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On Oct. 27, LSSI to Dedicate Victorian Woods, Affordable Senior Housing Development, in Decatur

Betty Hawthorne was first. On August 9, the day after Victorian Woods, a senior housing development in Decatur opened for residents, she moved into her new one-bedroom apartment. “It’s wonderful at Victorian Woods,” she says. “It’s a beautiful building. The staff is very friendly, and I always feel comfortable talking with them. I feel honored to live here.”

The apartment is one of 59 new affordable senior housing units at Victorian Woods, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). The building, located at 3910 W. Main Street, will be dedicated on October 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Victorian Woods is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The apartments have several different floor plans that feature full kitchens, a visitor entry system, beautiful views and other amenities. The building also houses community space and laundry facilities for residents, as well as management offices.

“A great building starts with a vision, adds construction and ends with satisfied residents who have an affordable, comfortable and secure living environment,” says the Rev. Dr. Frederick Aigner, LSSI president and CEO who will conduct the dedication. The Rev. Paul Olson, chairman of LSSI’s Board of Directors and pastor St. John’s Lutheran Church in Springfield, and Joseph Galvan, regional director of HUD, will also participate in the dedication. Decatur Mayor Paul Osborne and other HUD and city officials will be in attendance, as well as Victorian Woods residents, staff and supporters of the agency.

“We are pleased to have completed this project, which would have not been possible without HUD’s cooperation and thinking ‘out of the box,’” says Lisa Ingalls, LSSI associate executive director of housing. She adds that Victorian Woods is unique in its design – which features a Victorian theme – as well as in its amenities.

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Architects of the three-story building are Tyson & Billy Architects of Rockford. Horve Builders of Decatur oversaw the construction of the building.

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). LSSI serves people through an array of services at more than 89 program sites across Illinois.

For more information about Victorian Woods, call 217/424-0650, or visit www.LSSI.org.

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