Connections Fall 2017

Employee focus continues to be one of our strategic initiatives. Healthcare is a very hands-on profession that never stops. We have 10 different facilities that require trained staff working 24/7, 365 days a year. As the need for more healthcare workers increases, so does our focus on attracting and retaining employees.

Over the last two years, Bethany Lutheran Homes has put a lot of effort into increasing wages for our staff; we continue to offer nice benefit incentives and last year started a Tuition Investment Program for employees that are continuing their education.

Our Tuition Investment Program continues to grow and for the fall semester of 2017 we have awarded 22 of our employees a tuition incentive up to $1,500 for the semester. The tuition incentive is based on the number of hours each of these employees works over the semester. We realize students are a vital part of our workforce and without students we are not able to staff our facilities 24/7. As a non-profit organization investing in programs like our Tuition Investment Program, adding new senior living communities and advancing as a leader in senior care is a vital part of our mission.

Our Tuition Investment Program is open for the spring semester of 2018, so if you know anyone who is interested in working for Bethany Lutheran Homes while continuing their education, have them contact our HR department for job opportunities and the Tuition Investment Program.

As a non-profit organization, donations are very important and help to sustain programs like our Tuition Investment Program and new projects and services. Please consider a donation to Bethany Lutheran Homes. It’s a great investment in the community.

Have a wonderful Fall!

Todd D. Wilson
Chief Executive Officer

VOTED #1 for Best Assisted Living Facility: Eagle Crest North - Onalaska Eagle Crest South - La Crosse
VOTED #1 for Best Retirement Community: Bethany Lutheran Homes
Residents, family, friends, and staff of Eagle Crest South gathered to “Rock Around the Clock” while raising $807 in just 2 hours for the Alzheimer’s Association! Our favorite oldies were played and the dance floor was packed all while live and silent auction items were raffled.

Several guests brought back the high-fashion styles of the 1950s.

Christine and Rosemary are all smiles!

Emily Vike, Program Coordinator for Memory Care, and Alma enjoy a dance!

Resident, Paul Taylor and Christine Kortbein show off their dance moves.

Residents of Eagle Crest South Paul Felion, Ray & Carrie Pearson, Betty Kendrick, Margaret Blanchard and Donna Carmichael were just a few who enjoyed the afternoon.

A huge thank you to our volunteers and resident of ECS, Dottie Miller, Grace Spencer, Life Enrichment Coordinator, Christine Kortbein, and volunteer and resident, Barb Quillin.

Marla Burns, volunteer, and Tammy Graf Kolen, DJ, kept the party “rockin!”

Our “greaser,” Vlad, hosted the dollar dance. Nikki Scoville, Life Enrichment Assistant (and Vlad’s new wife) took her turn!
With Our THANKS

To all those who have donated to Bethany Lutheran Homes

In Memory of

Janice E. Thompson
Kimberly & Stephen Yancey

In Memory of Doris Matias
Port Byron Volunteer Firefighters
Katherine Nuttall
Jenalda Anderson
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Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Ordination

Pastor Lisa Shank, Chaplain for Bethany Lutheran Homes, was ordained, July 19th, twenty years ago. Since being ordained she has served as:

- Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan
- Neighborhood Chaplain in Saginaw for Lutheran Social Services
- Associate Pastor at Norway Grove Memorial Church, Deforest, WI
- Congregational Life Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Barron, WI
- Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI
- Chaplain of Bethany Lutheran Homes, La Crosse, WI

Pastor Lisa has been with Bethany Lutheran Homes since June of 2015.

She has many gifts and talents from her varied experiences which have enriched the lives of residents and staff here alike.

She leads worship services, provides bible study opportunities, and extends a listening ear and pastoral counseling to any number of residents, resident family members, and staff. Whether it’s early in the morning, later in the evening, or in the middle of the night, she has been here when needed.

She is also a gifted writer and provides regular employee newsletter articles which serve to affirm, challenge, and encourage our staff.

She has truly been a blessing to everyone associated with Bethany Lutheran Homes.

Did you know?

Bethany Lutheran Homes has a Facebook page featuring job opportunities, special events throughout our 10 senior communities and employee news, milestones and announcements! ‘LIKE’ our page today to stay up to date with our latest news, special events and opportunities!

www.facebook.com/BethanyLutheranHomes
*Search @BethanyLutheranHomes on Facebook!

As the comments Pastor Lisa chooses to close each of her worship services with, we will close this Ordination Anniversary recognition letter with:

“. . . God is Good, All the Time . . . All the Time, God is Good . . .”

Thank you, Pastor Lisa, for your twenty (20) years of faithful service, and God’s Blessings to you as you continue to serve in His name.

Sincerely,
Tom Rislow, Administrator of Bethany Riverside
Please help Bethany Lutheran Homes continue to provide quality, compassionate care in the Coulee Region. Donations are always gratefully received and are tax deductible up to the extent allowed by law.

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La Crosse, WI  54602-2468

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Bethany Lutheran Homes is an Equal Opportunity Employer!

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Bethany Riverside
2575 South 7th Street • La Crosse, WI 54601

Wednesday, September 13th
12:00 – 6:30 pm

Join us at our Job Fair to learn more about exciting job opportunities available with our growing organization.

Come ready to complete an application and interview.

Visit us online at www.bethanylutheranhomes.org