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Overlying Theme: “Christ Wants You” --- Joy, Prayer, and Gratitude

Scriptural Theme:

Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do. (I Thess. 5:16-18)

to you

Lutheran Home Reconstructed

Tomiko Mizuno
Director, President of
the Supporters Group



The nursing home, Lutheran Home, a brainchild of senior leaders of the JELCW in 1965, was rebuilt at a new site almost fifty years later in 2013.

A white cross shines on the façade of the four-story building, on which the belfry stands. The first floor houses various facilities for public-use, including a day service center and a workshop for the disabled. The workshop is a completely new program for the Home to engage. There are fifty sunny and spacious rooms for residents on the second floor. A chapel or a general purpose hall with a beautiful stained glass window occupy the third floor. The rest of the third floor and the entire fourth floor is used as a seventy-unit facility for elevated levels of geriatric care, including both a long term and a short-stay program. Now you can receive a variety of social service programs at the newly relocated and rebuilt Lutheran Home.

The opening ceremony took place on October 14 last year. Without the countless prayers and generous donations by all of you across the country, we would not have seen the day. Let me extend our sincere gratitude to you all. At the Home, worship service is held every morning by the residents and staff. Thanks to the cooperation of various Christian churches, weekly worship is observed every Sunday afternoon. The directors and staff had frequently discussed whether to continue this service or not, and came to the conclusion that it should never be omitted or changed. This testifies that the foundational Christian principles have been preserved, and that Christ’s will is being done.

We are determined once again to live up to our motto “respect and serve the senior citizens and the disabled” together with the staff. I sincerely wish that by serving our neighbors, this home will be filled with Christ’s love and hope. Let me say thank you once again. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you.