Thank you for your patience!

The Lutheran Home and Harwood Place would like to thank you for your patience during the Lutheran Home’s lobby renovation and Harwood Place’s Plank Road Pub and Lounge renovation. Both spaces turned out wonderful!

We are thankful to all those who made these spaces possible.

Plank Road Pub

The newly remodeled lobby at the Lutheran Home was completed in November, and it is ready to greet you at your next visit.
The Lutheran Home Foundation, which provides philanthropic support to the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place, announced that the 2015 Monarch Ball raised a record-breaking net income of $155,000 for the Lutheran Home Foundation. A total of $60,000 was raised during a special auction for a new healing garden at the Lutheran Home.

This year, 325 guests attended the event, held September 12, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. Karen and Erle Hug and Lawrence Van Dam shared chair duties for the event.

“The theme of the Ball was “How Sweet It Is” and I have to say, it sure is sweet to be able to raise more money this year, not only for our Foundation, but for the new healing garden,” stated Lutheran Home Foundation Executive Director Heidi Mayer. “The money raised will allow us to continue our mission to serve our residents at the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place and provide them with a special place on our campus that will bring joy, comfort, and healing,” she added.

For more information about the Lutheran Home Foundation, visit www.thelutheranhome.org/charitable-giving

Mark your calendars—the 2016 Monarch Ball will be held at the Pfister on September 17, 2016. The theme for the 2016 ball will be “Young at Heart” as we celebrate the 110th birthday of the Lutheran Home.
Memory Café at Cranky Al’s

The new Memory Café at Cranky Al’s offers a sense of normalcy and a chance to socialize with those with memory loss as well as their caregivers and loved ones.

The café is not a support group. Rather, through ice-breakers and natural conversation, a Memory Café serves the community by simply being a safe place to gather and socialize.

“The purpose is to give an opportunity for the person with memory loss, as well as the caregiver, a time to reconnect,” says Wendy Betley, family services manager for the Alzheimer’s Association said.

The cafés arise out of partnerships between Milwaukee County’s Department on Aging, Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin, the Alzheimer’s Association, and the Lutheran Home.

Sewing Room Needs New or Gently Used Clothing

The sewing room at the Lutheran Home offers residents and clients the opportunity to acquire new clothing at no charge! To keep up this free and wonderful service, we rely on donations from generous people like you! All clothing must be washable. Cotton blend is preferred (no wool please)!

Our greatest needs are:

**Men**
- Undershirts—all sizes, T-shirts or tanks
- Sweatpants—all sizes
- Slacks—waist size 40

**Women**
- Undershirts/camisoles—all sizes
- Pajamas—medium, large
- Nightgowns—small, large
- Sweatpants—all sizes
- Cardigan sweaters—small, medium, large
- Jewelry—pierced and clipped earrings, necklaces
- Tops—large

To schedule a drop-off, please contact Moua Yang, sewing room manager, at 414-258-6171 ext. 296 or moua.yang@thelutheranhome.org.
Farm-to-table Dining at the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place

Chip Brewster of Fox 6 spent the morning of November 18 at the Lutheran Home learning how we’re switching over to farm-fresh ingredients. The executive chefs, dining and hospitality director, and head dietitian shared some of their delicious and healthy recipes enjoyed by residents and clients.

Harwood Place veterans Chuck Zern and Cliff Hohlstein pose during a Veteran’s Day celebration for Harwood Place residents.

Watch for Upcoming Events at www.thelutheranhome.org
Residents, Carol Schmidt, Marilyn Jenny, Robert Ripp, Evelyn Lentz, and Sue Meier, pose on a recent Zoo outing.

Jessie Ramel, Wellness Coordinator at Harwood Place, and resident, Jean Fitz, pose on an ATV during Jessie’s annual farm fieldtrip.

Residents, Carol Schmidt, Marilyn Jenny, Robert Ripp, Evelyn Lentz, and Sue Meier, pose on a recent Zoo outing.

Residents and staff pose during a recent trip to Lambeau Field.

Harwood ladies pose during a trip to see “Wicked” at the Marcus Center.
What’s on Your Bucket List?

No matter our age, we all have things in our lives that we wish we would have done, would have seen, or would have tried. It’s not too late at Harwood Place! Recently, Harwood Place residents were encouraged to share their bucket list items with Amy Bielawski, director of life enrichment at Harwood Place. One special resident, Rightie Pappenheim, got to meet two members of the Harlem Globetrotters. She was able to share the experience with her fellow Harwood Place residents, grandson, and great grandchildren. Rightie was also a star on channels 4, 6, 12, and 58!

Make sure to stay tuned for more adventures in 2016 as we take the Bucket List Journey.

The Lutheran Home & Harwood Place is celebrating 110 years of service in 2016

On May 21, 1906, the Board of Directors of the Altenheim held its first meeting. On August 21st of that year, the first resident entered the “Home”, which was a farm house located on the present eight-acre site. The building was soon filled to its capacity of 15 residents. Currently, the Lutheran Home has a total of 227 beds (187 beds in the skilled/rehab area and 40 beds in Memory Care Assisted Living).

Throughout the upcoming year there will be many opportunities to celebrate. We know many of you have a rich history with the Lutheran Home and we invite you to share your memories, stories and photos with us.
Welcome Dr. Saeed!

The Lutheran Home now has a physiatrist! As Lutheran Home’s staff physiatrist, Dr. Saeed will diagnose and treat orthopedic, neurologic and musculoskeletal conditions and address rehab and pain concerns with patients, therapy staff, and families. He also serves as an associate physician for Integrated Rehab Consultants, a nationwide group of physiatrists practicing sub-acute rehabilitation. Dr. Saeed completed his residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, where he served as the chief resident in his final year of residency. He is currently in the process of completing additional fellowship training in pain medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Lutheran Home Coffee

As we move into our 110th year in business, what better way to celebrate than to launch our very own signature coffee! Through a partnership with Colectivo, the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place now sells the Altenheim coffee. The Altenheim, which loosely means “home for the aged” in German, was the original name of our organization. A photo of the 1920s building is proudly displayed on the packaging. Whether you’re looking for a gift or to simply enjoy some good coffee, stop in for a taste. Information about purchasing coffee can be found in the Courtyard Café at the Lutheran Home and the gift shop at Harwood Place.

OPTUM

The Lutheran Home and United Healthcare are proud to work together to bring you a program called Optum.

For people with Medicare who live in assisted living or skilled nursing facilities, a United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan may be a good choice for healthcare coverage. With a United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan, you receive more benefits than with Original Medicare, including Part D prescription drug coverage. Members also receive the support of a dedicated Optum nurse practitioner. The Optum nurse practitioner offers an added layer of care coordination and enhanced communication.

Marsha Hansen is The Lutheran Home’s Optum nurse practitioner. She received her BSN and MSN at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. She is ANCC board certified as a family nurse practitioner. Optum’s nurse practitioners collaborate with our physicians and nursing facility staff to monitor and respond to the changing needs of the residents. Whether it’s a medical, social, or emotional need, they are able to give a personalized care experience while developing one-on-one relationships with the resident and their families. A main goal is to help coordinate care to proactively prevent unnecessary trips to the hospital.

For more information or to find out if you’re eligible for a United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan, please call Jay Rainey, United Healthcare licensed sales representative, at 414-443-4153 or 866-480-9927.
Grand Holiday Sweets Recipe Collection

Lutheran Home and Harwood Place are thrilled to offer a Grand Holiday Sweets Recipe E-book. Grandparents are known for passing down delicious holiday dessert recipes through generations, and the grandparents and grandfriends at the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place are no different. This book includes treasured holiday desserts from our talented residents and staff. As we celebrate 110 years in business, it is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all who have made the Lutheran Home and Harwood Place what we are today. Download your version of the Grand Holiday Sweets Recipe Collection at www.thelutheranhome.org/news-events/.

On December 1, Valerie Reynolds, Harwood Resident, and Tonya Garrido, executive chef at Harwood Place, demonstrated a recipe from the collection during an appearance on Fox 6. They are seen (above) with Fox 6’s Mary Stoker Smith.

LUTHERAN HOME & HARWOOD PLACE RECEIVE TOP CHOICE AWARDS

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel readers are asked to nominate and vote on the best businesses in the Milwaukee area. In 2015, thanks to you, the Lutheran Home was named Top Choice for Child Care and Top Choice Finalist for Skilled Nursing and Memory Care Assisted Living, and Harwood Place was named Top Choice Finalist for Independent Living and Assisted Living. This is in addition to Lutheran Home being named a 2015 US News Best Nursing Home, an award given to top skilled nursing facilities based in large part on the centers for Medicare and Medicaid inspections on home safety, health inspections, staffing, and more. To top it off, Lutheran Home and Harwood Place were also named a Top Workplace in 2015! The Top Workplaces program recognizes good employers. The evaluations for the list are based purely on employee opinions, which are gathered through anonymous employee surveys done by an independent third party.

Congratulations to all the staff, residents, and families that make the Lutheran Home and Hardwood Place wonderful places to live, work, and visit!