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# **A Fresh Start**

New Year's Eve 2020 was undoubtedly one of the most anticipated celebrations in recent memory as our region and the world breathed a collective sigh of relief and said goodbye to a challenging year.

Thankfully, we begin 2021 with renewed hope. Since December 18, St. Luke's has delivered more than 50,000 COVID-19 vaccines to our employees, community providers, first responders, and priority groups identified by our public health leaders.

Our goal is to make the vaccination process as easy and convenient as possible. There are currently 11 St. Luke's vaccination sites delivering up to 3,000 vaccines per day. More than 1,000 employees are assisting with the vaccination efforts. Their work is supported by state-of-the-art technology that has enabled St. Luke's to contact more than 700,000 people in recent weeks, helping them sign up for the vaccine as we wait for the supply to increase.

Yet even as we respond to the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19, St. Luke's continues to forge ahead with new partnerships and facilities to enhance the care across our region. We invite you to learn about these initiatives and more. We are forever grateful for your support of our healthcare heroes and the important work they do.

Warmly,



Patrick J. Bower Vice President for Development and External Affairs St. Luke's University Health Network



### 2020 Year in Review

2020 wasn't all bad; we also had our share of inspirational moments, acts of kindness, and hopeful progress. Here are some highlights reflecting our commitment to moving forward, no matter what challenges arise.

A Monumental Year



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## A New Member of the St. Luke's Family

For more than 65 years, the Penn Foundation has been a leader caring for patients with behavioral health and substance use disorders. We're excited to report that Penn Foundation will become part of the St. Luke's Network in the coming months.

"St. Luke's recognizes the significant role that behavioral health services play in the overall health and wellbeing of our community," said Rick Anderson, President & CEO of St. Luke's. "The synergies created by this agreement will benefit patients throughout areas our organizations serve for generations to come."

Advancing Behavioral Health



### **New Faces in the Fight Against COVID-19**

In the fight against COVID-19, it's all hands on deck. And a group of college students, home on winter break, stepped up to join the St. Luke's team to help remotely monitor hospitalized COVID-19 patients using revolutionary medical technology.

St. Luke's became one of the first health systems worldwide to use the Masimo SafetyNet cloud-based platform last April as our clinicians worked to provide the highest level of care and oversight to our patients-technology that enabled these students to make some lifesaving observations.

Virtual Monitoring Technicians



#### The Best and Most Caring Serve Here

Late last year, three daughters lined up to make their mark on a beam that will soon become a critical piece of the new St. Luke's Carbon Campus. Anticipated to open in the spring of 2022, it will be the largest acute-care hospital Carbon County has ever seen. The women each had a powerful story to tell about the compassionate care that their mothers received at St. Luke's in the past, and one particular inscription on the beam will serve as a reminder of the hospital's impact on the community for generations to come.

**Three Daughters** 



# Ski-a-thon and Family Fun Weekend at Blue Mountain Resort

Enjoy a socially distant day of fresh air at Blue Mountain Resort! This first-ever event offers many ways for participants to get involved. Consider a sponsorship package, dusting off your skis and hitting the slopes, supporting a skier through a donation, or putting your name in the (virtual) hat for one of our auction items. There's something for everyone!

# **COVID-19 Resources** and Vaccine **Availability**

As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to the public, there are steps you can take to receive all the latest updates and information, straight from St. Luke's.

We have created a COVID-19 online resource center that we encourage you to bookmark and access with any questions about the virus or the availability of the vaccine. If you sign up for a free St. Luke's MyChart account, you will receive a notification as soon as it is your turn to schedule the vaccine.

**Find Resources** 

# It's a New Year... **Take Time to Plan** Your Family Legacy

Most of us were happy to see 2020 come to an end. We've witnessed how fragile life can be and how important it is to put plans in place to protect our loved ones and help others. What can you do now to get started?

Take advantage of our **free estate** planning booklet, which will help you and your family set goals and create a smart estate plan designed to meet your personal needs. And as always, we're happy to speak with you and answer any questions as you review.

Plan Your Legacy



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