

## St. Luke Lutheran Community - North Canton Growing Up Applegrove - Major Addition/Renovation Project



St. Luke Lutheran Community is embarking on a major addition and renovation project on the North Canton campus with an estimated total cost of 13.7 million dollars. The first phase of the project will include a new 41,000 square foot addition that will house a state-of-the-art, short term rehabilitation center and a specialized memory support/Alzheimer's assisted living facility. The existing building will receive a major renovation to include general upgrades with more private rooms and ancillary spaces.

Dr. John L. Spieler, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated that the project and the upgrades to the campus are critically important to the mission of St. Luke and represent a major capital expenditure. The project is modeled after the nationally acclaimed neighborhood concept, which has significantly changed the perception of nursing homes for residents, staff, and families from one of an institution to a more home-like environment.

The new addition and renovations are designed to provide care in a setting which supports the concept of person-centered care. Traditional nursing units will be converted into neighborhoods each with its own dining, and lounge space. The construction will increase the number of private rooms available. According to Evelyn Moore, Executive Director, "The project will allow St. Luke to provide the type of environment that current con-

sumers expect. In today's world, seniors are demanding private rooms and facilities that feel more like their home."

As part of the new construction, there will be a large rehabilitation center for physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Patients may be admitted directly from the hospital for comprehensive rehabilitation services. Outpatient therapy is also available.

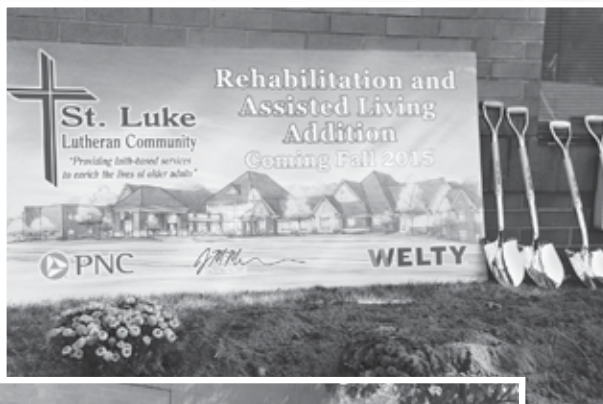
Demolition and site work began the end of August. The short term rehabilitation center and the memory support/Alzheimer's care facility are scheduled to be completed within 14 months. After the new construction is completed, the renovations to the existing building will begin. Funding for the project is through PNC Bank and a tax-exempt bond issue.

### NOTICE: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Chapel at St. Luke – North Canton**

All board members, church delegates and Corporate Church members are invited to attend the St. Luke Lutheran Community Annual Meeting to hear about the latest developments, challenges and ideas as well as celebrate the mission we serve together in God's name.

# St. Luke Lutheran Community - North Canton Groundbreaking Ceremony October 2, 2014



## A message from the CEO



This is an exciting time in the history of St. Luke Lutheran Community marking the visible beginning of a new milestone. Since 1965, St. Luke – North Canton has been “Growing up Applegrove” thanks to the wisdom and faith of a group of Lutheran women. In 1950, Mrs. Ida Miller of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Canton led a group of Lutheran Church women with the vision of establishing a Lutheran Home for the Aged to serve an unmet need in our community. They spent a few years finding the right location and dedicated ‘The Home’ on 37th St. in Canton on October 17, 1954. Almost immediately, we outgrew the original location and searched for a new home. In 1965, the new ‘Home’ on Applegrove was dedicated with a capacity of 88 residents. In 1971, a new wing was dedicated to increase the capacity to 150 residents. In 1986, an additional expansion occurred increasing the capacity to its present day complement of 234 beds. In 1994, The Waterford at St. Luke, an independent living facility was constructed to provide a full continuum of care on the campus.

We have begun the next major expansion to the St. Luke - North Canton campus. The 41,000 square foot addition will house a state-of-the-art, short term rehabilitation center and a specialized Alzheimer’s care assisted living facility. The project will be completed and fully operational before the end of 2015.

This project is critical to the future success of St. Luke - North Canton campus. The support for the project has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Please regularly check the St. Luke website and our Facebook page for construction updates and St. Luke Lutheran Community news.

Sincerely,

*John L. Spieler*

John L. Spieler, DrPH, FACHE

## Mission Moment Senior Vacation Bible School

A HUGE “Thank You” to the volunteers from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-ELCA in Canton for “constructing” and leading a memorable week of Bible School for all the residents at St. Luke - North Canton! Special thanks to our guest volunteers, the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen and her Court, who spent the afternoon helping on our final day. Crafts, songs, snacks and God’s word shared for all...it was a WONDERful week! Thank you for all your hard work and for supporting our mission of providing faith-based services to enrich the lives of older adults!





## Looking for Meaningful Work?



Volunteers are very important to the St. Luke Lutheran Community experience. By volunteering, you help provide a variety of activities for our residents. But more importantly, you often become their friend.

Residents cherish the time they spend with volunteers. Your life will be enriched when you share experiences and create new memories. By generously giving your time and talent, you also help residents stay involved in community activities.

Whether you want to share a few days a month or just a few hours, there are numerous opportunities available for you to make a difference.

### **VOLUNTEER TO:**

- visit with residents
- play games
- write letters or read stories
- lend a hand with birthday parties, bingo, etc.
- provide entertainment
- help residents with their shopping
- lead discussion groups
- assist at spiritual services
- help with the holiday decorations

Your willingness to share your time, talents, and friendship with St. Luke residents is deeply appreciated. Find out how your gifts can bring joy to others and yourself! Contact Kristie Woods, at (330) 499-8341 or kwoods@stllc.org.

*Volunteer today. Make a difference in someone's life.  
Hours are flexible. Training is provided.  
Friendships are guaranteed.*

## Working to Enrich the Lives of Each Other



The volunteer program at St. Luke Lutheran Community attracts the most amazing people who do the most amazing things! St. Luke is proud to partner with Advanced Employment Connection, LLC of Canton. AEC provides employment training and placement programs for persons with barriers in achieving their individual vocational goals. It is the mission of AEC to provide these services to individuals with dignity, respect, and consideration. This partnership has brought volunteers to St. Luke who have learned valuable job skills for their futures while making a difference in the lives of St. Luke residents! We're helping them by inviting them to help us!

## Our Volunteers Spring into Action!

*That was the theme for the 25th Annual St. Luke Lutheran Community Volunteer Recognition Banquet held Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at St. Luke - North Canton.*



**Jon Wise**  
**Volunteer of the Year**

St. Luke recognized Jon Wise as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year! Jon came to St. Luke as proof that God hears our prayers. Upon retiring from Brewster Parke he decided his work wasn't finished. His volunteer application graced the desk of former volunteer coordinator, Cheryl Smith and her eyes lit up! She quickly suggested she had the perfect match for him and the billing office. Jon began filling in for a staff member going on maternity leave. When she returned, Jon continued helping out in Central Supply, going on outings and eventually learning to drive the bus! He also takes beautiful pictures and has shared his talents during special events like the golf outing and resident picnics. Jon's versatility, flexibility and all around good nature is a blessing to residents and staff alike! We're thankful Jon is continuing his work at St. Luke Lutheran Community! St. Luke looks forward to honoring 2014's volunteers next spring.

### **Special Recognition**

100-199 Hours during 2013  
Marilyn Reinhart: 104  
Patty Gotschall: 113  
Dominic Ciccarella: 114  
James Bailey: 132  
Joan Andrews: 132  
Kate Noggle: 147

### **Exceptional Recognition**

200+ Hours during 2013  
Pat Milam: 227  
Jon Wise: 246  
Bernice Ritchie: 287  
Rachel Soderquist: 399  
Joanne Hollinger: 442  
Carol Brower: 702  
Rita Liermann: 732

*On behalf of all St. Luke residents, families and staff,  
**THANK YOU! YOU make the difference!***

Thank you for springing into action at St. Luke Lutheran Community!

*"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."  
~ DeAnn Hollis*



## Mission Moment

### **Malone University Into the Streets**

Every year Malone University sends freshmen into the community for service projects as part of their orientation. Betty Jewel, a resident at The Waterford at St. Luke invited them to her apartment to see her family collection of Native American heirlooms. Judging by the students' fascination and enjoyment, it is hard to say who is enriching whose life!

Dear  
Brothers  
and Sisters,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Community through the St. Luke Foundation. The generous gifts you have given from January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 are impacting the lives of seniors we serve in so many ways. With your support we can continue providing compassionate, Christian care. Your

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gifts improve our residents' quality of life through new and improved facilities, equipment, state-of-the-art technology, pastoral care, building maintenance, staff training and the comfort of knowing they will be cared for regardless of their ability to pay. Your kindness "provides faith-based services to enrich the lives of older adults." Thank you for being a blessing to others!

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**Andrew W. McNulty**, 81, passed away on July 7, 2014. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he earned a B.A. from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. Andrew was an executive with Mobil Oil Company. In 1972 he came to the Akron area to join General Tire and Rubber Company as an executive, retiring in 1997. He was a member of Fairlawn Lutheran Church. A dear friend of St. Luke Lutheran Community, Andrew was involved as a board member, attended golf outings and brought Christmas to St. Luke - Portage Lakes residents for many years. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

**Arthur O. Kiel**, 86, of Green, passed away September 23, 2014. Arthur was born in Evanston, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army and was retired from Goodyear Aerospace. He was a member of the Lighter Than Air Society and Hope Lutheran Church. Art volunteered his time as a board member and wonderful friend of St. Luke Lutheran Community. His visits brightened the day of many residents and staff. His presence will be deeply missed.



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## From The Foundation Office



*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work" 2 Cor 9:8*

The bold vision of the Lutheran Women's League, which founded St. Luke Lutheran Community in 1954, was grounded in dedication, determination, and nerve. They had big and seemingly unrealistic dreams, extended their reach, and settled for nothing less than achieving their goals. They imagined and created a community that nurtures the physical and spiritual journeys of seniors, affords us opportunities to be God's hands, engages us in lifelong learning, and provides numerous ways to demonstrate our deep and abiding love for one another.

The vision became bolder as the need for senior services increased and the reputation of St. Luke Lutheran Community grew stronger. This vision, too, became a reality with the expansion of St. Luke – North Canton including The Waterford at St. Luke and the addition of St. Luke – Portage Lakes and more recently St. Luke – Minerva.

Here at St. Luke Lutheran Community we're embarking on the next phase of our growth. Construction began October 2nd, 2014 on a 13.7 million dollar addition that will dramatically improve rehabilitation and provide peace of mind for families of residents with memory issues needing secure assisted living.

Over the course of the year, you will see the expansion take shape and hear about the many ways you can participate in this effort.

The manner in which we meet the challenges and opportunities of growth will stand as a measure of our values and as a tangible statement of our commitment to the future of St. Luke Lutheran Community. We urge you to be a part of the renewal of the pioneering spirit that created St. Luke Home for the Aged 60 years ago and established the wonderful community we are today.

We are committed to ensuring that St. Luke Lutheran Community not only reaches its ambitious goals but does so in a way that honors our mission and builds on the foundation created by those who came before us.

*PRAYER: God of abundant grace, open our hearts and minds to your spirit that we may know your love. Move us to prepare the halls of St. Luke Lutheran Community in ministry to all people. In this time of challenge and opportunity may we see your vision for St. Luke Lutheran Community and grow into all you would have us become. Amen.*

Driven by Him,

Kristie Woods  
Director of Development & Community Relations



## Mission Moment - A Song for Mary

Kathy McMichael, a housekeeper at St. Luke Lutheran Community, shares her faith through song. It is not uncommon for Kathy to be heard singing her favorite hymns as she's cleaning. One particular resident, Mary Muckley was especially fond of Kathy's singing so much that she requested Kathy sing at her funeral...a promise Kathy made several years ago. Upon Mary's passing at the age of 108, Kathy kept her promise singing a tearful version of In the Garden for Mary one final time.

## A Gift That Keeps Giving



Many people volunteer regularly and give financially to the ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Community through The St. Luke Foundation but when they're gone, their enthusiasm and support is greatly missed.

By leaving a legacy of any size through a gift in your will, or a gift from your estate, you can continue to help St. Luke Lutheran Community provide faith-based services to enrich the lives of older adults.

A charitable gift annuity offers you many potential benefits including a fixed income for life, an immediate tax deduction and savings on future taxes, and the satisfaction of leaving a legacy to St. Luke Foundation. For more information, please consult your financial/legal advisor.

### Gift Annuity Rates\* Single Life

AGE	RATE %	AGE	RATE %
90+	9	85	7.8
89	8.7	80	6.8
88	8.4	75	5.8
87	8.2	70	5.1
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Gifts received through Thrivent Financial charitable programs are designated for the St. Luke Foundation Annual Appeal which provides financial support to and for the benefit of St. Luke Lutheran Community and its residents.

If you have not already designated a recipient for your 2014 Choice Dollars, you may do so through March 31, 2015. All Choice Dollars are distributed monthly directly to the designated organization.

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speak "Choice Dollars" when prompted.**



## 17th Annual St. Luke Golf Outing

It's typically a bad sign when your day begins with a half dozen calls asking if the golf outing has been cancelled. The forecast looked less than desirable for spending the day on the greens but we went for it! We had a break in the clouds after the first few damp holes and a beautiful day for the remainder of the outing benefiting residents of St. Luke Lutheran Community! 23 teams showed their commitment to supporting our mission at the 17th Annual St. Luke Foundation Benefit Golf Outing. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, played, donated a door prize or silent auction item. See all the sponsors on our website at [www.StLukeLutheranCommunity.org](http://www.StLukeLutheranCommunity.org). Together we raised over \$23,000! We are grateful for your past support and look forward to having you join us again on Wednesday, June 24, 2015....rain or shine...save the date and bring a friend!



Legacy Sponsor - Crossroads Hospice  
You bring a smile to our faces, too!



A picture-perfect putt...only these four know for sure!

## Addition at St. Luke-Portage Lakes Reflects Commitment to Our Mission



When St. Luke – Portage Lakes celebrated the opening of Admiral's Quarters, the assisted living addition, they anticipated an eagerness to move in. Spacious suites with

beautiful views of the lake from most rooms, an impressive, indoor, small-town gathering space connecting Top Sail Landing, who wouldn't feel at home here? Seeing residents and their families connect in this new space has been the highlight since the construction crews cleared out. Skilled nursing, assisted living and rehabilitative care compliment the reputation established by St. Luke Lutheran Community 60 years ago. We are so very thankful for everyone who supported this expansion through prayer, donations and service. Our position to fulfill the St. Luke mission in Summit County is strong!



# SAVE THE DATE!

## St. Luke Foundation Benefit Golf Outing

### Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Register online at  
[www.StLukeLutheranCommunity.org](http://www.StLukeLutheranCommunity.org)

*"Providing faith-based services  
to enrich the lives of older adults"*

*Proceeds benefit The St. Luke Foundation*

## St. Luke - Minerva in the Heart of America, the Beautiful

Residents at St. Luke – Minerva organized a flag raising ceremony on September 11th in honor of Patriots Day. The ceremony consisted of a moment of silence, prayer, a poem and the raising of two flags that have flown over the Capital Building. The event closed with the raising of a flag donated by Stella Kiko and her son Philip and lit it with the light donated by Wilbur Moser. It was a heart-felt event filled with love for our country and those who defend it.



## The Waterford at St. Luke - What Did You Do Today?



You've heard the saying, "It's all downhill from here." Depending if your cup is half-full or half empty will determine what that means to you. If you are like the residents at The Waterford at St. Luke, you hear that and think it's time to coast for a bit. Sure they joke, compare stories and comfort one another through the aches and pains of aging. They also look for opportunities to enjoy time together at their pace. There's always something to do like dinner and a show, shopping, game nights and even wagon rides through the zoo. The luxury of independent living is choosing how to spend your time. If you or someone you know is looking to coast to a slower pace without altogether stopping what you enjoy, there are good neighbors at The Waterford looking forward to getting to know you. ***When your family calls and asks what you did today, what will you tell them? How about, "I scratched a camel's back!"***



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