



LuMinHoS

Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon

BULLETIN OF REPORTS FOR 2024-2025

Annual General Meeting

Grace Lutheran, Saskatoon

7:00pm Sept. 14, 2025

Mission Statement

LuMinHoS is a ministry of spiritual care sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with Lutheran patients and their families in Saskatoon hospitals.

Vision Statement

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



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LUMINHOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 14,2025 7:00

Grace Lutheran 603 115 St. Saskatoon

2024 -2025 LuMinHoS Annual General Meeting Agenda September 14, 2025

Call to Order, Welcome and Introduction

Gord Martens, Chair

Richard Engel

- 1. Opening Devotions**
- 2. Motion for approval of Agenda**
- 3. Motion for approval of minutes of 2023– 2024 AGM**
- 4. Review of Reports**

4.1 Chair Person

Gord Martens

4.2 Chaplain

Richard Engel

5 Committees of the Board

5.1 Governance Committee

Rik Cherland

5.2 Finance Committee

5.3 Executive Committee

Gord Martens

5.4 Nominations Committee

Allan Grundahl

6. Volunteer Management Team

6.1 VMT

Harley Johnson

6.2 Visitation Committee

Allan Grundahl

6.3 Communications Committee

Brenda Jensen

6.4 Resource Development Committee

Gord Martens

6.5 Events Committee

Mary Ann Nostbakken

7. Motion to receive reports as presented

8. Financial Review for 2024

8.1 Review of Financial Statements from Cheryl Woloschuk

Gord Martens

Motion to approve the financial review to March 31, 2025 as prepared by Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA

8.2 Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2025 Fiscal year

Motion to appoint Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA to conduct the Review of the financial records and issue an unaudited review report for the year ending March 2026

9. Budget – Review of the Proposed Budget for 2025

Motion to approve the budget for 2025

10. Nominations Committee

Allan Grundahl

10.1 Election of Board Members

Gord Martens

11. Other Business

11.1 Upcoming Events – Walk-a-Thon Saturday, September 20, 2025

11.2 Gala 45th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser Sunday, Nov.2 at WDM in Saskatoon

12. Motion to Adjourn

13. Closing Prayer

Greg Palmer

1. **Call to Order:** As chairperson, Gord Martens welcomed all present, calling the Annual General Meeting to order with a quorum at 7:01pm.
2. **Opening Devotions:** Reading a portion of Psalm 50, Gord offered a few reflections focusing on vs. 15. Chaplain Engel was invited to lead in prayer.
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
M/S—H. Farmer/R. Bishopp, *that the Agenda be adopted as printed. C.*
4. **Approval of minutes** of 2022 – 2023 AGM:
M/S—E. Akre/H. Farmer, *that the AGM minutes of Sept. 10, 2023, be approved as distributed. C.*
5. **Review of Reports:** Prior to the meeting, reports were posted in August, 2024, on LuMinHoS website with email notice to all. Printed copies were also available to those attending.
 - 5.1 **President** – G. Martens noted his 'Chair Report' and extended further thanks to all Board members as well as Chaplain Engel for their steady and faithful work over the year. Further, he gave thanks to all who committee members and volunteers who tirelessly helped at essential tasks, especially as the search for some admin assistance continued.
 - 5.2 **Chaplain** –Chaplain Engel highlighted his written report, adding comments on requests for visits with patients at the Dube Mental Health facility. He further noted aspects of the follow-up provided to those discharged with encouragement that they connect with their home congregation where possible. He was especially grateful for the limited volunteer visitors offering help, and hoped more individuals would become available to help.
 - 5.3 **Committees of the Board**
 - 5.3.1 **Executive Committee** – Other than his written report, G. Martens noted that the early loss of 2 board individuals and most recently, C. Geving, severely limited any committee operation. He trusted new members would soon revive its work.
 - 5.3.2 **Governance Committee** – Murray Wagner highlighted his written report, underscoring the need to make all core documentation, to be readily accessible for guidance to all Board members and volunteers. Approved Policies needed to indicate the date adopted.
 - 5.3.3 **Finance Committee** – Dan Hagen outlined the work of Cheryl Woloschuk, noting the CRA updated directions that required input from a certified accountant. As well he thanked C. Geving, R. Litzenberg, E. Nostbakken, and G. Martens for their help in reviewing the most recent financial records and assisting in drafting a budget for the next fiscal year. With regret, he noted that Ms. Woloschuk was not able to be present tonight.

Agenda item 7.1 At the encouragement of the Chair, all present agreed to consider this upcoming agenda item at this point in the meeting. Dan Hagen highlighted key elements of last year's income and expenses. He clarified lines where variations had occurred, and noted the account's remarks on the year's final statement.

M/S—K. Harilstad/M-A. Nostbakken, *that the financial review for the year ending March 2024, as prepared by Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA, be approved. C.*
6. **Reports of Volunteer Management work:**
 - 6.1 **VMT Committee** No Report
 - 6.2 **Visitation Committee** –Pastor Allan Grundahl expanded on his written report.

He noted that 2 clergy were now designated to give coverage for our chaplain. One lay visitor was serving and another may soon also be available. He hoped added visitors may also be found to help.

6.3 Communications Committee –Brenda Jensen had provided her written report.

It summarized a notable range of the work undertaken. Members present voiced their great appreciation for all that had been accomplished and was being worked on, like the current circulation of the updated Display board and materials in area congregations.

6.4 Resource Development Committee – No report. Chair G. Martens noted the great need to rejuvenate this working group it was essential to our ongoing work.

6.5 Events Committee – In her written report Mary Ann Nostbakken summarized last year's events. She highlighted further those organized for the coming weeks, urging all members to support, pass on information and be involved in the upcoming events.

M/S—R. Bishopp/M-A. Nostbakken, *that all reports received be accepted as presented. C.*

7. Financial Review for 2023-2024:

7.1 Review of Financial Statements – By unanimous agreement, moved to **5.3.3**

7.2 Appointment of Financial Reviewer for 2024-2025 Fiscal year

M/S—D. Kendel/M-A. Nostbakken, *that Cheryl Woloschuk, CPA, conduct the Review of the financial records and issue an unaudited review report for the year ending March 2025. C.*

8. Budget: The Proposed Budget for 2024– 2025, formed in discussions of the Finance Committee, was presented by Dan Hagen.

M/S—M-A. Nostbakken/D. Hagen, *that the proposed 2024-2025 budget be adopted as presented. C.*

9. Nominations committee Report:

Members, Pastor Allan Grundahl and Renate Bishopp, offered this report noting that the Constitution allows for the Board to have between 5 and 12 members, each for a 2 year term with one half of its members elected alternate years. No limit has been placed on the number of terms to be served. When a partial term is filled, it is not considered as a full term. Chair Gord Martens noted that, where possible, a 12 member Board would be most beneficial.

Pastor A. Grundahl presented the names of 5 individuals for nomination to the 2 year terms (2024-2026) available:

-Harley Johnson (1st term)

-Dennis Kendel (1st term)

-Gregory Palmer (1st term)

-Janice Solem (1st term)

-Gord Martens (6th term)

9.1 Election of Board Members –

He called for any added nominations from those present. None were offered.

M/S—D. Hagen/R. Bishopp, *that the call for nominations be closed. C.*

Those individuals nominated were declared elected by acclamation.

Pastor A. Grundahl noted that the committee had not been aware of the resignation of C. Geving who had 1 year remaining in her term. A nomination was also greatly needed to be sought to fill her term, and perhaps 2 others to bring the Board to a full complement.

Heartfelt thanks were extended to those completing their terms of service.

-Hugh Farmer (2 terms)

-Darin Felstrom (4 terms)

-Coralie Geving (4 terms)

-Murray Wagner (2 terms)

Current Board members serving for a 2nd year of their term were noted:

-Larry Mikulcik (1st term)

-Earl Nostbakken (1st term)

-Mary-Ann Nostbakken (1st term)

-Rik Cherland (1st term)

9.2 Nominations committee members –

G. Martens thanked both members of the Nominations committee, asking if Reneta Bishopp and Allan Grundahl would be willing to serve another term. Both agreed. He called for nominations from members present. No further nominations were made.

M/S—E. Nostbakken /H. Farmer, *that the call for nominations to the Nominations committee be closed.* C.

The two members nominated were declared elected by acclamation.

10. Other Business:

10.1 Upcoming Events –

Mary-Ann Nostbakken noted the upcoming:

- The 'Annual LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon' will be held Saturday, September 21, 2024. Everyone who could come and join the walk, possibly obtaining sponsors, was encouraged to attend. Information was found on the organization's website.
- For Sunday evening, October 27, 2024, a Reformation Hymn Sing, is being organized for, at Faith Lutheran (Preston Ave.) This evening event will be held for all across congregations. An offering towards the ministry and work of LuMinHoS will be invited.
- As 2025 is the 45th Anniversary for LuMinHoS, tentative plans have begun to organize a Fall LuMinHoS Gala event. For this celebration an initial booking has been made at the Western Development Museum.

No Further business was brought forward.

11. Motion to Adjourn: (time: 8:25 p.m.)

M/S—A. Olson/M. Wagner, *that the meeting be adjourned with thanks to all who attended.* C.

12. Closing Prayer:

Chaplain Richard Engel was asked to lead in offering a closing prayer.

Minutes taken by: Rik Cherland, acting recording secretary

5. REVIEW OF REPORTS

5.1 CHAIR REPORT

Gord Martens

So far 2025 has been an interesting year with new opportunities, faithful giving, God's direction as we work with the SHA and of course, blessings of being able to continue to meet Lutheran patients in Saskatoon hospitals in an ever-changing landscape of regulations. In all of this we are constantly reminded that God is faithful – always.

As we continue to bring the peace and comforts of God's Word to the bedsides, we thank God for His leading and healing, not only physical healing but also healing of souls in a sin-sick world. Satan, our enemy continues to try to throw roadblocks in our path. We are so thankful for all the faithful prayers you as our fellow LuMinHoS community continue to raise up to the Throne of God on behalf of our ministry.

Although donations have been down this year, (and we hear this from all not-for-profit organizations), God has graciously enabled a generous Estate Gift from the Arthur Shaw Estate. We praise God for this wonderful gift which will enable to move through other doors God is opening for us. Pastor Richard, our Chaplain, is reporting that there is an ever-increasing opportunity for follow-up ministry for LuMinHoS. I feel that we are now able to discuss ways of addressing this need. Please include the board and our Chaplain in your prayers as we look for new ways to serve others in our ministry. Nearly half of the patients visited have no parish fellowship. Our enemy, the devil is trying to move souls away from the safe harbour of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our follow-up ministry will look at ways to help these folks back to worship in a community of believers.

As we look forward to another year of ministry, please continue to support LuMinHoS in prayer and financial support. The fields are indeed ripe for harvest.

God's richest Blessings,

Gord Martens, Chair

5.2 CHAPLAIN REPORT



Chaplain's Annual General Meeting Report

April 2024 to March 2025

Rev. Richard Engel, B.A., M.Div.



"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:15-17 ESV

April 2024 – March 2025 Visitations:

		Patients	Family
<u>Referrals</u>			
University Hospital/Children's Hospital/Dubé Centre	49%	750	355
for Mental Health:			90
Saskatoon City Hospital:	18%	277	66
St. Paul's Hospital	27%	422	207
Transfers to Hospice/Care Home/Parkridge	6%	97	25
Funerals/Memorials: 03			
Emergencies/Calls: 34			
Lay Visits:	118		
Totals:	100%	1546	653
			60

Summary

A total of 1546 patients were visited in this fiscal year (compared to 1109 last year and 1647 the year before). The percentages in blue indicate the distribution of hospitalized Lutherans throughout Saskatoon. Emergency calls returned to a normal level, compared to 12 last year and 30 the year before. Referral calls from Social Workers and Nurses at the Dube Mental Health Center remain significant. Care home visits increased substantially (from 19 to 97) due to a number of hospital patients who required an extended period of care after leaving the hospital. Some of the factors necessitating this were extended mental illness and little to no family/caregiver support.

Notable Chaplain Activities April 2024 – March 2025

Ongoing Facebook posts each month (at least one)

Ongoing work with the SHA Spiritual Care Working Group

Chaplains meetings and lunches three times a year

Attended board meetings, committee meetings as necessary

Meetings to discuss future collaborations with Parish Nursing

Attended at least 3 congregations hosting a LuMinHoS Sunday

**Orientation for 1 Lay Visitor and 1 cover chaplain, both who had to step away from these positions in 2025*

- *Wider church work: Co-led a men's group at Christ Church Anglican, April to June 2024
- *Coffee with the chaplain – chaplain led initiative to meet with 2023-24 board members, April to Aug. 2025
- *Work with Communications Committee on a new LuMinHoS informational brochure
- *ELCIC Saskatchewan Synod Convention, May 30 to June 1, 2024 – Provided LuMinHoS report at convention
 - *LuMinHoS Display at Convention – should consider at other Lutheran Conventions*
 - *For example, LutherCare Communities was present at the 2025 ELCIC National Convention*
- *Work with Governance Committee to update policies binder, August to November 2024
- *Initiated prayers '21 days of Walking with LuMinHoS' on Facebook to prepare for Walk-A-Thon
- *Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser September 21, 2024
- *Leadership Gathering in Moose Jaw September 29-October 1, 2024
- *Attended Installation of Bishop Ali Tote at Zion Lutheran Thanksgiving Weekend
- *Co-led lay visitor training for LuMinHoS and LutherCare Communities at Resurrection Lutheran
- *Guest speaker on 'Our Stigma,' a faith-based mental health podcast, December, 2024

Reflections on the 2024-25 Year

As mentioned in the summary, there was an increased need for visits and pastoral care to those in mental health crisis situations. There was also an uptick in acute care crises as well. I have found myself providing more advocacy for patients who have little to no supports in terms of family presence and financial resources. Both factors significantly reduce the options available to such patients. And what is available, I find myself communicating to them because they have not been informed. That said, I've also found myself advocating for patients with good supports. They sometimes fall through the cracks, and, like any patient, can become overwhelmed and overlooked in the hospital environment.

Time and again, the work spiritual care providers (St. Paul's Hospital), chaplains and lay visitors provide are integral to a patient's healing and well-being. I am consistently affirmed in this ministry every week, as patients and staff express their appreciation for our presence in hospitals. This provides me with much encouragement and hope, despite what I record below regarding new standards for recording a patient's religious preference.

Spiritual Care Working Group – New Interpretation of the Privacy Act

In 2023, after some meetings with hospital chaplains and, at the discretion of SHA volunteer services director Sheri Hillestad-Smith, this group was formed. It comprised of a few hospital chaplains and several health authority employees. Its aim, hospital chaplains were told, was to 'make spiritual care more accessible to all patients in acute facilities throughout Saskatchewan.'

What was not anticipated, was that those in the SHA responsible for interpreting the Privacy Act informed the group that retention of a patient's religious preference after discharge was an over-reaching interpretation of the act. In other words, retaining religious preference was re-interpreted as information that is no longer essential to a patient's file. A patient would have to re-declare their religious preference every time they are admitted to hospital.

This is now current practice, and it will impact the way LuMinHoS provides ministry. Saskatoon chaplains in the working group were led to believe training was going to take place to ensure staff would consistently ask the question. After implementation and some testing, the lists would be purged. The opposite happened.

As a result, all denominational chaplains find only a handful of patients on their lists. At the completion of this report, I continue to work towards responding to this recent change and learn how to reframe this setback as rather a learning curve and area of opportunity. God can and will lead in our discernment as we move forward, equipped by His Holy Spirit.

Acknowledgments

Once more, to all our board members, our committees, our volunteers, I say thanks be to God for your work. I express deep gratitude and appreciation for present and past board and committee members who continue to serve LuMinHoS in various capacities. Thank you for following God's call to you in this ministry. To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted by Chaplain Richard Engel

REPORTS - COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

5.3.1 Executive Committee

no report

5.3.2. Governance Committee – Policies and Procedures Report

The Terms of Reference for this LuMinHoS Committee direct it to “*assist the Board in the development of pertinent policies and strive to keep said policies current*”. It will “*also assist the Board in facilitating of the Strategic Planning process.*”

During the fall of 2024, Murray Wagner led the Committee to complete a review of a few core policy documents. With much thanks for the very essential help of our Chaplain, three documents were updated: the ‘Policies Related to the Chaplain’; the ‘Job Description and Responsibilities for the Chaplain’; and the ‘Obligations of the LuMinHoS Chaplain to the Sask Health Authority’. As these revisions came to completion, Murray Wagner ended his term, leadership and contributions to this committee’s work.

At its recent sessions of the 2025 year, Governance work continued by considering further aspects needed to finalize an effective and meaningful compilation of the ‘Policy & Procedures’. While asking all working committees of LuMinHoS to review their own ‘Terms of Reference’, the benefit in having all core documents follow a more established, clear style and organization was identified.

Harold Hesje joined the Governance deliberations noting that, some years earlier, an initial chart had been drafted, to visualize the working connections of all LuMinHoS bodies. He located an initial draft of this chart which was then adjusted to reflect the current situation. In addition, a ‘Forward – The Chair of the Board’ was drafted by Gord Martens. His excellent statement invites readers to understand all the policies and procedures presented in the light of the ongoing mission and essential role LuMinHoS serves in relation to all surrounding Lutheran congregations and the Health services. These elements, as well as forming a revamped ‘Table of Contents’, will hopefully make for a stronger readability and comprehension of the ‘Policy & Procedures’ materials. Together these aspects can strengthen their implementation and use in LuMinHoS workings.

In the year ahead, the Governance Committee looks to further its work in reviewing, adjusting and finalizing other aspects and items that make up the ‘Policy & Procedures’ materials. It continues to invite all other committees to review and offer any updates beneficial to their specific ‘Terms of Reference’. As to the Governance Committee, these ‘Terms...’ indicate up to 6 members are needed in its work. Only 4 have recently come to be working on this Committee. Hopefully added members can, in the coming year, be found to assist in advancing this work and the support of the LuMinHoS ministry.

Finally, the Governance Committee again urges the Board and all its Committees to consider and suggest added policies that might strengthen and further the workings and services provided by this organization as well as the safety of its workers.

Submitted by

Allan Hjelte Janice Solem Harold Hesje Rik Cherland

5.3.3. Finance Committee Report

LuMinHoS Finance Committee Report to AGM 2025.

Greetings friends of LuMinHoS.

This fiscal year has been a significant financial challenge for our ministry. Expenses were greater than the income we received by close to \$22,000..... That is the tough news.

The good news is that our God continues to be faithful. I am reminded again of this in Lamentations 3:22-23. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

At the beginning of this new fiscal year, we received a significant estate donation that will help to financially sustain our ministry. This gift along with donations from other individuals and estates, and the upcoming Western Development Museum gathering and fundraiser, will put this ministry on a solid financial footing once again. We continue to thank and praise the Lord for His provision.

By way of information, I stepped down from the treasurer role effective the end of June this year, and going forward will serve as a member of the finance committee.

I want to thank the members of our finance committee for their support and service in managing our finances. The committee members this past year are Gord Martens, Ron Litzenberger and Earl Nostbakken.

Blessings to all of you.

In Christ, and on behalf of the Finance Committee,

Dan Hagen

NOTE: A summary review of financial and auditor statements will be available and questions answered at the AGM.

6. REPORTS – VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

6.1. Volunteer Management Team

No report

6.2. Visitation Committee

"...and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

There's no better scripture verse for the Visitation Committee of LuMinHoS. Visiting all Lutheran patients in Saskatoon hospitals continues to be where our LuMinHoS ministry 'hits the road'. Sharing the Light of the Gospel through friendly presence, listening and voicing the Faith is the heart of this ministry...to present the comfort of Christ to all Lutheran patients in Saskatoon hospitals and their families.

Rev. Richard Engel, as our LuMinHoS Hospital Chaplain, makes most of the contacts with Lutherans in the hospitals. Through very informative monthly reports of his work, he not only indicates the numbers of people he has ministered to and referrals made to the pastors of patients, but he also describes the many activities he is often called on to handle, such as baptisms, funerals and meetings with hospital officials etc.

Lay Visitors are finally possible again! The Saskatchewan Health Authority has opened up lay visiting again and a few individuals have expressed interest. One is already assisting our chaplain. Training and orientation is provided for anyone interested.

Cover Chaplains are arranged during times when Pastor Richard needs to be away. Such persons must be approved by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. We are very thankful for those pastors who are willing to help this way.

Thanks so much for the prayers, support and cooperation from all involved with LuMinHoS hospital visiting.

Visiting in hospitals is a marvelous experience - and a very practical way to serve for many folks. If you have an interest, please contact me or our LuMinHoS Chaplain, Pastor Richard Engel.

Thanks be to God for the privilege of serving!

+ Allan Grundahl, LuMinHoS Visitation Committee Chair

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6.3. Communications Committee

The Communications Committee uses various communication channels to profile the organization and build understanding of LuMinHoS. We also support others working on behalf of LuMinHoS.

During this past year our committee met three times as a full group with much activity taking place between these meetings. Members include Elaine Akre, Pastor Allan Grundahl, Brenda Jensen, Elaine Leite, Yvonne Rowe, Board representative Larry Mikulcik, and Events Committee representative Mary Ann Nostbakken. We work closely with database administrator Lavina Carter. Pastor Rik Cherland also ably assisted our committee for part of the year as a Board representative.

The LuMinHoS **website** was regularly updated by Elaine Leite. The “What’s New” Home Page link takes viewers to the latest newsletter or updated Events listings. We invite feedback for future enhancements. Our **Facebook** page increases visibility of the ministry and assists in event promotion. It is also regularly utilized by Chaplain Richard.

Three editions of **The Caregiver**, our newsletter, were coordinated by Elaine Akre. Paper copies are prepared, for hand out or mailing, by available committee members and volunteers. Lavina Carter utilizes the database of email addresses to distribute the rest. Last year it was about a 50-50% split between paper versus emails. We continue to encourage supporters to sign up for email versions to reduce costs. All newsletters are also posted to the website.

The **Pamphlets** our chaplain hands out to patients--outlining LuMinHoS information and devotional material—are reviewed and re-printed as needed. A **PowerPoint Presentation** is available for use at events.

The **Display Board** was updated and used for a promotional table at the ELCIC Saskatchewan Synod convention May 30-June 1. Committee and Board member volunteers took shifts, answering questions and handing out revised LuMinHoS informational pamphlets and magnets. The Display Board was also rotated between congregations for two weeks at a time from May 2024 to early 2025. Pastor Allan Grundahl coordinated this rotation with the Congregational Representatives.

The **Saskatoon Lutheran Directory** is a service produced for clergy and churches. It was updated as needed and emailed out several times this past year by Pastor Allan Grundahl.

Pastor Allan Grundahl is the coordinator who oversees communication with pastors and our LuMinHoS **Congregational Representatives**. A full slate of Reps was once again achieved for local congregations. We continue to solicit congregational reps for churches outside Saskatoon in order to increase awareness of LuMinHoS for those who may find themselves in a Saskatoon hospital.

Outreach letters to rural congregations and pastors are sent out by Yvonne Rowe when Pastor Richard flags that he has visited one of their congregational members in hospital.

Our committee was able to support promotion of planned events this past year. We began using the Sask Synod Messenger online newsletter as well as our emails to pastors, congregations, and supporters. We were able to assist in the AGM preparations and promotion. We look forward to continued service and new opportunities to support the valued mission and vision of LuMinHoS.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Jensen

6.4. Resource Development Committee

No report

6.5. Events Committee

Mary Ann Nostbakken

Three events were organized by the events committee and came to successful completion since the last annual meeting with two more in the preparation stage happening in the near future.

September 21, 2024, fifteen walkers set out from Zion Lutheran on the annual walkathon through the beautiful River Landing area. Each wore an identification tag indicating a supporter of LuMinHoS, not just someone out for personal exercise. New friends were met; old friendships renewed in a refreshing activity.

Sunday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran hosted a Reformation Hymn-sing, a wonderful opportunity for congregational singing as encouraged by Martin Luther and other reformers. Testimonials were given by Cole & Jillian Guenter of Hague expressing appreciation for the visits of Chaplain Engel to them and their family member in hospital and a spontaneous expression of gratitude from Rev. Allan Grundahl for the support of a volunteer visitor when he was ill. Just over 60 people attended. A time of fellowship followed with coffee and tea provided by Faith Lutheran and goodies by committee members.

May 4, 2025, Redeemer Lutheran hosted a Music Mosaic featuring choir selections from Trinity, Zion & Redeemer Lutheran churches and other smaller ensembles from Good Shepherd, St. Paul's and St. John's, Warman Lutheran churches, interspersed by congregational hymns. The final surprise selection was a piano solo by Rev. Engel. Fellowship and refreshments followed provided by Redeemer women.

These past three events were generously supported by donations: Walk-a-Thon \$8765.00, Hymn Sing \$3489.90, Music Mosaic \$6250.00 totalling \$18,504.90! These are gifts that further the ongoing ministry of LuMinHoS.

This year's walkathon will take place on Saturday, September 20th. New this year is a trophy for the congregation raising the most funds. Winning congregation will be announced at the November 2 event.

On November 2, 5:30 p.m. a Gala 45th Anniversary Celebration (recognizing 45 years of Lutheran Hospital Ministry in Saskatoon) will be held at Western Development Museum. Founding members will be recognized. Attendees will feast on food & fellowship, shop for that perfect Christmas gift at a silent auction and enjoy music, including an opportunity to sing in a mass choir. Watch and listen for coming details.

7. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – 2024 Report

The **LuMinHoS Board of Directors** currently has 10 members, though the Constitution allows for the Board to be 5 to 12 members. A term is for 2 years. The number of terms which can be served is not limited. A partial term is not considered a full term since the Constitution or Bylaws do not provide any guidance.

This year there are 6 positions to fill – for which the Nominations Committee presents the following nominees, with their consent, in alphabetical order:

A: For a one-year Board term:

1. **Mary Ann Nostbakken** – through the 2026 AGM – 2nd Term

B: For two-year Board terms:

1. **Rev. Rik Cherland** – through the 2027 AGM – 2nd Term
2. **Rev. Sonje Finnestad** – through the 2027 AGM – 1st Term
3. **Rhea Galeschuk** – through the 2027 AGM – 1st Term
4. **Karen Harilstad** - through the 2027 AGM – 1st Term
5. **Larry Mikulcik** - through the 2027 AGM – 2nd Term

FYI, Continuing LuMinHoS Board Members, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Harley Johnson** – through the 2026 AGM – 1st Term
- **Gord Martens** – through the 2026 AGM – 6th Term
- **Gregory Palmer** – through the 2026 AGM – 1st Term
- **Janice Solem** – through the 2026 AGM – 1st Term

Grateful thanks to:

- **Coralie Geving** – for serving nearly four terms
- **Dr. Dennis Kendel** – for serving a partial term
- **Earl Nostbakken** – for serving one term

C. For the Nominations Committee until 2026 LuMinHoS AGM, the following names, with their consent, are presented:

- **Renate Bishopp** – Member at large
- **Allan Grundahl** – Volunteer Management Team (VMT) Rep required

In addition, the LuMinHoS Board appoints two Board members. The LuMinHoS President names the person to call the first meeting of the Nominations Committee)

Respectfully submitted, + Allan Grundahl, Nominations Committee Chair
together with Renate Bishopp and Mary Ann Nostbakken

PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY) 2024-25	DRAFT BUDGET 2025- 26
Income		
4010 · Donations - Anonymous	390.00	0.00
4015 · Walk-a-Thon Fundraising Income	8,715.00	9,000.00
4020 · Donations - Individuals	18,897.49	20,000.00
4030 · Donations - Memorials/Honours	9,156.98	12,000.00
4040 · Donations - Congregations	8,863.65	10,500.00
4050 · Donations - Women's Groups	2,800.00	2,800.00
4060 · Donations - Businesses	0.00	0.00
4070 · Received from Synods	10,520.73	10,500.00
4079 · Fundraising Event Proceeds	3,389.90	41,000.00
4090 · Recognition of Deferred Revenue	24,203.43	0.00
4375 · Bequests, Planned Giving	7,056.69	35,000.00
4440 · Interest Income	4,695.89	5,000.00
Total Income	98,689.76	145,800.00
Expense		
5290 · Conference/Convention Expense	580.15	500.00
5410 · Wages and Salaries	78,342.00	80,500.00
5415 · Supply Chaplain Expense	689.13	1,000.00
5420 · EI Expense	1,476.54	1,850.00
5430 · CPP Expense	3,136.76	3,160.00
5450 · Database Administrator	1,359.75	1,400.00
5455 · Bookkeeping	4,997.78	5,000.00
5460 · Insurance Expense	1,018.52	1,000.00
5470 · Employee Benefits Expense	16,612.03	17,600.00
5480 · Travel Expense	1,270.99	1,300.00
5485 · Telephone Expense	917.90	1,000.00
5610 · Accounting & Corporate Expense	2,604.00	2,700.00
5620 · Advertising Expense	854.11	250.00
5630 · Caregiver Newsletter Cost	1,347.48	1,400.00
5640 · Gifts/Honourariums	140.00	500.00
5650 · Fundraising Expense	0.00	16,000.00
5655 · Miscellaneous	96.18	0.00
5690 · Interest and Bank Charges	364.60	400.00
5691 · Payment Processing Fees	248.53	250.00
5700 · Office Supplies Expense	435.31	250.00
5725 · Meals Expense	188.46	200.00
5743 · Rent Expense	1,800.00	1,800.00
5745 · Postage Expense	1,489.22	1,500.00
5800 · Website	247.87	250.00
5810 · Database and Software Licensing	671.40	700.00
Total Expense	120,888.71	140,510.00
Net Income	-22,198.95	5,290.00