



# THE FRIEND

Lutheran Homes Society Newsletter

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### Lutheran Homes Society Mission Statement

As followers of Christ, we are called to do what lies within our power to share burdens that weigh upon the young and the old and to alleviate sorrow and misery in His Name.

### Our Vision

We will be a network of dedicated, gifted and caring people providing services of the highest quality possible.

### Our Values

Faithfulness to Christ  
Equality and Justice  
Wholeness of Life  
Integrity  
Quality of Service  
Stewardship of Resources

## Lutheran Homes Society Purchases Land in Van Wert for Senior Housing

Lutheran Homes Society (LHS) has closed on the purchase of 48.177 acres of land located on the southeast side of Van Wert, Ohio. The land will be used to build affordable and market-rate senior housing that will include a spiritual care component.



(Standing l-r) Housing committee member Doug Watson, Rev. Lance O'Donnell, LHS Foundation board member Carl Etzler, and LHS Foundation Executive Director Rev. Don Weiss, along with (seated l-r) Van Wert Mayor Louis Ehmer, Rev. Bill Watson, and former property owners Eileen and Tom Gordon witness the purchase of the Van Wert property.

Leaders from LHS will be working with local residents, clergy, business people and government officials to develop a housing ministry in Van Wert. Progress made by this Housing Development Committee will determine when building will commence. The specific types of housing to be built will be determined

as the committee studies the needs and desires of seniors who want to make this community their home.

"Our goal is to keep folks living independently in their homes as long as possible," said Rev. (continued on page 3)

## Cherry Street Mission Ministries and Lutheran Homes Society Form Partnership

Representatives from Lutheran Homes Society and Cherry Street Mission Ministries (CSMM) have signed a document that allows for collaboration of these two well-known service organizations to provide transitional housing for the clients of Cherry Street Mission Ministry who are 62 years or older. "The future of service lies in collaboration," noted David Roberts, LHS President/CEO. "During these difficult



Present at the signing were (seated l-r) LHS President/CEO David Roberts, LHS Board Vice Chair Ken Mauer, CSMM Board Chair Rev. Jamey Schmitz, CSMM President/CEO Rev. Dan Rogers and (standing l-r) LHS Housing Exec. Dir. David Schellhase, LHS Community Services Exec. Dir. Deb Damschroder and CSMM Program Director James Allen.

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## Who Is In Charge Here?

*"When Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries.' He replied, 'Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.'"*

Joshua 5:13 (NRSV)

We've seen it in the movies; maybe we've experienced it ourselves – someone comes into the room and says, "Who's in charge here?"

Israel had been in Egypt for 400 years – the majority of time in bondage – and God gave Moses the task of leading His people out of Egypt and into the promised land. After wandering 40 years in the wilderness (due to their unfaithfulness), we find Joshua now ready to go into Jericho. Confronted by an angel of the Lord, Joshua naturally asked whose side he was on, but he didn't get the answer he expected.

It is easy to get caught up in doing the Lord's work. Like Joshua, we know what God wants us to do – to care for "widows and orphans," for youth and elders as they have need – to do what we can to help them achieve wholeness of life. At Lutheran Homes Society, staff is assigned tasks in order to complete the work outlined by our mission statement, our vision, and our annual strategic plans. Then we look at what we need: we need more fees for our services (Medicaid does not fully cover our costs); we need more volunteers to help our residents and clients; and we need more donations for the "extras" that our residents and staff require. The list goes on...we need this, we need that, we need...

What we also need is to remind ourselves – Who Is In Charge Here? We need to remember that the Lord is in charge – all the time, everywhere. He will decide what

we need, as well as when and where we need it. God wants us to ask, and He wants us to remember who is in charge. Even the great man of God, Joshua, after 40 years of wandering, after centuries of His people knowing the Lord, even Joshua needed to be reminded who was in charge. We are the Lord's army, doing His work, as scripture instructs us, as Jesus Himself taught us.



*David I. Roberts  
President/CEO*

All Thanks and Praise to God!

*Postscript: Even Jesus said "all authority over heaven and earth has been given to me." He didn't say – I'm in charge here!*

## Around Home

Spring season seems to be synonymous, in part, with the work accomplished at LHS Family & Youth Services. It is a time of changing, growing and bursting forth with blossoms. The staff works as a team at each of the residential settings to bring about meaningful change and growth in young lives. I Corinthians 3:6 is a scripture verse that speaks to this effort: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow."

At the LHS Maumee Youth Center, Stephanie and Mary participated in a state basketball tournament through Special Olympics. The team won the state title. Both girls were key players and

top scorers in the championship game.



*Success in sports often prompts positive change in other areas.*

At the Anthony Wayne Home, Samantha plays softball for her high school team. She came to Anthony Wayne in the last few months from Oregon Home. She received all "A" grades and one "B" grade on her third quarter report card. Jasmine is running track in the Special

Olympics, and Joe made a wooden shelf that hangs in his room.

At the Oregon Home, Jim attends school in a less restrictive setting now due to his continued progress and is in the chess club. Monie has moved from the Oregon Home to a young adult setting. Jake's former foster mother is participating in Partners in Treatment, the family weekend skill-building sessions. She is appreciative of the progress Jake has made while in placement.

At Wynn Home, Lori is on the Merit Roll at school, and Judy is playing softball through Special Olympics. The growth of the young lives in care continues to blossom.

## State Sen. Teresa Fedor Visits Lutheran Home at Toledo

State Senator Teresa Fedor, 11th Senate District, visited Lutheran Home at Toledo (LHT) in February to tour the skilled nursing facility and meet residents and direct care

staff. The tour provided Sen. Fedor with an opportunity to learn about the issues Lutheran Homes Society and its extended care residents are facing.

positive comments about the quality of care and wholeness of life they experience as residents of Lutheran Home at Toledo," Mr. Roberts stated.



During the tour conducted by Robert Dennie, Executive Director of LHT, and David Roberts, LHS President/CEO, Sen. Fedor talked with residents and staff and heard first-hand about how Medicaid affects the lives of her constituency.

"Lutheran Homes Society appreciates that Senator Fedor took the time, during her busy schedule, to hear first-hand from residents the

*State Senator Teresa Fedor (standing) chats with residents at Lutheran Home at Toledo while touring the skilled nursing facility.*

### Upcoming Events at Toledo Home

#### Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 3  
4-7 p.m.  
Community Room

#### Pancake Breakfast/Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 11  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Community Room

#### Old Tyme Baseball

Sunday, July 26  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Front Lawn

## Van Wert

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Donald Weiss, Executive Director of LHS Foundation. "It will take the generosity of churches, individuals, businesses and all the communities within a 50-mile radius for these homes to become a reality," Weiss added. "We hope to see a village that contributes safety, activity, and service to the community on the part of seniors who have so much to give."

The vision for Van Wert includes a campus of market-rate independent living cottages, affordable congregate care apartments, and a chapel/senior center. Future development also may include independent living rental apartments. The homes will be available to all interested senior citizens regardless of their religious beliefs, color, nationality or income level.

## Napoleon Home Encourages Residents to Stay Physically and Mentally Active

Warm weather provides Lutheran Home at Napoleon residents with more opportunities to get outside and stay physically active. Meanwhile, Alpine Village assisted living is encouraging residents to stay mentally active as well, with the purchase of a Dakim [m] Power Fitness unit.

Each day, registered users can be mentally challenged on the cognitive fitness unit. Residents do

not need to know how to use a computer to be successful, because the unit uses facial recognition and a touch screen to assist residents in their cognitive workouts.

The [m] Power unit is located near the recumbent exercise machine, making it convenient for residents to exercise their minds and bodies.



*Evelyn Rodenberger exercises her mind on the power unit.*



*Caroline and Junior Schnitkey attend the Valentine Dinner with 13 other couples. The Schnitkeys celebrated 56 years of marriage on February 14.*

## Luther Haus Offers Residents Tax Help

Tax time can be stressful, but for Luther Haus residents some of the hassle of properly filling out tax credit applications was alleviated with some professional help. For several days during February, two tax experts, Diane Tackett from Monroe County Opportunity Program and Kay Prucka from Monroe County Senior Legal Services, contributed 29 hours of expert tax service to residents.

These experts helped 70 residents to complete their 2008 Michigan Homestead Tax Credit applications and assisted 24 residents with Heating Tax Credit applications. "The professional tax



*(L to R) Luther Haus residents Joy and Orville Malsh receive professional help with their Michigan Homestead Tax Credit application from Diane Tackett of the Monroe County Opportunity Program.*

services these experts offered was invaluable," stated Luther Haus Service Coordinator Anne Wisda, who coordinated the appointments. "They donated their time, and the result was tax refunds for our Luther Haus residents totaling more than \$32,000."

## Lutheran Village Ministers to Body, Mind and Spirit of Residents

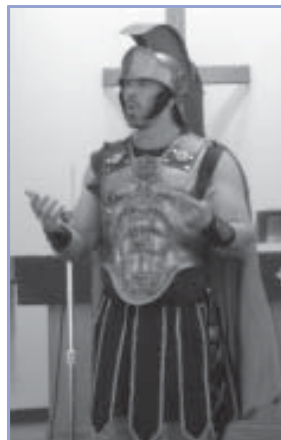
Spring is well under way, and the residents at Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek have been keeping busy. From wearing beads and eating paczki at the Mardi Gras party to being Irish for a day at the St. Patrick's Day party, residents have had opportunities to enjoy themselves.

On the spiritual side, residents could enjoy many activities during the Easter season. A "Roman Centurion" visited to tell "his" side of the story, and the St. Joan of Arc choir performed the Lenten musical "His Last Days." Residents and community members also had the opportunity to attend seminars on Medicaid and dementia.



*Resident Ruth David and Activities Director India Schultz celebrate St. Patrick's Day.*

*A "Roman Centurion" tells the Easter story from a different point of view.*



## What's Your Heart Condition?

A few months before the death of her father, Karen Pease, Director of Annual and Memorial Giving at LHS Foundation, heard him suggest that sometimes it is a good thing to have a "heart condition." She realized that the condition of the heart to which he referred was a tenderness and sensitivity to the plight of one's fellow man.



"I believe that Johannes Doerfler, the founder of Lutheran Homes Society, had this kind of heart condition," Mrs. Pease states. "He cared about people." For 149 years, LHS has continued an unbroken history of faithful service in spite of wars, disease, economic calamity, or social upheaval. "In good times and in bad, God has blessed our work and enabled us to minister to the poor and destitute within our community," she adds.

Right now, growing numbers of impoverished people are struggling to survive. How will we respond? Godly principles that we learned from our parents require unselfish giving not only during times of prosperity, but especially when it is difficult to give. During this time of year when Mother's Day and Father's Day are celebrated, please consider honoring or remembering your parents with a gift to Lutheran Homes Society.

For more information, contact Karen Pease at 419-861-4967 or email [KPease@LHSOH.org](mailto:KPease@LHSOH.org).

## AfterCare Program Up and Running

*AfterCare* is a free service offered to LHS patients as they transition home from short-term stays for rehabilitation or therapy services at our rehabilitation centers at Toledo, Holland, or Napoleon. A referral is provided to one of the *AfterCare* coordinators from LHS Community Services, as a follow-up to the services arranged by each facilities' discharge planner or social worker.



*The AfterCare program helps patients connect to services after discharge.*

We are pleased to report the new *AfterCare* program has been well received by patients. Each

discharge is unique, but often there is initial family support for the first few days the patient is home. In these situations, the coordinator has the opportunity to interact with family members and the patient. To date, some of the *AfterCare* referrals have needed only phone contact over a week or two to ensure that services were working out well for the individuals and that no additional services were needed.

In some cases, however, discharged patients have required more assistance from the *AfterCare* coordinators. One patient had a need for a medical alert system, which was discussed, and the family made arrangements for installation. Additional services were explored, such as having a caregiver stay overnight.

Another former patient needed extensive services set up, and the *AfterCare* coordinator had to meet the challenges of working with the

patient's private insurance to secure all the necessary durable medical equipment, including a lift, sling, commode with back support, hospital bed, and smaller items that were essential for this person to be safe and secure in their own home.

"It would have been extremely difficult for this person to take care of all these matters on their own at the time of discharge," stated *AfterCare* coordinator Stephanie Homan.

## Covenant Harbor Resident Wins Chili Cook-Off

Oak Harbor Lights Senior Center held a Chili Cook-Off in March. Covenant Harbor resident and avid cook, Ron Fastzki, entered his chili recipe and took home first-place honors. Ron described his chili as "not too spicy," and said this time he decided to add peas, green beans, and corn to his



winning chili recipe. "The next time you make chili, try adding any vegetable you like for a different taste," Ron suggests.

Ron plans to enter his chili in a county-wide cook-off in early October. This contest will include winning chili recipes from all of the county's senior centers.

## Cherry Street *(continued from front page)*

economic times, organizations have to take action through relationships that can creatively respond to the increasing needs of our senior population."

"This partnership provides a unique opportunity to make a real difference, because it engages the community," said Rev. Dan Rogers, President/CEO of Cherry Street Mission Ministries. "It demonstrates the power of working together."

A significant opportunity exists to help seniors who need a helping hand to get back on their feet and return to independent living, as 18% of the men and women



*LHS President/CEO David Roberts shares a light moment with CSMM Program Director James Allen.*

served by Cherry Street Mission Ministries are 62 years of age or older. LHS Housing Services and LHS Community Services ministries will be key in enabling this new partnership to become an actuality.

# 149th Annual Meeting Celebrates Stories of Faithfulness

More than 200 people attended Lutheran Homes Society's 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Member Congregations, held April 20 at Providence Lutheran Church. Jeff Heitz, retired local broadcast journalist and Honorary Chairman for the Society's current "Everyone Deserves a Home" Campaign of Caring, was the featured speaker for the event.

The theme for the annual meeting was "Celebrating God's Faithfulness," and a significant part of the meeting was dedicated to LHS President/CEO David Roberts sharing personal stories of how LHS ministries have made a difference in people's lives. Fifty-two member congregations were represented at the meeting, and those delegates shared in celebrating the faithfulness of LHS ministries in serving youth and elderly.

## 2008 Statistics Faithfulness in Action!

### People Served:

2,307 individuals  
491,929 resident care days

### People Serving:

900 full and part-time staff  
1,174 volunteers giving  
31,600 hours of service

### People Donating:

1,628 individuals  
112 congregations

Last year, generous people donated \$362,866 to Lutheran Homes Society and its ministries. God's faithfulness and their financial support enabled LHS staff and volunteers to reach out to troubled youth and the elderly. Meanwhile, LHS provided nearly \$3.4 million in charitable care and community benefit.

"There was a wonderful turnout of people who realize the importance of what God has entrusted Lutheran Homes Society to accomplish," stated Mr. Roberts. "They truly understand and embrace our mission and values, and we are truly blessed to have such a faithful group of ministry stakeholders supporting this work."



*Lutheran Home at Toledo board member Juanita Hollis (left) and guest Therene Hollis enjoy the buffet.*

## Featured Speaker

During his speech, Mr. Heitz shared how he became the Honorary Chairman for the Campaign of Caring and how honored he is to be representing an organization that truly "does God's work."

Mr. Heitz, a Lutheran, emphasized that "all are welcome" at Lutheran Homes Society. "You don't have to be a Lutheran to avail yourselves of the services at LHS," he added. Mr. Heitz commented that he is so impressed with the LHS facilities he has toured, and he could envision himself and his wife, Fran, living in one as they got older.

*Retired broadcast journalist Jeff Heitz was the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting.*



His informational and often humorous presentation ended with a question and answer session. He related some of his proudest moments as a broadcast journalist, as well as his most embarrassing moment. He also shared the roundabout way he came to Toledo in 1974 that led to his 27 years as a newscaster at Channel 11.

## Annual Report

Mr. Roberts' presentation of the 2008 Annual Report centered on stories of God's faithfulness within the ministries of Lutheran Homes Society. In 2008, LHS was blessed to be able to serve 2,307 youth and elderly through residential care and support services, housing, and community services. He told the emotional stories of six individuals whose lives have been forever changed by LHS' involvement.

These people faced such overwhelming issues as physical limitations, medical complications, lack of family support, and/or loss of independence. Through God's grace and the caring intervention of LHS staff, however, there were

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*(Standing l-r) Suzanne Morgan, Kathleen Lemmerbrock and Rev. Doug Meilander were elected to the LHS Board of Directors, along with Rev. Andrea Starn (not pictured).*

## Annual Meeting - continued

positive outcomes. Youth were reunited with their families. Rehabilitation efforts were successful, and seniors were able to return to their own homes. Safe and affordable senior apartments were found for those who desperately needed a place to live. Dignity and independence were restored to

many. The stories were just a handful of examples of how LHS faithfully changes lives.

*LHS President/CEO David Roberts presents his annual report and stories of faithful service to those in need.*



## Lutheran Homes Society Active in Advocacy

As part of the annual plan approved by the Board of Directors, Lutheran Homes Society advocates and lobbies on behalf of its residents and clients on various issues. Recently, LHS provided extensive input to Lutheran Services in America's (LSA) Health Care Reform Principles. Information was shared for "Conversations," a format LSA is using to share how social ministry organizations effectively combine service and advocacy.

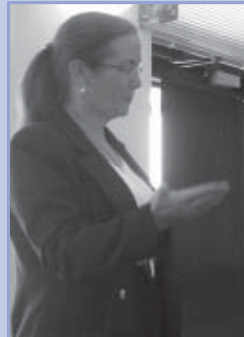
### LHS Staff Prepares White Papers

Lutheran Homes Society prepared "white papers" that addressed both Medicaid and HUD issues. The Medicaid paper addressed the devastating impact the proposed budget for the state of Ohio will have on long-term care ministries. The HUD paper addressed the issue of distressed communities and the respective declines in occupancy of HUD 202 properties because of strict income limitations and minimum age requirements.

### State Legislator Listens to Concerns

LHS sponsored an Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes and Services for Aging (AOPHA) event, including other not-for-profit organizations, at a meeting with

Rep. Barbara Sears, the state legislator from the 46<sup>th</sup> House district. Ohio's budget considerations, most particularly those affecting Medicaid and additional costs for long-term care facilities, were discussed. The attendees shared with Rep. Sears the needs of elders for long-term services.



*State Representative Barbara Sears speaks at the recent AOPHA event.*

### Lutheran Services in America Advocates in Washington

During the recent annual conference of Lutheran Services in America (LSA), Lutheran Homes Society President/CEO David Roberts and Director of Public Policy Advocacy Nancy Wellman joined others from LSA-Ohio to visit with U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown and members of his staff who are responsible

for both Medicaid and HUD. They shared concerns regarding long-term



*Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.*

services and other social programs provided by Lutheran ministries.

Additionally, while in Washington, LHS staff met with Congressman Bob Latta and his legislative director, and legislative aides for U.S. Sen. George Voinovich and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. They discussed issues that affect their constituents, primarily the youth and elderly populations we serve.

### Grassroots Advocacy

Many advocacy issues affect the residents, family members, staff, volunteers, and donors of Lutheran Homes Society. The Augsburg Confessions clearly mandate the need for Lutherans to advocate for justice and equality. Beyond serving in traditional settings, it is of equal importance that LHS advocate for those who have no voice or cannot advocate for themselves. Your voice is needed! We will soon be engaging in more "grassroots" advocacy where we welcome others to become involved.

If you are interested in getting updates of those legislative areas that affect the residents and clients we serve, please let us know. Contact Nancy Wellman at 419-861-4969 or e-mail [NWellman@LHSON.org](mailto:NWellman@LHSON.org).

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## Sandusky Staff Helps Create a Memory

Staff members at Lutheran Memorial Home (LMH) strive every day to make residents feel special and go "above and beyond" what is expected. Because of this extra effort, a resident on dialysis was able to experience an once-in-a-lifetime event that would not have happened had it not been for the faithfulness of staff to lift up our value of Wholeness of Life.

Janice has been receiving life-sustaining dialysis treatments at LMH. Her health has been failing and there was a question as to how much longer she would live. Janice's wish was to have the opportunity to see her son get married to his longtime girlfriend. She was quite upset that she was unable to leave the facility to attend a ceremony and would have to miss their wedding. Knowing this, the staff took the initiative to make sure that she would not have to miss this important event.

Staff worked with Janice's family to make arrangements to have the wedding in her room. A minister, flowers, cake, and her family were brought in, and the vows were done at her bedside. The extra effort brought residents lots of joy, and Janice was very thankful that she was able to attend her son's wedding.



Afterwards, Stacey Miller, community relations director, stayed and prayed with Janice, which was a perfect ending to the celebration. God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of staff brought about a wonderful, heart-warming experience in the life of Janice, as well as other residents and staff at Lutheran Memorial Home.

## Two Family and Youth Employees Re-Elected to Association Board

Karen Blackmon, program administrator for LHS Family & Youth Services, was re-elected to a two-year term as treasurer of the Ohio Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals, Inc. (OACYCP). Steve Plottner, associate director, was re-elected to a two-year term as president of the association.

OACYCP is a statewide association of those involved in the care and treatment of children, youth, and families in foster homes, therapeutic foster homes, group homes, residential centers, detention facilities, and hospitals throughout Ohio. It is one of the largest member organizations of its kind in the country and provides professional standards, certification, training, and continuing education.



# THE FRIEND Donor Supplement

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## Make Your Gifts Accomplish More

For members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, GivingPlus® is an opportunity to increase their support of Lutheran organizations because of their membership in Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This includes those who are age 16 or older and own a Thrivent Life Insurance Company product and/or Thrivent Mutual Funds account. In 2008, Thrivent members created matching gifts that totaled \$10,556 to the ministries of Lutheran Homes Society.

Individuals who donate to an eligible and enrolled organization such as LHS Foundation could

receive a supplement to their gift of \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to a maximum supplement of \$300. Thrivent will provide supplemental dollars to two organizations per benefit member per year. Donations from individuals can be for any amount up to \$600 for each organization during the year.



For example, a gift of \$100 to LHS Foundation becomes a gift of \$150 when you sign a simple form. Our LHS Foundation office can fill in the form and send it to you for your signature. Upon its return, the

Foundation Director will sign it, and we will send it to Thrivent Financial for you. As always, you may designate which ministry of LHS you intend to bless with your gift, and the match will be restricted to the same ministry's gift fund.

There is also a Volunteer Bonus for those who contribute at least 25 hours of volunteer service to our organization. Those individuals who are members of any LHS board of directors or perform other volunteer work for one of our ministries can qualify for an additional \$25 bonus gift.

For more information or to request a form to achieve this matching gift, call Marlene at 419-861-4965 or email her at [MLachine@LHSON.org](mailto:MLachine@LHSON.org).

## Gift Opportunities

Lutheran Homes Society's development effort rests on the principle that donor needs are paramount. Therefore, some of our donors also may wish to work with our partner foundations in making a gift to LHS ministries.

**Lutheran Planned Giving-Ohio**  
(ELCA Foundation)  
Tom Zulick, Director  
877-424-5930

**LC-MS Foundation**  
Eileen Fitzenreiter,  
Gift Planning Counselor  
888-482-8425

**Lutheran Community Foundation**  
Cheryl Grasmoen, Director of  
Charitable Giving Services  
800-365-4172

## Planned Gifts Provide Opportunities to Support Multiple Ministries

Ron and Mary Lou Gabel demonstrated their faithfulness in giving by establishing a planned gift in the form of a Charitable Remainder Gift Annuity (CRGA), to provide a "gift that goes on giving." The Gabels expanded their pledge to the comprehensive campaign through a CRGA of \$80,000. Because this is a two-life Annuity, Ron and Mary Lou will receive income off the investment. Any remainder will be divided according to their wishes and will support the ministries of LHS, increase the general endowment, and be available to fulfill goals of the



*Ron and Mary Lou Gabel*

comprehensive campaign. In addition, the Gabels will be providing a gift to four of their favorite charities.

In Memory of:  
Jan. 1 - March 31, 2009

**Virginia Ackerman** by James Halbach  
**Doris Anderson** by Rev. & Mrs. Gerald Labuhn, Dave & Pam Roberts, Jeff & Nancy Wellman  
**Arnold Baden** by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Roessing, Lulu Zoll  
**Gerald Bahnsen** by Helen Whitmarsh  
**LaRue Benekam** by Charles Benekam  
**Eleanor Biggs** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Biggs  
**Henry Billeter** by Ruth Billeter  
**Brother, Ray Bischoff, Sr.** by Emma Poulson  
**Erna Bockelman** by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Schuette  
**Ruth Boesenhofer** by John Boesenhofer  
**Pauline Borden** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Biggs, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Borden, Mr. & Mrs. Russ Frautschi, Dr. & Mrs. Terry Gibbs, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Irwin, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lutz, Richard & Margaret Manteuffel, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Roush, Joyce Starr, Felicia Stiegel, Garnet Whaley  
**Edna (Sander) & Walter Bosse** by Robert Bosse  
**Vincent Bowser** by Grace Johnson  
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**Emily Brettel** by Clara Aumann, Betty Cotner, Grace Coy, Lois Kuhlman, Marie Panning, Mary Roper, Georgia Ulmer  
**Megan Brown** by Mary Schimming-Sandrock  
**Betty Brubaker** by William Bowser  
**Parents, Pastor Peter & Sylvia Buenting** by Rev. Harold & Patricia Buenting

**Mary Burke** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Biggs  
**LeRoy & Nellie Carter** by Winona Wohlgamuth  
**Sheldon Cousino, Jr.** by Rev. & Mrs. Darrell Cousino  
**Sharon Kay Crosby** by Kathryn Karr  
**Fred & Marge Dais** by William Dais  
**Marie Devault** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Biggs  
**Paul & Lois Dierksheide** by Diane Bostdorff  
**Nancy & Patrick Ebright** by Frank Ebright  
**Mother's Birthday on February 4th** by Gertrude Eggert  
**Suzanne Fletcher** by Rita Barborich, Tony & Linda Burnett, Kim & Jeff Frazier, Paul Frederickson, Thelma Fuller, Herbert Hoehing, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Horrigan, Leo Kessmar, Jerry & Marilyn Lewandowski, Dave & Marge Markowich, Patricia Saylor, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Studtmann, Bernice Zielincki  
**Dorothy Frank** by Wilmond Frank  
**Husband, Herbert Frey** by Joline Frey  
**Walter & Evelyn Gebhardt** by Eugene & Marilyn Gebhardt  
**Marvin Gladioux** by Joyce Zemnicki  
**Our deceased family of St. Peter Lutheran, Delphos** by Fred & Helen Gorman  
**Lawrence Haase** by Patricia Shoemaker  
**Lynn Haase** by James & Barbara McConville  
**Lynn Haase's birthday** by Agnes Haase  
**Albert Hahn** by Alma Rettig  
**Helen Heacock** by Dennis & Mary Jo Hagey  
**Uncle Bob** by Barbara Hebner  
**Joan Hemsoth** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Biggs

**Meta, Sanford & Jack Herman** by Jane Merritt  
**Gary Hesburn** by Beverly Apel, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Breymaier, Dr. & Mrs. James Dumke, Girl Scout Troop #11123, Julie & Larry Kurtz, Dave & Pam Roberts, Jean Todak, The Toledo Museum of Art staff, Rev. Donald & Carolyn Weiss, Jeff & Nancy Wellman, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Witsaman  
**Mary Hoeffel** by Mr. & Mrs. John Mohler  
**Husband, Dr. Raymond Hollensen** by Janice Hollensen  
**Rev. & Mrs. M. Hollensen** by Janice Hollensen  
**Rev. Harry Holzapfel** by Rev. & Mrs. Harold Rust  
**Theodore Horst** by William & Barbara Claucherty  
**Florence Violet Horvath** by Lonny Goehner  
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