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Grandkids/V.I.K Program is Expanding

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Recruitment of child care workers is underway. Anyone interested in becoming a teacher or assistant in the Grandkids Program, is encouraged to fill out an application online at www.sjlhome.com or the front desk at St. John Lutheran Home.

Anyone wishing to assist financially, may make a donation to the St. John's Circle of Care Foundation and mark it specifically for the Grandkids program.



SAVE THE DATE

Dad's Belgian Waffles: Sunday April 7th 8:30 AM—12:30 PM
Chapel Of the Good Shepherd

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 20th—St. John's Circle of Care

Trigger Tournament: Sunday June 2nd 10 - 4 Springfield Sportsman Club
(Trapshooting Fundraiser) CONTACT: 507-732-3200 for more info



ST. JOHN'S
CIRCLE OF CARE
A TRADITION FOR ALL AGES



The "Good News" for winter/spring 2019



Tom Goeritz
Administrator

As I write this update, I think about how much we talk about the weather in Minnesota. The most snow in February "ever"! The cold, the wind, snow-drifts and ice dams, you know, we are pretty tough here. I am so proud of our staff and the overwhelming majority who take their job seriously and make it to work regardless of the conditions...we have had many staff plan to stay overnight in order to be at their job in the morning, what an honor to have staff that are that committed to doing their job. I thank you all!

I am pleased to say that our new carpet and day room floors have been installed. It is a positive and good looking change. Stop in and take a look. As I have said, some of our upgrades will improve our look and buy some time while we develop a master plan for the St. John's campus. Our building was built for 130 residents and we now serve about 70. We are not efficient in operations and need many improvements. That is why we are working with an architect to develop some ideas of what we might consider doing for the future. I am hoping we can share some planning results in May or early June.

St. John's is a "Circle of Care" when it comes to meeting community health and child care needs. We want to build on our foundation and reputation and be forward thinking to our future. Our Board of Directors are very supportive and understand that being proactive is not an option but a necessity if we want to continue our leadership in caregiving.

We thank all of you for your support as we move forward in this process. Should you have thoughts or ideas during this planning process, please share them with myself or our leadership staff.

All my best,
Tom



CONGRATULATIONS to Sue Steffl on 40 years of service!!! Loyal and dedicated employees like Sue are the foundation to providing quality care at St. John's.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE....VOLUNTEER

St. John's prides itself on going above and beyond in meeting the needs of all the residents and tenants within our Circle of Care. Volunteers are needed to assist in daily activities on the campus. Do you have extra time during your day to make a difference?

Why Volunteer....

- ♦ Helping others feels good!
- ♦ Meet new people.
- ♦ Support your community.
- ♦ Experience new ideas and skills.

We are seeking volunteers of all ages who are interested in enhancing the lives of our residents through their time, talents and genuine caring.

How to Volunteer...

- ♦ Contact Alyssa Larson at 507-723-3224 or alarson@sjlhome.com.
- ♦ Fill out volunteer forms.
- ♦ Attend an orientation briefing prior to starting.
- ♦ Coordinate your availabilities!



Jr. Volunteer Maddie.

Below volunteer Dotty gives her time helping at our annual Memory Walk in September.



Volunteers Melissa and Connie help decorate one of our many Christmas trees.



Cheryl plays piano for our Holiday Open House.

Below the Winkelmann girls made snowman and sleigh crafts for each of the residents!



Auxiliary President Marianne provides a Memorial Day program for our residents.

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Give to the Max 2018
This last November we held our annual Give to the Max Day. This national giving day was a great success for St. John’s Circle of Care Foundation, and for that we owe you a debt of gratitude.

A special thank you to our matching gift from the Roland Boettger Trust and to our generous donors, we were able to raise over \$8,000.

We recognize there are a lot of asks, and a lot of worthy causes, on Give to the Max Day. We are very appreciative of the support we received on this day and all year long.

Our Project
The Foundation was able to purchase forty 32 inch flat screen TV’s and mounts for resident rooms.

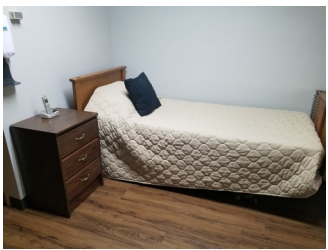
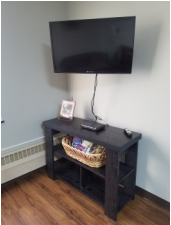
THANK YOU to everyone who continue to support St. John's Circle of Care. Because of your thoughtfulness, we are able to continue the work of enabling all who are within our Circle of Care the ability to THRIVE TOGETHER!



Hospice Room Updated

Through a generous donation to our Foundation we were able to update one of our Hospice Rooms.

St. John Lutheran Home provides three rooms specifically designed for Hospice care. While in Hospice the client’s doctor, hospice nurse and St. John Lutheran home staff, including our Chaplain look for the best way to meet the physical, spiritual and psycho-social needs of the client and family.



Keep up the support

Even though Give to the Max Day has come and gone, please consider to continue to support our mission.

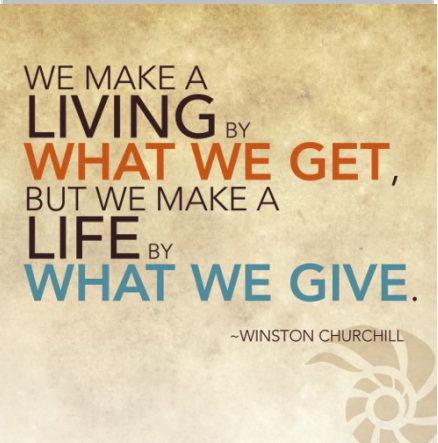
“St. John’s Circle of Care provides services and support that enable all who are within our Circle of Care the ability to “Thrive Together.”

Again, THANK YOU and on behalf of the St. John’s Circle of Care Foundation we are humbled by your support!

For other giving or volunteer opportunities or suggestions, please contact the Foundation office at 507-723-3205.



Lindsey Beyer
Foundation Director



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Grandkids/V.I.K Program is Expanding

In expanding the Grandkids program, St. John's is making an investment to ensure children are well cared for and educated in a safe, stable, nurturing learning environment. In establishing an intergenerational day care center 30 years ago, St. John Lutheran Home took advantage of the opportunity to blend together children in need of care and senior adults with an abundance of time and talents to share. This has been an excellent fit on our campus.

"We are excited to help the community," said St. John's Circle of Care Administrator Tom Goeritz. Now the challenge is to develop staff. "If we can find the staff, I know we can find the kids," he said.

Here at St. John's we have an established child care program and space to do an expanded program. "The closing of Vista Ridge assisted living apartments last January gives us an opportunity to use the space," said Lindsey Beyer, Community Relations/Foundation Director. Beyer surveyed parents of children attending Springfield Public and St. Raphael Catholic Schools, and has had 130 respondents from which 110 said there is a need for more child care in Springfield.

There are two programs offered for childcare- Grandkids and VIK. The Grandkids program offers care to children six weeks old thru pre-school age. The V.I.K. (Very Important Kids) program provides care for school age children 5-12.

Currently the St John's Circle of Care Grandkids Program has 48 children ages 4 months to 10 years enrolled. Grandkids is currently licensed to care for four infants, ages 6 weeks to 16-18 months with Leeza Moe in charge; and with the expansion St. John's request to the DHS is to increase licensure to eight, according to Amy Arredondo, director and lead preschool teacher.

The toddler program for children 16 months to 33 months is currently licensed for seven children with Shandel Sell in charge; and with the expansion St. John's is asking the state to increase licensure to 14.

Teresa Lang is in charge of the preschool program for children 3-4 years of age and licensed for 10; with the expansion is requesting licensure for 20.

The program for 4 and 5 year old's will remain at 10 children.

St. John's Circle of Care has also an after-school latchkey program called VIK. With 18 children currently enrolled and Lisa Anderson in charge.

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Call St. John's front desk at 507-723-3200 for available Grandkids/VIK spots!

Never a dull moment at St. John's!



Family Picnic 2018



Cobden for pizza!

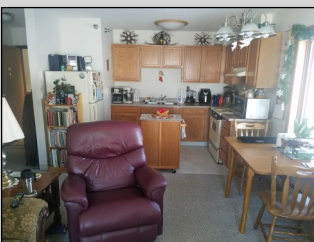
Daycare Christmas program



Christmas Open House



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