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Facility's 'Main Street' now open to traffic

A simple snip of the scissors marked the official opening of Assisted Living at Harbor Pointe.

While the ceremony surrounding the red ribbon-cutting was somewhat typical, with staff and church and community officials taking part, the facility itself is far from typical.

From its cutting-edge design to the interior decor, the building is a masterpiece.

Designed by the local architectural firm Davis, Bowen, & Friedel, the building is designed around "Main Street." This walkway, with high ceilings that produce a feeling of open sky, connects the main entrance to the activities area.

While traveling down "Main Street," residents and visitors can visit the

beauty salon, café featuring ice cream and fresh popcorn, and wellness center. The main dining room can also be found directly across the "street" from the café.

"The Main Street motif provides familiar surroundings for residents,



Cutting the ribbon to open Assisted Living at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe are, left to right, Regional Executive Melissa Hadley, former Bishop George Mocko of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, village Director Steven Davis, Salisbury Mayor Barrie Tilghman, County Council member Rebecca Taylor-White, and Diakon Chief Operating Officer Mark Pile.

diminishing any institutional aspects," says Steven Davis, village director. "It has become the hub of activity for the village."

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The rotunda is a comfortable place for folks to gather.

From the Village Director



Steven Davis

Best wishes for the new year from all of us at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe.

This has certainly been an exciting year for The Lutheran Village, and there is so much more to come!

Beginning in May 2000 with the grand opening of our assisted living facility, the village has really come to life.

Many residents now call The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe their home, and have experienced our very special brand of care.

Such care is nothing new to us. The agencies—Tressler Lutheran Services and Lutheran Services Northeast—that came together the beginning of 2000 to create Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries have histories of service dating to the 1800s!

With all of the activity of the holidays and of people coming to be part of our growing community, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the year past.

While much of our efforts focused on building and opening our state-of-the-art assisted living facility, we were equally busy building our community of residential cottages.

We now have five cottages occupied and, with more people moving in over the next few months, Phase One of our cottage development is coming to a close. Only three units remain at this writing in Phase One,

and we are receiving reservations for cottages to be built in later phases!

The success of this past year has largely been due to the hard work and dedication of the village staff. We are truly blessed by such a fine staff.

Now, in 2001, we look forward to a future encouraged by our success and by our agency's long tradition of care, as The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe continues to be the retirement community of choice on the Eastern Shore.

—Steven Davis, Director

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The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe is one 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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A "Chrismouse" entertains visitors and guests at the first annual "Christmas at The Lutheran Village." The event included crafts, entertainment, and Christmas food items from around the world.

Open...

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Assisted Living at Harbor Pointe has been open since its grand opening on May 12. Mr. & Mrs. Udell LaVictoire became the facility's first residents on May 25 (*please see additional story on Page 4*).

The 40-bed assisted living facility includes Tranquil Cove, a wing designed to care for those with cognitive impairments, such as early Alzheimer's disease (*see the related article on Page 5*).

The village also includes residential cottage accommodations. Cottages are being built in a variety of configurations, with a total of 53 units planned for the community.

And reservations for new units are being taken today, so please call the village at (410) 860-8750 for your personal tour.



ABOVE: Village Director Steven Davis addresses those gathered for the opening of The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe.

RIGHT: Graceful lights illumine the Main Street entrance at The Lutheran Village. **BELOW:** Numerous officials of the Salisbury region, interested area residents, and staff members of Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries gather in a tent on the grounds of the village for the opening-day festivities.



*Scenes
from the
village
grand
opening*

Senior advocate chooses village

We're proud Udell

Lavictoire chose The Lutheran Village as his retirement residence.

Mr. & Mrs. Lavictoire moved to Assisted Living at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe this past spring.

The reason for our pride is that in the late 1970s, Mrs. Lavictoire was nearing retirement as an executive for a family and children services agency in Oklahoma. The agency ran a number of programs ranging from foster care to adolescent services, from day care centers to counseling services.

During his tenure, the agency received a number of complaints about seniors being neglected or abused. The problem was that if the senior did not agree to file a complaint, authorities had their hands tied and could do virtually nothing.

However, a study committee was formed, chaired by Mr. Lavictoire, to investigate the extent of the problem. The problem was found to be pervasive in that time and place.

In addition, there were no model programs or government agencies in other states to deal with this issue.

A year later and now retired, Lavictoire found himself working with a senator to draft a bill that would protect the interest of these seniors. He lobbied the legislature.

In 1977, the hard work paid off as a bill passed the state legislature, establishing a state agency for protec-

tive services, under the state's department of welfare.



Udell Lavictoire relaxes at village.

That program served as a model and helped spur other states to establish similar laws.

Needless to say, staff at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe are quite delighted that Udell Lavictoire, with his dedication to seniors and distinguished history of advocacy on behalf of older persons, has chosen the Lutheran Village in Salisbury to be his retirement home.

Saundra H. Turner, R.N., serves as health care manager at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe. In her role, she oversees the health care and wellness services of the village's programs.

Turner is a graduate of Salisbury State University with degrees in both psychology and nursing.

She served as the clinical manager for The Joseph House Village Medical Center for more than four years and was most recently employed by Correctional Medical Services.

She lives in Salisbury with her

husband, Woody, and three children, Jeff, Patrick and Amanda.



Saundra Turner.

Our Tranquil Cove

October 25 marked the grand opening of Tranquil Cove, an assisted living residence located at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe for older persons with early Alzheimer's and related-memory loss.

The mission of Tranquil Cove is to provide a nurturing and family-like environment for older adults with age-related memory loss, offering meaningful daily pursuits that focus on individual strengths and build connections to past life experiences, while working to maximize independence and quality of life.

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related cognitive impairment can be challenging and at times frustrating.

Many times, family members experience burn-out as a result. Tranquil Cove offers an alternative that gives family members peace of mind and the very best of care for their loved ones.

Studies show that keeping people actively involved in meaningful daily pursuits can, in many cases, slow down the degenerative process of the disease.

The size of Tranquil Cove, which is designed for just 10 residents, is one of the features that fosters feelings of warmth and home.

Delicious meals are served family-style, in which food is passed around the table and stories are shared by

those gathered to enjoy the meal.

Specially trained staff members gather information about each person's past life and work experiences. This knowledge is incorporated into a structured daily activity schedule designed to assist the residents in making important connections to the past.

These connections are helpful in working with persons with Alzheimer's or related conditions because often people with memory loss have difficulty with short-term memory, but have strong recollections of the more distant past.

Tranquil Cove offers a unique brand of assisted living service designed for those with Alzheimer's disease or related conditions, providing an environment and program designed for success!

Elizabeth S. Orchard has joined the staff of The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe as activity director.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Victoria in British Columbia

She also holds an associate degree from Ridgewater College in Minnesota.

Most recently, she was a staff member of another retirement village. She and her family live in Princess Anne.



Barbara Bengsten, a resident of The Lutheran Village, receives special attention from Belle, a Bernese Mountain dog and frequent visitor of the village.



Elizabeth Orchard

Phase II

The end of 2000 marked the end of Phase One construction of the independent living cottages at The Lutheran Village at Harbor Pointe.

It won't be long before Phase II is under way. The well-appointed, single-story cottages offer spacious two-bedroom, two-bath floor plans with a large kitchen and optional sunroom and oversized garage.

Cottage life at The Lutheran Village is carefree. We take care of the maintenance and upkeep of the home while our residents enjoy the freedom to travel, pursue hobbies, and live life to the fullest.



Steven Davis, administrator, hands keys to the first cottage residents, Robert and Elizabeth Serviss. "We absolutely could not be happier," they say. "We only wish The Lutheran Village had been here sooner."

The village is accepting reservations. For more information, or to

arrange a tour, please call (410) 860-8750.

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