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A quarterly newsletter  
for family and friends of  
St. Luke's Home and  
Park Avenue Villa

Summer 2025

NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK ~ PARK AVENUE VILLA ~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ RESIDENT FAMILY PICNIC ~ OUTINGS

## St. Luke's Celebrates “National Skilled Nursing Care Week”

“National Skilled Nursing Care Week” is an annual observance which recognizes residents, caregivers, and volunteers in Long Term Care Facilities. Special themed festivities were planned throughout the week to celebrate.

To kick off the week, the sound of Vegas slot machines filled St. Luke's Chapel during our “Casino Day.” The residents played slots on our iN2L tablets and tried their luck at casino games. The residents and staff were given a scratch off ticket for a chance to win a prize.

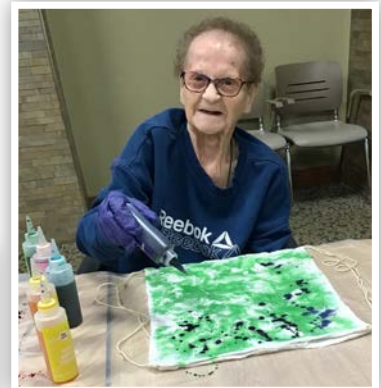
The smell of the grill means that BBQ season is officially here. During our “Backyard BBQ Day,” the residents and staff were served grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. The residents soaked up the sun while playing yard games in the afternoon.

The 1960's brought tie dye, bell-bottoms, lava lamps, peace symbols and great Rock and Roll music. The residents celebrated “60's Day” by tie dying and having home-made ice cream while singing along to songs from the era such as “Hang on Sloopy,” and “Brown Eyed Girl.” Rial Genre, volunteer kept the tunes going as the residents sang along.

Saloons also known as “watering holes” were a place where someone would go for a cold beer or shot of whiskey. With saloons came outlaws and gunslinging. The residents showed their target skills with a shooting gallery during our “Saloon Day.” Later in the afternoon the residents had a cold beer, a shot or two of moonshine and great music by Dennis Paulson, Beni Paulson, Nano Johnson, and Scott Gaugler.

To conclude “National Skilled Nursing Care Week,” the residents celebrated with a carnival. The residents tried their luck at different games to win prizes. The best part of the carnival, of course, was the cotton candy.

Thank you to St. Luke's management, staff, and volunteers for making this a memorable week for the residents!



▲ Adeline Klein creates her tie dye masterpiece on “60's Day.”



▲ Steven Cuypers and Tom King ► were the lucky winners of the triple 7's on their scratch off tickets.



▲ Sheri Robinson is all smiles for the cherry almond ice cream.



Bruce Bagstad checks out the groovy hippie van. ►



# Park Avenue Villa



▲ Marlys and Lisa enjoying the Music by Ernie Hecker.



◀ John loving his ice cream from Fudge & Ice Cream Depot in Medora!



▲ PAV Staff- Hope, Anna Marie, Cara and Shirley planting flowers in the flower beds.



Suzie and Mae having some lunch at subway on a rainy day. ▶



▲ Marian enjoying an evening and supper at the Enchanted Castle in Regent!



Friends, family and happy memories were had at our annual family and resident picnic.



Chuck and his daughter, Jodi heading out for a evening of fun. ▶





# Resident and Family Picnic

St. Luke's Home residents, PAV tenants, family and friends enjoyed the great food, music, and fellowship, June 25th during our Annual Resident Family Picnic.

St. Luke's Nutrition and Food Services Staff prepared barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans for the event. People were not only drawn to the smell of the great food, but also to the classic country music of Dennis Paulson, Nano Johnson, and Scott Gaugler.

We would like to thank everyone for joining us. We look forward to seeing you next year at our Annual Resident Family Picnic!



◀ Louise  
Twogood and  
Activity Aid,  
Alexa Kellar



◀ Lillian  
Kovash with  
her son Kevin  
& daughter,  
Brenda

St. Luke's  
Dietary Staff  
serving great  
food and  
smiles. ▶



▲ St. Luke's  
Picnic Crew



◀ Gloria  
Gresz and  
sister, Bonnie

Charlene  
Mische and  
family ▼



◀ Al & Becky  
Sadowsky  
and family

Syd Sticka  
and family ▼





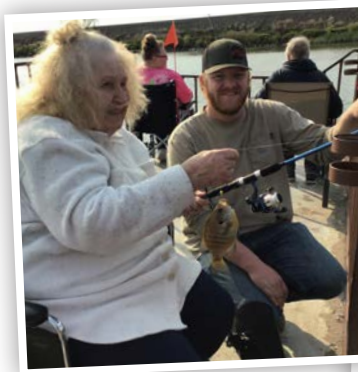
# Spring and Summer Van Outings

With the abundant sunshine and nice weather, the residents have been going on a variety of van outings. Going out for a meal is among the residents' favorite outings. Various trips were taken to McDonald's for their famous French fries and burgers, Taco Johns for "Taco Tuesday" and Burgers in the Park in New England. Combine Bingo with a meal, and you have the perfect outing for the residents! Tuesday evenings is Bingo Night at Phat Fish Brewery. The residents had a great meal and won a game of Bingo.

The residents had some "reel" smiles on their faces while fishing. St. Luke's residents, Activity Staff, and volunteer Dave Aasmundstad went on a fishing trip to Patterson Lake. A couple of fish were caught, and some may have gotten away but the residents had a wonderful time.

There is nothing like drinking an ice-cold beer while bonding with the guys. The guys had a men's night out to the St. Anthony Club. The men shared many laughs, shot a few games of pool, and were greeted by patrons of the club.

Other trips included bandshell concerts, local churches, picnics in the park, the Medora Musical, the Roughrider Day Parade, and scenic drives. Upcoming outings are being planned for trips to the musical, Badlands Ministries, movies, and other events in Dickinson and the surrounding communities.



◀ Patsy Huckabay shows her catch of the day to Jon Williamson, Activity Aid.



▲ Gloria Gresz shows her patriotism with red, white and blue during the parade.



▲ Wilma Fitterer is joined by her daughter, Lynn at "Burgers in the Park" in New England.



▲ Willis Johnson and his family at the Roughrider Days parade.



▲ The guys shooting a few games of pool at the St. Anthony Club.



◀ Beer Buddies: Herb Billman, Les Albaugh & Arnie Betlaf.

## Memorials and Donations

Your contributions to St. Luke's Home and Park Avenue Villa help us create a home-like environment for everyone we serve. You help us to reach our mission of providing quality care that enhances the dignity of each person we serve.

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# St. Luke's Board of Directors

Cleo Ballweber and Pat Bren finished their term on our board of directors this May. We sincerely thank them for their time and dedication to St. Luke's Home and Park Avenue Villa. They have been instrumental in the success that St. Luke's and Park Avenue have had over the last few years. Pat was integral in the building of the new building that was completed in 2014 and continues to assist with plant and building questions when they arise. Cleo has dedicated her time to St. Luke's by volunteering to help with any project, no matter how big or small as well as being a valued member of the board. We thank them for their years of service to St. Luke's.

Kevin Kovash, Darla Baranko, and Stepheny Reger have joined the board. We welcome their knowledge and community service to guide us into the coming years.

Amy Kreidt,  
CEO/Administrator



Kevin Kovash



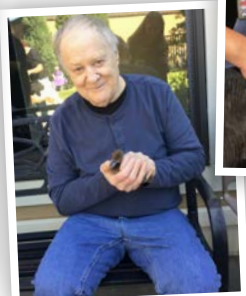
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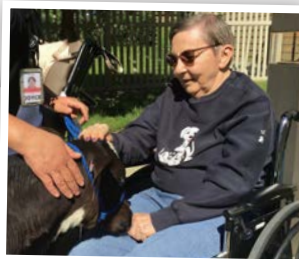
Stepheny Reger



▲ Mary Ann Paluck's family joined her for the bandshell concert.



▲ Ryan Lynne loved this feathered friend.



▲ Ruth Fitterer thought the calf was udder-ly cute.

## a note FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

### Nursing Facility Tips for Summer Visits

Fresh air is loved by many and now that it is summer in North Dakota, residents cannot wait

to get outside. There are a few things to keep in mind for summertime outings whether it be here, at St Luke's, or if you are planning to take your loved one on an outing. Try to plan your outdoor gatherings for earlier in the day, and in the shade if possible. Ideally, earlier in the day to avoid the extreme mid-day heat of the summer is best. For afternoons, consider indoor/outdoor events. For example, set up your outdoor picnics and barbecues in a way that your loved one can still have access to indoor air conditioning whenever they start to get too warm. If you are going to be outside, look for shade or use sunhats/umbrellas and make sure your loved one is not dressed too warm. Do not forget the sunscreen. Bring cold beverages or water to stay hydrated. Elderly people can get dehydrated quickly. Enjoy your summer!

## St. Luke's 2ND ANNUAL

# Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

*Helping kids in the  
community!*

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Pencils  
Pens  
Notebooks  
Rulers  
Folders  
Glue  
Backpacks  
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## St. Luke's Home has season passes to the Medora Musical!

Families of St. Luke's residents and Park Avenue Villa tenants are welcome to attend the musical with the passes. If you would like to attend the musical, please contact Joyce Decker, [joyced@stlukeshome.com](mailto:joyced@stlukeshome.com) by email or 701-456-8251 by phone to reserve your tickets.

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*Our newsletter has just a fraction of all the great events that occur.  
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