



St. Aloisius  
Medical  
Center

SMP Health System

# HEALING FIRE AND LIGHT

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We are all God's people taking care of God's people.

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## St Aloisius Medical Center Clinic

Appointments to see Dr. Geier, Dr. Dean and Kim Thorson can be made by calling **324-5131**. **Dr. Kelly Krohn** also takes appointments monthly for osteoporosis. **Deb Buxa, FNP** and **Lisa Neumiller, FNP** are joining St. Aloisius Clinic June 1, 2019. **Dr. Michael Page** is providing services at St. Aloisius Medical Center as of May 1, 2019. Welcome!



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## St. Aloisius Medical Center

### Mission Statement:

St. Aloisius Medical Center,  
inspired by Jesus,  
in union with the Sisters of Mary  
of the Presentation,  
ministers health to all we serve.

### Values:

**Hope** – Creating an atmosphere of  
trust and confidence.

**Healing** – Caring for body, mind  
and spirit.

**Hospitality** – Welcoming, in a  
Christ-like way.

## St. Aloisius

### Resident/Family Picnic

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm in  
the yard beside the nursing home and  
behind St. Cecilia Catholic Church (same  
area as last year.) Please mark your cal-  
endar.

## June 2019 NEW EMPLOYEES

### Welcome to the St. Aloisius Family!

Nora Duren—LTC

Becky Dockter—Dietary

Ciara Towell—Dietary

Carol Danks—Business Office

Shae Mehning—Pharmacy Student

Megan Green—Dietary





### **A Heart of Compassion**

*"Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick." Matthew 14:14*

Jesus withdrew to be alone after hearing that his cousin, John the Baptist, was beheaded. But when he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them. So how does anyone express Compassion? Compassion is defined as a desire to help someone who is sick, hungry, or hurting. Jesus wanted to ensure that the crowd had what they needed even at a time when he was in need and the disciples wanted to send the crowd away.

Jesus, knowing the needs of the people, did not turn them aside. He laid his own need aside to ensure the people were taken care of. After doing so, he continued to a place of solitude to pray. By making time to withdraw and pray, he stayed connected to his source and ensured that he would continue doing the will of the Father. This gave him the power, the grace, the instructions and the wisdom to complete his assignment on earth.

God is asking us to serve others with a heart of compassion just as Jesus did, but at times our own selfish ambitions get in the way. Often, we are so fixated on our own needs or our own insecurities that we miss valuable opportunities right before us. The key to helping to meet the needs of others is first recognizing that God is always our source. When we come to him admitted in our insufficiency, he takes what we have and multiplies it.

Lord, I come to you today asking that you fill me with a heart of compassion and love for others. I ask that you minister through me today to those who are in need of your love and grace. I desire to love as Jesus loves. Most of all, I desire to please you in all that I do Jesus, no matter what kind of a day I am having.

Your Chaplain, Sister Mary Agnes  
Pastoral Care Department

### **M&M (Mission & Motivation) Days Scheduled for 2019**

Decon Ken Votava will be the presenter on Tuesday, October 8—9:30 to 11:30; 1:00 to 3:00; 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm; and Wednesday, October 9—8:00 am to 10:00 am. Decon Votava is the director of Pastoral Care at Ave Maria Village in Jamestown. *Time subject to change. If there is a time that would work better give Sr. Mary Agnes a call, and see if time can be changed around. There will be 4 sessions this year.*

A short session on "How to Respond to an Emergency" will be given at each presentation.

## St. Aloisius July Anniversaries

Lori Wolf—40 years  
 Kim Rust—38 years  
 Kelly Christenson—30 years  
 Nicole Snyder—27 years  
 Sylvia Hager—16 years  
 Kim Peltier—12 years  
 Vikki Bentz—9 years  
 Kim Thorson—6 years  
 Lori Martin—3 years  
 Sarah Schimke—3 years  
 Mark Nyhus—3 years  
 April Hagemester—1 year  
 Marcia Ketterling—1 year  
 Rick Geier—1 year  
 Tiffani Tesch—1 year  
 Laurel Schnase—1 year  
 Alexis Rudel—1 year  
 Jennah Lematta—1 year  
 Carla Newman—1 year  
 Melissa Thomas—1 year

**196 years of dedicated service to St. Aloisius Medical Center!**



## St. Aloisius Medical Center

## Direct Dial Numbers

St. Aloisius Clinic—324-5131

Medical Floor - 324-5112

Unit A—324-5121

Unit B—324-5118

Daycare—324-5109

Sherri Engkvist—324-5120

Candie Thompson—324-5113

Lab—324-5116

Radiology—324-5107

Physical Therapy—324-5119

Enter these numbers in your phone!

Cut this out and put on your fridge!

## HIPAA Moment

We take privacy and security of Protected Health Information seriously. ANY patient identifiable information must be kept confidential. This is why we have rules! As an employee you:

- 1) Cannot share who is in the facility if you learn it from your job.
- 2) Cannot talk about patients in a public area (including the cafeteria or hallway.)
- 3) Cannot share information with family members of patients unless you have express permission to do so.
- 4) Cannot email PHI to another facility or business unless it has been encrypted or uses a direct portal
- 5) NEED TO KNOW! Unless it is necessary for you to know something so you can do your job, you do not need to know!

Even if something is common knowledge, you cannot talk about stuff happening at St. Aloisius Medical Center unless you have permission from your supervisor to do so. Remember that confidentiality agreement you signed? :)

## ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL COMING SOON!

Table top exercise will be held **July 11, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Presentation Center.** It is VERY IMPORTANT that as many employees as possible attend this session.

In the mean time, be thinking what you would do if a shooter came to your department. RUN—HIDE—FIGHT!!!

This is immediate action—then what would you do?

If you have any questions, ask Marian.

**JULY**

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

## FORMATION MINUTE

*“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”*  
(Matthew 6:26)

On all of our signage at the different SMP Health System ministries you will find our SMPHS logo which includes the oval emblem of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. There is a lot of symbolism on this emblem. Two of the more obvious symbols are the cross, representing Christ, and the “M”, representing Mary, patroness of the Sisters. A more subtle symbol is found at the bottom of the emblem below the cross and “M”. This area, which looks like a little hill, signifies that the cross is “rooted in the earth where our lives and ministry take place.”

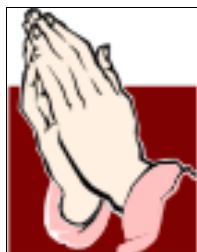
In places like North Dakota and the Illinois Valley, when we think of being “rooted in the earth” it is hard not to think of farming. While I admit that I know little about farming, I do know that, for the most part, crops were planted earlier this spring and now, during the month of July, we find ourselves watching, waiting, and hoping that the plants will grow and produce an abundant harvest. While there is a lot to be done during this time, much is out of our control. All we can do is pray and have faith that God will give the sunshine and rain that the crops need for a good harvest in the fall. In other words, despite all of our hard work, planning, and preparation we are still not in control of the outcome.

In a sense, our work at SMP Health System ministries can sometimes be like growing crops. In our attempt to provide holistic care for people we can only go so far. We have training and experience and we provide care to the best of our abilities, but for some things, even after our best efforts, we are still not in control of the outcome. Part of living and ministering on this earth is accepting the fact that we are not always able to be in control.

I don’t mean this in a futile sense but rather in a hopeful sense. As a faith-based organization we say that we strive to fulfill the healing mission of Jesus—that we are doing God’s work. If we believe this, then we believe that He wants to help those who come to us, even more than we do. So we have faith that God will help us in our work, even if we ourselves never see or understand the good that may come from what He does through us.

Therefore, next time you see your ministry’s logo, instead of looking past it, perhaps you might take a moment to think about how your own ministry is “rooted in the earth.” And, just as farmers have faith that their crops will rise from the ground after being planted, so should we have faith that God will bring to completion the good works which we’ve planted in our ministries.

JT Kennelly  
Director of Formation  
SMP Health System





## 10th Annual Golf Tournament

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Harvey Country Club.** 4 person Scramble—\$180 per team. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a Standing Lift for the hospital and a High/Low Table for hospital therapy.

This was HUGE! 21 teams participated with donations of about \$9000. Good Job!

Special thanks go to Christy Arends and Joe Volk for their management of this event!



St. Aloisius Medical Center participated in a community (Wells County) drill in Fessenden June 13, 2019. Bailey Ranum, RN, Christy Arends, Rebecca Knudtson, Joe Volk, Kevin Tuenge and Marian Hase were "the hospital". The scenario—a car, a semi and a train were involved in a collision. Fire departments, law enforcement agencies, ambulance services were involved in scene control and safety. This was put on by CP Rail and Heartland Consulting.

Pictures are of the "hospital" only. We were set up in the Fessenden Ambulance garage. We did some "verbalizing of procedures to ensure the safety of Decon Crew.







### R&R Committee

#### (Retention & Recognition) NEWS

1. **MORE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS COMMITTEE!**
2. They meet the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm to discuss ways to promote employee recognition and retention. **YOU ARE NEEDED!**
3. 2nd Wednesday is also a day to **WEAR JEANS** for \$1 with the money going to the R&R Committee to provide **STUFF**.

The **Traveling Art Pub Experience** offers a hands-on guided DIY art experience that helps individuals explore ones creative side. On Wednesday, June 19 art pub instructor Tony Helm, came to LTC to help inspire our residents, bring out their artistic abilities and gave them step-by-step instructions to create their own masterpiece. Eight residents decided to participate in this guided art instruction and created a masterpiece entitled "Colorful Sunflower". Residents were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed themselves. Residents stated that they would like to do this again.

