

Life^{at} Saint Luke Manor & Pavilion

Continuing the heritage begun by Lutheran Welfare Service

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including Saint Luke Manor & Pavilion, Amity Village, Weinberg House, Hospice Saint John, Lutherwood, Family Life Services, Adoption Services, Genesis, Volunteer Home Care and Congregational Health Ministries

Campus improvements, renovations on schedule

Many improvements and renovations that have been scheduled for the campus of Saint Luke Manor, Saint Luke Pavilion and Amity Village are under way.

Probably the most visible project in the next few weeks will be the new community center for the residents of Amity Village. Construction has begun in the Steigerwalt Center to partition the building in half for the addition of a new kitchen and meeting area. The

would go without a hitch, a “test room” was completed first. The fresh coat of paint, new cubicle curtains, draperies, bedspreads, wallpaper border and some accessories were all coordinated to achieve a country living theme. Through the generosity of the auxiliary, the bedspreads and draperies for each room have already been purchased.

And finally, negotiations are continuing in regard to making the necessary improvements to Stacie Drive, the main access road to Saint Luke Pavilion and Amity Village.

Enhancements to the road and many other improvements at Saint Luke Manor and Saint Luke Pavilion are set to be initiated this spring. Though some not visible, they all will enhance the lives of the residents, families and friends who visit the campus. Stay tuned for more updates.

space previously occupied by Hospice Saint John is in process of becoming a family room, bedroom and bathroom for visiting family and friends of Amity Village residents.

Also very visible will be the “makeover” of the resident rooms in Saint Luke Manor. To insure the makeovers



Above: In order to schedule a “makeover” for the resident rooms at Saint Luke Manor, a “test room” with new bedspreads, cubicle curtains, draperies, paint and wallpaper border was created. A beautiful result...

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Diakon CEO travels to the White House

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From the Administrator



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Saint Luke Manor and Pavilion are two of 22 retirement communities operated by Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, which also offers a range of specialized programs for children, individuals, and families.

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The seasons are finally changing—a welcome event here in the snow belt. And like the seasons, we have lots of changes happening here at Saint Luke Manor.

With the help and generosity of our wonderful ladies auxiliary, our residents rooms have been given a face-lift. Knowing that a renovation was scheduled, the auxiliary purchased new bedspreads and draperies for every room. to coordinate with the chosen theme, country living. New cubicle curtains, lighting fixtures, paint, wallpaper border and some accessories were also purchased.

To make sure everything was just right, a “test room” was re-decorated. We are happy to report that all the resident rooms have been scheduled for their face-lift.

In an effort to better accommodate our residents, families and visitors, the Manor’s receptionist has been relocated into the main lobby. Several other offices have also been relocated within the building for efficiency and space needs. These include medical records, social services, environmental services and nursing.

While some of these services are not visible to visitors, they are an important part in maintaining the high quality of care to our residents.

With warmer weather soon upon us, the maintenance staff will be preparing the outdoor courtyards. Flowers, plants and birdhouses “decorate” the courtyards and serve as perfect areas for residents to revive their gardening memories or just enjoy the sights and scents. The front entrance also boasts a lovely area with a walking path, benches and many garden delights.

With spring many changes for our facility and our campus. However, with the many changes happening around our campus, one thing will always remain, our reputation for providing the highest quality of care to our residents through our dedicated and loving staff.

**-Ann Quinnan
Administrator
Saint Luke Manor**

Diakon is helping to shape national public policy

The Rev. Dr. Daun E. McKee, president and CEO, met with White House staff on March 15 to discuss President Bush's proposed faith-based initiatives. McKee was part of a delegation from Lutheran Services in America that met with John J. Dilulio, Jr., head of the White House's Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

The group was assured that despite recent news reports to the contrary, the administration's plan to partner with faith-based organizations is still largely on track.

"There is tremendous potential to this issue," says McKee. "There is a great need for non-profit and governmental agencies to work together to ensure that necessary services are provided to Americans."

Emphasizing the experience of each member of the Lutheran Services in America delegation working in partnership with government agencies, the group stressed its desire to be part of the planning process.

"We were assured that we would be part of the dialog as the plan is being developed and rolled out," says McKee. "The social ministry programs operated by our organizations can help to serve as examples of success in crafting this exciting initiative."

White House staff plans to examine the experiences of social ministry organizations such as Diakon and their knowledge of working in conjunction with governmental agencies. The staff can then use that information in

the planning and implementation process of the program.

Diakon has provided a spectrum of services to persons in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and

Delaware for many years, often in partnership with government agencies or funding. For example, the Wilderness Challenge program serves children and adolescents referred through county juvenile courts. The challenge helps youths

"There is a great need for non-profit and governmental agencies to work together to ensure that necessary services are provided to Americans."

develop self-esteem, gain an awareness of abilities, take responsibility for actions, and understand the value of helping others. Youths face and overcome adversity in an unfamiliar environment by meeting emotional and physical challenges, while gaining insights into their reactions and behaviors.

Dilulio noted that accountability is critical in the program-clear protocols, measurements and reliable data for the government to

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Volunteer Services

department is seeking new volunteers to assist in many activities at Saint Luke Manor and Saint Luke Pavilion.

According to Marydonna Portonova, director of volunteer



Above: Auxilian treasurer and volunteer Helen Eckroth, hard at work at the sewing machine. She has been a volunteer for more than 20 years.

Below: Volunteer Sue K. Kunkle, of Orwigsburg, is another long time volunteer and auxilian. She works in the Pavilion's gift shop



services, volunteers play an important role in caring for the residents of both facilities. "Their one-on-one interaction is critical to a resident's mental outlook," says

Portonova.

Some of the areas volunteers are needed are the gift shop, mail delivery, dietary department and clerical services. The activities involved vary, but can include retail sales in the gift shop, delivering and reading mail to residents, wrapping silverware and assisting secretaries with filing. But, Portonova points out, the choice is up to the volunteer where he or she would like to donate their time.

Gone are the days of expecting volunteers to work on specific days for specific hours. "If someone wants to volunteer on Tuesday for 2 hours one week and then 1 hour on Friday the next week, that's absolutely fine," says Portonova. She notes that schedules are made week to week to accommodate the busy lives of the volunteers.

So now the question to be asked is, "Would you be a good volunteer?" Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, ages and backgrounds. For example, do you enjoy working with people? Then you could be a volunteer in the gift shop or assisting the nursing

staff. Do you have a favorite hobby such as crafting or sewing? Then assisting with the activities department could be perfect for you. Do you still work? How about sharing your work skills with our family? A travel agent could share experiences of travel-

What is a Volunteer?

"Angels sent by God to perform miracles on earth that will line their paths with roses into heaven."

- Author unknown

ing to different states or countries through photos.

What about men volunteering? "Absolutely," says the director. Men can assist with transporting residents to and from activities and worship services, mail delivery and special events such as trips to the mall or picnics. Young and old alike will find that they can enjoy volunteering at the Manor or Pavilion.

"The volunteers here are so wonderful, they are all so willing to help in whatever way they can, we just could use more," says the director. So, if you think you can enhance the lives of our residents through volunteering your time, please call the Volunteer Services office at (570)453-5147 for an application.

Recent Staff Promotions & Appointments

We wish to extend congratulations to the following staff members on recent appointments and promotions:

Marydonna Portonova assumed the position of Director of Volunteers at Saint Luke Manor and Pavilion in February. Marydonna is responsible for the recruitment and retention of volunteers and auxiliary members.

Susan Volpe, R.N. accepted the position of Director of Nursing for Saint Luke Pavilion on March 29. Susan is responsible for overseeing the nursing department. She comes to Saint Luke Pavilion with many years of service in long-term care.

Welcome to Saint Luke Manor, Saint Luke Pavilion and Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.



I wish, I wish with all my heart....

Did you ever wonder

how you can make a person smile while hardly lifting a finger? Read on. The Advancement office has compiled a "wish-list" of items that would make a world of difference to some of the people we serve through Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.

The following is a list of needed items by Saint Luke Manor and Saint Luke Pavilion to aid in providing the highest quality of care to our residents.

Items for Saint Luke Manor:

Hi-low beds - \$1,000 ea.
Specialty wheelchairs - \$1,250 ea.
1 Outdoor garden stand - \$1,600
Artwork/pictures for hallways to enhance resident life - \$2,000
Donations would also be appreciated toward the refurbishment of the residents rooms.

Items needed for Saint Luke Pavilion:

120 matching resident
bedspreads - \$40 each
2 Pulmo-Aide nebulizers manufac-

tured by DeVilbiss -
\$68 each

2 Convection ovens for
resident activities -
\$160 each

Slings for bed lifts (Med
Care):

10 med./large mesh - \$189 ea.

10 med./large solid - \$169 ea.

5 extra large/solid canvas
special order - \$325 each

4 Suction machines

(605 Max. vac. Medical
Industries) - \$209 each

1 4-slice pop-up toaster - \$563

Oxygen concentrators manufac-
tured by DeVilbiss - \$775 each

Electronic synthesizer with 1000
hymns for use at worship
services and other religious
activities - \$1200

1 hot food table (5-well) - \$1,260

1 Bedscale (SR scales) to weigh
residents - \$2,290

We thank you in advance for
your continued generosity!



We're on the web!

www.diakon.org

You can now read "Life at Saint Luke Manor and Pavilion" on the Diakon website, www.diakon.org. Just search for Saint Luke Manor & Pavilion and click on "Newsletter." Find out what's happening around campus a little faster on the web!

Tee off in the Hospice Saint John Golf Classic 2001

Hit the links for a good cause on Tuesday, May 22, in the Hospice Saint John Golf Classic



2001. It will be held at Edgewood in the Pines Golf Course in Drums.

The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Registration is \$80 per golfer and includes lunch, buffet dinner, awards/prizes, a golfer gift and a hole-in-one package to win a trip to Alaska.

All proceeds support the work of Hospice Saint John, now in its 22nd year of serving people throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. It is one of the oldest hospices in the state, serving more than 110 patients daily.

Our patients and families receive comfort, medical management, emotional support, volunteer assistance and spiritual care from our staff.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

For more information or to register, please call (570) 453-5150 or log on to our website, www.diakon.org.

Activities abound at the Manor and Pavilion

It was standing room only at Saint Luke Manor's recent Easter celebration. Handcrafted bunny centerpieces and garland added a festive touch to the room, all made by the residents and activities staff. "They make the decorations for most of our parties," says Ginny Lucadamo, activities director at Saint Luke Manor, "and we have lots of parties."

There is always an activity, event or party going on at Saint Luke Manor and Saint Luke Pavilion. On average, the Manor and Pavilion host four activities per day at each facility. They range from crafts and bingo to trips to the mall and visits



Above: Saint Luke Manor Activities Director, Ginny Lucadamo, dances with resident Tom Judge at the Manor's annual Easter party.

by local schools and civic groups. Lisa Petruzzi, activities director for Saint Luke Pavilion, says it gets quite busy at the Pavilion, especially around the holidays. "We have so many things going on, you'd have a hard time being bored."

Activities are an important part of the residents days. Not only are the activities fun and entertaining, they also serve an important purpose...to promote the physical, mental and psycho-social well-being of each resident.

"We try to schedule activities that everyone will enjoy," Lucadamo says, "but of course the favorites are the parties and who isn't in the mood for a good party?"



Left: Saint Luke Manor resident Helen Mundy, holds one of the table centerpieces from the Easter party. The residents made the lovely bunnies, as well as all the garland that decorated the room.

Continuing education from Genesis

The Rev. Dr. Richard D. Carlson will present the program, "On the work of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of Luke and Acts; the Lukan Connection as the author of both New Testament books" in May. He will also exegete the texts for Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays and a few more pericopes in Pentecost.

Dr. Carlson is the assistant professor of biblical studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He is a regular contributor to exegetical studies for Lectionary Homiletics and a contributing member of the Passion Narrative Group of the Society of Biblical Literature.

The lecture will be presented on two dates in two locations.

First Seminar

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Time: 9 a.m. registration
9:30 - 4 p.m. program
Noon - 1 p.m. lunch break

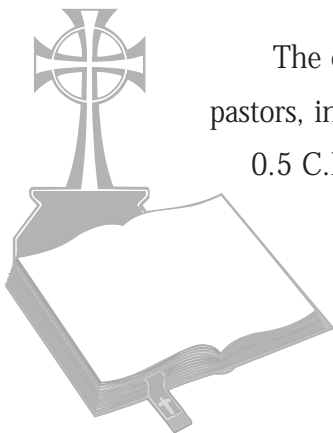
Location: Christ Lutheran Church, Conyngham, Pa.

Second Seminar

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Time: 9 a.m. registration
9:30 - 4 p.m. program
Noon - 1 p.m. lunch break

Location: Trexler Room at The Lutheran Home at Topton
(opposite the cafeteria), Topton, Pa.



The cost to attend the seminar is \$45. Cost for retired pastors, interns and spouses is \$22. The program is worth 0.5 C.E.U.s.

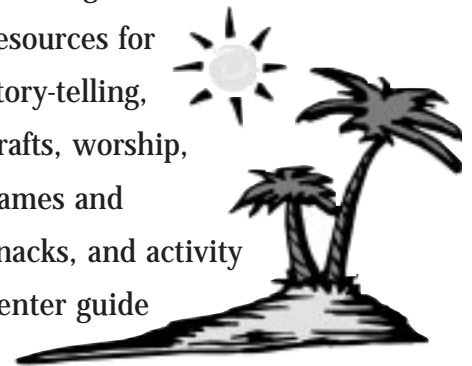
To register, please send your check along with your name, address, telephone number and the preferred session date to Mary Ann Davis, Genesis Ministry, 901 Stacie Drive, P.O. Box 310, Hazleton, PA 18201

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To order your kit, call (570) 453-5148 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or fax us at (570) 453-5174 or email us at davism@lsn.org.

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determine how the funds are being utilized. The Lutheran Services in America delegation agreed and noted that its services have always maintained such data and will offer its support where needed.

The group says they were encouraged by the White House's actions thus far in its efforts to work with faith-based organizations to help the country's neediest people.

"We left the meeting feeling encouraged—encouraged by their

commitment to kids, their work to establish accountability, and their work to remove the barriers long faced by faith-based organizations in partnering with government," says McKee.

According to Joanne Negstad, former president and CEO of Lutheran Services in America, the White House's support is crucial in light of an LSA survey released earlier this year that showed that, despite the nearly \$7 billion per year LSA spends on its programs, some services had to be discontin-

ued because of lack of funding. In addition, nearly half of Lutheran Services in America's programs have extensive waiting lists.

The Lutheran Services in America delegation included McKee; Negstad; Edith Lohr, Lutheran Social Services of New England; Chris Finch, Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands; Roger Gutmann, Lutheran Social Services of Iowa; Kurt Senske, Lutheran Social Services of the South; and Lisa Carr, director of public policy for LSA.

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