



GUILD NEWS AND HEALTH SYSTEM HAPPENINGS



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The Tapestry of Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us, in many piles, our lives were laid like the squares of a quilt and an angel was sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry of our life.

As my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, in which appeared the largest holes of all.

I glanced around me. Very few others had squares like mine. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel continued to sew the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty.

Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed and held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose. each in turn, holding up their tapestries. It seemed to me that their lives had been so full. My angel looked at me and nodded for me to rise.

My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had many earthly fortunes. I did have love in my life and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to

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Message from Mr. Arndt

It was a pleasure to see several members at the September meeting, and an even bigger pleasure to be able to say "thank you!" to Barbara Vahue, who for more than twenty years traveled the halls at Lutheran Church Home with the "hospitality cart." Not only did she make it possible for residents to purchase snacks and goodies they might want, she also made it a point to visit and brighten their days. She is just one example of the many people who give of themselves so our residents have a better life.

Florence Doran, your Guild president, made a poignant statement in regard to this. She said, "When many people do little things . . . mighty things will happen." She was alluding to an inspirational article she had recently read about how one little girl's donation of 57¢ to build a Sunday school many, many years ago mushroomed into a whole system of churches and affiliated schools.

This message is most applicable to what is happening here at Niagara Lutheran, in terms of physical growth, but most importantly, in the lives of our residents.

There are many people who give of themselves for the good of our residents, and one of my favorite examples is the NLHS Guild and its more than 1,200 members. You have done so much over the years! It does seem, however, that recently, much of the work has fallen to a faithful few, and I'd like to encourage you to consider becoming a little more involved. Just think what could happen if each member would serve on a committee one time, help behind the scenes one time, donate for the cause one time, or pray for the Health System and our residents one time. If everyone pitched in just a little more, just imagine the magnificent things that could be accomplished.

Speaking of accomplishments, we began installing

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Next Meeting: THURS., OCT. 21 (11:30am - 2:30pm)

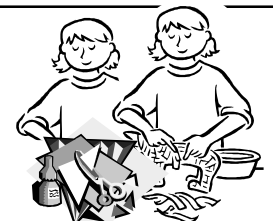
FALL FUN FAIR: 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehab Center - 64 Hager Street, Buffalo

11:30 Lunch: Hostesses are Ladies from St. Luke's, Cheektowaga
Devotions with The Rev. Fred Jacobi

Program: Making Creative Christmas Cards for Residents
Under the tutorship of Carol Iannello

RSVP by Mon, Oct. 18
Florence: 836-6803
NLHSGuild@Yahoo.com



Footnotes from Florence

Dear Friends - Thursday, September 16, may have been a rainy and cloudy day, but the women who attended our meeting at Lutheran Church Home (LCH) certainly came with joyful hearts and anticipation. Everyone seemed happy to be "back in the swing of things" and eager to participate in the luncheon meeting, devotion, and program that was planned. Before lunch was served, Mr. Arndt presented a gift of appreciation to Barbara Vahue who retired as a volunteer at LCH after 20 years of service as a hospitality lady.

Chris Conley and his staff prepared delicious creamed chicken on biscuits and a salad with bacon dressing. Jane Pfohl from Calvary baked very moist apple cakes served with REAL whipped cream. The room was decorated in fall colors, and the "Robinson cousins" were our servers. All in all, it was a 4-star experience. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! (A special thank you to Joan Griffin, the activities director, for her help)

Father John Rosenbaum is a Franciscan friar and assistant at Calvary Lutheran Church with a very interesting life story. He wove together a challenging devotion about appreciating God's creation, learning to love one another, experiencing the peace that passes all understanding that comes with eternal life, and the need to believe. Thank you Father John and Donna Welton whose hymn selections were so appropriate and inspiring.

Linda Zink reviewed the treasurer's report and explained the purpose of the Sunshine Fund, which is designated to be used for the benefit of the residents in all the facilities of the NLHS. She emphasized the importance of supporting the Guild's various fund raising activities so we can continue to make gifts like we have these past two years — the True Stretch machine for GHRC, beautification of the front entrance to NLHRC and Kamin-Hamlin Park, and restoration of the pond at GreenField Manor and Court. Members of the board took an opportunity to explain their responsibilities as board members. Vivian Cosentino, our newsletter editor and support staff, spoke about the importance of everyone participating in the guild, even if it is in only a small way so that together we can, with the help of God, do good, even great, things.

Our Fall Fun Fair has always been a success due to the generosity of our members and friends. Please post the enclosed poster in your church and send your Fun Fair contributions to Hager Street. If you are able to attend our meeting, be sure to leave time to shop before lunch. Once again, we will be creating Christmas cards for all of our residents as our planned meeting activity. Carol Iannello has designed a really "cute" Christmas card, and we need lots of hands to assemble them. Remember to mark your calendar and make your lunch reservation by Monday, Oct. 18, at the latest. Call Florence at 836-6803 or e-mail us at NLHSGuild@Yahoo.com.

How could I forget our speaker! Tara Lyons, the Museum Educator of the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, did an excellent job narrating "*Life of Delaware Avenue 1810-1920*" The photos she brought gave a vivid picture of the daily life of a woman and her family during that time and the evolving development in that area, and in Buffalo in general. LCH residents who attended enjoyed this PowerPoint presentation as much as any of us, and many interesting questions were brought up. If you are ever interested in a program of historical importance, contact the museum. You will not be disappointed.

Special thanks to everyone who attended the meeting. You were a very attentive, patient and supportive group. We want you to know we appreciate you and encourage your continued participation. Hope you see you in October!!! . . . Peace ~ Florence

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ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked at my tapestry. Light was flooding the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you.'

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!

~ Unknown

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a full fledged sprinkler system at Niagara Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center (NLHRC) in September. This type of sprinkler systems is being mandated for all nursing homes to be installed by 2014. GHRC, as a newer building, already has one, but we will have to do this for NLHRC. In spite of the expense and inconvenience this will cause in the short term we know that the entire process will pay off in the long run because it will guaranty the safety of our residents in case of fire. As we move forward, we are taking every precaution to accomplish this enormous task with minimal disruption in day-to-day operations.

It is estimated that this project will cost nearly \$1 million dollars, and raising that amount is the goal of the Foundation's Annual Appeal this year. I ask only that you pray about it and help as you are able.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we are moving toward finalization of some of our plans for the future, and I look forward to sharing information with you as soon as I can.

In the meantime, I wish you only the best, and God bless . . .

~ Jurgen Arndt

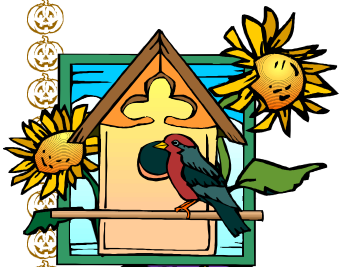
The NLHS Guild's Annual
FALL FUN FAIR
*Craft/Plant and
Bake Sale*

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010

NLHRC Lobby

64 Hager Street ~ Buffalo

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Baked Goods
Plants, Crafts, Jewelry
Auntie Em's Collectibles

full of "gently used" items

Bring your donations to 64 Hager Street at any time
and mark them for the Fall Fun Fair.

For more information, call Florence at 836-683

Matching funds are being requested through
The Erie County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Schedule of Weekly Worship Services with Holy Communion

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

10/3 Rev. Deborah Turley, *Lord of Life, Depew*
 10/10 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
 10/17 Rev. Thomas Mason, *Messiah, Lewiston*
 10/24 Rev. Edward Fehskens, *Faith, Elma*
 10/31 Rev. David Beutel, *Redeemer, NT*

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

10/3 Rev. Marlene Hyden, *Grace, Buffalo*
 10/10 Rev. David Ellis, *Amherst, Williamsville*
 10/17 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
 10/24 Rev. Devie Ellis, *St. Martin, NT*
 10/31 Rev. Thomas 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

10/2 Rev. David Belasic, *Retired*
 10/9 Rev. Allen Griep, *NLHS Chaplain*
 10/16 Rev. Tim Freed, *Nativity, East Aurora*
 10/23 Rev. Galen Purpura, *St. John, Depew*

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.



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.



Residents' Birthdays

NLHRC

10/7 Janice Conway
 10/9 Barbara Tucker
 10/11 Donna Becker
 10/14 Lubin Stavrevski
 10/17 Ruth Jordan
 10/17 Lillian Elsaesser
 10/22 Marion Becker
 10/24 Jesse Bonner
 10/26 Joseph Girome
 10/29 Ruby Crawford

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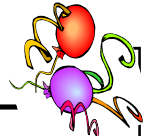
10/3 Bernice Ligotti
 10/16 Christine Johnson
 10/21 Alecyn Huitfeldt
 10/27 Greta Colp
 10/27 Betty Kromer

GHRC

10/2 Lorraine Haltenhoff
 10/3 Ruth McAdam
 10/5 Dorothy Carpenter
 10/6 Betty Kastra
 10/8 Irene Brozyna
 10/12 Gloria Scott
 10/14 Margaret Arndt
 10/14 Richard Bieber
 10/22 John Spaeth
 10/26 Mildred Boettger
 10/28 Kenneth Fohl

GFCourt

10/5 Alice Wagener
 10/13 Rita Singer



Volunteers Looking for a Holiday Volunteer Project?

Are you looking for a way to make the fall/winter holidays more meaningful for your family, friends, school, business, or Sunday school group? Many events for residents are being scheduled at all the affiliates and the more people who can help with these special events, the more fun they are for residents. Things like "Trick or Treating," holiday dinners, Christmas Tree decorating, Santa visits, entertainment, caroling, and more.

Contact the Activities Departments for schedules and opportunities to help. (pg 5)

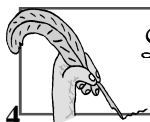


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WISH LISTS

NLHRC: *Contact: Hellen Culverhouse at 886-4377*

† **ITEMS FOR THE NEW CERAMICS CLASS**

- † African American Hair Products/Hair accessories
- † Radios for residents rooms
- † Little Debbie packaged snack packs
- † **INTERNATIONAL travel books, DVDs, & Music**

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*

- † Decks of Cards
- † Gently used stuffed animals
- † Clings
- † BINGO prizes

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.

Halloween Candy Needed

for GHRC's *Halloween Happenings* on October 21 when GHRC opens it's doors and residents hand out candy for "trick-or-treaters." This event gets more popular every year.



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 above with the Wish List.



THEME BASKETS for Nov & Dec meetings

If you can donate one or more theme baskets for our Nov. and/or Dec. meeting, call Florence at 836-6803.



LOOKING FOR PROGRAM IDEAS for 2011

We are looking for suggestions for interesting and/or entertaining programs for our various meetings. Please call Florence at 836-6803 with your suggestions and contact information *(if you have it)*.

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.

KEEP THOSE DASH'S TAPES COMING!



We are already well on our way to receive another check from Dash's.

The GreenFields Holiday Bazaar & Afternoon of Home Parties in Nov. - *Mark your Calendar*

Shop you favorite home parties ALL IN ONE PLACE! Featuring vendors like: Avon, Mary Kay, Celebrating Home, Small Indulgences, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, And more. PLUS: Crafts, jewelry, home décor, candy, cookies, quilts & more!



Sat., Nov. 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm

Come to The GreenFields and afterwards you can visit other Lancaster businesses that will also be hosting craft shows, etc. during the day. For details, call 684-8400.

MANY THANKS!

To **Donna Welton** and **Marie Wienke** for taking over our Music Committee and the musical portion of our meetings!



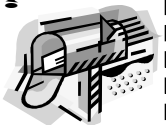
Guild Meeting Schedule (Lunch at 11:30 am)

NOV 18	GF Manor Chapel & Aud Program: Apron Stories with Willie Nantka <i>Bring an apron & a story to share</i>	
DEC 9	12 pm CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER at St. Mark Lutheran, 576 Delaware Road, Kenmore. There will be theme baskets, door prizes and more. Devotions: The Rev. Hans Irmer Program: A special surprise is in store	
JAN	NO MEETING	
FEB 17	NLHRC Chapel & Aud	



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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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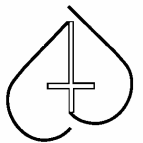
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