January 2016 ~ Happy New Year!
Welcome New Residents!

Alice Martinez, Donald Dahlof, Debra Rasmussen, Rita Larsen, Janice Weihs, and Deanna Nissen

Resident January Birthdays

9-Irene Larsen 18-LouEtta Smith
14-Delbert Richey 21-Marilyn Ihnken
17-Ron Boehme 27-Joanne Sanders

Employee January Birthdays

1-Jacquie Andersen 6-Rose Sievers
1-Michaela Mikels 18-Beth Larsen
5-Michele Dent 31-Donna McClain

Staff Anniversaries of Years of Service

1-Jessica Ratliff 2-Lori Harris-Jensen 20-Thresa Jensen

Best Wishes... Sue Gaines, Irma White, Kim Clemons, and Melvin Andersen

January Highlights...

2nd & 16th Communion 9:30 AM

6th Daisy Pet Visit

11th 3:00 PM Ventriloquist Gary Weldon-Open to the public –(see next column)

15th Nature’s Beauty 10:00 AM Chapel

16th Abundant Life visitors

18th Resident Council

19th Goldenairs

20th Bingo-Immanuel Kimballton
25th Memorial Service 2:00 PM
Birthday Party – EH Lutheran date to be announced

In Loving Memory... Charles Bergstrom

The GARY WELDON SHOW

Monday, January 11th 3:00 PM

Professional Entertainers, Gary and Mary Weldon from Moorhead, Iowa will bring The GARY WELDON SHOW featuring “Singing to Seniors” on Monday, January 11th at 3:00 p.m. Gary is a member of the “Gig Salad Agency”, The “Omaha Musicians Assoc. Local 70-558” and has appeared at The “Celebrity Impersonators” Convention in Las Vegas.

Gary is a crooner and ventriloquist. He has been a professional entertainer for over 30 years. His wife, Mary, backs him up as his sound technician, wardrobe assistant and handles most of the book work for the business end of the act.

Gary sings tribute to such famous crooners as Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Andy Williams and others. Woodstock, Gary’s “Little Wooden Friend” has been with him throughout his career. Woodstock sings a tribute to Willie Nelson. Recently Gary added 5 new “Little Crooners with Big Voices” to the Act. Another Recent addition has been a “Ventriloquil Figure” of Uncle Sam who leads the audience in reciting the Pledge to the Flag of the USA.

Residents, Family members and

People from the Community are invited to this Show!

This show is free of charge to the residents and community due to the following Sponsors

Back Alley Cuts Coffee girl/Daisy girl
Danish Mutual Ins Association Egg Krate
Elk Horn Pharmacy Esbeck Plumbing & Heating LLC
Fajen Lumber Co The Scoular Co
Insurance Services Inc Village Station & Café
Greetings,

Tis’ the season to be jolly at Salem. We have many exciting upcoming events for our residents and the community, including our entertainment by Gary Weldon on Monday, January 11. As we reflect on all of the things we have accomplished this year, we humbly thank all of you for all you do for our residents and staff.

The very first stage of our construction project has begun with a new dining area for our rehab-to-home residents located in what was formerly the hospitality room. This will be a nice area that will fit in well with our new state of the art therapy area. Additionally, it will allow us to relieve some of the congestion in our current dining space. Speaking of which, our dining room will be undergoing an extensive renovation beginning in mid-January. During that time, our main entrance to the facility on the east side will be the center hall entrance. Thanks to all and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Blessings,

J.R. Moss

**Development Corner**

The holiday season brings a feeling of joy for us as we celebrate the birth of Christ and share His love with everyone who walks through our doors in the New Year. We are always striving to provide the best care possible and each year at this time we turn to you for support. This year, our annual appeal is focused on our *Expansion Project with new Therapy Addition, Front entrance, flooring and Dining Room remodel.*

Check us out on our new and improved web page salemlutheranhomes.org for the complete expansion brochure and drawings.
Expansion Project 2016

Salem continues to offer different options for Activities Programming using the arts. Not only do many residents enjoy the creative process but these New Century Art Guild Creativity workshops have been a big hit. Art has proven to enhance the lives of those who struggle with communication due to dementia or illness. There is much research to suggest that the use of creative expression through art and music will increase a person’s ability to communicate and give them greater peace of mind.

A licensed Music Therapist has also been contracted to work with our residents and the results have been fantastic.

Our veteran’s group continues to be active through Nick Nicotero, who does a great job. We are a VA contracted care center and always strive to honor those who served our country.

**You have the right to choose your therapy provider!**

If Outpatient Therapy is being prescribed by your physician, be sure to request our state of the art facilities and our team. We are proud to be able to provide this for you locally. Not only is this a more convenient option for local residents but these therapies are supported by a range of evidence-based clinical programs and this comprehensive approach enables therapists to treat a broader range of patients and more medically complex conditions. We continue to have success in our Therapy department with the use of Diathermy and PENS. This cutting edge technology is one of the most recent developments for pain management. It can also be used for other issues including Bladder Control

As you can see, we are continually striving to improve lives. Will you join us in this effort? We continue to ask for your support.

**Your Prayers are on our Wish List too!**
For over 82 years, Salem Lutheran Homes’ success has been a direct reflection of the community we serve. We are told time and time again of the positive impact we have had on so many residents and their families. The growth or accomplishment Salem has witnessed is due to our community’s goodwill. Therefore, this year as we join with friends and family to celebrate, remember to keep Salem in your prayers and thoughts, as you will certainly be in ours.

Check us out on the Web!
salemlutheranhomes.org

**Memory/Honor Tree...**

*(through Dec. 14th)*

Ornaments were purchased by the following in Memory of loved ones or to honor someone special.

**In Honor of...**  
From

Viola Sander  Richard & Sara Mardesen

**In Memory Of...**  
From...

Judy Hansen  Gary Hansen
Dick Carroll  Gary Hansen
Maynard Nielsen  Gary Hansen
Annabell Madsen  Earl Madsen
Emmert Nelson  Earl Madsen
Harvey Sornson  Julius & Joy Rodenmeyer and
Dagmar Sornson  Halvor Sornson
Harry Sander  Richard & Sara Mardesen
Vernon Mardesen  Richard & Sara Mardesen
Grace Mardesen  Richard & Sara Mardesen
Carl Bonnesen        Jerry & Pat Blake
Elsie Bonnesen       Jerry & Pat Blake
Loved Ones           Phyllis Kosky
James Nicholl St.    Rick & Roylene Bald
Darrell Bald         Rick & Roylene Bald
Gail Bald            Rick & Roylene Bald
Kristopher “George” Crawley - Rick & Roylene Bald
Margaret McLaughlin Eddie & Arlene Andersen
Freda Andersen       Eddie & Arlene Andersen
Victor Andersen      Eddie & Arlene Andersen
Ronnie Andersen      Eddie & Arlene Andersen
Anna Marie Hansen    Coleen Hines
Helen Andersen       Coleen Hines
Arlo Andersen        Ed & Tracie Hines
Linda Andersen       Ed & Tracie Hines
Marvin Andersen      Ed & Tracie Hines
Harry Jensen         Ed & Tracie Hines
Lena Jensen          Ed & Tracie Hines
Merle Jensen         Ed & Tracie Hines
Wyatt Andersen       Ed & Tracie Hines
Vera Andersen        Ed & Tracie Hines
Lamont Christensen   Ed & Tracie Hines
Carol Christensen    Ike & Leta Madsen
Loved Ones           Ike & Leta Madsen
Beauty Shop Customers from Neta Sander
Harry Roenfeld       Helen Roenfeld
Clarice Christensen  Galen & Eileen Sornson
Elmer Rosenbeck      Earl & Marian Eckmann
Residents traveled to Omaha to see the **Christmas In Our Hearts** program put on by Community 360 and Paul Falkowski (formerly Desert Ministries.) The Salem group consisted of 22 residents, staff and volunteers. Paul is shown here with Donna McClain, Director of Activities Programming, who has been taking residents to the event since it began 19 years ago.

Imo Beecher and Ron Boehme are shown at “Christmas in our Hearts” with Mr. & Mrs. Santa and their Elf.
Calvin Hoegh was the Veteran of the Month in December. Calvin served in the United States Army. We continue to be proud to recognize our veterans here at Salem and we want to thank all of them for their service to our country.

Salem Association of Churches
Bethany-Kimballton Trinity-Avoca Monroe Methodist
Brayton United-Shelby Immanuel-Harlan
Bethlehem-Jacksonville Exira Immanuel-Kimballton
Ebenezer-Audubon Elk Horn St.Paul's-Atlantic
St. Paul's-Irwin
Holy Trinity, Atlantic

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Melissa Akers, MDS Coordinator (218)
Christina Baxter, Assistant DNS & Quality Assurance (225)
Kenny Davis, Director of Maintenance (210)
Barb Kriley, Director of Housekeeping & Laundry (227)
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Pastor Paul Reynolds, Chaplain (226)

Year-end Gifts and Responses to the Appeal for the Expansion Project

$417 Elk Horn Lutheran Church
$1000 Anonymous
$61 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton
$390 United Lutheran Church Women of Shelby
$250 Bruce Towne In memory of Max & Jean Towne
$1,100 Jim Kilpatrick for Robin’s Nest
$100 Maureen Grier
$500 Wayne & Janell Hansen
$500 Curt & Nancy Hoegh in honor of Calvin Hoegh
$1,000 Mrs. Emery Hoegh
$400 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan
$50 from Nancy Johnson In Memory of Pastor J.H. Thomsen, His son Mark Thomsen, and Great Grandson Jens Thomsen
$25 in Memory of Clarice Christensen from Galen & Eileen Sornson
$250 St Paul’s Lutheran WELCA Atlantic
$1,500 St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Atlantic
$100 Catherine Olesen (Robin’s Nest)
$50 Joe & Rose Hansen

**Memorials**

**Delbert Andersen:** $20 James & Deb Bieker, $10 Richard & Sara Mardesen

**Evelyn Elwonger:** $20 Verna Boland, $10 Dan & Marcia Banyas, $30 Karen Carns, $20 John & Diane Casey, $20 Tim & Catherine Favo, $25 Susan Kuenzi, $100 Berkley Mid-Atlantic Group

**Mark Frederiksen:** $230 Darrell & Lenore Frederiksen

**Dale Petersen:** $10 Bruce & Sue Hoegh, $20 Edith Larsen, $25 Carolyn Oldenburg, $10 Richard & Sara Mardesen, $20 James & Deb Bieker, $20 Jerry & Pat Blake

**Elinor Olsen:** $10 Galan & Janet Johannsen, $10 Richard & Sara Mardesen, $20 Jerry & Pat Blake

**Ralph & Barbara Jorgensen:** $20 Richard & Sara Mardesen

**Adaline Caddell:** $10 Terry & Neta Sander

**Betty Berg:** $10 United Lutheran Church Women

**Richard Larsen:** $30 Tom & Lynette Wall, $20 James & Deb Bieker, $25 Joyce (Flynn) French, $10 Ike & Leta Madsen

**Harry Roenfeld:** $20 Janet Petty
November Birthdays celebrated with a special guest!