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

Summer 2026

NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK ~ PARK AVENUE VILLA ~ RESIDENT FAMILY PICNIC ~ BADLANDS COURTYARD PROJECT ~ COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

St. Luke's Celebrates "National Skilled Nursing Care Week"

"National Skilled Nursing Care Week" is all about celebrating the incredible residents, caregivers, and volunteers in Long-Term Care Facilities throughout the United States. Different flower-themed activities were planned throughout the week to go along with this year's theme, "Moments in Bloom."

Mother's Day marked the beginning of "National Skilled Nursing Care Week." The residents and their families listened to old-time music from Ernie Hecker while enjoying the sweet treat of ice cream.

Monday the residents' "Garden Tea Party" was a beautiful blend of nature and elegance! Surrounded by flowers and the soothing sounds of classical music, our residents savored an array of teas and delicious shortbread cookies.

On "Country Wildflower Day" we celebrated the vibrant beauty of wildflowers. Our residents made wildflower bookmarks. The residents, staff and family savored some delicious homemade ice cream. With flavors such as cherry almond, blueberry cheesecake, huckleberry, caramel pecan and chocolate, there was a flavor everyone loved. The sweet sounds of country music by Dennis, Nano & Scott made the day even more special.

The weather was perfect to celebrate "Fun in the Sun Day." Our residents enjoyed a refreshing lemonade and singing their favorite tunes during karaoke with Rial Genre.

Our residents embraced the spirit of the islands during our Hawaiian Luau. With leis around their necks and tropical drink in hand, they savored a delightful taste of paradise.

The festivities concluded on Friday, and it was all about peace, love, and great tunes as we celebrated "Flower Power Day!" From tie-dyeing to singing rock and roll classics, we had a fantastic time reminiscing about the 60s and 70s.

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



▲ Ruth Fitterer shows the beautiful bookmark she made for "Country Wildflower Day."



▲ Gerald Sevik enjoying a little taste of paradise at our Hawaiian Luau with a tropical drink in hand.



▲ Leona Amann and Havyn Martin, volunteer bought the colors to life at our "Flower Power" party with their amazing tie-dyeing skills!



▲ Anneliese Schmalz and Arnie Betlaf spread peace and a whole lot of fun at our "Flower Power Party."



▲ Wheezy Twogood brought the good vibes and groovy energy to our "Flower Power" party.

Park Avenue Villa

Enriching The Lives Of Our Tenants



▲ Tenants enjoying a visit over coffee at Meg-A-Latte.



▲ Monica, Marian, and Bonnie celebrating National Donut Day.



▲ Anita and Monica out for lunch at Burger Junction.



▲ Friends Mae and Anna Marie, all smiles during a fun lunch at the Dakota Diner.



▲ Bobbie and Donnella joining in on the fun at the Diner!

Donnella, Tim, and Mary getting into the Cinco-themed birthday party! ▼



▲ Cara and Richard checking out the new ice cream shop in town!



A big thank you to our tenant, Agnes Frank, and her family, for generously donating so many beautiful home-grown flowers! We had a wonderful afternoon planting and livening up our flower beds.



Tenants enjoying the beautiful weather during the annual St. Luke's Home/ Park Avenue Family Picnic.



Park Avenue Villa Assisted Living Community provides you with a caring and supportive environment that helps you maintain your independence and enjoy a carefree lifestyle. We offer comfortable living, convenience and a homelike atmosphere with your well-being in mind.

Call 701-483-3000 for more information or to set up a tour.



◀ **Matthew Brew**
– Post #3 present
Joyce, Activity
Director, their
generous donation
to the Badlands
Courtyard Project.

St. Luke's Staff Contribute to Charities

St. Luke's Home is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others. Through our Jean's Day program, staff members contribute funds that are donated to various charities.

To express our appreciation for the sacrifices of our veterans, we have donated to The Disabled American Veterans. This organization is dedicated to ensuring that veterans and their families receive the benefits they deserve. Their commitment to assisting veterans in leading fulfilling lives is commendable.

The staff helped provide nourishment for those in our community. Little Free Pantries are located throughout the Dickinson Community. Little Free Pantries are a resource available all hours of the day and night for those in need. They are stocked by members of the community. The Activity Staff and residents filled various pantries throughout Dickinson.

St. Luke's would like to thank all of the staff who contributed for these wonderful charities.

In a heartwarming display of kindness, St. Luke's residents and Activity Staff filled the Little Free Food Pantries to assist those in need in Dickinson.

Shawn Emerson and Brenda Rice▶



▲ **Marlo Twohearts**



▲ **Lynn Erickson**

Badlands Courtyard Renovations

St. Luke's Home is excited to announce plans to renovate the Badlands Courtyard to create a more welcoming and user-friendly outdoor space for our residents.

The project will include the addition of a pergola to provide much-needed shade, as well as expanded concrete areas to ensure adequate space for residents to comfortably gather and enjoy the outdoors. A flagpole will also be installed as a tribute to our Veterans and their service to our country.

Once completed, the renovated courtyard will provide a wonderful setting for music, activities, and special events that residents and their families can enjoy together.

We are grateful for the generous donations we have already received toward this project. However, a portion of the renovation costs remain unfunded. If you would like to support this important improvement, please make checks payable to St. Luke's Foundation. In appreciation of your contribution, your donation will be recognized on a commemorative plaque upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping us create an outdoor space that will enhance the quality of life for our residents for years to come.

Amy Kreidt, CEO/Administrator



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 by email or 701-456-8251 by phone to reserve your tickets.

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.

IN MEMORY OF

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Connecting with the Community



▲ Sissy Bush had the perfect evening at the lake, complete with a great catch!



▲ Doris Bartholomew is all smiles with her burger and fries at Dairy Queen.



▲ Ryan Lynne savored every bite of his burger and fries at Dairy Queen, but it was the milkshake that made his day.



▲ Who says life isn't a picnic? Norma Drinkern had a fantastic evening with the views of Patterson Lake while enjoying a picnic.



◀ Sheri Robinson reeled in the catch of the Day at Patterson Lake.

Our residents have been taking full advantage of the abundant sunshine and nice weather with outings. Dining out 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 Dairy Queen for a meal, and of course, ice cream!

The residents had a blast with the Activity Staff, and volunteers, Dave Aasmundstad and Jake Hooker on a fishing trip to Patterson Lake. A couple of fish were caught, and some may have gotten away but the smiles were the "reel" catch.

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, a picnic in the park, the Medora Musical, and scenic drives. Upcoming outings are being planned for trips to the Musical, local churches, Badlands Ministries, movies, Burgers in the Park and other events in Dickinson and the surrounding communities.

hello FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

We're excited to share some of the encouraging feedback from our recent survey! Your voices help guide our growth, and it's inspiring to see so many positive experiences reflected in your comments.

"I appreciate the personalized care, the smiles, and the patience with my mom."

"It's clean, updated, and the staff is friendly and compassionate."

"I appreciate the staff, the communication, and the place. It has been awesome."

"I would tell them that they have a very good staff who tries really hard to do what needs to be done for their patients. They communicate well, and I feel very secure with him there."

"I have never seen a more wonderful facility than St. Luke's. They involve him, and I cannot commend them enough for how they treat him like an individual. They get him out in the community and keep him engaged. I do feel this facility is more than what my expectations were."

Resident and Family Picnic

Our Annual Resident Family Picnic brought everyone together for fun, food, and friendship on June 24th! Delicious food prepared by St. Luke's Nutrition and Food Services and the lively tunes of Dennis Paulson, Scott Gaugler and Nano Johnson created the perfect atmosphere.

Thank you to all who attended and made it a special occasion. We look forward to seeing you next year at our Annual Resident Family Picnic!



▲ Barry Brown and his wife, Juanita enjoyed a perfect day at the picnic and their smiles said it all!



▲ With the great music playing, Ralph Bruton was up and dancing in no time!



▲ Alberta Kirsch and her family made some unforgettable memories at our Resident Family Picnic.



▲ Family time is the best time. Lillian Kovash and her family had a great time at the picnic.



▲ Gloria Gresz and her sister soaked up the sun and made lasting memories at our Resident Family Picnic.

A huge thank you to Dennis, Nano and Scott for the amazing tunes. ►



◀ A huge thank you to our amazing Dietary Staff for serving up such a delicious meal at the picnic!



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Thank you!

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