



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



"Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God." – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Over the last few months, the number of patients hospitalized due to COVID-19 remains stable, even as the numbers of those infected in our province continue to decrease. There have also been several hospitalized due to persistent respiratory infections such as coughs, flus, and pneumonia. This may help to explain why the number of Lutheran patients in hospital remains quite substantial. The comfort of Christ, which LuMinHoS brings to hospital bedsides, continues to be welcomed (and needed) by patients, accompanying them on their hospital journey.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians was written to commend the church in Corinth for re-

ceiving his first letter. First Corinthians admonished those who were spreading rumours about Paul, saying he was a wayward apostle not properly following (or teaching) the faith. His letter helped most in the church to understand their informants were wrong. And now, in another very Christ-centered letter, Paul asks the church to forgive those dissenters as they have "been punished sufficiently (Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary)." Paul writes in 2:7, "As a result, you should instead forgive and comfort [them]. Otherwise, [they] may be overwhelmed by excessive grief."

If 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 sounds familiar, it may be that you heard the passage proclaimed at a funeral. The words are often spoken by the presiding minister. And, that should not surprise us. What an appropriate time to declare the comfort we ourselves have received from God, in order that we may comfort one another!

It is this type of comfort we find Paul expounding in 2 Corinthians. And, this passage pairs well with the LuMinHoS vision statement to "present the comfort of Christ to all Lutheran patients admitted to Saskatoon hospitals." It is exactly this type of Christian comfort Paul urges the Corinthian church (and so us) to freely dispense. Christians can proclaim such comfort because we ourselves first received it from God. The 'it' here is aptly told through the wonderful words of John 3:16.

Such reassuring comfort is proclaimed to patients through the reading of scripture; the sacrament of Holy Communion; devotional books and the LuMinHoS brochure, filled with meaningful ...

LuMinHoS Vision Statement:

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passages of scripture and prayers. The comfort of Christ often is identified through tears as a meaningful prayer is prayed with the patient. And, sometimes, the comfort of Christ is sacredly present in simply being a presence at the bedside. Or, holding a hand to assure a patient I deeply care, because, God in Christ deeply cares for them.

For many patients, the road to recovery is just beginning. Or, recovery has yet to become a

reality. Regardless, we joyfully proclaim that the comfort of Christ goes before us and with us; preparing us in mind, body, and spirit for the abounding love of God to compassionately accompany us along our hospital journey.

Rev. Richard Engel

+Pastor Richard Engel



THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY!! Patient experiences of LuMinHoS (gleaned from thank you cards)

"Pastor Richard: Words cannot express our gratitude for the kindness and compassion you have given to our mom, and to us, as we mourn her passing. You truly are one of a kind! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

"Pastor Richard: We are so thankful you have been able to visit with Mom! Your time with her has been comforting to us all. With great appreciation."

"Pastor Richard: thank you so much for the meaningful and lovely baptism you gave our (dying) grandson. That day is a bit of a blur to me, but I clearly remember your thoughtfulness, kindness, compassion and caring. I believe God already had His arms around him, but the sacrament was so important to us, and there you were. With much gratitude."

"Dear Richard: Thank you for your pastoral care of my sister, and your willingness to officiate at her funeral. It was much appreciated. Blessings to you in your ministry."

"Dear Pastor Engel: We would like to thank you for the strength and guidance you have given to my husband and our family throughout his journey. We all appreciate the time you have shared with all of us. It has meant so much."



PRAYER PETITIONS FOR JULY 2022



Please continue to pray with us! Acknowledging the importance and power of prayer as taught by Jesus, we are

invited to pray through one or more of the petitions each day. A full list of prayer petitions can be found on our website, at www.luminhos.org

Pray with us!

Loving God, we give thanks for the resumption of volunteer staff in care homes. Bless them as they re-acquaint themselves with residents and healthcare staff. Give them renewed compassion and strength as they visit and oversee special programs for the benefit of all living there. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Enduring God, as we patiently wait for the resumption of volunteers in hospital, we pray for the new Volunteer Directors in our hospitals, who continue to prepare for that day. We pray for understanding and wisdom as new protocols envision different ways forward for worship volunteers and patient porters, that, meetings between chaplains and SHA volunteer leaders will be fruitful. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Benevolent God, be our guide and our wisdom as LuMinHoS continues to discern and call lay visitors, worship volunteers, and cover chaplains for this ministry. Help us to seek out willing hands and hearts, with gifts to share in loving service in the hospitals. Bless and guide our Chaplain and the Volunteer Management Team as they reach out to prospective volunteers and clergy, to fulfil the roles once filled before the pandemic. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for those in hospitals, in the midst of transitions due to illness or a change/decline in health. Saskatoon hospitals house several people waiting for placement in assisted living. Or, placement in long term care.

Accompany those in the midst of such transitions; as they come to terms with their new reality. And, be with their families as they come to terms with that new reality as well. Comfort them with the peace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Suffering God, we lift up patients suffering with illness and diseases that affect mental health. We call to mind dementia, schizophrenia, depression, and other conditions that affect their socializing nature. Such can be socially debilitating, distancing patients from community, creating an environment of loneliness and disconnection. Help us to walk patiently and faithfully with them. Guide our Chaplain to be a calming and compassionate presence with them as he visits. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Knowing God, bless our Board of Directors and our Committee Members. We give thanks for their vision and commitment to your work with Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon. Bless them. Empower them with your wisdom as they use the gifts you have already given them to proclaim the comfort of Christ in our hospitals. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Beneficent God, we pray for your abounding love to enfold and refresh our nurses, hospital physiotherapists and occupational therapists who work with a diverse group of patients each and every day. Keep them compassionate, increase their patience. And, especially, give them respite from their work at home, and at play. We give thanks for them. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Instructing God, we pray for teachers who work in the hospital school program, teaching hospitalized students at their bedside. Bless them over their summer break. May your healing Spirit encircle and provide wholeness and comfort to those children as they struggle and heal from their illnesses. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

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Creating God, we pray for newborn babies, their parents, and their siblings and extended families as they welcome their new addition. Grant them wisdom and fill them with the unconditional love you have for us; that their child may grow to know how loved they are by you.
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of Empathy, we pray for all those whose loved ones have suffered and died in hospital. Be with the grieving families. Strengthen and encourage them. May they take comfort knowing in faith the eternal life God has promised us, that, safely wrapped in the Saviour's love, nothing can ever separate us from God.
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Journeying God, we lift up healthcare staff who grace the rooms of the dying, caring for them; at the Hospice at Glengarda; St. Paul's Palliative Care ward; and make-shift palliative care rooms in other

hospitals. These places provide dignity and sacred space for families, their loved ones, and their clergy and lay ministers. We give thanks for all they do.
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Unfailing God, we pray for respite and strength for all hospital emergency personnel, who have been kept busy as coughs, colds, pneumonias and flus run rampant in our city (and province). We give thanks for the care teams, nurses, doctors, surgeons, pharmacists, and all others who work in the emergency wards. Richly bless them.
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WAYS TO SUPPORT LUMINHOS

ATTENTION - LAY PEOPLE!



Our LuMinHoS Chaplain thinks that Saskatoon hospitals will soon be allowing volunteer lay people to help with our Lutheran visitation ministry! Would you like to help? Orientation and training is provided. Visiting time is tailored to the amount of time you have available to volun-

teer, which can be variable each week. If you are interested in volunteering or would like further information, contact Allan Grundahl at allangrundahl@gmail.com, 306-220-9878 or Sylvia Unrau at sylunrau@gmail.com.

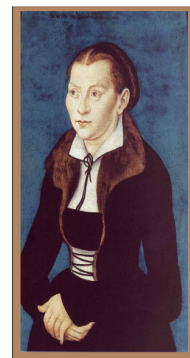
WALK FOR LuMinHoS - SAVE THE DATE

Yes folks. Fall will soon be upon us before we know it. So why not get lots of walking in this summer so you will be ready for

"Walk for LuMinHos" on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Watch for posters and reminders in your church bulletins.



LuMinHoS



is excited to be able to host

KatieLu's Cafe

Fundraiser Café including a beverage and dessert

Sunday August 07

2 - 3:30 p.m.

In the dining room at the
Aspira Village at Stonebridge
110 Hunter Road



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Special thanks to Aspira Retirement Living for their generous donation of the use of the dining room.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:4

This past week LuMinHoS had our AGM. It was good to meet again in person and to re-acquaint ourselves again. It is indeed a great blessing to see the loyal and selfless support we have received from our Lutheran Brothers and Sisters in both prayer and financial means. God has blessed our ministry so greatly over the past two years of COVID lock downs and continues to do so.

With new Board nominations we look forward with excitement to the next year and onward to see what God has planned for LuMinHoS. As we move ahead I will share with you the goals that the Board has for the next several years. I would ask that you lift these plans up to the throne of God, asking for clear vision, strength and wisdom as we work to further God's ministry.

We are looking at furthering the ministry of LuMinHoS to other centers in the province. Pray that we may find dedicated leadership in these areas who have a heart for the ministry and are willing to step out and serve;

We are once again looking to expand our Follow Up ministry. About half of the visits Chaplain Richard makes are to Lutherans who no longer have a church they worship at regularly. Please pray that we may find the right individuals to take up this part of the ministry on a volunteer basis to help reacquaint these Lutherans with Parish worship.

We are focusing on the Resource Development committee and the Governance committee to reorganize and begin active planning. Pray that we may find individuals that will be willing to chair these committees and add the much needed aspect of developing our Practise and Procedures manual and in planning future fundraising events to support this much needed ministry.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer! Please check all our upcoming events on our web page at www.luminhos.org. You are all partners in our ministry.

Your fellow Servant in Christ, **Gord Martens**



The **LuMinHoS 2022 AGM** took place June 26th at Redeemer Lutheran Church. We were grateful to gather in person. Themes of thankfulness emerged from the reports presented. Chaplain Richard's ongoing presentation of the much-needed comfort of Christ to hospitalized Lutherans and their families inspires us to continue in prayer and financial support for this valued ministry. Through the continued challenges of COVID-19, grace and blessings in abundance have sustained LuMinHoS. We cautiously look forward to more in-person events enabling the gathering of our faithful supporters.

Thank you to the elected **2022-23 Board members** (in alphabetical order):

Colette Baker
Darin Felstrom
Gord Martens

Renate Bishopp
Coralie Geving
Del Mengerig
Murray Wagner

Hugh Farmer
Dan Hagen
Sylvia Unrau



TRIBUTE GIFTS

March 2022—June 2022

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Bill Bishopp on his birthday

Renate Bishopp

Emil Jerry Schnedar

Marilyn Schnedar

Florence Elsasser

Marion Ausmus

Shauna Fehr, daughter

Sharon and Gordon Morley

Doreen Woodley

Viola Stieb

Levi Wagner

Christine and Glenn Michalishen

Eileen and Wayne Carlson

Gertrude Satre

Thor and Margaret Kleiv

GIFTS IN HONOUR OF:

**All doctors, nurses, hospital workers
and chaplains who helped Saskatch-
ewan people during COVID 19**

Edwin & Miriam Loessin

**An Easter joy donation! With so
much appreciation for our Hospital
Chaplain!**

Rev. Allan Grundahl

**Eva & Al Shumaker's move to their
new home in Saskatoon**

Zion Ladies (Jansen)

Gratitude to Pastor Richard Engel

Christine and Glenn Michalishen

Richard Engel

Gordon & Illa Knudsen

Evelyn Schumacher



Donations received in honor or memory of a loved one are welcomed. If you would like the family to be informed of the donation, please provide name and address of who should be notified and an acknowledgement will be sent.

DID YOU KNOW ? ... that LuMinHoS is supported entirely through donations from faithful individuals, congregations and organizations who understand the importance of our ministry? **Donations can be made in several ways:**



Cheque sent by mail (donor's cost of postage and cheque)

E-transfer sent to info@luminhos.org at no cost to LuMinHoS or donor

Credit Card or Paypal (please be patient while the page loads)

Monthly PAR donations - minimal service charge by some financial institutions

Canada Helps - 3-4% cost to LuMinHoS at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/luminhos/>

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