

Lutheran Social Services Joins the Ministry of St. John's *LSS of Montana Continues to "Join Hearts in Hope"*

Over 50 years ago, Lutheran congregations throughout the Big Sky Country founded an organization to serve the needs of people throughout the state of Montana. With over a half-century of serving Montana families in its history, Lutheran Social Services of Montana (LSS) starts a new chapter in its organizational life as a department of St. John's Lutheran Ministries.

The board of LSS, made up of representatives from both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), made the difficult decision to dissolve their not-for-profit corporation in December. Effective January 1, 2008, LSS became a division of St. John's.

While the corporate structure has changed, the name and mission will continue as it has for years: "Lutheran Social Services of Montana is a ministry of caring people and congregations responding to God's love in Jesus Christ by serving children, families and individuals through counseling, education, adoption, and specialized ministries."

With offices in five Montana cities – Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula – LSS will continue to assist families with adoption/home studies, child placement, pregnancy counseling for birthparents, supportive services following placement, international home studies, and post-adoptive services.

LSS is also an agency for Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Created by Wendy's founder, Dave Thomas, who was adopted as a child, the Foundation leads signature national service programs

and works to streamline the adoption process and make adoption more affordable for families. As the only foundation dedicated exclusively to foster care adoption, it continues to be driven by Dave's simple value: Do what's best for the child. Diana Tolstedt, a birthparent counselor and adoption caseworker based in Billings, is the recruiter for Wendy's Wonderful Kids.

In addition to these adoption and counseling related services, LSS-MT is also the local affiliate for Lutheran Disaster Response, whose mission is "to demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors." Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is a collaborative ministry of the ELCA and the LCMS. Following a major domestic disaster, LDR seeks to minister holistically to the unmet needs of those affected, regardless of faith or creed. An example of LDR in action is "Rise Up & Build," a partnership between LSS of Montana and LSS of North and South Dakotas to offer assistance to those affected by Hurricane Katrina on Mississippi's gulf coast.



Aiden Samuel with parents Janet and Jesse

"St. John's mission is '...to provide living opportunities within nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love,'" said Kent Burgess, President and CEO of St. John's. "Is there a better example of a nurturing environment of hope, dignity, and love than creating a 'forever family' through adoption? We had been managing LSS for the last seven years, and the missions of our two Lutheran social ministry organizations blend so nicely. It was a natural for the St. John's board of directors to unanimously approve merging LSS into our organization."

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Lutheran Social Services of Montana... "Joining Hearts in Hope!"

Participants on a Journey

Making an adoptive placement is a collaborative effort between caseworkers, adoptive parents and birth parents. Asked to speak about their experience, each party involved would have a very different perspective. Yet, so often it is the professional in the world of adoption that is believed to hold the key and is asked to be a "fixer" or "miracle worker." This person is often expected to remedy a difficult situation with a thoughtful word that reflects extraordinary wisdom.

If only adoption was so straightforward! Adoption is a process whose core involves compassion, learning, and hope. It is a process which includes all the parties involved. The adoption professional may serve as a teacher and

guide for the others, yet the worker too becomes a student on the journey. Adoptive parents and birth parents alike teach valuable lessons to the professional. Here is a situation that occurred this past year that beautifully illustrates this:

Jay was born at 26 weeks and weighed a little less than two pounds, so there were many potential disabilities to be concerned about, including blindness and cognitive delays. The birth-mother was fearful that no one would accept her child. She asked, "If I can't


parent this child as the biological mother, who will want my child?"

When the announcement was sent out that a home was needed for this child, a young couple eagerly stepped forward and wanted to parent Jay despite knowing the potential risks involved. After meeting the couple, the birthmother was able to put her faith in the compassion and respect they showed her and completed her adoption plan. She was at peace with the decision to give her child to a family that could provide for him what she could not.

Jay is now eight months old and recently he was seen by his ophthalmologist for a follow up visit. The doctor told the adoptive parents, "If I

didn't know he was born at 26 weeks, I wouldn't be able to tell from his eye development. I have goose bumps; he is a miracle." Little Jay weighs a robust 18 pounds and is right on target developmentally. Jay's story is a beautiful illustration of the miracles that can occur when there is faith and hope.

This story taught valuable lessons to the adoption caseworker, the birth mother, and the adoptive parents. The journey of faith and trust that was undertaken by all parties involved proved to be the healer.



Hearts Joined
January-March 2008

- Klairah Lynae with Don & Doreen
- Chase Hollis with Steve & Marcia
- Michael Bradley with Ron & Tammy
- Aiden Samuel with Jesse & Janet
- Jacob Daniel with Ed & Marce



Too often we hear stories of potential adoptive parents having to wait many years and jump through numerous hoops to achieve their dream of adopting a child. At Lutheran Social Services, we are currently facing the opposite problem! We have children to place and not enough adoptive parents to place them with. If you have thought about adopting a child, now is the time to contact LSS and begin the process. We have expectant mothers looking for good families to consider for their child.

People Directly Served by LSS in 2007

Birthparents Counseled	92
Birth-Others Counseled	175
Adoptive Parents Served	54
Children Placed	12
Private Adoption Clients	9
International Adoption	35
China Program	7
Subsidized Counseling	9
Clergy Consults	7
Community Outreach	1,365
Total	1,765



Volunteer Spotlight



South Bound Band Stirs Memories at St. John's

A carpenter, mechanic, lawn maintenance man and lawyer each carry a musical instrument and walk in to St. John's Chapel Court. It sounds like it could be the beginning of a great joke, but it's much better. Jim Southworth, Francis Russell, George Kruger, and Bruce Lee created Southbound Band over 20 years ago and have been entertaining St. John's folks for years with their blend of old time blue grass, country, swing and jazz standards.

Jim Southworth, a carpenter by trade plays tenor guitar, and is the rhythm and vocals leader of the band. He says they love coming to St. John's because "We feel we are doing a public service by entertaining." Back in the early '80's, Jim met previous longtime employee and activities coordinator, Kristi Schiff who was working at the downtown Community Center. "We got to know one another and after she started working at St. John's, she invited us to play."

Bruce Lee, flat top guitarist and lawyer, explains why this audience appeals to him, "We play old time tunes

and the seniors really appreciate them. They don't hear these songs anymore and it brings back memories for them. Songs like Green Grass of Home, Lady Be Good, and Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home? One that the seniors particularly like is "Happy Wanderer" because they all sang that in grade school."



The Southbound Band members (clockwise from top left) George Kruger, Jim Southworth, Francis Russell, and Bruce Lee have been entertaining St. John's residents for years.

Volunteer of the Month

St. John's is forever grateful for the generosity of our many volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

NOVEMBER	Gunvor Morken
DECEMBER	Norwegian Bakers
JANUARY	Irene Burris
FEBRUARY	Jim Southworth & The Southbound Band

If you have an interest in assisting with this ministry, we would love to have you! Vacation Bible School, Adopt a Resident, Twice Fed, and Comfort Care Vigil Teams are examples of volunteer supported programs. Please call St. John's Foundation office at 655-5729

George, electric bass player and a lawn caretaker adds, "As a musician your pleasure is the people enjoying the music. When you touch people with your music and they're happy, then you've done your job."

Playing to senior audiences across Yellowstone County, including Laurel, Molt, Red Lodge and Joliet, Southbound plays an average eight gigs a month, with little or no monetary compensation. This busy schedule keeps this foursome active, in tune and many people toe tapping and smiling.

Francis Russell, easily the band member with the driest humor, is a mechanic and belts out rhythmic tunes on his harmonica. With a deadpan face he sums up their musical presentations, "You make some of the people happy when you begin and you make some of them happy when you end." Fortunately, for most of their audiences it's the former rather than the latter.



Wellness & Recreation Mall Underway at Mission Ridge!

Grand Opening Scheduled for August

The Mission Ridge Wellness Mall continues to make great progress toward its August Grand Opening. The pool is in, cement is poured, framing is up, and the roof is almost complete. Anticipation is definitely the feeling of residents and the Resident Wellness Committee as they continue to create the programming and policies for the new space.



Mission Ridge residents stretching in their chair yoga class.

Resident support continues with fundraising reaching \$440,000, however the support is really evident in the changing culture that is occurring every day. Twelve new classes are underway ranging from mat and chair yoga (beginning and intermediate), Zumba and chair

Zumba, ballroom dancing,

line dancing, recreational music making, Pilates, theraband, etc.

Residents aren't the only ones to benefit from these sessions as many are open to the public and staff. It only takes a moment to view the information display in the lobby to see the many choices occurring throughout the day. It's

obvious that active living is very much alive and well at Mission Ridge.

Creating physical and cultural environments of health and wellness have peaked the interests of many. The construction progress has created quite an audience at times. Residents also enjoy attending the six part education session on making healthy food choices which can provide benefits for controlling diabetes and osteoporosis, improving memory recall and boosting energy levels.



The foundation has been poured and the swimming pool begins to take shape.

We invite you to share in our progress by attending a class or coming by to view the slide show in the lobby that documents the entire construction process from ground breaking to the present time. Anyone at any age can benefit from enhancing personal wellness efforts. Take your next step to a healthy life and see what we have to offer at Mission Ridge. Call Lisa at 655-5200 to learn more.

The Lillis Center Opens



In 2001, Bert Lillis called and requested a meeting with St. John's CEO Kent Burgess. Later that afternoon, Mr. Lillis reached into his tee shirt pocket and handed Kent a wrinkled up piece of paper - a check for \$800,000! Mr. Lillis' next question was, "Will you build a chapel in memory of my daughter, Kathy?" Kathy was tragically killed in a car accident returning home to Billings from Stanford University in 1971.

Mr. Lillis never saw this chapel completed as he died in 2002. But his dream and desire to honor his daughter's memory was fulfilled when the Lillis Center and the Kathy Lillis Chapel opened this winter. Located on the south campus at the corner of Shiloh Road and Poly Drive, the 160-seat Kathy Lillis Chapel and Education Center is a beautiful facility that will play host to a variety of meetings, education programs, and community activities and events.

In addition to the chapel on the lower level, the upper floor is a suite of offices and is the new corporate home of St. John's. Administration, St. John's Foundation, and Lutheran Social Services of Montana are all located in the Lillis Center. Next time you are in the neighborhood, stop in and see this wonderful facility.

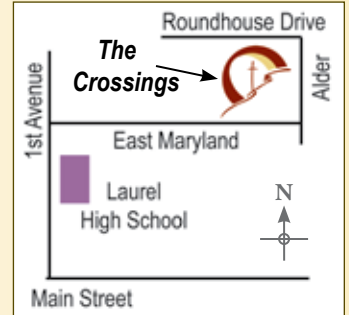
The Crossings Opens!

*St. John's Newest Community in
Laurel Welcomes Residents*

The **CROSSINGS**
A St. John's Lutheran Ministries Community
A Dynamic Community for Active Retirees

The much anticipated opening of The Crossings finally arrived in late December when the first residents were welcomed to their new home. Located at the corner of East Maryland and Alder, the beautiful three-story, 37-unit apartment building features 24 independent living apartments and 13 apartments for those needing supportive services. Those who desire carefree retirement living within a community focused on wellness will love The Crossings!

Rich, earth-tone colors compliment by high ceilings, window blinds, and wall to wall carpet make every apartment welcoming. Kitchens are beautifully designed and feature a full-size refrigerator, range, dishwasher, and microwave oven. Smart, space-saving washer and dryer are stacked, and each apartment features a built-in ironing board, making laundry much more convenient.



Residents, staff members, and Laurel Chamber of Commerce representatives witness long-time Laurel resident Vince Koefeldt cutting the ribbon at The Crossings Grand Opening Celebration.
photo by Larry Tanglen, Laurel Outlook

Much of our direction in planning The Crossings came from a volunteer advisory committee which included long-time Laurel residents. Their commitment was to develop a retirement community that reflected the values of the community they supported, nurtured and have been proud to be a part of. Delilah Bauer, Len Bestrom, Pr. Marty Dryer, Gary Kenyon, Vince & Cleo Koefeldt, Dr. Lee Richardson, & Dorothy Sonstegaard all played an important role in developing this facility. Thank you for your time, energy, and enthusiasm in creating a community we can all be proud of.

A Focus on Health & Wellness

The Crossings offers a variety of activities and functional spaces to encourage a healthy lifestyle. An indoor "Endless" pool is available to all residents who enjoy and can benefit from swimming laps. There are spa and fitness rooms, and a 1/4 mile walking path that surrounds The Crossings. Outdoor exercise stations along this path are planned for 2008.

In addition to these exercise opportunities, there are also helpful services available to monitor residents health. An on-site nursing staff is available daily to answer health related questions and offer the regular monitoring of vital signs. There is an in-house hearing and foot clinic, and for those residents needing a little more physical therapy, they have access to the excellent therapists at the Helen Jorgenson Rehabilitation Center.



A resident enjoying the indoor "Endless Pool"
photo by Larry Tanglen, Laurel Outlook

The Crossings provides a number of areas for social interaction and other community activities. A chapel is just off from two dining rooms, one of which can be partitioned off for entertainment. There is a billiards, pub, card, and game room and other comfortable lounges and gathering areas. A beauty salon and barber shop is located on-site. For those hobbyists, a wood-shop offers a place to build your favorite special projects, and a sewing nook is a convenient place to create your next quilt. If your hobby is reading, there are library spaces to enjoy your favorite novel.

If you would like more information about the carefree retirement lifestyle offered at The Crossings, contact Pam Makara at (406) 655-5668.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT - ANN SPURWAY

Ann Spurway, a fairly new resident at St. John's Chapel Court is nearing 90, yet she still drives and remains incredibly active in the Billings community. And that might be the understatement of the year.

The smallest of small at St. Vincent Healthcare benefit from Ann's time and talents in an unassuming way. Babies born too early lose most of their heat through their heads and Ann knits the miniature, colorful, stocking caps that help keep them warm. Ann's handiwork was evident in a large bag of tiny knitted hats that were so little one couldn't imagine these were for babies and not baby dolls. She also likes to knit prayer shawls.

Knitting is done in Ann's down time when she watches TV, however, she keeps busy throughout the week by volunteering on a regular basis with the Food Bank where she does deposits, posting and bookkeeping. She helps out at RSVP and her church, First United Methodist and until very recently, Habitat for Humanity. She is still active in the Yellowstone County Extension Club, Riverside Neighbors where she has been a member since 1942 and she belongs to Church Women United that meet once a month. She also loves to read and finishes a book a week.

She has one daughter, Betty Ann McKinney who travels between Atlanta and Brazil as a Methodist Missionary. Ann said her daughter was "just tickled that I wanted to move to St. John's." Church is very important to Ann believes faith and keeping busy is what has kept her young and active.



Ann shows off some examples of her tiny knitted hats made for newborns.

Atonement Raises Over \$20,000 in Restoring Faith Campaign

Mark Your Calendars for Thrivent Volunteer Work Weekend June 13-14

At Atonement Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting in January, Eleanor Andersen presented a check to St. John's Foundation in the amount of \$22,364. This pushed the capital campaign over the \$100,000 mark! As highlighted in the last edition of *Rimrock Echoes*, fundraisers throughout 2007, culminating with the Little White Church Country Fair in September, were responsible for this significant contribution. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also provided a matching grant to aid in the fundraising effort. Thanks again to the Restoring Faith Committee, all the volunteers, and everyone who attended and participated in the yearlong activities.

Construction continues on the Little White Church. Moved from Box Elder, Montana in the fall of 2006 onto its new foundation just northwest of Skyview High



Photo shows new windows and siding on the south side of the church.

School in the Billings Heights, Faith Lutheran Church will be fully restored and will be the focal point of a new St. John's retirement community scheduled to open in 2010. New windows have been installed, and both the roofing and siding are nearly completed.

Plans are being made for a Thrivent Volunteer Work Weekend June 13-14. Work crews will gather to spend a few hours hanging sheetrock, painting walls...whatever needs to be done. And, like any good Lutheran gathering, there will be plenty of food! Come enjoy the camaraderie and work on this special piece of history.



Atonement's Eleanor Andersen presents check to St. John's Foundation Director Jerry Pearsall for \$22,364.



Years of Service

Thank you for blessing St. John's Lutheran Ministries with your faithful years of service. Your commitment to our community and dedication to provide nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love has not gone unnoticed. May God bless you.

20 Years

Dia Hollinger LSS-Adpt Caseworker
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Daryl Templet CNA
Angela Tipton Elder Sharath

St. John's Welcomes New Pastors

Two Answer the Call to Ministry at St. John's



Born and raised in Billings, Pastor Troy Ley earned his undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Religion from Concordia College and a Masters in Divinity from Luther Seminary. Pr. Troy's presence will be welcomed as he shares God's healing and hopeful presence in the nursing home and cottages.

Pastor Maryann Morgenstern earned a Masters in Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary. Prior to her call at St. John's she served at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney, MT and most recently at Atonement Lutheran Church in Billings. Pr. Maryann's primary focus will be with the residents of Chapel Court, Rimview Square, and The Vista.



Hands & Heart of Jesus Award



St. John's is blessed to have many outstanding employees who carry out the mission of St. John's during every shift. Each quarter, we recognize three team members who were nominated by their peers or resident family members as those whose work truly is an example of the Hands and Heart of Jesus. The quotes below are shared from their nominations.



Diane Karina has been an integral part of St. John's for almost 14 years. With the transition to the TCC, Diane has gone above and beyond her normal duties as a Rehab Tech to make sure the TCC is a success. She helps to motivate the patients to get the most out of their rehab so they can return to their homes as soon as possible. Diane also brings a new energy and a fun atmosphere to rehab. Her attitude and spirit is uplifting to everyone. She is patient, loyal, faithful, persistent and kind, but most important, Diane loves our residents and it shows.

Mike Kouwenhoven, a Physical Therapist at the Vista, is a joy to work with. He always has a smile and a greeting for everyone he comes in contact with – both employees and residents. He truly shows compassion and concern for each resident that he works with by lovingly encouraging them to do the best they can do with restoring their activity level. He not only gives physical and emotional support but also demonstrates the love of Christ through the way he relates and treats people.



Leah Scovel, Elder Sharath at Jensen Cottage, is a person who truly lives the mission of St. John's by not only being a minister to the Elders and their families, but also to her peers. Everything she does for them, she does with love as if she was doing it for the Lord. She always has a kind manner and a sweet smile, and I have never known her not to go the "extra mile" to help wherever she can. She is always happy to train new nurse assistants and students to not only provide care for the Elders but to live the mission while doing so.

Art is Ageless

It Was a Canvas of Events to be Remembered!

The 5th Annual Art is Ageless began with Conversation with an Artist on November 1 at the home of Tom Romine & Susan Walton who hosted the warm and personal evening with twenty four guests and artists, Bob Barlow, Joe Booth and Linda Snider. The three diverse and one-of-a kind artists presented select pieces of their individual artwork and each held the audience captive with stories of their journey into art and how it has defined who they are today.

The Friday night Artists' Reception, held once again at Mission Ridge, was a lovely evening of wine, music and artistic talent. The Chapman Sheets Trio played while hundreds of guests admired and bought an eclectic array of art from landscapes to sculptures to portraits, in oil, watercolor, and pencil.

Saturday featured an oil painting demonstration by Art is Ageless featured artist Bob Barlow. A crowd gathered around to watch Bob start with a blank canvas and bring a painting to life.

By the end of the event:

- 75 pieces of artwork were exhibited by 28 of the region's leading working artists
- 36 pieces of artwork were sold, and a percentage of each sale was gifted to the St. John's Foundation to support the St. John's Annual Fund.
- 17 of the artists sold one or more pieces
- Over 300 people enjoyed the St. John's Foundation primary fundraiser for the Annual Fund.

Because of the support provided by the artists, buyers, and all the attendees, nearly \$20,000 was raised for the St. John's Foundation's Annual Fund, which provides needed support for donor funded programs including campus chaplaincy, resident activities, and staff scholarships.

Thank You!

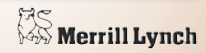
In addition to the artists, volunteers, and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to the following sponsors for their participation in making this year's exhibit and sale a memorable occasion and successful fundraiser for St. John's Foundation:

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Friday Artist Reception Sponsors:



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Scenes from Art is Ageless 2007, From Left to right: Bob Barlow shares his gifts with a crowd during his Artist Demonstration. Artist Joe Booth listens to fellow artist Linda Snider during the Conversation with an Artist. Dr. Paul Crellin enjoys the Artists' Reception with Lee Jockers.





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The 11th season of the St. John's Summer Concert Series will kick-off in just a few short months. Mark your calendars and plan on enjoying some great music, quality family time, and the warm Montana summer on the town square at St. John's for six consecutive Thursdays beginning July 3.

- July 3 Rob Quist and Jack Gladstone
- July 10 Shuffle Bums
- July 17 Darden Smith
- July 24 Windy Creek Band
- July 31 Midlife Chryslers
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VBS returns to the campus in **June 9-12, 2008**, and it is sure to be a great week. Registration will begin in early May, so keep your eye out for registration forms. They will be available at St. John's, Center for Generations, area ELCA churches, and on our website, www.sjlm.org.

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