WELCOME!

We are happy to have you join us as we mark the beginning of St. Elizabeth Hospital's 60th year of service to the people of the Appleton area.

This program is one of a series of events which began with a special Mass on November 19 and will continue throughout the coming year to commemorate the hospital anniversary.

Today we hope you will share our pleasure in reminiscing over the past and noting some of the changes that have come about in hospital care over the years.

Guides costumed as nurses (circa 1899) will show you some of the seldom-seen features of the hospital today, and some of the long-forgotten features of the hospital's early days.

Following the tour, refreshments will be served in the Staff Room. An exhibit of historical materials will be on display there, special guests will be introduced and anniversary presentations made.

God bless you for your interest in our hospital.

THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS

A PLEDGE

As the Franciscan Sisters begin this their 60th year in the city of Appleton, they wish not only to mark a milestone in the hospital's record of progress, but also to re-dedicate St. Elizabeth Hospital to continued community service.

With renewed effort they will strive to maintain the highest standards of patient care, keeping pace with the progress of modern medical science.

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL
Appleton, Wisconsin

OPEN HOUSE
November 16, 1958
ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL — TODAY

SURGICAL SUITE — includes a Recovery Room where patients are protected by special care and individual attention following surgery. Over 3,780 operations are performed each year.

CENTRAL SUPPLY — sterilizes, reconditions and distributes the sterile articles needed throughout the hospital, keeping these vital supplies in circulation.

PATIENT'S ROOMS — are a lot more pleasant than they were in 1899! Both semi-private accommodations and private suites are attractive and comfortable. Oxygen is piped in.

PSYCHIATRIC UNIT — was recently opened. The 16 bed wing provides the only complete, modern facilities for the care of psychiatric patients in this area.

ADMITTING OFFICE — is where 8,700 patients become acquainted with the hospital each year. The hospital supplies an information booklet; the patient supplies personal data vital to his hospital care.

PHARMACY — dispenses drugs of all sorts available at any hour. Last year 50,250 doctor's prescriptions were filled for patients in the hospital.

MEDICAL RECORDS — compiles the complete story of each patient's illness. This record, dictated by the doctor, is invaluable in case of future illness.

CHAPEL — is open at all times to patients and visitors. There are daily Masses. A Chaplain is always available to patients or their families.

HOUSEKEEPING — helpers keep things hospital clean — the building spotless, linens washed and mended. Each patient uses about 12 pounds of linen per day.

MAINTENANCE — prevents the hospital's closing for repairs! Hidden in the basement are the giant oil burners, emergency power generator and maintenance workshops.

PHYSICAL THERAPY — assists in the recovery and rehabilitation of patients through the use of exercises, massage and special devices.

FOOD SERVICE — prepares 5,350 meals per week, 30% of them special diets. A cafeteria serves hospital employees, staff members and visitors.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT — helps diagnose ailments. Equipment is costly, but worth its weight in isotopes when x-rays reveal trouble that would have cost a life!

LABORATORY — supplies doctors with information needed to judge a patient's condition. Modern laboratory techniques help patients get well faster these days.

STAFF ROOM — was originally provided for medical staff meetings. Today larger quarters are necessary for frequent conferences of doctors and personnel to improve patient care.

LOOKING BACK

On St. Elizabeth Day, November 19, 1899, when St. Elizabeth Hospital opened its doors, only 8 beds were available. During that first year 108 patients were admitted. The hospital, now in its 60th year, has grown to 200-bed capacity and cares for 8,700 patients per year.

Four nurses endured hardship to establish St. Elizabeth Hospital. Today, it is one of Appleton's leading service industries. With 300 persons on its payroll it is the city's 8th largest employer.

The original small frame building was replaced within 2 years by a brick structure which was enlarged in 1922 and is continually being modernized.

The oldest hospital in the Fox Cities area, St. Elizabeth Hospital is fully accredited. It is operated on a non-profit basis as a service to the community by the congregation of Franciscan Sisters, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, hospital specialists for nearly 100 years.