

Where the Care of Soul is the Soul of Care

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13 individuals baptized at Jesus Cares Ministries program

Everyone had to wait their turn as a line formed in the front of the church at Abiding Word Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas.

“It was an amazing thing to witness, I've never seen a line at the baptismal font,” said Faith Brown, Jesus Cares Ministries program coordinator at Abiding Word.

Thirteen JCM participants were baptized by Pastor Matthew Brown on Saturday, May 5. Eight were baptized at the church in front of congregation and family members; five were baptized in their home. All JCM participants were welcomed into God’s family.

“What a wonderful day and great to see 13 people added to God’s family through the waters of baptism,” said Joel Gaertner, National Director of Jesus Cares Ministries. “It is great when our JCM programs make such opportunities available.”

JCM assists congregations in reaching out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities. To find a JCM program near you, visit thla.org.



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Christian independent living with access to rehab

Since shoulder surgery in March, life has been different for Debra Spiller. With her arm in a sling and little to no movement, she can't drive and has had to do everything with just one arm. Fortunately, due to her living situation, she has been able to attend physical therapy and begin the rehab process.

Debra resides at KingsPath Senior Living, The Lutheran Home Association's newest care community, which is connected to Ridgeview Health Campus in Belle Plaine, Minn.

"I really like that it's convenient to the rehab," Debra said.

Debra has been working with a physical therapist through Ridgeview Rehab

Specialties program. Debra has an indoor walk to the Ridgeview area of the campus, a perk during the colder months.

"We have a close relationship with Ridgeview Belle Plaine Clinic and Rehab Specialists," said Barb Weicherding, Property Manager at KingsPath Senior Living. "With the addition of Ridgeview Home Health located on the second floor of our building, we are in the position to offer residents the option to aging in place while having access to a variety of events and activities."



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A resident and her caregiver join God's family

Tears of joy rolled down Brenda Peterson's cheeks as she sat in the chapel at Hope Residence. Sitting next to her was Shelly, whose radiant smile illuminated the room filled with their friends and family.

Shelly lives at Hope Residence, a disability care community in Belle Plaine, Minnesota; and Brenda is one of her caregivers. Living and working at Hope gave these women an opportunity to learn more about Christianity.

Together, they began to study the Bible with Pastor Ed Fredrich, chaplain of The Lutheran Home Belle Plaine campus. Brenda and Shelly chose to continue their lessons in order to be confirmed.

"Just knowing I will be saved makes me feel so good," Shelly said.

After completing their religious education, both Brenda and Shelly were ready to demonstrate their commitment to Christ in front of friends and family. So on that special day in the chapel, they were each baptized and confirmed!



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