



**Photo (L to R): Miranda Zens, MetaBank; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Larry Petersen, April Volunteer of the Month; Tessa Curry, Avera Prince of Peace**

### **April Volunteer of the Month Celebrated**

The Helpline Center congratulates Larry Petersen on being named the April 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Larry has been volunteering at Avera Prince of Peace for over 2 years. In his time there, he has clocked well over 300 hours. Larry comes in every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-4:30 and hosts a "men's club" with the residents at Prince of Peace. The men's club consists of about a dozen men who come out of their apartments to play cards and visit. Larry does not only host this group, but he also seeks out new residents that move in and invites them to attend as well. He also hosts a monthly "men's lunch" outing where he finds a restaurant that the group would like to eat at, he goes there to make sure it will be suitable for all of our residents, and he also comes with to make sure all of the men are having a good time.

Tessa Curry from Avera Prince of Peace stated, "Larry deserves to be selected as volunteer of the month because he continues to amaze not only the residents but also the staff here at Prince of Peace. He goes out of his way to ensure that each and every resident is being included in this group. Larry has created a family within this group of men. It is very special to see."

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Larry with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Huether. We will also honor Larry again at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on May 11, 2017.

For information on volunteer opportunities please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit [www.helplinecenter.org](http://www.helplinecenter.org).