



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Engel



Reflection Text: Matthew 6:25-34. ***"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*** Matthew 6:33-34

As I write this, LuMinHoS is in the midst of giving thanks to God for the unexpected success of our 6th Annual Walkathon. Since its creation, it raises a few to several thousand dollars annually. This year, donors like you helped us raise just \$5 shy of \$10,000! We are humbled by the generosity of Lutherans and their friends who helped us achieve this milestone.

The ministry of hospital chaplaincy is so vital for patients and family alike. It would be difficult to access compassionate and Spirit-filled care without it. In a situation where patients may not remember who their pastor is (due to trauma), or, if a patient is not well connected to a congregation, they would simply have no pastoral care available to them; the comfort and peace of Christ would not be proclaimed by a lay

visitor or chaplain at a time when they need to hear God's abundant love and grace the most.

The LuMinHoS Events and Communications committees announced the up-and-coming Oktoberfest fundraiser at the end of September. With anticipation, planning began on a high, waving a cautious yet confident 'good-bye' to the COVID-19 concerns of yesterday. Once October arrived, coughs and colds and bugs of every kind seemed to be everywhere. And, COVID continued to re-assert itself, reminding us that as much as we want to forget, it has not yet 'left the building.' Winter's abrupt appearance and the already shortening days, combined with other planning concerns for our Oktoberfest fundraising celebration, found some of us asking the question, "What do we do? What if Oktoberfest is not the success we want it to be for LuMinHoS?"

Jesus reminds us, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, [...] if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive

today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you? [...] Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." In our suffering and brokenness and worry, we all too often forget (or lose faith in) God's never-ending ability to love and care for us. Sending his Son to earth to reconcile the

world, we should know without a doubt God clothes us in love ... not because of what we can or

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Matthew 6:33

LuMinHoS Vision Statement:

LuMinHoS will present the comfort of Christ to all Lutheran patients admitted to Saskatoon hospitals.

cannot do . . . but in spite of our achievements and failures. God loves us and always meets us where we are.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the same, that we may fulfill Christ's command to love. And indeed, in this ministry, and, with our very lives, we endeavor to love as Christ loves. So, when we first seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness, it does not matter if, according to our standards, we succeed or fail. What matters most

to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is, do we know how well God clothes and cares for us so we may love ourselves and others as freely as He does? May we answer Christ's command, freed by the knowledge of God's unconditional love of us, calling us to love others just as unconditionally . . . in spite of impending failure or success. Thanks be to God. Amen!



THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR

Gord Martens

"When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'. The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25: 39-40

Fellow redeemed,

The above verses from Matt. 25 truly describe the ministry of LuMinHoS, evidenced by our Mission Statement: LuMinHoS is a **ministry of spiritual care** sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with Lutheran patients and their families in Saskatoon hospitals.

Every meeting of the Board, Committees or communication is viewed through this Mission Statement. We are dedicated to providing this care and ministering to each and every patient. We are blessed to be able to provide this ministry of our Lord. The feedback we receive from time to time reinforces the blessing our Chaplain's visits mean to these patients. It is our prayer that we may continue to provide this ministry in the name of and to the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

Our Chaplain provides this ministry daily, however there are many visits that could be well done by lay visitors. We are looking for Lutherans who would be willing to make visits to patients in hospitals

and, by doing this, it would free up our Chaplain to be available to respond to more urgent calls. If you would like to know more about this opportunity please contact Pastor Richard, or any board members. We offer full training and Pastor Richard will accompany any lay visitors until they feel comfortable doing this on their own.

At our Board meeting last week we had the opportunity to meet our new Board members. We have a very diverse group this year and I am excited to see what God has in store for us through these talented individuals. Praise God for His continued provision.

As always, please continue to lift up LuMinHoS to the throne of God on a regular basis. Prayer is a vital part of our ministry and we thank God for the

faithful prayer warriors in our Lutheran community.

As we near the end of the year (so soon!) I would encourage you to determine whether you can help our ministry by your financial gifts. Remember, by

donating before the end of the year you can save substantial taxes.

I wish for all of you a wonderful autumn as you prepare for the Christmas season.

To God be the Glory,
Gord Martens, Chair.

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- ♦ Individual donations;
- ♦ Church and Church group donations;
- ♦ Anonymous donations;
- ♦ Estate donations.

Today I want to recognize a very generous Estate donation from the Estate of Joan and Don Meyer in the amount of \$25,000. We are so thankful for the ways in which God has blessed us through Joan's tireless work in administrative

LuMinHoS is a ministry that depends wholly on donations from our loyal support family. This comes in forms such as:

support over the past number of years.

By remembering our ministry at LuMinHoS in the Estate designation, Joan and Don have carried on their support even through their Estate. We are grateful to the Meyer family for their thoughtful gift to our ministry and we will seek God's counsel as to the best way to use this gift.

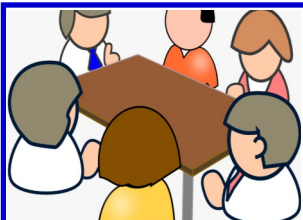
May God bless this gift to His glory, and may He continue to bless the Meyer family as they grieve the loss of both Don and Joan.

Your fellow Servant in Christ,
Gord Martens, Chair
LuMinHoS Board of Directors

LUMINHOS VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT 2023-24

We are in need of an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to our Chaplain.

This position entails attending the 4 board meetings yearly, certain committee meetings, recording minutes of these meetings. Also to assist in preparing Agendas for Board meetings and Annual General meetings. Time commitment would be about 5 - 10 hours per month. Please pray that someone might step up and fill this role. If you are interested, would like to know more about this role or know of someone who might be interested, please, contact our Board President Gord Martens 306.934.5914; 306.222.0539; gmartens@sentinelgroup.ca



LuMinHoS Events Committee is in immediate need of **CHAIRPERSON**. If you like to plan, enjoy working with a dedicated committee and have a heart for fund-raising for LuMinHoS, we would like to hear from you! Please, contact our Board President Gord Martens 306.934.5914; 306.222.0539; gmartens@sentinelgroup.ca or Renate Bishopp hisrib@sasktel.net.

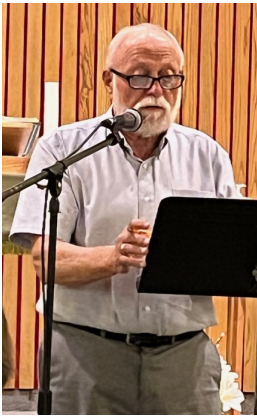


LAY VISITORS—Looking for a flexible and impactful volunteer opportunity in the wider church? Do you have experience or a desire to lift up those who are not feeling well? Then, prayerfully consider becoming a **lay visitor** with LuMinHoS – Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon!

LuMinHoS volunteers visit patients in Saskatoon hospitals and residents in Parkridge Center. Previous experience with hospital/care home visitation would be an asset. However, a willingness to learn the ministry of presence, and, a desire to share the comfort of Christ with others, are the only prerequisites! For more information, please contact Pastor Richard Engel, Hospital Chaplain, at 306 229 1663 (call or text). Or, email at chaplain@luminhos.org



Did you know? that LuMinHoS continues to be supported entirely through donations from faithful individuals, congregations and organizations who understand the importance of our ministry? Donations are thankfully received **online by e-transfer** to info@luminhos.org, through **credit card or Paypal**, through **Canada Helps** at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/luminhos> or **by mail** (cheques, money orders, or credit card information) sent to **PO Box 23019, RPO Market Mall, Saskatoon, SK S7J 5H3.**



The LuMinHoS 2023 AGM

The LuMinHoS 2023 AGM took place Sunday, September 10th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saskatoon. Board Chair Gord Martens opened and closed the meeting with inspiring vocal/guitar pieces. Information was reviewed and exchanged -- with gratefulness that we are in good financial standing at present due to some memorial gifts. Upcoming fund-raising events were highlighted. Chaplain Richard spoke about the ongoing blessings and challenges of the ministry as he offers the comfort of Christ to those hospitalized.

Thank you to the elected 2023-24 Board members (in alphabetical order): Rik Cherland, Hugh Farmer, Darin Felstrom, Coralie Geving, Ami Johnson, Gord Martens, Larry Mikulcik, Earl Nostbakken, Mary Ann Nostbakken and Murray Wagner.



WALK-A-THON 2023

A beautiful sunny morning greeted 21 walkers, anxious to get going. After a group photo Chaplain Richard sent us off with a scripture reading and a prayer. Doreen Baker had scouted out a new route: from Zion to Friendship Park and on toward the tennis courts. Not everyone made it that far but all agreed: it

was a wonderful walk on the Meewasin Trail along the river. We were not the only ones walking as there was a city-wide walk with walkers, all numbered. Our walkers were asked to check in after their walk was completed so that nobody was left behind. Del Mengerling, as always, supplied treats. Thanks, Del.

Del, Diane Korol and Lavina Carter looked after the monies which is always a big job. Lavina had an idea as to how to make it easier and it seemed to work. At the time of this writing, we totaled \$9,995.00, the most we have ever earned from a Walk-a-Thon.



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OKTOBERFEST

Eighty-five to ninety people were graciously welcomed at Zion Lutheran in Saskatoon for the LuMinHoS **OKTOBERFEST** Fun Fundraiser on the evening of October 28th. Organized and hosted by the LuMinHoS Events Committee, the evening was full of German cuisine, including Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Kuchen and more; theme and southern Gospel music by Slim Chance, aka Syl White; a silent auction and bake sale. LuMinHoS chairperson, Gord Martens, kept the evening flowing smoothly. Chaplain Richard Engel shared his experiences through “a week in the life of a hospital chaplain”. The Events Committee gives thanks to all who helped make this event of fundraising and fellowship happen and are also happy to report their discovery that Scandinavians love Sauerkraut too!

At the time of this printing, the total of funds raised had not been calculated. We look forward to future lively fun fundraisers as vital ways of connecting and supporting the full-time chaplaincy and LuMinHoS’ ministry of presenting the comfort of Christ and spiritual care with Lutheran patients, and their families, in Saskatoon hospitals.



TRIBUTE GIFTS

LEGACY GIFT

Estate Joan & Don Meyer

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Howard Wagner

Edna Rathgeber
Frieda Wagner
Kathy & Don Anweiler
Murray & Ferne Wagner
Del Mengerling
Ann Epp
Evelyn Dressler
Moiria Remmen
Renate Bishopp

Carole Porter Butcher

Thor & Margaret Kleiv

Diana Fast

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Helen Cocks

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Thomas Michael Cheriyan

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Stella Jess

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Miriam Loessin

GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

**50th Wedding Anniversary of
Dennis & Louise McBurney**
Zion Lutheran (Jansen)

**LuMinHoS Ministry
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Rev. Allan Grundahl



As we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we wait in hope and expectation. May this prayer remind you that our Lord waits for us to come, to see and to share his Light and Love!

Lord you wait for us
to come and see you.
You wait to shine light
where there is darkness,
To show love
where there is hate,
To share peace
where there is conflict.
Lord you wait for us
to come and see you.
You wait for us
to remember
what has been fulfilled,
to prepare
for what must still be done.
You wait in hope and expectation,
Longing for us
To shine your light,
To show your love,
To share your peace.

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