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Timely purpose.
Timeless mission.

Wellspring Lutheran Services

Wellspiring & You

A guide to celebrating 125 years of service to people in need
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For more than 125 years, hope has flowed from a proven, Christ-centered source to bring life-giving solutions to those who thirst for hope.

Hope flows through us.

Just as a wellspring bubbles up from deep within the earth to bring life-giving water, Wellspring Lutheran Services brings life-giving support. We are Wellspring Lutheran Services and we engage people with compassionate, human care services. As a statewide nonprofit organization, we offer services from family preservation and foster care to a complete line of senior services to help renew and sustain individuals, families and communities across Michigan.

Our Services

Wellspring Lutheran Services engages people at every stage of life to help them discover and embrace their God-given potential. Through these services, we will help change lives, build strong families and transform communities:

- Adoption Resources
- Affordable Housing
- Assisted Living
- Behavioral Health
- Family Preservation
- Foster Care
- Home Care
- Hospice & Grief Support
- Independent Living
- Memory Care
- Parenting Support
- Short-term Rehabilitation
- Skilled Nursing Care
- Supportive Housing
**Senior Services**

**Assisted Living.** Meets the day-to-day needs of residents in a comfortable, home-like setting. Residents enjoy all the benefits of an independent lifestyle, and have access to in-house services, as needed.

_Saginaw_

**Grief Support.** We offer grief support groups for adults, a free bereavement camp to help kids deal with the loss of a loved one, and chaplains.

_Frankenmuth_

**In-Home Care.** Home-based care includes:

**Home Health.** With a physician’s order for home-based health care, patients benefit from clinically sound, individualized care provided by our licensed medical professionals.

**Hospice.** Compassionate end-of-life care helps patients and their families learn to focus on comfort and quality of life, rather than cure.

**Personal Assistance.** Focused on personal care, wellness and companionship, housekeeping and homemaking, our in-home services are performed by highly trained and compassionate caregivers.

_Frankenmuth • Saginaw • Alpena (Personal Assistance only)_

**Long-Term Care.** Our skilled nursing care facilities provide round-the-clock care for loved ones who require more extensive care.

_Fairview • Frankenmuth • Livonia • Monroe_

**Memory Support.** We help families care for those facing early stage and advanced dementia, Alzheimer’s and similar conditions.

_Fairview • Frankenmuth • Livonia • Monroe • Saginaw_

**Respite Care.** Give yourself and your loved ones the time you need to recharge your batteries for a day, week or longer with our respite care program. It will allow you some time as you take on the next step in caring for your loved one.

_Alpena • Fairview • Frankenmuth • Livonia • Monroe • Saginaw_

**Short-Term Rehabilitation.** Rehabilitation services after an illness or surgery help you or your loved one focus on healing and recovery — and getting you back to your regular routine quickly.

_Fairview • Frankenmuth • Livonia • Monroe_
Independent Living

For active seniors who require little or no outside assistance, we offer condominiums, apartments and townhomes, all designed to promote an active lifestyle.

- The Pines Apartments, ALPENA 989.356.3396
- Hampton Meadows Apartments, BAY CITY 989.892.1912
- Oakman Place Apartments, DETROIT 313.868.1318
- AuSable Valley Apartments, FAIRVIEW 989.848.2104
- Gibraltar Manor Apartments, GIBRALTAR 734.676.4802
- Creekside Village, MONROE 734.241.3906
- Senior Living Campus, SAGINAW 989.791.1831
- Our Saviour’s Manor Apartments, WESTLAND 734.595.4663

“I refer to this place as my home now — because that’s what it is.”

— INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENT
Imagine a place so inviting, it becomes your home. Our Saginaw campus is designed for you to live life to the fullest. The Wellspring family is by your side, encouraging you and your family every step of the way. And our tailored approach fits your lifestyle and preferences.

Schedule a tour TODAY!
Child & Family Services

“All that we’ve been praying and hoping for has converged with a precious child of God joining our family.”

LCMS PASTOR STAHL & FAMILY

Foster Care. Offers children a temporary home with a foster family or relative until they can be reunited with their biological parents.
Bay City • East Lansing • Gaylord • Kentwood • Oak Park

Residential Care. Treatment programs provide support and transitional care to youth, ages 12 to 18, who struggle in adapting to foster care because of emotional, behavioral or physical needs.
New Directions, Farmington Hills

Supportive Housing. For homeless youth and families, our supportive housing provides a place to live and an opportunity to learn valuable life skills.
Detroit

Behavioral Health. Sometimes our circumstances and emotions can become so overwhelming that it’s hard to see a way back to healthy and safe behaviors and environments. When this happens, illnesses such as depression and anxiety can occur — or risky behaviors like substance abuse, self-harm and physical violence can find their way into our daily lives and become the norm.
We have resources that can help you find your way.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE / SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
Serving the counties of: Antrim • Benzie • Clare • Isabella • Gladwin • Grand Traverse • Kalkaska • Midland • Missaukee • Wexford

EYE MOVEMENT DESENSITIZATION AND REPROCESSING (EMDR)
Serving the counties of: Kentwood • Otsego

PARENT CHILD INTERACTIVE THERAPY (PCIT)
Serving the counties of: Kentwood • Otsego

wellspringfostercare.com
WE NEED FOSTER PARENTS.

Visit our NEW website!
wellspringfostercare.com

WOULD YOUR CONGREGATION LIKE TO HOST A FOSTER CARE EDUCATION EVENT?
Email foundation@wellspringlutheran.com for more information or to arrange an opportunity.

I NEED A positive role model.

Check out our LIVE CHAT option!

Questions?
Chat with us

Michigan statistics (March 2019)

- 13,575 kids in Michigan’s foster care system
- 1,047 kids in residential care (group living environment)

SOURCE: MDDHS Fact Sheet

CENTRAL REGION
517.481.4013

GREAT LAKES BAY REGION
989.252.7533

NORTH REGION
989.252.7533

SOUTHEAST REGION
313.244.0904

WEST REGION
616.723.8664
Adoption. Assistance is available through Lutheran Adoption Service Inc., which is Michigan’s largest private adoption agency, and is a partnership of Wellspring Lutheran Services and Samaritas.

Statewide

Parenting Support. Our multicultural curriculum, Pailalen, is a 9-week violence prevention program designed to provide skills to parents that bring peace into their lives and families, which brings peace to their communities.

Kentwood

“Wellspring has been a conduit for God to give me what I need to support my family. I had lost hope, but with the help I received from Wellspring, my life has changed.”

— WELSPRING FAMILY PRESERVATION CLIENT

Family Preservation. These State of Michigan programs are offered through Wellspring Lutheran Services. Each program is designed to meet the unique needs of each family, giving families access to services that will help keep families together. Programs include:

- Advanced Impact
- Families First
- Families Together
- Building Solutions
- Family Reunification
- Family Support
- Supportive Intervention

Bay City • Clare • Flint • Gaylord • Kentwood • Mio • Oak Park • Okemos • Sault Ste. Marie • Traverse City
Strong Families. We believe in a concept of community, where resources are available to people at any stage of life. We want to be a wellspring, a source of hope and refreshment, where young and old live naturally together, strengthening one another and receiving the security, services and renewal they need to live out their full potential.

Detroit

Project Compassion. Project Compassion is a ministry of Wellspring that provides chaplaincy, transportation and special event services to seniors and persons with disabilities who are confined to nursing homes. PCM creates opportunities for spiritual enrichment and socialization for our aging and disabled population, adding to their quality of life. PCM’s primary service is God’s Love Bus, which provides safe and reliable wheelchair accessible transportation to churches, museums, parks, theaters, sporting events and other recreational activities for nursing home residents in southeast Michigan.

Detroit

Luke 5:2. The Luke Project 52 mobile Clinic, brings prenatal care into Southeast Michigan’s the poorest neighborhoods. By setting up rooms for prenatal visits at local church facilities, community centers and through the program’s customized bus (clinic on wheels), the clinic ensures new mothers and their unborn children have access to proper prenatal care. The clinic also connects new mothers with churches and local ministries that can provide long term counseling and support for young mothers in difficult circumstances.

Detroit

Mercy House. In a Partnership with the Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Wellspring is providing support for the Mercy House for Women and Children. The Mission was founded in 2014 when they took over a shuttered Lutheran church in one of Flint’s most impoverished and crime-ridden neighborhoods. They turned it into a mission field, providing food, clothing and the love of Christ — all supported by more than 20 LCMS Michigan District congregations. They saw promise in an abandoned house adjacent to the mission and turned it into a shelter for homeless women with children. Mercy House will open as an emergency/transitional housing program in Flint. With the capacity to serve up to 5 families at-a-time, families will stay for 6-12 months while they secure long-term stable housing and exit the cycle of homelessness.

Flint
WHO WE ARE

DAVE GEHM
President & CEO

“Serving at Wellspring allows me to use my passion for God’s people with my desire to serve. Every day at Wellspring I see evidence of people’s lives being changed, and hope growing in them, because of our work. I feel privileged to be a part of that mission. Wellspring is a unique ministry that seeks to impact individuals, families and whole communities, which makes this mission as difficult as it is inspiring. Having been at Wellspring for over 27 years, I have witnessed the services and programs of Wellspring grow, develop and change based on the changing needs of God’s people, and I know that will continue as we seek to serve our communities.”

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MARIA KERN
Executive Assistant

“I believe in Wellspring’s mission, vision and values. It’s all about helping people and having their best interests in mind. Seeing the impact this organization has on the people we serve is so rewarding. I’m proud to be a small part of such a large mission.”

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TIM KALBFLEISCH
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

“It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to put my experience to work in supporting the life-changing mission of Wellspring. I look forward to supporting our talented, committed team members by ensuring Wellspring is strongly positioned to embrace and succeed in new and unique opportunities, so that we may continue serving families and communities across Michigan. I’m proud to be a part of an organization that celebrated 125 years of service, and humbled to think I can help strengthen Wellspring’s future at a time when our ministries are more vital than ever.”

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SEAN DE FOUR  
Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer  
“I feel incredibly fortunate to work for an organization where I can live out my personal mission through my daily work. Coming alongside people when times are hard and helping every person realize their God-given potential is what Wellspring’s work is all about. I’m proud to be part of a team that shares this as its purpose, and where leaders challenge each other every day to make sure these values guide our every decision.”

ALBERT D. KAUL  
Vice President, Human Resources & Chief People Officer  
“Wellspring encourages my Christian faith in my work with people. During my tenure with the organization, I have served in a variety of different roles. Each position has enabled me to serve others by encouraging their growth in faith, in personal coping and in profession. I look forward to where God may lead me on this Wellspring journey.”

JILL HAISER  
Vice President, Mission Advancement & Executive Director, Wellspring Lutheran Foundation  
“For me, the mission of Wellspring is so deeply rooted into my heart that I can’t help but share our mission with everyone I meet. Each day, I am humbled to see lives transformed through the hope people experience at Wellspring. The work we do is difficult. We often meet people on the worst day of their lives. Knowing that we have a team of people who deeply care about each person, and work tirelessly to make each day less overwhelming than the day before, is a gift. I am honored to serve at an organization that takes human care to the next level.”
SERVICE PROJECT GUIDE

ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITIES

• Campus beautification projects (garden clean-up, planting, seasonal decorations, etc.)
• Personal Memoirs for residents/families and hospice patients/families
• Special activities projects – holiday events, outings, etc.
• Clean toys for family visit rooms
• Painting projects
• Host a special occasion party for residents

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

• Activities. Assist the activities department and provide assistance for residents during shift changes
• Small Group Leadership. Bible studies, prayer groups, card clubs, etc.
• Walks & Talks. Share time with our residents in general visits, walks throughout the campus, and one-on-one conversations
• Visits. Connect with those who cannot get out and about
• Resident Courier. Assist residents to and from in-house therapy, activities, meals, etc.
• Office Assistance. General office duties like copying, follow-up calls, etc.
• Community Liaison. Connect community groups that are looking for service projects (schools, youth groups, church groups, professional organizations, social groups, etc.)
• Math Tutors. Work with youth on math homework (Books are provided and you don’t need to be a mathlete — just patient.)
• Mentors. Take the lead in supporting a young person through an ongoing one-on-one relationship, serving as a positive role model and friend (Requires a minimum commitment of four hours each month for one year.)
• Transporters. Drive foster children and/or family members to and from appointments (Mileage is reimbursed.)

Email foundation@wellspringlutheran.com for more information or to arrange an opportunity.
SUPPLY DRIVES

- **Personal care.** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, personal grooming needs, etc.
- **Decorations.** Decorations for holidays celebrated all throughout the year
- **Hobbies.** Puzzles, knitting supplies, craft materials, etc.
- **Yard sales.** We collect items to use in our annual yard sale and use the proceeds to help offset the cost for those who are in need of financial assistance
- **Car seats.** New infant, toddler and booster car seats (These are provided to families who cannot afford this required safety item.)
- **School Supplies.** Paper, pens, backpacks, glue, etc.
- **Secure Sleep.** Many children are in need of items that help them feel warm, snug and safe at night. Donations of blankets, sheets, pillows and quilts will help supply these fundamental needs
- **Christmas CARING (Christmas Angels Remembering Individuals Needing God’s Love).** In an effort to share the true meaning of Christmas and the joy of Christ’s birth with others, help us provide Christmas presents for those we serve
- **Duffel bags.** Children who have been removed from their home often arrive with all their belongings in black plastic garbage bags, which sends an unspoken message that they and their belongings are no better than trash. Help provide a duffel bag for children to transport their belongings
- **Hands, Heads, Hearts & Feet.** Each fall children and families are in need of coats, hats, gloves and boots to keep them warm and dry during the winter months
- **Family Care Baskets.** Families who are struggling with basic living needs are provided with a laundry basket filled with paper supplies, linens, cleaning supplies and other safety items

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SUGGESTED DONATIONS & VBS COLLECTION IDEAS

Many families who are receiving professional intervention services from Wellspring Lutheran Services struggle to meet their basic living needs to provide for a healthy living environment for themselves and their children. To help these families remain intact, Wellspring distributes donated items for families who are in dire need of basic living supplies. Items include:

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*ONLY NEW ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED DUE TO HEALTH RISK.

All collected items are given directly to clients and residents. We are also in need of readily available funds to purchase items when needs arise. Email foundation@wellspringlutheran.com for more information.
MISSION FUNDRAISING IDEAS

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CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

- Send kids from New Directions (our residential foster care campus for youth who have cognitive, behavioral or emotional challenges) to a day at the movies or sponsor a trip to Michigan’s Adventure including bus, admission and food
- Purchase gift cards to major retail stores ($75-$100 value) to be given to new foster parents on the day they welcome their foster child in their home to purchase diapers/wipes, shoes, clothes, pajamas or other supplies
- Raise money to sponsor a foster care retention event
- Help to create memories while forming new bonds by sending a foster parent and child on a fun outing together
- Fundraise to help support Camp Hope, our three-day camp designed to help children and teenagers learn how to grieve the loss of a loved one
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SENIOR SERVICES

- Christmas gifts for residents
- Cable services for all residents
- Cable upgrade to include music stations
- Recliners for residents
- Wheelchair bike
- Wheelchair washer
- New vitals machines for all floors
- Crochet or knit lap blankets
- Entertainment for residents
- Supplies for beautification/renovation projects
- Transportation to and from doctor visits
- Respite events for caregivers
- Housecleaning services for the elderly who are unable to do those deep cleaning tasks anymore
- Educational resources on aging
VBS TEACHING GUIDE

This study will explore how God’s original design for us as humans was destroyed by sin, causing brokenness, and how we become redeemed through Jesus. By having this understanding, students will see their role in changing lives, creating strong families and transforming communities.

OUR MISSION: Motivated by Christ’s love, we engage people as they experience and embrace their God-given potential.

Wellspring Lutheran Services provides human care and social services to people across Michigan each year. Our programs reach people in more than 50 of Michigan’s 83 counties, with significant opportunities to touch people in their communities.

We provide support for children and families in crisis through foster care, residential youth programs, family preservation and reunification, and support for seniors and their caregivers through housing, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing care and rehabilitation, home health care and hospice.

While the services we provide are diverse and serve the entire spectrum of ages, our clients all share one common characteristic: They come to us at a moment in their lives when circumstance has forced them to receive help, a time of vulnerability, dependency and often crisis. Most importantly, they all share the common need to experience and embrace their God-given potential, to accept that God loves them and has a plan for them, and that He has created them with a divine purpose on this earth.

Many of our clients need to experience that again in their lives; and others need to experience it for the first time.
Jesus demonstrated this for us with His interaction with the woman at the well, as noted in John 4. Jesus went out of His way that day to be in a place and interact with a woman who the “norms” of that society would have shunned, even forbidden. Jesus opened her mind — and then her heart — by helping her see that there was in fact a God who loved her. And in doing so, she personally experienced that love in her own life; then she embraced it for herself, her family and ultimately the entire town.

The teachings below will help children understand these important biblical concepts of engaging people in meaningful ministry, helping them experience and embrace God’s love in their lives. Our focus under these important themes will be our work with foster children, extended to include foster children who are now waiting for a forever family through adoption.

Currently, Michigan has over 13,000 children in foster care, and 1,800 waiting for forever families — having had parental rights terminated by the courts. Children are placed in foster care after other interventions have failed, but generally are removed from their family’s home as a result of abuse, neglect and violence. Children in foster care, on average, remain in “the system” for two years before permanency is determined (i.e., either reunited with family or rights terminated and available for adoption).

The material will focus on engaging people so they experience and embrace God’s love, the specific focus of the curriculum will include:

• God’s creation plan for the family as the key unit in society, reinforcing that God has designed healthy families in large part to nurture, love and train children.

• God’s creation plan for kids, and the important role they play in healthy families as they are “trained up in the way they should go,” being equipped to serve God throughout their lives (God-given potential)

• God’s creation design is broken through sin, and therefore not all families are healthy, strong and following God’s design. As a result, kids all around us find themselves in foster care or even without a family.

• We can fulfill God’s purpose in our lives by helping (engaging) others to experience and embrace God’s love, despite the brokenness of the world.
LESSON 1
GOD CREATED US TO BE HIS PEOPLE

LESSON GOAL: Students will have a better understanding of how God’s original design for us was to have the perfect world, life and family — free from sin and brokenness.

VIDEO K-2: Watch “God’s Story - Creation”  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHu352QwXXM

VIDEO 3-8: Watch “Foster Care through a child’s eyes - Part 1”  https://youtu.be/atkvh_spxeg

Discussion time, have students discuss and identify differences between their lives/families and that of Mattie’s from the video.

READ: Gen. 1:27-28

THINK: As a class or in small groups, discuss the following questions.

1. Why do you think God decided to make humans as part of His creation?

2. When God created male and female, what did he command them to do?

3. What is the role of humans in creation? What is the role of parents in families?

4. Who has God placed in your life to nurture, love and train you?

5. What would your life be like if you did not have anyone to take care of you?

There are many children in this world who come from broken families and find themselves in great need for someone to adopt them and take care of them.

PRAY: Give thanks to God for the people He has provided to care for us. Ask for Him to provide appropriate caregivers for those who do not have families or who are seeking to be adopted.

ACTIVITY:

K - 4: Students draw a picture of their family.

5 - 8: Students bring in a family picture and write a short paragraph (5-8 sentences) describing what their family means to them.
LESN 2
GOD FORGIVES US EVEN WHEN WE DON'T ACT LIKE HIS PEOPLE (GEN. 3)

LESSON GOAL: Students will have a better understanding of how sin was brought into our world destroying the original design that God had for us. This creates conflict, pain, brokenness and death.

VIDEO K-2: Watch “God’s Story - The Fall”
https://youtu.be/Kq2lkCxJMc8

VIDEO 3-8: Watch “Foster Care through a child’s eyes - Part 2”
https://youtu.be/HnUFLXOGI3A

THINK: As a class or in small groups, read together or highlight the events found in Genesis 3.

1. How was the perfection of God’s creation broken?

2. What would be the “perfect” family?

3. Why does the perfect family not exist, but instead families face death, divorce, illness and other difficulties that leave children in great need?

4. What was God’s plan to fix the brokenness created by sin?

PRAY: Pray for families everywhere that are dealing with conflict, divorce, illness, or other difficulties. Pray that God would provide comfort and encouragement for all families, and that he would especially provide care for children who are in difficult family situations or who find themselves without a family to care for them.

ACTIVITY: Write a thank you note to a parent, teacher, pastor, relative or friend who has provided you with spiritual training.
LESSON 3

GOD SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO SAVE US FROM SIN AND THE BROKENNESS OF THIS WORLD

(John 3:16-17)

LESSON GOAL: Students will have a better understanding that God sent His son, Jesus - to pay the price for our fall into sin. Because of Jesus’s death, we now are redeemed.

VIDEO: Watch “Mattie’s Story - Video 3”
https://youtu.be/FhejW9pa4Vw

READ: John 3:16 - 17

THINK: As a class or in small groups, discuss the following questions.

1. How did they teach you to “know God”?
2. How did they teach you to “praise God”?
3. How did they teach you the difference between right and wrong?
4. How might your life be different if you did not have people to give you this training?

PRAY: Thank God for those He has provided to give us spiritual guidance and direction in our lives. For those who are lacking parents and others to provide such training, pray that God would provide faithful people to fill this role.

ACTIVITY: Create prayer cards for people who might need prayer.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Communicate and encourage parents to view the 12-minute video, “ReMoved,” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOeQUwdAJEO) to help educate them on foster care through the eyes of a child. It’s important to provide a disclaimer to parents about the nature of this video prior to them viewing it with their children.
LESSON 4
GOD CALLS US TO HELP HIS PEOPLE IN NEED (LUKE 10:25-37)

LESSON GOAL: Students will have a better understanding of the part they play in transforming communities and changing lives in a broken world — by being the hands and feet of Jesus and loving our neighbors.

CELEBRATION VIDEO/SONG K-2: Watch “Matthew West – Do Something”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RindG0IX8

VIDEO: Watch “Foster Care through a child’s eyes - Part 4”
https://youtu.be/aqU0cheRbSA


THINK: As a class or in small groups, discuss the following questions.
1. How did Jesus answer the “expert” of the law?
2. What was so special about the Samaritan and why he was helping the man in need?
3. How can we “go and do likewise”?

PRAY: Pray that God would help us to turn to Him in our times of trouble, trusting in Him and His Word to encourage us. Also pray that He would provide comfort and care for those in need, particularly children who are seeking adoption. Finally, pray that God would use us as instruments of His love to those in need.

THANK YOU for helping share the Wellspring story and the story of more than 13,000 children in Michigan who live their lives in foster care. This curriculum was developed in partnership with:

- Concordia University-Ann Arbor, Education Department Staff & Students
- Mrs. Paula Myers, Junior High ELA Teacher
- Mrs. Deb Siekmann, Middle School Homeroom Teacher
- Miss Kathryn Allore, Lower Elementary Homeroom Teacher
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Have you ever thought, “I could really use an extra set of hands right now?” It’s pretty common, actually, especially as we get older. Wellspring Lutheran Services provides private duty caregivers to be that extra set of hands.

Here are some of the many ways we can help: Bathing, personal hygiene, cooking, housekeeping, assistance with pet care, errands, transportation, exercise support, medication management, health and home activity monitoring, short-term respite care, toileting and incontinence care, vital sign monitoring and more.

If you have questions, please call 844.HOPE.FLOWS (844.467.3356) or visit wellspringlutheran.com.

IN-HOME CARE

Nobody really plans on needing home health care. But when life throws you a curveball, Wellspring is here to be a resource for you. Situations like this can be overwhelming. Because your comfort is key to your recovery, let us come to you!

Wellspring has an incredible team of trained nurses, therapists, aides and social workers that is committed to helping you recover from injury, illness or surgery.

Our team is proud to serve people in Saginaw, Sanilac, Bay, Genesee, Tuscola and Lapeer counties. If you have questions, please call 844.HOPE.FLOWS (844.467.3356) or visit wellspringlutheran.com.

RESPITE CARE

Caring for a loved one is a big responsibility for any individual or family to shoulder - and it’s often done without realizing the emotional, physical and spiritual toll it can take.

Whether it’s one day, one week, one month or more, you can be confident your loved one will be well cared for in a Wellspring Lutheran Services respite care program. It will give you and your family the time you need to recharge your batteries, as you take on the next step in caring for your loved one.

We are happy to help. Please call 844.HOPE.FLOWS (844.467.3356) or visit wellspringlutheran.com. Let’s find a program just for you.
HOSPICE
Are you considering hospice care for a loved one? At Wellspring, we believe every day has purpose. God has ordained each and every day, and we want to help you live out those days doing the things that are important to you.

Our team approach includes a full range of services, including medical, nursing, pharmaceutical, social and spiritual support.

And our caregivers are compassionate listeners who honor the fact that you know your loved one. They want to be your advocate, confidant and friend. Caring for someone you love is one of the hardest (and most rewarding) things you will ever have the opportunity to do. We want to make sure that your time is spent making memories, while we support you through the rest.

For more information on hospice care at Wellspring, call 844.HOPE.FLOWS (844.467.3356) or visit wellspringlutheran.com.

CAMP HOPE
Do you know a child who has recently lost a loved one? The grieving process is hard enough as an adult, but imagine what it’s like for a 12-year-old who’s just lost his mom to cancer. Knowing what to say and do – or feel – is so hard. It may seem almost easier to feel lost and alone.

But that’s not healthy for anyone. That’s when Camp Hope steps in.

Camp Hope is a three-day camp designed to help children and teenagers, ages 6-17, learn how to grieve. Camp Hope provides a safe place for children and teens to interact with peers who have experienced similar losses. Campers can express their feelings of grief, learn coping skills and most importantly, begin a healthy healing process.

For more information about Camp Hope, call 844.HOPE.FLOWS (844.467.3356) or visit wellspringlutheran.com.

FOSTER CARE
If you’ve been thinking about becoming a foster parent in Michigan, we have a team of people who are ready to help you take that next step into becoming a Wellspring foster parent. We need foster parents. And we need you, because 13,000 kids in Michigan are in need of a loving foster home.

Visit wellspringfostercare.com to get started!
VIDEO LIBRARY

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WELSPRING OVERVIEW

- Wellspring Lutheran Services, services offered | 2:27
  https://youtu.be/Pqul9p3Zda8
- Foster Care - need for foster parents in Michigan and America | 2:43
  https://youtu.be/DEagLDRIszM
- Wellspring Faces of Hope | :30
  https://youtu.be/w35l0PjuYLg
- Family Preservation | 2:33
  https://youtu.be/EaNlbGb3S7c
- Music Therapy | :57
  https://youtu.be/AtKJKqBmR6o

FOSTER CARE

- Foster Care FAQ's | time varies for each question
  https://vimeo.com/album/5292606
- Davidson Story – 4:33
  The Davidson family said yes to foster care and welcomed Tiffany into their home. Tiffany and foster mom, Sue, share their story.
  https://youtu.be/BZhRghlaVtY
- Reunification Day 2018 | 1:55
  People gathered outside of Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing to celebrate the 3rd annual statewide reunification day in Michigan, recognizing parents who have worked very hard to get their children home and out of foster care.
  https://youtu.be/_8x_yG3Mhfw
- What is it like to be a foster parent? | 1:08
  Steve and Amy Quakkelaar have been foster parents for 16 years and have had around 14 placements over the years.
  https://youtu.be/YD6cgH-5kKs
FOSTER CARE, cont’d.

- Testimony from foster parents, Kyle and Jennifer Reidsma | 2:00  
  https://youtu.be/k9RZl2AnweA
- Foster Parenting, What to expect | 1:33  
  https://youtu.be/DFhZzD6YC3M
- Foster Parenting – Isaiah Parker, 13 years old enjoys his role as foster brother | 1:31  
  https://youtu.be/AgfoqUcct4
- Foster Care - Dave and Elaine Ghem | 1:41  
  https://youtu.be/rB0uZJbuLVs
- Why foster parent, Sue Davidson answers | 1:27  
  https://youtu.be/agmWHDl8S7Q
- We need more homes for children | :49  
  https://youtu.be/xxotOziFm_Q
- Trigg’s story, adoption through foster care | 4:52  
  https://youtu.be/VMfieFzXhYs
- Stahl Sisters, adoption through foster care | 2:35  
  https://youtu.be/EW6y7An6ptk
- Adoption through foster care, Stahl story | 6:19  
  https://youtu.be/TfWzhNjht6A
- Foster Care through the eyes of a child – Parts 1-4  
  https://vimeo.com/album/3833343

HOME CARE

- Private Duty (Personal Assistance) Meet Mildred | 5:23  
  https://youtu.be/puvkEngkkwI
- Volunteer provides support for Saginaw couple | 3:09  
  https://youtu.be/40tUcx7I0k8
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HOSPICE

- Music Therapy | 1:15
  Wellspring’s music therapist, Corey Musonda shares the gift of music with a hospice patient. [https://youtu.be/BcsP9cfiOVc](https://youtu.be/BcsP9cfiOVc)

- Camp Hope - Meet Bentley, 5 years old | 1:19
  [https://youtu.be/8p-2RWsEQFE](https://youtu.be/8p-2RWsEQFE)

- Camp Hope - Free grief camp for kids | 3:39
  [https://youtu.be/WmfIhg6B_pc](https://youtu.be/WmfIhg6B_pc)

- Camp Hope - Villareal brothers | 6:07
  [https://youtu.be/iQxRHdUMi2Q](https://youtu.be/iQxRHdUMi2Q)

- Camp Hope - Words from a parent | 1:00
  [https://youtu.be/kKBjmQtweMg](https://youtu.be/kKBjmQtweMg)

- Camp Hope - Send off 2015 | 3:04
  [https://youtu.be/pevscXluWUI](https://youtu.be/pevscXluWUI)

- Camp Hope - Balloon Launch | 2:53
  [https://youtu.be/6zXSmWO_m0c](https://youtu.be/6zXSmWO_m0c)

PAILALEN PARENTING CLASS

- What is Pailalen | 6:30
  [https://youtu.be/T25mzXy5jfk](https://youtu.be/T25mzXy5jfk)

SAGINAW SENIOR LIVING CAMPUS

- Wellspring Saginaw Senior Living Art Fair | 1:33
  [https://youtu.be/NLMavHhkZqg](https://youtu.be/NLMavHhkZqg)

- Dining Experience - Saginaw Senior Living Campus | 1:09
  From start to finish, our Senior Living Campus in Saginaw is committed to making our dining experience special. [https://youtu.be/HRWedg4xkgs](https://youtu.be/HRWedg4xkgs)
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SAGINAW SENIOR LIVING CAMPUS, cont’d.

- WWII Veteran honored at Wellspring Saginaw Senior Living Campus | 2:55
  https://youtu.be/Opci5PIVXJE
- Evelyn’s Love Story | 1:52
  https://youtu.be/0tCWBkCuC8E
- Favorite Christmas Memory | 2:44
  Residents share their holiday memories.
  https://youtu.be/9G_2JUuNRR4
- 104 years old, Florence shares her favorite Christmas memory | 1:06
  https://youtu.be/6J50DF7r3yc
- Saginaw Senior Living Campus – Independent Living Tour | 1:59
  https://youtu.be/WVdCzzMFvu4
- Saginaw Senior Living Campus – Assisted Living Tour | 1:33
  https://youtu.be/V4PPliuNDEs
- Saginaw Senior Living Campus Tour | :59
  https://youtu.be/LmCtBrtPzZU
- Memory Support, Dementia – Adella’s story | 4:55
  https://youtu.be/ELoz6XapwU4
- Resident, Ruth, Independent Living | 1:03
  https://youtu.be/OTYQPaDlwE
- Betty, 88, bound to wheelchair and changing lives | 3:44
  https://youtu.be/ZhBthgYRtN8

SKILLED NURSING / REHAB

- Music Therapy, children visit residents in Frankenmuth | 1:17
  https://youtu.be/WXUNcJwPyU
- Frankenmuth, Noyce family story | 5:17
  https://youtu.be/1NAWVDukkg
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SKILLED NURSING / REHAB, cont’d.

- Monroe/Livonia Woods, skilled nursing, long-term/short-term care | 3:15
  We show you what to expect.
  https://youtu.be/TdF0haHDso

STAFF TESTIMONIALS

- New Directions, Mr. Brown | 1:12
  https://youtu.be/B4APS4AvXeA
- Caregiver, Pamela | 1:05
  https://youtu.be/brkfrQbgjRA
- Family Preservation, Leonica | 1:12
  https://youtu.be/1XvZLssCoKc
- Caregiver, Jeanett | :59
  https://youtu.be/7EevF1RMRBM
- Family Preservation, Georgeta | 1:01
  https://youtu.be/Ygt1XNq3Fo
- Hospitality Representative, Cyndi | 1:21
  https://youtu.be/s8uSF3Zte6Q

VOLUNTEERS

- Frankenmuth: Volunteer of the year, Margo Gricar | 2:57
  Volunteering for 25 years in the beauty shop at Wellspring Skilled Nursing in Frankenmuth.
  https://youtu.be/1IPOnqYwCtQ
- Frankenmuth: Irene Rodammer, Faces of Hope Award | 2:41
  https://youtu.be/C-usX2HJOTM
- Monroe: Bonnie Kregel visits residents every week | 3:29
  https://youtu.be/rtoapan9bk
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VOLUNTEERS, cont’d.

- Livonia Woods: Al Eardley gives back | 5:00  
  https://youtu.be/AZTVwkNkzps
- Monroe: Meet Lunette, director of housekeeping | 2:26  
  https://youtu.be/4V7FH6m72LO
- Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Caring | :51  
  https://youtu.be/TcKXnnpm72c
- Liz Studley, University of Michigan and Henry Ford | 1:15  
  https://youtu.be/2ex5AwN6fc0
- Frankenmuth Auxiliary celebrates 50 years | 4:40  
  https://youtu.be/Zs2cphP_Yz4
- Camp Hope Bears: Speedy Sew, Saginaw | 2:33  
  https://youtu.be/5HqH5iqQQoc

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2. Once signed in, you may use the search box to type “Wellspring Lutheran Services” to navigate to our channel.

3. Once you’ve located the channel, click the “Subscribe” button.
Is there a subject you’d like your congregation to learn more about but are not sure what angle to approach it? Let one of our professionals help!

LIST OF TOPICS THAT WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN

- adoption resources
- affordable housing
- assisted living
- family preservation
- foster care
- grief support
- holistic therapy
- home care
- hospice
- independent living
- memory support
- outpatient therapy
- parenting support
- personal assistance
- short-term rehab
- respite care
- skilled nursing
- supportive housing

Email foundation@wellspringlutheran.com for more information or to arrange an opportunity.
FOR 125 YEARS, Wellspring Lutheran Services has come alongside people in Michigan who are in need of compassionate human care services. You may call them brother, sister, neighbor or friend.

We call them the Faces of Hope.

Join us for an evening to hear about the work Wellspring does across Michigan on behalf of children, families and seniors. You will hear stories of hope directly from the people we serve. And you will learn how your support of Wellspring impacts people in your own community.

Together, we can change lives, build strong families and transform communities. Will you join us?

FACES OF HOPE BENEFIT DINNER

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
Thursday, October 24, 2019
Schoolcraft College ViStaTech Center
18600 Haggerty Road  |  Livonia, Michigan

GREAT LAKES BAY REGION
Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane  |  Frankenmuth, Michigan

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