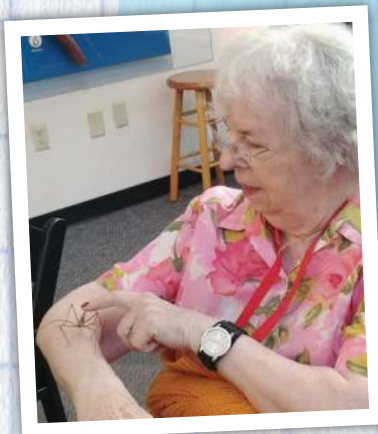
The menu this time included a Caprese salad, choice of bow tie pasta or tri-colored noodles, a zesty meat marinara or alfredo sauce and grilled chicken, garlic bread, and for dessert: cannolis!



WaterStone Bank presented the Luther Manor Vets Club with a \$1,000 donation to serve residents across our continuum of care on Thursday, October 17. Pictured below are Vets Club Coordinator Dave Myers and Community President of WaterStone Bank Carol Carey. Thank you for supporting our mission, WaterStone Bank!



Residents and family members of Luther Manor's dementia care units had an amazing time at the SPARK! program with Dawn at the Milwaukee Public Museum. The SPARK! program is specially designed for people with dementia and has been incredible for our residents. We learned a lot about bugs!



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# VETS CLUB REPORT

By Dave Myers, Vets Club Coordinator

The annual Terrace Vets Club Christmas Party was a great success thanks to the special efforts of several residents. Pat Behling and Audrey Richter organized the food and refreshments. A special thanks to Wolf Knappe for playing several seasonal songs on his recorder. More thanks to Harvin Abrahamson for leading everyone in singing Christmas carols. A good time and fellowship were had by all.

Below are upcoming Vets Club meetings for the next three months. As always, Vets Club gatherings are open to all Luther Manor residents. **Meetings are held in the Redwood Room, start promptly at 7 pm,** and usually last about one hour.

## THE STATUS OF THE NAVY

**Wednesday, January 8.** Our first 2020 Terrace Veterans Club gathering will feature a local speaker with updates on the current status of the US Navy. Be prepared for some eyebrow-raising details on naval plans for the future.

## VALENTINES DAY GATHERING

**Wednesday, February 12.** Several resident veteran couples will share how they met and fell in love. It should be a fun experience getting to know some of our fellow residents.

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL WOMEN WARRIORS MONTH

**Wednesday, March 11.** Our guest speaker will tell us about famous Wisconsin-born female veterans from the Civil War to today's military activities.

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

Paul Feilen, Luther Manor Driver, and Katie Schilling, Resident Relations Specialist, are well known around campus, not just because they've collectively worked at Luther Manor for over 40 years, but also because of the many ways in which they live out our mission.



Recently, a Health Care Center/Hospice resident and his family requested that he be moved to live out his last days at home. However, there were obstacles preventing a safe transition. The day those obstacles were resolved, the resident's condition was such that he likely had very little time. Upon notifying the family of the resident's decline and that he could safely be moved home, we learned that their car was being repaired and unavailable.

Katie Schilling found a window in the day's transportation schedule and asked Paul if he would make the special trip happen. Of course he was more than willing to make this wish come true. Paul not only transported the resident home but then wheeled him up the steps and safely inside.

Paul mentioned that efforts like this are possible because we work as a team and "No one can do this work alone." Paul and Katie both displayed compassion and empowered accountability in fulfilling this important last wish. Please join us in thanking them for making our Mission Possible.

# What Would Be Written on Your Sidewalk?

By Harvin Abrahamson

Being born in Chicago, but moving to a rural community in Wisconsin at a very young age before the Depression Era arrived did not permit me to observe the following first hand – that is, the simple code hoboese used in judging the generosity of residents in cities and towns.

A chalk drawing on the side of a building or a sidewalk in the form of a top hat indicated “a kind gentleman lives here.”

If the symbol happened to be in the form of a cross – “religious talk will get you a meal.”

Two half-circles meant “free meal,” whereas a circle warned, “nothing to be gained at this place.”

Living on a farm about three miles from a town with a railroad station did not bring many hoboes, but some did arrive in the favorable weather seasons. They were mostly apologetic, polite (they took off their caps when they spoke to my mother) and usually offered to work, though we had nothing to offer.

However, none were ever turned away. Mother always gave a portion of the hot meal she was preparing for our family. Under the watchful eyes of our German Shepherd, they gratefully ate, offered thanks, and moved on.

Let us offer thanks to our Lord for all of His blessings and may we all be able to “wear” the top hats, half-circles, and crosses in our hearts and minds for whatever gifts we may afford for those less fortunate.

We ask blessings on our Armed Forces, those who serve and those who have given their lives and passed on to their Eternal Rewards.



## A SWEET “KISS”



She was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, “But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!”

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”  
– Isaiah 1:18



# MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Many individuals choose to remember or honor their loved ones by making contributions to Luther Manor. We recognize and celebrate those in whose memory have been given. Tribute gifts serve to commemorate birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or other special occasions or to simply show appreciation for a friendship or act of kindness. Those who have been memorialized or honored with a gift to Luther Manor are listed below in **bold-faced type** and are followed by the names of the donor(s). **The following gifts were received between September 1, 2019 and November 30, 2019.**

If you would like to remember or pay tribute to a loved one with a gift to Luther Manor, please contact **Luther Manor Foundation** at **414.831.8950** or **give@luthermanor.org**.

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## IN MEMORY OF...

### **Rev. Ronald W. Albers**

Betty Lissack

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

Robert & Audrey  
Richter

### **Ken Andeen**

Martha Andeen

### **Audrey Arndt**

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

### **Eleanor Beckman**

Mary Rose Schroeder

### **Thora Campbell**

Martha Andeen

### **William Dermody**

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

Robert & Ann

Borowski

Nora Ladewig

### **Norma Ehlers**

Goldie Steinbock

### **Virginia M. Einem**

Richard & Shirley

Behrendt

### **Audrey Falk**

Dorothy Anderson

### **Robert Helm**

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

### **Roger & Ethel Hoffman**

Betty E. Kannal

### **Alice Humphrey**

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

Elisabeth Eaton &

Steven Ryan

Friends

Bert Hartinger

Peter & Shelly

Humphrey

Richard & Karen

Merklein

James Santoro

Jeff Wootton

Mack Wootton

### **Marion Kreissig**

Deborah and Verlin

Brale

Randolph & Barbara

Guyer

Craig & Nancy

Holdmann

Scott Ihlenfeld

Grant & Betty Lubin

Jacquelyn Scudder &

Michael Kroh

James & Linda

Slawinski

Thomas & Nancy

Tischer

Thomas H. Woehrle

### **Robert Lissack**

Lisa Chew

Scott Lissack

### **Garnet Louage**

Carol Baylon

Peter & Jennifer

Baylon

Audrey Collins and

Lynn Landish

Kay Fett

Rosemary Krueger

Delmar & Nancy

Schroeter

Norma Ziolkowski

### **Kathryn Lucas**

Diane Phillips

### **Richard Mattson**

Betty Mattson

### **My Parents**

Paul M. Heck

### **William & Marion**

**Nimmer**

Dr. William & Betty

Nimmer

### **Marjorie Stark**

Richard Grunke

Darlene Bolton O'Neill

### **Susan Stimac**

Mary Ann

Abrahamson

James Thunes

### **John and Lois Van Derven**

Thomas & Beth

Kissner

### **Ruth Yankus**

Wayne & Ruth Ann

Higgins

Betty Lissack

Larry & Sharon

Nelson

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## IN HONOR OF...

### **Luther Manor and River Oaks Volunteers**

Mark & Cheryl

Schmitz

### **Bob & Audrey Richter's 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Richard & Karen

Merklein

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## MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS, continued from page 7

### Emma & Rachel Soenksen

Linda Zywicki

### Norbert "Rusty" Tym

Mary Ann  
Abrahamson  
Barbara Albers  
Martha Andeen  
Anonymous  
Donald & Phyllis  
Arndt  
Pat Behling  
Janet M. Beltman  
Richard Butzer  
Stephanie A. Chedid  
Thomas & Joyce  
Christie

Gerhard & Lucy  
Fischer  
Mary Ann Goodman  
Lorraine Guenther  
Barbara J. Haessly  
Kathleen S. Hanold  
Bert Hartinger  
Inga Harwick  
Arlene Hauser  
Bernice & Marcella  
Heimerl  
Joyce Heinrich  
Jacqueline Holloway  
Bernard & Judith  
Huizenga  
Rev. Dr. Wolf D.  
Knappe  
Jacklyn Kohlmeier

Joanne S. Krause  
Sr. Rose J. Kroeger  
Bea Lex  
Barbara H. Lohr  
Nancy L. Matton  
Richard & Karen  
Merklein  
Jean Pierre  
James & Sharon  
Porfilio  
Robert & Audrey  
Richter  
William Ruidl  
Janice Schefelker  
William Schier  
Virginia Schimmels  
Jeanette Schultz  
Mildred Seefeld

Vida C. Stanton  
Darleen Tabbert  
Patricia Tesch  
James & Beverly  
Thomas  
James Thunes  
Irene Trippe  
Norman Tym and  
Linda Llanas Tym  
Thomas & Maureen  
Umhoefer  
Robert & Loraine Van  
Eerden  
Dr. Ronald & Agnes  
Wells  
Rose Yaksh



**Wednesday,  
February 26, 2020**

Please mark your calendars and watch your Life Enrichment Calendars for more information on worship service times for Ash Wednesday.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SERVICE

**Monday, January 20, 2020 | 2 pm**

You are invited to join us for a service in the Faith & Education Center as we remember and give thanks for the life, leadership, ministry, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15. Dr. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later.

