



# BETHEL COMMUNITY FOCUS

*"Sharing Christ Through Caring Service"*



## New Administrator and CEO of Bethel Announced

November 2018

The Bethel Lutheran Home Board of Directors named an administrator of the Bethel Community in Madison, SD.

Chuck Johnson will be the new administrator and CEO of Bethel Lutheran Home. Johnson joins Bethel as a Licensed Long Term Care Administrator who most recently served as administrator of the Arlington Care & Rehab Center in Arlington, SD. He has a Bachelor's

Degree in Health Management from the University of Minnesota Crookston as well as an Associate's Degree of Applied Sciences – Physical Therapy Assistant from Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa.



**Chuck Johnson**

Johnson brings a wealth of other healthcare experi-

ence to include being a prior Director of Rehabilitation for a variety of facilities in Iowa; a licensed physical therapy assistant and served in the Iowa Army National Guard for 20 years. In addition, he served as a Medical Specialist and Platoon Sergeant while in the military and was deployed to Afghanistan for a tour of duty. Johnson retired from the military in September 2017.

Johnson said, "I am excited to join the Bethel Lutheran Home team and to become involved in the communities we serve. I look forward to helping our residents and families understand the role of continued care retirement communities and help them live the fullest life possible."

Johnson begins at Bethel Community on November 19.

## Bethel Lutheran Home Staff Receive Dementia Practitioner Certification

*Contributions from Stacie Thompson and LaVonne Gaspar*

Several leadership staff from Bethel attended a nationally recognized dementia care training in October learning valuable tools for providing high-quality care to residents experiencing dementia.

Bethel Lutheran Home's top priority is to ensure every resident receives the best care possible. Individuals experiencing dementia symptoms have special care needs. "This training taught staff alternative techniques and methods to improve quality of life for residents and reduce the unnecessary use of anti-

psychotic medications," said Stacie Thompson – Director of Nursing.

The training and certification is valuable, timely and vital for care providers due to the growing statistics of these symptoms and recognition of resources to aid families, healthcare and residential healthcare providers. Currently Alzheimer's and related Dementia is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States and the 5th leading cause of death in South Dakota. (*Source – 2018 Alzheimer's Fact & Figures Report*)

The Dementia Training was provided by Great Plains Quality Innovation



Left to right: Stacie Thompson – Director of Nursing, Deb Rohde – Activity Coordinator, LaVonne Gaspar – Bethel Long Term Care Consultant & Interim Nursing Home Administrator, Sabrina Susanen – Infection Control QUAPI Nurse and Cathy Stromberg – Social Worker received a National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners certification.

Network (QIN), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services QIN-quality improvement organization. Those who completed the training were eligible to apply for credentialing as a certified dementia practi-

tioner. Every member of the Bethel staff attending was credentialed as a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP). Over 270 healthcare professionals participated in the eight-

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## A Family Gift That Continues To Give

*By Pastor Mary Feistner,  
Bethel Chaplain*

Within the first month as the Bethel Chaplain last June, I was told something I had not known before coming to Bethel. Jim Iverson, former Bethel Administrator from 1978 to 2017, informed me that the Feistner family donated the majority of the land where the original nursing home is today.

The land was given by William and Marie Feistner for a place to build

Bethel Lutheran Home prior to its opening in 1962. What a legacy our grandparents, William and Marie Feistner have given! I am first to say that we are saved by grace, and that sinner/ saint am I and are all humanity, including William and Marie.

Having led worship for 30 years of active ordained ministry and in nursing homes in several states, I am deeply touched by the extraordinary compassion permeating Bethel

Lutheran Home. Just this past week, I learned that Bethel has a perpetual



**Pastor  
Mary Feistner**

chaplaincy fund to ensure that the daily pastoral presence will be available for Bethel residents, staff and visitors. The Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation manages the Chaplaincy Endowment

and is one of the ways friends of Bethel can provide support to the Bethel Community.

The faith and goodwill William and Marie Feistner held by giving the land has profoundly continued the good LORD's kingdom work at Bethel.

*Editor's Note: If you are interested in giving to the Bethel Chaplaincy Endowment, contact Rosie Jamison of the Bethel Foundation at (605) 256-4539.*

## Assisted Living Week Celebrated

*By Jill Eggert, Director of  
Community Services*

Bethel celebrated National Assisted Living Week September 9-15. It was a great week with several fun activities planned for the residents and staff. Residents were asked to bring pictures of themselves



**Jill Eggert**

from childhood. Staff made a game of trying to identify them. That week, residents

also received double prize tickets at Bingo on Tuesday and Thursday. The week culminated with a pie and coffee social for residents and their families on Saturday, September 15.

Staff enjoyed playing bingo throughout the week as well. In recognition of National Assisted Living Week, each staff



**Left to right: Assisted Living staff members Kathy Herding, Marissa Curtis, Kimberly Dunkley and Sharon Begnaud. Not pictured staff are Alexa Feldhaus, Kendra Jones and Marissa Graff.**

member also received a blue fleece jacket with a "Bethel Suites" logo printed on it. Several are

shown above wearing their new jacket. We appreciate every one of them!



**Thanksgiving is a time to remember  
our blessings and make good cheer  
with all those who are so dear.**

**Happy Thanksgiving from all of us  
at Bethel Lutheran Community!**





## Absentee Ballot Voting

By *Cathy Stromberg*,  
*Social Worker*

On October 26, Lake County Auditor Bobbi Janke and volunteers came to Bethel Home to assist 30 Bethel Home and Bethel Suites residents vote in the upcoming elections.

Residents were ready to vote with their sample



Cathy Stromberg

ballots and voting booths were located throughout the Bethel Home Dining Room. Volunteers met and/or assisted residents with review or marking their ballot choices.

Bethel residents take pride in their country and the privilege to vote for our elected officials.



Voters and officials pictured (left to right): resident Dorothy Bloker, Lake County Auditor Bobbi Janke, Deputy Auditor Linda Walker and resident Eileen Clark.

## Holiday Meals at Bethel

By *Carli Nighbert*,  
*Dietary Manager*

As the holiday season approaches, we begin to plan for the holiday meals at Bethel Lutheran Home. Along with planning the food for our residents, we plan for the number of guests that will be eating with their loved ones at Bethel.

Due to limited seating options in our dining room, each resident may only have two guests at a meal. Meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas are \$10

per person and can be prepaid in the office or paid at the time of the meal. We ask visitors to sign in on the meal sheet in dining for an accurate total meal count for each meal.

We also ask family members to call the Business Office at (605) 256-4539 to let us know if you will be eating Thanksgiving dinner

a week in advance for ordering, and by December 13 to let us know the number to be eating for either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day dinner. We appreciate you providing us early notice to allow us to plan the amount of food to be ordered and prepared for holiday meals.



Carli Nighbert

As you can imagine our dining room becomes very full on these holidays, so we appreciate your patience while the staff works diligently to serve our residents and guests.

During this time of year, we receive lots of food items. We want to suggest some items that our residents can enjoy. The majority of our residents can enjoy cereal mixes, soft cookies, bottled water, room decorations, or other non-food items. Because of diet limitations, please do

not send nuts, hard candy, or food items that are sticky or chewy. These items are not appropriate for the majority of our residents.

Please save the date and plan to be a part of our Holiday Open House on

December 1 at Bethel. This is an enjoyable time for family and friends to kick off the holiday with residents and staff at Bethel.

Again, thanks for all you do within the Bethel Community and enjoy the blessings of the season.

## Bethel Resident Updates

July 1 – Oct. 31, 2018

### Bethel Lutheran Home and Suites

#### Welcomed:

Kent Petersen  
Imogene Ellis  
Robert Klassy  
Beverly Reed  
Ruth Bagley  
Russell Stacey  
Marian Soma  
Don Woldt  
Eileen Clark  
Al Ravenberg  
Elmer Schneider  
Harriet Erickson  
Elsie Wiese  
Loren & Deanna Budahl  
Marge Even

#### Said Good Bye To:

Colleen Mathison  
Russell Stacey

#### In Loving Memory:

Bernice Nelson  
Jerri Webster  
Mary Mauf  
Kent Petersen  
Beverly Reed  
Leo Bloker  
Rose Mary Hyland  
Dorothy Cole  
Maxine Bloker  
Wilma Gerth  
Judy Minnaert  
Roberta Nordaune

## Environmental Services News

By Ryan McCullough,  
Dir. Environmental Services

This fall, window air conditioners were covered and several windows required new caulking to help eliminate wind drafts. During the summer, we rebuilt two heating circulation pumps in the nursing home facility that will help maintain a comfortable temperature throughout the winter. As in past years, snow removal will be a significant part of the maintenance activity for several months. Our skid steer goes



Ryan McCullough

through seasonal maintenance so it is ready for use on Bethel streets and parking lots. The maintenance crew also uses two snow blowers and many shovels to help maintain the sidewalks and egress areas for the entire Bethel Community. Indoors we keep the fire burning to

warm the facility and heat water with the use of seven boilers. Staff gain training to help ensure safety through continuing education.

Lonny Stoltenberg attended a one-day course at Lake Area Technical Institute on safe boiler operation and maintenance in October while team maintenance members, Rhonda Myers and I gaining certification in 2017.

At left: Lonny Stoltenberg of Bethel Maintenance performs a seasonal maintenance check on our skid steer, from local manufacturer Manitou/Gehl, which is used for snow removal at Bethel.



## Bethel Participates in "Table Top" Disaster Exercise



Lake County Emergency Director Kody Keefer (standing at top right) leads the discussion during the "Table Top" Disaster Exercise in October.

Bethel Lutheran Home participated in a Lake County "Table Top" Disaster Exercise along with representatives from the Madison Regional Health System, Madison Care and Rehab Center, city and county elected officials and several local area emergency responder agencies. Stacie Thompson, Director of Nursing and I attended.

Director Kody Keefer of Lake County Emergency Management led the discussion. A table-top exercise provides the most efficient way to test

and improve the effectiveness of an organization's crisis plan and their crisis response team. Professional analysis of the exercise provides the crucial information needed to determine how well an organization would actually respond and continue functioning in a crisis, as well as examine how their plan and response team may be improved. There are four Table Top Drills or actual exercises planned for 2019. Bethel will continue to participate.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for Bethel's  
Holiday Open House

**Saturday, December 1**  
from 2-4 p.m.

in the Bethel  
Lutheran Home  
Dining Room



## Do You Want the Bethel Community Focus Electronically?

The Bethel Community Focus electronic option may be more convenient for you. If so, please email your preference to the Bethel Foundation. It may be of additional interest if you have a seasonal home to preclude forwarding in the regular mail.

To request this change either visit our website [www.bethelcommunity.com](http://www.bethelcommunity.com) and click on Contact Us and complete the required items, or e-mail [rosie@bethelcommunity.com](mailto:rosie@bethelcommunity.com) with the Subject line "Electronic Newsletter Preferred."



## — Bethel Lutheran Home Staff Receive Dementia Practitioner Certification —

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hour training sessions held in South Dakota.

"We are grateful staff had the opportunity to participate in the Dementia Training. This type of training offers broad benefits." Thompson added. "As staff put this knowledge into practice, we expect to see a positive impact for residents and families throughout our community."

The nine topic areas addressed in the Dementia

training ranged from communication and feelings to spiritual care and end of life. Dementia care is just one of the many quality improvement efforts addressed within the nursing home collaborative facilitated by the Great Plains QIN. Nursing homes unite to share quality improvement tools, knowledge and experiences to provide residents reliable, compassionate and high-quality care.

LaVonne Gaspar, Long Term Care Consultant & Bethel Lutheran Home Interim Nursing Home Administrator, serves on a statewide task force to develop a South Dakota Plan to address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD). A Needs Assessment included input from 1,172 South Dakota residents regarding ADRD care in South Dakota. The individuals represented how ADRD is experienced:

from family caregivers to professional caregivers and from individuals living with the disease to those who have experienced firsthand the loss of a loved one to the disease.

Currently, South Dakota is one of four states without an ADRD state plan. The work group determined this as a very important measure for development and approval of a state plan to recognize this as a critical need.

## Fall Activities ... A Time of Plenty at Bethel

*By Deb Rohde,  
Activity Coordinator*

It is that time of year, when leaves are falling and days are shorter. We did enjoy the nice summer days and



**Deb Rohde**

got outside to sit under the canopy and out for bus rides. In September, we were part of the DSU Trojan Day Parade. We got to see it through different eyes as we were part of the parade. Residents from the apartments and assisted living got to wave at parade goers as staff handed out candy along the parade route.



We celebrated our own version of "Oktoberfest" with accordion music and a wine and beer social during coffee hour. Another October high-



light is going to the Kiwanis Pancake Day at the armory. Twelve residents enjoyed the outing and getting back in time to play bingo.



Halloween is a busy but fun evening for us here at Bethel. We thank First Bank for letting us use their popcorn machine and Gary and Rochelle Johnson and Cheryl Iverson for popping the many bags of popcorn. We also say a BIG thank you to family, volunteers and staff who made this night so special for our residents. In addition, our

sincere thanks to all of you who contributed to our candy drive. To see the children in their costumes and hear the thank you's puts a smile on our faces!



November and December has us remembering our Veterans, having fun tasting the pies of the season and talking some turkey trivia. Pastor Mary Feistner will do a Thanksgiving Eve service on November 21 during our 10:15 a.m. devotion time. Then up come the Christmas trees. Check the calendar on our website for more and enjoy the season anytime with us.

## Ensuring “The Place”

By Rosie Jamison,  
Foundation Resource  
Development Coordinator

We are what we do... At the Bethel Community, this is so true. For over five decades, we are referred to as “the place” I want my Mom, Dad or another loved one to be when the time has come for extended, rehabilitative or assisted living health care. Maybe it is a given to some, however as I talk with people about our mission, “*Sharing Christ Through Caring Service*” and the need for resources to sustain it, I find them telling me why we are that place.

May it be as simple as competent, dedicated and compassionate staff? For

the essence of a good organization is represented by the people who carry out its mission. Then, add a progressive vision to grow our campus to meet levels of care changes, investment of individual and business, loyal owner congregations, and vested volunteers. Combine community and Lutheran organization partners, and the result is that we do provide our residents with quality care of body, mind and spirit. Countless testimonials of appreciative families confirm that



Rosie Jamison

*we are what we do* at Bethel yesterday, today and with your help; we will continue to be that place.

2018 is the 30th year of the Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation. The decision to establish our organization has not been more vital.

With long-term health-care cost in excess of government program funding, eligibility for full reimbursement requirements more restrictive, increased competition for qualified staff and higher family expectation of facility amenities; your resource development investment in Bethel is even more critical.

For your Bethel campus

to be “the place” to provide quality overall care for those we love and remain the long term care provider of choice, with qualifications to support it, we ask for your initial, renewed or continued gifts. Within this edition, there is information on giving. We ask that you prayerfully consider Bethel for a gift in 2018. Help make this 30th anniversary truly be a year of celebrating your support to Bethel Lutheran Home.

Wishing you blessings from Bethel as you experience life’s gifts of family, friends and our communities this Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and throughout the remainder of the year.

## Thank You for Your Service

Since July of 2013, Dan Bohl and Terry Schultz have provided time, talent and dedicated service on the Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation Board of Directors. Both board members served the maximum of two consecutive three-year terms of service.

The Bethel Foundation Board and Bethel staff recognize their commitment to Bethel’s success and thank them for their leadership and generosity to help ensure residents receive compassionate quality care at Bethel.

The Board is currently seeking members to serve



Outgoing Bethel Foundation Board of Directors Terry Schultz (left) and Dan Bohl (right) received certificates of appreciation for serving on the board from 2013 to 2018 from President of the Bethel Foundation Board Mark Schultz (center).

up to two three-year terms on the Foundation Board of Directors. If you are interested in learning

more, contact Mark Schultz of Colman or Rosie Jamison at Bethel.

## Contact Information Change

Please notify Bethel upon your change of address or share your cell phone number if you no longer have a landline. We want to keep in touch with you. To do so, we ask you to please notify us upon either of these changes.

Visit [www.bethelcommunity.com](http://www.bethelcommunity.com) and click on Contact Us and provide your update, or e-mail [rosie@bethelcommunity.com](mailto:rosie@bethelcommunity.com) with the Subject line “Contact Update.”



## Continuum of Care Endowment

The Continuum of Care Endowment (CCE) was established by the Foundation for the purpose of providing long-term care assistance towards the operation of Bethel Lutheran Home. The Bethel Foundation Campaign gift solicitation and pledges began in the fall of 2015 after seed money of \$200,000 to initiate the plan was received in 2014 from the George Jorgensen Estate. The Bethel Foundation added additional money to start

the endowment with a total of \$250,000.

Solicitation of pledges and CCE gifts began in the fall of 2015. The original goal was to secure 50 one-time gifts of \$5,000 or more, with a pledge payment schedule for up to a period of five years. However, we realize that everyone has different gifting abilities; therefore, the Foundation is open to a broader approach to reach our goal of \$500,000 pledged and gifted to the

Endowment by 2020.

Currently our Continuum of Care Endowment Pledges total \$371,443. Since November represents the end of the third year of the CCE Campaign, we are at 74% of our goal. For this endowment to do what it is intended through perpetuity, the amount still needed is \$128,557.

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining this campaign to raise half a million dollars for the Bethel Community to sup-

port enhanced quality of care through recruitment and retention of competent staff, necessary updates and increased resources to preserve the mission of Bethel *"Sharing Christ Through Caring Service."*

Please contact Rosie Jamison, Resource Development Coordinator, for more information at (605) 256-4539 or e-mail [rosie@bethelcommunity.com](mailto:rosie@bethelcommunity.com).

Your gift will *"make a difference"* to the individuals who call Bethel their home.

### Continuum of Care Endowment Commitments and Gifts: July 1 – October 31, 2018

*Donors are listed by amount of their gift made to this Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation endowment.*

#### **\$25,000 and above**

Dr. Joel and Sharon Ziebarth – Vanguard Charitable

#### **\$10,000 to \$14,999**

Jim and Cheryl Iverson

#### **\$5,000 to \$9,999**

Norman Andenas and Cecelia Wittmayer

Drew and Joanne Clausen

Honorable Mayor Roy and Kathy Lindsay

*In Memory of Connie Herron*

#### **\$500 to \$1000**

Roger and Judy Fritz

*Thank you to these generous donors for continuing to grow the Continuum of Care Endowment of Bethel Foundation.*

An annual gift to Bethel is a blessing and always welcomed. Please consider your support as a 2018 Bethel Benefactor. It is a tremendous way to *"make a difference"* to your Bethel Community and residents for continued quality of care. A Bethel Benefactor Gift form is located on the back page.

### Iverson's Make Endowment Gift



Jim Iverson presents a Continuum of Care Endowment gift from Jim and Cheryl Iverson this September in the Vickmark Chapel to Rosie Jamison of the Foundation. In the background, our 11-member congregation church altars are pictured. Jim and Cheryl have been friends of Bethel for several decades as volunteers, donors and employees. Jim served as administrator of Bethel Lutheran Home from 1978 to 2017. Thank you Iverson's.

## Bethel Benefactor Gifts: July 1 – October 31, 2018

*Benefactor Gifts are welcomed the entire year and recognized annually. Thank you Benefactors! If you are not a Benefactor, please consider becoming a Bethel Benefactor by signing and sending in your membership and gift. A Benefactor Gift does not include gifts from memorials, endowment, Christmas or fundraising events.*

<b>KEYSTONE:</b> <b>\$500 – \$999 Annually</b> Roger and Sandra Ayers Dennis and Sharrie Danielson	Garrett Hubbell Holly and Shane Countryman Elora Mathias	Michael and Artyce Brooke Saige Dickey John and Joyce Dragseth Ken and LaVonne Gaspar Dr. Larry Green Joel and Jamie Husher David Hyland Francis and Joan Janous Alex and Brooke Nurnberg	Steve and Carol Oftedal Jeff and Jean Ordal Norma Patterson Gerald and Carol Petri Viola Sorenson Nicholas and Bonnie Spielmann Kristen Stearns LaDell and Phyllis Swiden
<b>CORNERSTONE:</b> <b>\$250 – \$499 Annually</b> JoAnn Feldhaus David and Barbara Hanson	<b>FOOTINGS:</b> <b>\$100 – \$249 Annually</b> John and Darlene Basler Greg and Vonnice Benda		

## Memorial Gifts: July 1 – October 31, 2018

<b>In Memory of Betty Bjorkman</b> Steve & Joyce Strom	DeAnn Molskness Marcus and Lana Molskness	Twila Pulford Ryan and Roxy Rindels Connie Van Rosendale Kenton and Karla Wickre Karen Youmans Dale and Ginny Ziebarth Denis and Donilyn Ziebarth Steve and Kathy Ziebarth Richard Zimmer	Steve and Cindy Becker Wayne and Dawn Bessman Roger and Judy Johnson Bonnie Stratton Reggie and Marli Wiese Rolland and Garnet Wosje
<b>In Memory of Carol Wosje</b> Famly of Carol Wosje	<b>In Memory of Maxine L. Bloker</b> John and Joyce Dragseth Gary and Rochelle Johnson Roger and Judy Johnson Roger and Bonnie Olson Marlys Pickard Peach and Eldon Seten Drew & Carol Skinner Bonnie Stratton Rolland and Garnet Wosje	<b>In Memory of Beverly Erikson</b> Lyle and Carol Grove David and Susan Hageman	<b>In Memory of Mary E. (Betty) Mauf</b> Sharon Abraham David and Susan Hageman Vernon and Kay Schmidt Leland and Diane Spilde
<b>In Memory of Curtis Caulk</b> Sharon Abraham			<b>In Memory of Judy Minnaert</b> Steve and Cindy Becker Wayne and Dawn Bessman Gene and Nancy Bloker Joanne Jensen & Darla Jensen Roger and Judy Johnson Connie Van Rosendale Reggie and Marli Wiese
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<b>In Memory of Leo C. Bloker</b> Anonymous Wayne and Dawn Bessman John and Joyce Dragseth Dr. Bernard and Linda Heilman Joanne Jensen & Darla Jensen Roger and Judy Johnson			



**In Memory of Kent A. Petersen**

Carol Beck  
Vernon and Kay Schmidt

**In Memory of Gloria Pitts**

Leonard and Doris Janke

Leland and Diane Spilde  
Bonnie Stratton

**In Memory of Deb Plott**

John and Joyce Dragseth  
Roger and Judy Johnson  
Marcus and Lana Molskness

Drew and Carol Skinner

**In Memory of Beverly A. Reed**

Dick and Donna Fawbush  
Scott and Rosie Jamison  
Family of Beverly Reed

**In Memory of Raymond Schultz**

**In Memory of Carol Van Erdewyk**

**In Memory of Armin Ziebarth**

Steve and Cindy Becker

## Gifts to Other Funds

**ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Richard and Marilyn Belatti  
Dan and Judy Bohl  
Tim and Monica Campbell  
John and Linda Collignon  
Dennis and Sharrie Danielson  
Joyce and John Dragseth  
Dick and Donna Fawbush  
Ron and Bobbi Janke  
Nancy Jensen-Miller  
Mark and Cathy Schultz  
Terry and Lori Schultz

**CHAPLAINCY ENDOWMENT**

Linda Fischer  
*In Memory of:*  
*Galen Eichmann*  
*Pearl Edythe Johnson*  
*Mary E. (Betty) Mauf*  
*Mary Fischer*  
*Beverly Erikson*  
*Myrna Rasmussen Snow*  
*June Becker*  
Patricia Jarman  
*In Memory of Judy Minnaert*

Dorie Robbins  
*In Honor of Pastors*

**CHURCH GIFTS**

St. John Lutheran Church  
– ELCA Ramona  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
– ELCA

**GIFTS**

Dr. Richard and Marilyn Belatti  
Leslie and Mark Johnson

Lutheran Planned Giving of SD

Caitlin Nelsen  
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Marlys Silver  
Stacy Ulwelling

**RESTRICTED GIFT**

Drew and Joanne Clausen

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## Golf Tournament Gifts

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Bethel Community  
*Jim and Cheryl Iverson*  
Tim and Monica Campbell  
Mildred Moser Family  
East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Ellsworth and Willoughby Funeral Homes  
First Bank & Trust  
Gary Callies  
Hefty Seed Company  
Jerry Hegdahl Family  
Kinzeley Funeral Home  
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Funeral Homes  
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Hefty Seed Company  
Kinzeley Funeral Home  
Madison Family Dental, LLC  
Madison Pizza Ranch  
Madison Vision Clinic  
Merle's Steam Cleaning  
Montgomery's  
Mustang Seeds  
Prostrollo Auto Mall  
Sioux Valley Energy  
Sporty's Sports Grill  
The Broadwater Bar  
We Care Dental  
Weiland Funeral Chapel  
Wells Fargo Madison

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Bethel Foundation 13th Annual**  
**Golf Tournament**  
**Friday, August 2, 2019**

**GOLF HOLE SPONSORS**

Barger Electric  
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Dakotaland Federal Credit Union  
Ellsworth and Willoughby

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### GOLF GAME CONTRIBUTORS

Jerry Adler  
Norman Andenas  
Dr. Mary Beecher  
Tim and Monica Campbell  
Charlotte Charles  
East River Electric Power  
Coop.

Ellsworth & Willoughby  
Funeral Homes  
First Bank & Trust  
Daven Gile  
John Gross  
Matt Gross  
Hefty Seed Company  
Jerry and Connie Hegdahl  
Kinzley Funeral Home  
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Scott Nelson  
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Tony Seten  
Mark Stoller  
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Marty Thompson  
David and Brandi Trego  
Joe Walter  
Gary Wolf

## Bible Donation Is a Beautiful Gift of God's Word



Pastor Mary Feistner (right) with one of Helen's friends and Bethel resident, Marjorie Haskins, who was the first resident to hold one of the 12 gifted Bibles.

In the spring of this year, Helen Oldre, a Bethel resident since 2014, went to her heavenly home. Her daughter, Barb Liebl, asked if there was anything needed that would benefit many residents. Residents,

families and staff now have access to bond leather, large-print Bibles with gold imprint. They are available to use during devotions or at any time due to this generous and comforting gift In Memory of Helen Oldre.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Bethel Foundation 23rd Annual**  
**Dinner & Auction**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

## Ag Gifts Welcome

Ag producers, as the calendar and tax year soon ends, portions of your grain harvested or animals going to market are welcomed as gifts to the Bethel Foundation. Consider designating your commodity directly to Bethel Foundation or through the Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota "Straight Off the Truck" program for us along with one of the other 11 member organizations of LPGSD.

This provides you another avenue to make a difference and give to *"the place of choice"* for our community.

For more information, contact Rosie Jamison of Bethel at (605) 256-4539, visit [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org), or contact Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of LPGSD, at (605) 274-5030.

## Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota

Bethel Lutheran Home and Foundation is a member of Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (LPGSD). LPGSD's mission is to *"create a rising tide of support to all ELCA Ministries by encouraging and assisting people of God to make lifelong gifts to Lutheran Planned Giving members."* LPGSD provides education about giving opportunities to their members and gift options that provide tax benefits and life income for donors. The organization has semi-annual meetings statewide. Bethel will host an upcoming meeting for LPGSD on November 29.

This is another way that Bethel continues to be an active participant in our faith, and provides an alternative and additional opportunity to friends of Bethel. LPGSD exists to help improve your financial strength through investment and gifts made to Bethel or another Lutheran faith member organization.

If you are interested in learning more about what LPGSD can do for you and your chosen ELCA Lutheran organization, please visit [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) or Kathy McHenry of LPGSD at (605) 274-5030.



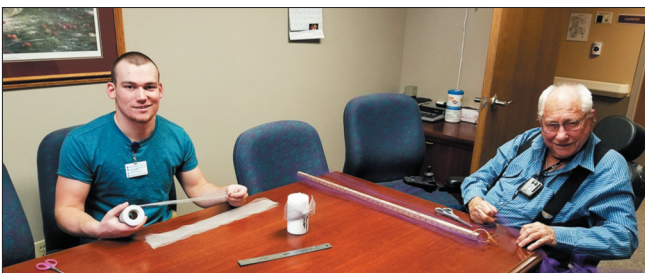
## Bethel Supports Lakes Region Domestic Violence Network (DVN)



Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation staff and board members hosted a table and raffle basket for the DVN Tour of Tables Fundraiser held on November 3. Twenty tables of supporters attended the event. Pictured (left to right): board member Bobbi Janke and guest Paula Barrick, Bethel staff member Rosie Jamison and Governing Board and Foundation Board member Jackie Miles. The Bethel Foundation table represented God's Bountiful Harvest – We count our blessings throughout the season of community, family and country as we celebrate "The Blessings of the Harvest."

In August, Lake Madison Lutheran Church celebrated their 140th anniversary, providing a place to worship from 1878 through 2018. Congratulations members!

## High School Student Intern Assists at Bethel Foundation



Bethel is a participating partner with the Madison High School (MHS) Internship Program to assist students with career choices from their volunteer experience. Pictured at left above is Bethel Foundation intern Thomas Gors, a senior at MHS, helping with preparation for the Bethel Annual Memorial Service. Also pictured is resident Al Ravenberg, who assisted with the family memorial gift that is given at the service.

## Glanzer Receives Bethel Staff Scholarship from Bethel Foundation



2018-19 Bethel Foundation Staff Scholarship recipient Kiara Glanzer (left) with Bethel Director of Nursing Stacie Thompson.

In August, Kiara Glanzer, a 2018 Howard High School graduate, was awarded the 2018-19 Bethel Foundation Staff Scholarship recipient. Glanzer is the daughter of Todd and Brenda Glanzer and valedictorian of her graduating class. She has worked at Bethel Lutheran Home since May 2017 as a Certified Nurse Aid (CNA). Currently she is a nursing major at South Dakota State University in Brookings and plans to continue

part-time at Bethel as a college student.

The Bethel Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a Bethel employee pursuing a degree in a healthcare related field. Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, or to learn more as a perspective or current employee, may contact Rosie Jamison, Resource Development Coordinator for more information about the scholarship at (605) 256-4539.



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