**Significant Dates in the Ministry of Luthercare**

**1949**

Incorporation of Lutheran Social Services - East Region’s predecessor body, “Lutheran Service for Older People” (The name was changed to “Lutheran Inner Mission of the Lancaster Conference” in 1954 and to Lutheran Social Service of the Lancaster Conference in 1959.)

**1952**

Incorporation of "Lutheran Service Society of Lebanon County"

**1953**

Dedication of Spang Crest Home, 1000 Quentin Road, Lebanon

**1955**

Dedication of Luther Townhome, 229 East Orange Street, Lancaster

**1965**

Formation of Lutheran Social Services - East Region as the regional social ministry agency to work in partnership with Lutheran congregations in Lebanon and Lancaster counties

**1966**

Dedication of Luther Acres Nursing Home, 600 East Main Street, Lititz

**1970**

Dedication of Peacock Wing addition to Luther Acres Nursing Home

**1973**

Closing of Luther Townhome in Lancaster

**1974**

Beginning of cottage construction at Luther Acres

**1976**

Dedication of Luther Townhome Apartments and the Hershey Wing at Luther Acres

**1977**

Dedication of Spang Crest Nursing Home at 945 Duke Street, Lebanon

**1979**

Beginning of Family Day Care Homes program in Lebanon County

**1980**

Completion of Luther Acres Cottage program

**1983**

Dedication of the Chapel of the Abiding Christ and additional support areas at Spang Crest Nursing Home, 945 Duke Street, Lebanon

**1987**

Dedication of Personal Care Unit and new Skilled Nursing Care Wing at Luther Acres

Acceptance of a 39-acre parcel of land from St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia for development of a retirement community

**1988**

Establishment of affiliation of LSS-ER with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**1989**

Groundbreaking for the St. John's Herr Estate Retirement Community, Columbia

**1991**

Dedication of St. John's Herr Estate Retirement Community, Columbia

Opening of Lebanon Valley Child Care and Learning Center, on campus of Lebanon Valley College, Annville

Authorization of LSS-ER to become Local Management Agency for all subsidized child care programs in Lebanon County.

**1992**

Opening of Children's Activity Center at St. James Church, Lebanon

**1996**

Renaming of Lutheran Social Services - East Region to Luthercare

Relocation of Lebanon Valley Child Care and Learning Center to 40 South King Street, Annville

Renaming of Lebanon County Local Management Agency to Child Care Bank of Lebanon County

**1997**

Dedication of Chapel of the Good Shepherd/all-purpose room at St. John's Herr Estate

**1998**

Completion of 20 additional cottages at Luther Acres

**2000**

Dedication of Agape Way, the late-stage memory-support residence and program at Luther Acres

Dedication of Muhlenberg Apartments, Lodge (personal care, including early-stage memory support), and Cottages, and new physical therapy and activity rooms at Luther Acres Manor

Dedication of Grace Place Children's Center, a cooperative ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, and Luthercare

**2001**

Dedication of 12 additional cottages at St. John's Herr Estate

Renaming of Child Care Bank of Lebanon County to Child Care Information Services of Lebanon County

**2003**

Opening of three new child care centers: CAT Child Care and Learning Center at Career and Technology Center, Lebanon; St. John's Day Care, Columbia; and Reamstown Before- and After-School Program

Renaming of Lebanon Valley Child Care and Learning Center, Annville, to Emma C. Berger Child Care and Learning Center

**2004**

Construction and opening of the Wellness Center at Luther Acres

Luthercare celebrates its 55th year anniversary

**2005**

Construction for Memory Support Center Expansion begins on Spang Crest Manor

Dedication of Wellness Center at Luther Acres

St. John's Child Care and Learning Center moved to the former First English Lutheran Church and renamed Columbia Child Care and Learning Center

Luthercare became an approved Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)site

**2006**

Opening of the Christman Memory Support Center at Spang Crest Manor offering an 18-bed memory care personal care and adult day services program

Purchased the Gard farm adjacent to St. John Herr's Estate

Renamed Reamstown Before- and After-School Program to Reamstown Child Care and Learning Center

**2007**

Dedication of the Willis R. and Helen M.Christman Memory Center at Spang Crest Manor

Renamed Grace Place Children's Center to Grace Place Child Care and Leaning Center

**2008**

Renovations to the Personal Care residences at St. John’s Herr Estate completed, adding private showers and tea kitchens to each apartment

Grand opening of recreation and patio area at Spang Crest

**2009**

Luthercare celebrates its 60th Anniversary

**2010**

Luther Acres breaks ground for the new Towne Center

**2011**

Luther Acres dedicates the new Towne Center, which includes a Community Room, a Pub, The Haagen Gallery, a Store/Gift Shop, the Chapel of the Good Samaritan, a Movie Theater, a Branch Bank and Katy’s Grill

Luthercare at Home, an in-home service, is launched on the Luther Acres campus

**2012**

Luthercare adopts a new mission statement: *Luthercare reflects Christ’s Love through Service to Others*

Focused on the organizational core values of Integrity, Compassion, Learning, Connection and Teamwork, Luthercare evaluates and revitalizes the Corporate Compliance and Ethics program

**2013**

Luthercare celebrates 65 years of serving Lancaster and Lebanon County children, families and older adults

Significant renovations to the Luther Townhome Apartment Building at Luther Acres are completed, featuring a “boutique hotel” design and adding balconies and patios to each apartment

**2014**

Luthercare engages in a brand refreshing project and develops a new logo, icon and collateral materials reflecting the organization’s goal for each senior living community and early learning center to be a place *“Where Potential is Ageless”*

Working with several community partners, Luthercare conducts a Community Needs Assessment in Lancaster and Lebanon counties to identify emerging needs among children and families and older adults

The 20th Annual *Tee It Up for Kids!*Golf Tournament in September features an anniversary celebration dinner.

**2015**

In partnership with Moravian Manor, Luthercare establishes Your Neighborhood Connection, an in-home services program to provide non-medical services and support

Luthercare for Kids is selected to serve as the lead agency for SAIL, Systems Aligned in Learning, a collaborative funded by United Way of Lancaster County to use Luthercare’s Mobile Mentoring Program for in-home child care providers as the foundation for providing expanded support through partners Library System of Lancaster County, COBYS Family Services, Lancaster County Council of Churches, and South Center Regional Key