

Celebrating

40

*Years of Community,
Faith & Care*



Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village
A Lutheran Social Services Community

1970-2010



A Message from the CEO, Robert L. Rundle

Congratulations to the staff, volunteers and supporters of Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village for 40 years of service. Just as the town of Gettysburg has played a significant role in the formation of our country, Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village has helped shape the vision and core values of Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania. From its inception, Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village has represented a collaborative ministry in the truest sense. This ministry reflects how the vision of one person, Louise Bream, along with the hard work, dedication, faith and financial support of many others, can turn a dream into a reality.

Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village has been a place of smiles and laughter, hope and comfort, family and friendship. It is a place where people have found not only a home, but caring friends with whom they can share their lives. It is a place where staff and residents have become family and hope has replaced despair. During its 40 years of providing compassionate care and comfort to the senior community, the Village has grown and changed, yet has held fast to its core values. Its rich heritage exemplifies the good that can be accomplished when people of faith and commitment come together to serve one another in witness to the Gospel.

On behalf of the LSS Executive Cabinet, congratulations to the staff and those who have partnered with LSS to make the first 40 years at Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village a great success!

With deepest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. L. Rundle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert L. Rundle



A Message from the Executive Director, Marcia Hoffman

The history of the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village is rich and inspiring. Over the past 40 years, the Village has been a place of joy and fulfillment. What a wonderful occasion it is to be a part of this celebration in honor of the contributions of all those who have worked, lived

and volunteered over the years to create such a sense of common purpose and family. It is my privilege to share in the lives of those who continue this tradition of service and caring for one another and the greater community.

On behalf of the entire Gettysburg family, congratulations and happy anniversary to the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village! May it have many more years of service to the South Central Pennsylvania region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcia Hoffman

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Sodexo Dining Services Manager

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Personal Care Administrator

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Finance Office Manager

The History of Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village

As we celebrate 40 years of successfully caring for those in need in Gettysburg, let's take a moment to remember those who made it possible.

1951 Lutheran congregations of the York District, of the former West Pennsylvania Synod, vote to establish The Lutheran Welfare Service of the York District. Sister Charlotte Weissgerber was installed as the Executive Secretary.

1955 Lutheran congregations of the West Penn Conference of Central Pennsylvania Synod vote to organize The Lutheran Inner Mission of the West Pennsylvania Conference.



Louise Bream

DID YOU KNOW?

Louise Bream served on the LSS Board of Directors until 1995. She spent her final days living at Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village and passed away one month shy of her 100th birthday.

1957 Louise Bream tells her family she has received a call from God and leaves her job with Adams County Public Assistance Agency to become the Executive Director/Caseworker of the Lutheran Inner Mission of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Mrs. Bream recruits her good friend, Dr. Tilberg, to conduct a study on the need for care for the elderly in South Central Pennsylvania.

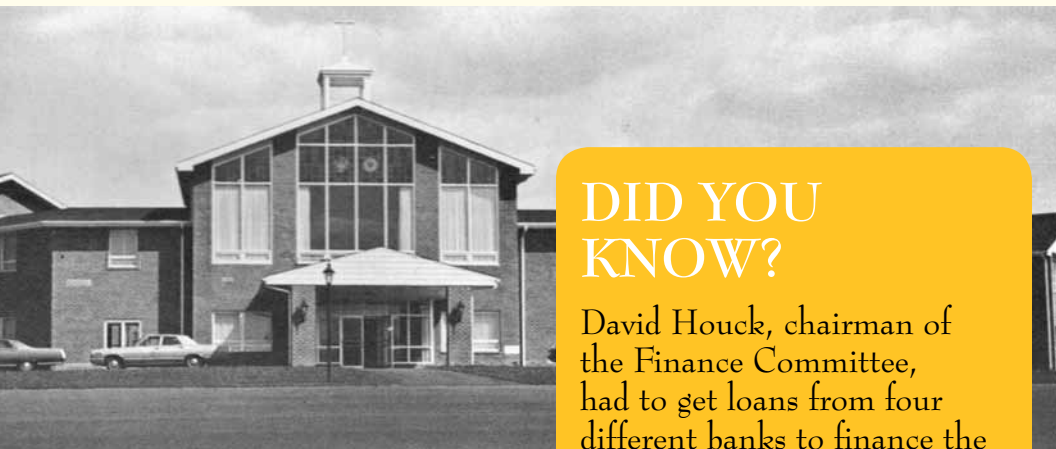
1960 Dr. William Tilberg, retired Dean of Gettysburg College, completes a two year study revealing a serious need for a nursing facility for "approximately 80 aged Lutherans."

How It Came to Be.

- 1965 The Lutheran Welfare Service of the York District and the Lutheran Inner Mission of the West Pennsylvania Conference merge to become Lutheran Social Services-South Region. The Lutheran Welfare Service had already opened the York Lutheran Home in 1959. Louise Bream leaves Inner Mission to become the Associate Director of Social Services at LSS.
- 1969 The board of directors of Lutheran Social Services, chaired by The Reverend Dr. Gordon Folkemer, votes to build the Lutheran Home at Gettysburg.
- 1970 The Lutheran Home at Gettysburg, now the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village, opens.

DID YOU KNOW?

LSS had planned to fund the construction of Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village by selling debenture bonds, but the banks suddenly raised interest rates, making the bonds unattractive. In spite of that, volunteers manage to raise the necessary funds to pay off the mortgage.



DID YOU KNOW?

David Houck, chairman of the Finance Committee, had to get loans from four different banks to finance the \$1 million in loans needed to construct Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village.

Keynote Speaker Biography, Rev. Joanne Stenman



Arriving in Hanover, Pennsylvania some 20 years ago to become co-pastor of St. Mark Church, the Rev. Joanne Stenman soon became involved in the work of Lutheran Social Services. At various times, she has served as a committee member and board

member, including several times as either vice-chairperson or chairperson of the board. During these years, Pastor Stenman has gained a deep appreciation for the faithful and devoted work of so many partners, both employees and volunteers, who have made the mission of LSS a reality in the lives of countless people. Pastor Stenman is married to the Rev. Eric Stenman, with whom she shared parish ministry in three congregations as co-pastors for over 30 years.



Program of Events

Welcome – Robert Rundle, President/CEO

Opening Prayer – Rev. Karen Minnich-Sadler, Chaplain

Introductory Remarks – Angela Dohrman,
Vice President of Senior Living Communities

Reflections – Marcia Hoffman, Executive Director

Keynote Speaker – Rev. Joanne Stenman,
Vice President LSS Board of Directors

Recognition of Special Guests and Presentations – Angela Dohrman

Closing Prayer – Rev. Karen Minnich-Sadler

At the conclusion of the program, we invite you to join us for a “tasting tour” of the community. Enjoy food, music, and fellowship while visiting these different areas:

Main Lobby – Appetizers

Personal Care Dining Room and Patio - Dessert

Apartment Lounge – Entrée

Cottages 102 and 103 – Pick up a treat to take home

Thank you for sharing in this celebration.

See How We Have Grown...

It did not take long to see a growing interest in retirement living and a need to expand services at Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village. Additional residential living units were added, as well as personal care, to meet the needs of residents who could no longer live alone, but did not require 24-hour nursing services.



- 1982 Dedication of the 21 unit apartment building
- 1986 Construction of 16 additional cottages
- 1987 Construction of 11 additional cottages
- 1987 Dedication of the East Wing skilled nursing expansion
- 1988 Personal Care wing opened, including rooms for 17 residents



The services provided at the Village are continually evolving to meet the changing needs and expectations of the residents.

The Hope Walking Trail, dedicated in 2002, is enjoyed by many of our residents, staff and neighbors. With the recent addition of Wii gaming systems, residents at all levels of care enjoy physical activity along with friendly competition.



Looking to the Future.

The library, which was dedicated in 2007, is heavily used by both residents and staff. In addition to the collection of books, videotapes, and DVDs, it provides residents with access to computers.



Today, almost 70% of the residents who are admitted for skilled nursing services are admitted for a short-term stay following hospitalization. After successfully completing their rehabilitation, 171 residents were able to return to their own homes in the past year.



As new residents move into the cottages and apartments, renovations are made to update the units and improve



accessibility, enabling them to remain in their homes as their needs change. Personal care and skilled nursing services are provided with a focus on providing as much independence and personal choice as possible to help residents truly feel at home.



Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania

Executive Leadership

Robert Rundle	President/CEO
Dr. Judith Bassett	Vice President, Community Outreach Services
Angela Dohrman	Vice President, Senior Living Communities
Patricia O'Connell	Vice President, Support Services/CFO
Robert Price	Vice President, Philanthropy
Terry Shade	Vice President, Community Health Services

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40th Anniversary Committee

Jan Keefer	Director of Senior Living Sales & Marketing, Chair
Kimberly Bassler	Volunteer Programs Coordinator
Mary Bedford	Dining Services/Sodexo General Manager
Marcia Hoffman	Executive Director
Crystal Hull	Corporate Director of Communications & PR
Fred Nelson	Director of Buildings & Grounds
Heather Redding	Activities Manager
Annie Shriver	Dining Services Supervisor
Tracy Sterner	Administrative Assistant
Vicki Thompson	Regional Gift Officer

Established in 1951, Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania (LSS) provides the following services:

- Residential living, personal care, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services in six senior living communities
- Assistance, guidance and referral for a range of LSS community outreach services for individuals, couples and families through it's Health, Education and Life Enrichment Programs Center (H.E.L.P. Center)
- Counseling services
- Financial Stability Programs
- A broad range of home care services

Working in partnership with local organizations, congregations, volunteers, donors, education providers and the business community LSS provides services in Adams, Franklin, Fulton and York counties in Pennsylvania, as well as Shippensburg and State College, PA and Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties in northern Maryland.

For more detailed information on LSS services, programs and giving, volunteer and employment opportunities, please visit our website at www.lutheranscp.org.

Mission Statement

Lutheran Social Services, an agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of serving and caring.



Lutheran Social Services
SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA



Core Values

Heritage

We honor our Lutheran heritage to reach out in love to those in need, recognizing no one is outside of God's mercy.

Service

We commit ourselves to the total well-being of those who place their trust in us.

Integrity

We hold as a sacred trust each life we touch.
We honor our promises and act ethically in all we do.
We dedicate ourselves to excellence in all we do.

Dignity

We respect and honor the uniqueness of all God's children.

Stewardship

We celebrate that all gifts are entrusted by God.
We dedicate ourselves to being good stewards of these gifts.



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