

# Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka

### Loving Care in the Spirit of Christ

**ISSUE 002** 

News from our Home to Yours

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Beloved,
if God so
loved us,
we ought
also to love
one another.

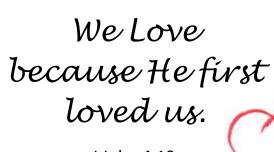
1 John 4:11



A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one

another.

John 13:34



I John 4:19



My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

I John 3:18









"What goes around comes around". It may be a common cliché, but it can also be used to describe the cycles of our lives.

While I was in high school and junior college, I found great purpose in working as a CNA and Activity Aide at the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka. This experience helped to grow my compassion for the elderly, work ethic, and family – the angel who later became my bride was a co-worker. Ultimately, my time at the Home also strongly influenced my decision to pursue a healthcare career in Occupational Therapy. Not surprisingly, when I departed from Central Illinois to attend St. Louis University at the age of 20, I left part of my heart in the halls of the Home.

Through the past 18 years, I have found great satisfaction in working with older adults as a front-line clinician. This has included coaching 80 year-old hospital clients toward independence after undergoing joint replacements, helping the families of paralyzed stroke victims adapt their homes and lives to care for their loved ones, and teaching grandmas and grandpas with eye disease to read their Bibles and greeting cards with magnifiers. Although this work has been very rewarding, I have never lost the tug toward the ministry of our small-town Home where every day residents experience "loving care in the Spirit of Christ".

Early in this fourth decade of my life, our family of four children has adjusted to various life changes including adapting our sleep schedule to accommodate teenagers, negotiating the used car lot and discarded bike in our driveway, and experiencing a call to pulpit ministry in our local church. These adjustments have prompted us to re-evaluate our priorities, desiring to blend our family, work, and ministry pursuits together into one calling. To our surprise and delight, this search led us back to the Home.

I am thankful for the preparation that these last years have given me for my new role as Assistant Administrator. For me, time has only deepened my high respect for gray haired wisdom. My homecare and therapy background position me to provide support and leadership for bold new initiatives such as a Victory Home Services (a joint venture with Roanoke Apostolic Christian Home set to open this Spring), and a Therapy and Wellness Center (under construction and set to open this Summer). Other duties will include guiding our marketing and community outreach efforts, facilitating our corporate compliance program, managing our independent living units, and providing pastoral care. It is an exciting time to return back to my professional roots.

"For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11). For me, I sense that this end is also a new beginning.



#### Shopping

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Joyce Gasser with volunteer Jane Stoller, Ethel Schmidtgall, and Barbara Tracy



Pictured from left to right:
Janette Chally and
her son Dan, Anna McCloud,
and Dottie Eastman and her
son Dave



2019 Valentine Luncheon



Nellie Nall celebrates Valentine's Day with her daughter, Laura Faith, at the Valentine's Luncheon

#### **Heiterland**



Brownie Schramm enjoys the Valentine's luncheon with her daughter



Activity Assistant, Kelsey Leman celebrates Roseanne Reid's Birthday with a chocolate cake made just for her

# Happy Birthday!



#### **March Birthdays**

#### Staff

| 1  | Lindsey Crocker   |
|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Courtney Daniel   |
| 4  | Jamie Schwenk     |
| 6  | Nolan Maurer      |
| 10 | Miriam Dingledine |
| 13 | Jessica Kath      |
| 16 | Olivia Stalter    |
| 20 | Faith Killion     |
| 21 | Brianna Yordy     |
| 22 | Susanna Getz      |
| 24 | Jon Teegarden     |
| 26 | Becky Kuras       |
| 26 | Janna Baer        |

# Welcome!

We've added a few new faces around the Home. We're glad you joined us and hope you'll feel right at home!

#### Residents

March 12

| March 18 | Roger Wind |
|----------|------------|
| Staff    |            |

#### Residents

| 1  | Wayne Guth    |
|----|---------------|
| 1  | Ruth Ludemar  |
| 2  | Sarah Gerber  |
| 3  | Anita Contois |
| 10 | Viola King    |
| 15 | Mary Howd     |
| 21 | Ben Blunier   |
| 31 | Don Tate      |



A special Happy Birthday to Margaret Cade who celebrated her 100th Birthday Anna McCloud February 20th

Jessica Flanigan, CNA Katie Volz, CNA Taylor Simmons, CNA

Sophia Meister, Dietary Christina Dillman, Laundry

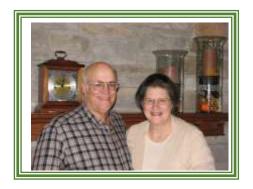
Relationships last long not because they're destined to last long. Relationships last long because two brave people made a choice.... to keep it, fight for it, and to work for it. - Unknown -

# RESIDENT FOCUS Clifford and Maryellen Lehman

As February so often centers around love and sweethearts; this month's spotlight focuses on Residents Clifford and Maryellen Lehman who have been married for over 71 years. Clifford says that Maryellen's dad was his mailman though he did not really know Maryellen at that time. Both Clifford and Maryellen went to Eureka High School and met when Maryellen's good friend, who had a locker next to Clifford, introduced them. The young sweethearts dated through their junior and senior years of high school and the year after, even though Clifford had joined the Army and was stationed at the Panama Canal. The two were married upon his return home at the Eureka Christian Church by Reverend Donald Salmon in September of 1947. Clifford then attended Eureka College and graduated with a degree in Mathematics and Physics and took a job with the United States Postal Service. Maryellen enjoys children and the Lord graciously blessed them with six children of their own and later with 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren they enjoy getting to see. When asked what the secret to having a long happy marriage is, Clifford states, "She's a good girl - I like her! Just keep putting up with each other and loving one another!"



# Focus on Volunteers



**Kent and Beth Steffen** 

This month we focus on two of the Home's faithful volunteers – Beth and Kent Steffen who reside in Congerville, Illinois and attend the Congerville Apostolic Christian Church. Kent grew up in Congerville and Beth moved there from Iowa when the two married. They have 4 married children and 10 grandchildren with another one on the way. Kent worked for Caterpillar for 42 years before retiring; Beth is a homemaker, though she went to nursing school and worked as a nurse at AC Restmor and also at our Home before her children were born. Kent volunteers his time leading a Men's Coffee Hour at the Home every Thursday along with volunteers Craig Gerdes, Dan Heinold, Carl Bond, and George Baer. Beth has volunteered in numerous ways over the years and is starting up a ladies group in March that will be meeting on various Thursdays for coffee, conversation, readings and ramblings, and plenty of good times and smiles! We invite you to join her in the fun!!

