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P.A. Peterson Center for Health Offers Barnabas Caregiving Classes

A free, six-week caregiving training class will be offered at P.A. Peterson Center for Health, beginning with an orientation on Sunday, February 10, at 4:00–5:30 p.m. Subsequent sessions will follow for the next five Sundays. The Barnabas Caregiving program teaches simple and effective ways to care for people, offers a deep understanding of the issues people face at each stage of life, and explains how to handle those issues through positive dialogue in every situation. P.A. Peterson, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), is located at 1311 Parkview Avenue in Rockford.

Attendees who complete the training will be qualified to be Barnabas Ministers of P.A. Peterson Center for Health. There is no obligation for training participants to participate as Barnabas Ministers at P.A. Peterson. This caregiving training may also be used by church members who wish to bring the program to their congregations.

Founded in October 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is celebrating its 140th anniversary, and is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In Rockford, in addition to P.A. Peterson Center for Health, LSSI also offers foster care and adoption services, the Peterson Meadows Retirement Community, Luther Center (senior housing), Intouch Home Care (non-medical home care for seniors), Legacy Corps (respite services for caregivers) and the Intergenerational Resource Center (at Patriot's Gateway Center).

For more information or to register for Barnabas Caregiving classes, call Chaplain Chuck Olson at 815/399-8832, ex. 142. For more information about P.A. Peterson's independent and assisted living apartments, short-term rehabilitation services, nursing care services and specialized Alzheimer's unit, call 815/399-8832 or visit www.PAPeterson.org.

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