



# GUILD NEWS AND HEALTH SYSTEM HAPPENINGS



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## Legend of the CANDY CANE

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith. He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus.

- † He began with a stick of pure white hard candy. The white symbolized the virgin birth and the sinless life of Jesus.
- † He made the candy hard to symbolize the that Jesus is the solid rock and the foundation of the church. The firmness also represents the promises of God.
- † The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
- † The candy maker then added red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could be forgiven and have the promise of eternal life.
- † The flavor of mint is similar to hyssop. In Old Testament times, hyssop was associated with purification and sacrifice. It was also used at the cross as they gave Jesus a drink of vinegar before He died.

~ Chocolate-candy-mall.com



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## Message from Mr. Arndt

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is upon us, earlier and earlier it seems. I couldn't believe my eyes when, on the second weekend in November, I saw Santa Claus presiding at the mall. It seems that it's all about shopping these days. I remember Christmases of my childhood when we'd receive fruit and a few treats on Christmas morning and spend the entire season with friends and relatives. I sometimes get nostalgic about that simpler time when we focused on family and celebrating Christ's birth.

At our facilities in Buffalo and Lancaster we try to keep that in mind as we prepare for the holidays for our residents. Decorations will be going up after thanksgiving and there will be special Christmas parties, events, and groups coming to carol. Our pastoral care department is making sure the season is spiritually filled for residents as well. I hope that you and your family have the most blessed and merry Christmas possible!

As busy as the season is, we still have to focus on our every day operations and ensure that our residents receive the best care and services possible. Thanks to our foundation and generous donors and volunteers we have always been able to do that. I'd just like to remind you that, if you are considering an end-of-the year donation, to please consider giving to the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation. It's director, David McMullen, and his staff are more than willing to answer any questions you may have. They can be reached at 886-4377.

This has been a busy year during which we have been researching how we can most effectively serve the needs of the elderly in our community now and in the future. There are a number of suggestions that are being considered and I hope to be able to give you an

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**THURS, DEC 9 - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & FUND RAISER**  
**11:30 am at St. Mark Lutheran - 576 Delaware Road - Kenmore**  
*With Theme Baskets, Door & Table Prizes too!*

Hostesses are Ladies from St. Mark Lutheran, Kenmore

Devotions with The Rev. Hans Irmer

Program: *"A Musical Christmas Affaire"* with Joe Borzellere

Parking: Valet parking will be available. Please save the front lot for people needing accessibility & use the entrance from the back parking lot around the corner.

**RSVP by Mon, DEC 6**  
Florence: 836-6803  
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# *Footnotes from Florence*

Dear Friends - We had a wonderful luncheon meeting at the Manor yesterday! More than sixty women attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch with a twist. The creative chefs there served potato salad made with sweet potatoes, and it was wonderful! Our hostesses, from St. John's in West Seneca, provided us with a variety of cakes for dessert, and Pastor John Klatt lead us in devotions that made us think about what a church really is. Marie Wienke accompanied our singing on the piano, and Wilma Nantka shared her interesting "Apron Stories" with us. A number of people brought in their aprons and told why they are important to them. Some had very touching stories. Carol Ianello and Norma Horton set up nine very attractive theme baskets and the door prize. The table prizes, beautiful fall mugs from the GHRC gift shop, that served as centerpieces, were wrapped up in orange tissue paper surrounded by autumn leaves to complement the season. Our lucky winners were more than pleased! It was a wonderful gathering of women meeting for fun, fellowship and inspiration. It was also a very successful fund raiser.

Our **December Christmas luncheon** at St. Mark in Kenmore is coming up quickly. Remember, it is on **December 9**, the second Thursday of the month. (Normally our meetings are on the third Thursday.) It has become a tradition to serve the famous "chick ala king" made by the NLHRC dietary staff and we will have Jell-O salads prepared by the ladies of St. Mark. We ask those attending to bring a plate or box of Christmas cookies to share. The left-over cookies go to the skilled nursing facilities and are served to residents at their Christmas parties. Cost of the luncheon is \$3.00, and the suggested donation for theme basket and door prize tickets is \$5 a sheet. St. Mark ladies are proving theme baskets and table prizes, too. We thank them and all those supporting the event in advance. We are truly blessed by the generosity of you all! As for entertainment, we were fortunate to secure the talented Joseph Borzellere to perform "A December Christmas Affaire" as the program for our Christmas luncheon. Joe is a well-known guitarist who entertains at many community and senior citizen events. The Rev. Hans Irmer will lead us in devotions and install our new Guild board for 2011 that day.

Please remember to read through the rest of the newsletter and check out requests for items, volunteers, and financial support which will enable us to purchase nice Christmas gifts for residents. The Guild has already ordered Christmas chocolate candy for residents of our assisted living residences, Lutheran Church Home and GreenField Court. And, the activities directors at the skilled nursing facilities are already deciding on Christmas gifts for their residents with money we've given them.

Please note: We will be wrapping Christmas gifts for about 173 residents on Monday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m., at NLHRC - 64 Hager Street. I hope you'll consider joining us for this fun and helpful project!

January is traditionally the time for renewing our Guild memberships, and we've provided a membership form on page 3 of this newsletter (our December/January issue). You can also renew your membership at meetings or directly with your church Guild representative. If your church does not have a Guild representative, you can send your dues directly to the Guild at 64 Hager Street - Buffalo, NY 14208. Or, perhaps you would be willing to serve as a representative. For more information, call Florence Doran at 836-6803.

Finally, I'd like to share with you the news that another faithful Guild board member has passed away. Elsie Megerle will be missed, but we can rest assured that she will be greeted in heaven by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we will soon be celebrating. Thanks be to God!

A blessed Christmas to you all — and a happy and healthy New Year ~ Florence

*PS: Please call me for reservations for the Christmas luncheon by Monday morning, Dec. 6. It is always much easier to prepare for a luncheon when you know how many people plan to attend. Thank you for your cooperation.*

update in the near future. I pray that God will lead and guide us in our plans.

As always, my best wishes to you and your loved ones. Have a wonderful Christmas and health and much happiness in the New Year! God bless . . .

~ Jurgen Arndt



*Merry  
Christmas*

## **2011 GUILD MEMBERSHIPS**

Dues remain just \$5.00 as we know you give so generously in so many other ways, and dues are ALWAYS USED SOLELY FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Please give your \$5.00 and the form on page 3 to your church representative or mail them to NLHS Guild - 64 Hager Street - Buffalo, NY 14208

*Legacies for Life* ~ Gifts made by bequest through a will, bequest or insurance policy, play a vital role in our mission of compassionate care. To learn more, contact the Foundation at 886-4377



## Working Together & Looking Forward to an Exciting New Year

As you may have noticed, many of our long-time board and committee members are not able to do as much as they have in the past. Some have "retired" and we are grateful for a number of individuals who have stepped up to the plate. THANK YOU! Most recently, **Helena Hokinson, Judy Hardie,** and **Nancy Morth** have agreed to count up all the volunteer hours that are donated each month at GHRC, NLHRC, and LCH respectively. This is important information that is used by the Niagara Lutheran Health System. We've also added a few new people to the Mailing Crew!

In most cases, helping is only a matter of donating a few hours a month to help others, and there are a number of ways to do that without ever leaving the comfort of your home. We could especially use help with (1) coordinating programs for our meetings. We already have a long list of potential programs and contacts and merely need someone to make some phone calls to schedule them and, of course, be on the lookout for more. It would also be wonderful if we could find someone to (2) coordinate resident visitations, especially in the skilled nursing facilities. This would be extremely beneficial for many of our residents.



In the spring we will be losing our treasurer, **Linda Zink**, who will be moving out of the area to be closer to her family. **Gail Brown**, our current Membership Chairman, will then be filling that position, which means that we will need someone to (3) maintain the membership list. (The treasurer actually takes care of all the financial work involved with memberships.) If you have a basic knowledge of Excel (or would like to learn a little about it), please consider helping to maintain this list. We've been doing it through email recently, and it has worked wonderfully. We'll be glad to teach you and offer help if you need it!

We ask you to prayerfully consider some of these needs and get in touch with Florence at 836-6803 or Gail Brown at 634-1911 if you would like to learn more. Please remember — **"Many hands make light work."**

Look at the Candy Cane  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are red  
Like the blood shed for me  
White is for my Savior  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus,  
My Lord, that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see



~ *Chocolate-candy-mall.com*



Fellowship, Theme Baskets,  
Door Prizes, and  
"A Musical Christmas Affaire"  
With Joe Borzellere



The NLHS Guild Christmas Celebration  
Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.  
St. Mark Lutheran - 576 Delaware Road - Kenmore

**Tickets are \$3 each and can be purchased at the door.  
Bring Your Friends!**

**THEME BASKETS & DOOR PRIZES**  
(suggested donation: \$5 / sheet of tickets)

*Please donate a plate or box of your favorite cookies to share at lunch  
and with residents at their holiday parties.*

★★ **RSVP to Florence Doran at 836-6803 by Mon., Dec. 6**

NOTE: We are applying for funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and thank them for their generous support through the years.

## NLHS Guild Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # /other contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing my Membership Donation of \$5.00.  Membership Renewal  New Member

I would like to further support the Guild with an additional gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used toward enhancing the lives of residents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

## NLHRC ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Strodel Chapel/Auditorium



12/5 Rev. Deborah Turley, *Lord of Life, Depew*  
 12/12 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 12/19 Rev. Richard Eddy, *Hospice Chaplain, NLHRC*  
 12/26 CHRISTMAS: Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

1/2 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 1/9 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*  
 1/16 Rev. Daniel Hoffman, *St. Paul's, Eggertsville*  
 1/23 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 1/30 Rev. Robert Knepel, *Immanuel, E. Aurora*

## LCH ~ Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In the Chapel

12/5 Rev. Janet Griffiths, *Grace, NT*  
 12/12 Rev. Tom Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*  
 12/19 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 12/26 CHRISTMAS: Rev. Devie Ellis, *St. Martin, NT*

1/2 Rev. John Klatt, *St. John's, W. Seneca*  
 1/9 Rev. Troy Mulvaine, *Augustana, Ton.*  
 1/16 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*  
 1/23 Rev. Marlene Hyden, *Grace, Buf.*  
 1/30 Rev. Tom Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*

## GF MANOR/COURT ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. In the Richard Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

And

## GHRC ~ Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. In the Melba Y. Seibold Chapel/Auditorium

12/4 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 12/11 Rev. Dr. John Scarafia, *St. John, Lancaster*  
 12/18 Rev. David Young, *Pr. Emeritus, First Trinity, Ton.*  
 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE, 1:00 p.m. (in lieu of 12/25)  
 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*

1/1 Rev. John Klatt, *St. John's, W. Seneca*  
 1/8 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*  
 1/15 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John's, Depew*  
 1/22 Rev. Carol Lankes, *St. Paul's-Blossom, Elma*  
 1/29 Rev. Thomas Lutz, *St. Paul, Eden*

## Chaplain Services:

If there is a need for emotional and/or spiritual support for a resident, family member, or yourself, please contact our Chaplain, The Rev. Allen Griep, at 886-4377 or 692-6380.



## Roman Catholic Masses ~ Holy Communion

NLHRC: First Fridays at 11:00 a.m.  
 Other Fridays at 11:00 a.m.:  
 Deacon-led services with Holy Communion

GHRC: Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

LCH: 1st Thursdays at 2:15 p.m.

Rosary and Holy Communion on alternate Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.

GCM: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.



## ATTN SNOWBIRDS, VACATIONERS, ETC.

If you know you'll be away for any length of time, please help us know so we can avoid paying unnecessary Post Office costs.



## In the hands of God

On November 12, long time volunteer and Guild board member, Elsie Megerle passed away. Elsie is fondly remembered by Guild members, staff, and friends of the Niagara Lutheran Health System for her many years of service.

## Christmas Tree Decorators Needed

(A great group Christmas project) We begin decorating for Christmas right after Thanksgiving and can use help decorating the halls and trimming trees at all our facilities. If you can help, please get in touch with the contact people listed with the Wish Lists on page 5.



## Changing Your Address?

Please fill this out, clip and mail to:  
 NLHS GUILD NEWSLETTER  
 64 Hager Street - Buffalo, NY 14208

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/  
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DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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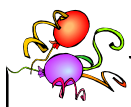


# WISH LISTS

- NLHRC:** *Contact: Hellen Culverhouse at 886-4377*  
 † **NEW: Very small cookie tins for the holidays**  
 † **NEW: Christmas wrappings**  
 † **NEW: Holiday Clings**  
 † **NEW: Shawls or large, over-the-shoulder scarves**  
 † Items for the ceramics classes
- GFCourt:** *Contact: Lisa Scaglione at 684-8400*  
 † BINGO PRIZES (including jewelry and knick knacks)  
 † \*READER - to read to a resident with vision problems
- GHRC:** *Contact: Jennifer Pellicane at 684-3000*  
 † **SPECIAL REQUEST: Small Christmas Gift Bags!**
- LCH:** *Contact: Joan Griffin at 882-1231*  
 † BINGO PRIZES  
 † Sewers and Quilters to help with our RSVP Quilt Project on Thursdays, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

## 2011 Executive Board Members

Executive Board members will be installed during our short meeting at the Christmas Celebration on December 9. Thank you to the following individuals who have agreed to serve. (a full list will be published in the Feb. newsletter):  
**Marjorie Baker, Gail Brown, Florence Doran, Donna Edwards, Helena Hokinson, Norma Horton, Carol Iannello, Nancy Morth, Marion Wolbert, Mary Ann young, Linda Zink.**



## Residents' Birthdays


<b><u>GHRC</u></b>		
12/5 Frances Bickford	1/7 Sylvia Tabachnick	1/10 Matthew Anderson
12/6 Rhoda Henrich	1/8 Nora Hammann	1/12 Mary Clark
12/8 Vera Nebrich	1/9 Jean Cerullo	1/15 Elizabeth Carlucci
12/8 Otto Iszkiewicz	1/10 Rosena Ermer	1/16 Richard Kwiatkowski
12/12 Marion Duerr	1/12 Beverly Hergert	1/17 Margaret Thomas
12/12 Reeve Dean	1/13 James Testa	1/18 Bertha Mugal
12/23 Eugene Orlowski	1/18 Elizabeth Pfohl	1/23 Mildred Myszkiewicz
12/25 Leonore Stutzman	1/19 Elsie Hastreiter	1/26 Carol White
1/2 Joan Smyntek	1/24 Tessie Dzwigal	
1/18 Irene Phillips	1/28 Lillian Campbell	
1/21 Helen Kirchhofer		
1/27 Chester Gardner	<b><u>NLHRC</u></b>	
1/30 Jane Kuntz	12/15 Evelyn Ramsdell	
	12/16 Maxine Hill	
	12/17 Jessie Ayotte	
	12/25 Elizabeth Woods	
	12/30 Deake Porter	
<b><u>GFCourt</u></b>		
12/24 Dorothy Ratke		
1/4 Ernestine Neurohr	1/2 Rose Marczak	
1/5 Beryl Dequaine	1/5 Clare Tucci	
		<b><u>LCH</u></b>
		12/24 Regina Radecki
		12/28 Willie Davis
		12/31 Joyce Carson
		1/2 Guy Peek
		1/4 Vinell Williams
		1/7 Viola Rogers
		1/9 Elliott Loynes
		1/15 Shirley Carlson
		1/25 Dolores Fitzgerald

## Christmas Present Wrapping

We will be wrapping presents for residents on **Mon., December 13 in the Chapel/Aud at NLHRC** — 64 Hager Street — from 10:00 a.m. til around noon. If you can spare an hour or two, please join us! It's a great way to volunteer and have some fun at the same time.



## KEEP THOSE DASH'S TAPES COMING!

 We are already well on our way to receive another check from Dash's. Thank you to Karen Saona for tabulating them!

## Our next meeting is February 12

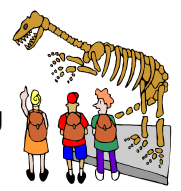
at NLHRC (64 Hager St.).  
 Call Florence to reserve lunch by Mon., Feb. 8, at 836-6803



You will find the 2011 schedule in your February Newsletter

## SEEN AN INTERESTING PROGRAM LATELY?

We are looking for interesting, informative, and/or entertaining programs for our various meetings. Please call Florence at 836-6803 with suggestions and contact information or email us at [NLHSGuild@yahoo.com](mailto:NLHSGuild@yahoo.com).



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The NIAGARA LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM GUILD serves the constituents of Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center, Lutheran Church Home, GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center, GreenField Manor, GreenField Court and any other social ministries related to the Niagara Lutheran Health System.

Guild members promote the interests and programs of the Health System's affiliates as they are able. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join the NLHS Guild.

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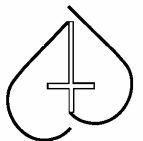
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*



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