








 <p><i>We specialize in helping seniors with Dementia who need companionship and daytime care.</i></p>		<p>St. Michael Lutheran Church 7211 Oakland Drive Portage, MI 49024</p> <p>Director@CovenantSDP.org Portage Phone: 269 324-3250 Portage Fax: 269 321-0202</p>
		

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Staff

Program staff are nationally Certified Dementia Practitioners as awarded by [National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners](#) (NCCDP). Two staff members are National Dementia Practitioner Trainers, authorized to provide Dementia training any where in the United States. All staff are CPR Certified.



Lauren Fitzmaurice MSW CDP
Executive Director,
National CDP Trainer

Lauren has been with Covenant since November 2008. She serves as family services counselor and support group facilitator.

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Education	Master of Social Work in Policy, Planning and Administration, Western Michigan University, 1995
Certifications	Fundraising Management, Indiana University, 1998 Nationally Certified Food Safety Manager, 2007 Nationally Certified Dementia Practitioner, 2009 CPR, 2009 Contributing writer for Women's Lifestyle Magazine Doubleday published Garden of Healing , 2007



Kathy Kearcher LPN
Program Director
Nurse and National CDP Trainer

Kathy is responsible for activity and program development, wellness checks, medication and health monitoring. She is also a certified fitness instructor and teaches at the Bronson Health Club. Kathy oversees the physical exercise classes for our seniors at Covenant Senior Day Program. She has been employed with Covenant since January 2003.

Mary Moore CDP, Advanced Master Gardener

Portage Activity Director

Mary is certified in Gerontology from KVCC, has completed the MADSA Program Assistant Training, and is an Advanced Master Gardener and member of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association. She has been with Covenant since July 2000.

Mary oversees our state award winning horticulture program.

Jeanette Lagowski CDP
Portage Program Assistant

Jeanette has had a variety of work experiences involving sewing, gardening, and crafts. She is a member of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association and supervises our raised bed garden project. She has been with Covenant since September 2000.

Helen Coleman BS CDP
Portage Program Assistant and Family Services Worker

Helen attained a Bachelor's of Science from Western Michigan University. Emeriti Board member and previous volunteer, she joined Covenant as a paid professional in June 2005. Helen co-facilitates the Caregiver Support Group

Monica Sodano

Janice Marsh-Prelesnik

Janice has a Bachelors' of Arts in Holistic Health from Goddard College and is working on her Masters in Expressive Arts Therapy from IUPS . She anticipate completion in August 2010.

Kathleen Barnum

KATHLEEN DURHAM

Foot Care Clinic Podiatrist

Kathleen provides routine foot care for our Covenant seniors and is also employed by Foot Works, L.L.C

Jessie Evans

Baker

Jessie is responsible for overseeing the Delicious Memories baking program.

Bob Durian

Driver

Bob is CPR Certified. His most recent driving experience was with Senior Services for 10 years. He has been with Covenant since October 2004.

Jack Lawrence

Driver

Jack is CPR Certified. After volunteering with us, Jack joined Covenant staff in August 2002.

Mark Zidell

Driver

Mark is CPR Certified.

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