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MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

LuMinHoS will present the comfort of Christ to ALL Lutheran patients admitted to Saskatoon Hospitals

Hymn Sing 2014

will be held October 26 at 2:30 pm
at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church,
130 Kingsmere Place.

All Lutheran congregations are
invited to this LuMinHoS
fundraiser.

There will be a presentation by
Special Guest, Dr. Gordon Jensen:
*Where Luther lived and worked:
Snapshots from the past.*

Chaplain Ron Bestvater's Message: LuMinHoS

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This little verse has been called “the gospel in a nutshell”. In just a few words, this verse expresses the centre of the message of the Bible and the meaning of Jesus' life, death on the cross, and resurrection. The “belief” meant here is a combination of knowing who Jesus is, what he did and what it means, and trusting that belief where it matters most: wherever we are guilty, afraid of judgment, consequences, or violent acts, or ashamed of ourselves, either before God, our own criticism, or other people. Will we rely on our relationship with Jesus or will we try to fall back on rationalizations, self-

justifications, excuses, or the remembrance of the record of our other good deeds? Relying on our self is unbelief; we indulge unbelief any time we try to cancel out any wrongs we have committed or that have been committed against us by pointing to some good other than the goodness of God in giving Jesus, His only-begotten Son. Relying on Jesus for the forgiveness of sins is faith, and with faith—eternal life!

In his Explanations of “The 95 Theses” on “the power and efficacy of indulgences” Martin Luther wrote, “The true treasure of the church is the most holy

gospel of the glory and grace of God...it is the preaching of the incarnate Son of God, given to us without any merit on our part, for salvation and peace...a word of grace, a word of comfort, a word of joy, a voice of the bridegroom and the bride, a good word....Isaiah says, chapter 52 [:7], 'How beautiful...are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who publish peace...' “This is the mission of the Lutheran Care Society, and why we are now known as LuMinHos (luminous!): to be these “beautiful feet” bearing the treasure of the gospel, the light of Jesus Christ, in the Hospitals of Saskatoon.

At our AGM in May, the membership approved a new operating name LuMinHoS which is pronounced as it looks, except that the "H" is silent - "luminous". In all our presentations and in promotional material you will now see and hear us as LuMinHoS. Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals, Saskatoon are the words behind LuMinHoS, but more importantly the word means "reflecting or radiating light". That is what our Chaplain and volunteers do - they bring the "Light of Christ" into each and every hospital visit they make. The Lutheran Care Society will remain as the official (behind the scenes) name but if you are writing a cheque, sending something to us or remembering our work in your prayers, please use the new operating name LuMinHoS.

Co-Presidents' Message by Audrey Miller and Karen Heise



The weather certainly feels like fall, and Calgary has had lots of snow! It hardly seems possible that summer is over. Summer always seems to fly by. In our part of the world everything we do seems so closely connected to our seasons. It reminds us of Ecclesiastes 3 where we are reminded that there is a time for everything. Reading through this passage of scripture leads us to understand that life is a composite of joys and sorrows, loving and losing, giving and taking, sowing and harvesting. Our very

lives are often compared to the seasons as we age and grow wiser (perhaps!).

Nothing stays the same for long as the seasons change, whether the actual seasons or the seasons of our lives. Change is important if not always welcome. Children head back to school with some trepidation at what changes they will face. Farmers head into their fields wondering what the yield will be and undoubtedly they will be planning next year's sowing as they go. Our faith calls on us to face each day with the knowledge that whatever lies ahead, we are not alone, for He is with us always.

Pastor Ron and the ministry of caring provided through LuMinHoS find people who are often facing changes in their lives. Our ongoing support of this ministry provides

people with the reassurance that Christ is there for them. He is there through our joys and sorrows in all seasons. He is the one unchanging element of our being.

As you read the newsletter, you will meet our new board members! We celebrate their willingness to serve and we celebrate those board members who have served in the past and who continue to support this ministry through prayers and financial contributions. You will also read about the celebration of life for Esther Grant this summer, as Pastor Gene Grant lost his dear wife in August. Through all these changes we give thanks for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. May He continue to walk with you through the seasons of your life.

New Board Members



Faith Rohrbough

Faith E. Rohrbough came to Saskatoon eighteen years ago from Philadelphia where she had been Academic Dean and Vice President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She stepped into the Presidency of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, following Roger Nostbakken. During her time at LTS she also taught Canadian Lutheran History and the History of Women in the Church. She retired nine years ago and became particularly involved in Canadian Lutheran World Relief as well as the Foundation Board of LutherCare Communities.

She lives in Wolf Willow, the first Co-Housing project in Saskatoon and first such seniors' project in Canada.



Lowell Guebert

Lowell Guebert is one of our newest board members; "recycled" might be a better word. Pastor Gene Grant enlisted him back in the 80s for the board. Lowell also served as the second chaplain from 1985-1988 for what was then called the Lutheran Care Society.

A 1952 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Lowell served the Brooks-Duchess and the Claresholm-Vulcan parishes in Southern Alberta before being called to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saskatoon in 1959, where he served until his 3-yr term as Chaplain for the Lutheran Care Society. Officially he retired in 1994 after serving the Middle Lake parish for 6 years, although he has remained active in many branches of church work. As the Lord grants him strength, he has continued with the Lutheran Care Society, serving several brief assignments as relief Chaplain and now in May, 2014 becoming a board member again for LuMinHoS.

Lowell and his wife Phyllis (Lien) have six children, only one of them living in Saskatchewan. Philip, the only single in the crowd, lives in Outlook. The oldest son resides in Hinton, AB. The only daughter is married to Pastor Rick Chappell who serves in Westlock, AB. The other three all live in Calgary.



BOARD MEMBER CHANGES:

At our AGM in May, Gene Grant, James Dietrich and Lorence Peterson retired from the board.

Tribute to Gene and Esther Grant by Harold Hesje

2014 is a banner year for LuMinHoS, a year of looking back, looking forward and making changes. It's the year in which the organization's name was changed from "Lutheran Care Society" to "LuMinHoS". It's the year when the organization's structure was changed, and new people came on board to participate in and support the vital ministry of bringing spiritual care to people in hospitals.

2014 is a year when we pause to acknowledge that we would never be where we are now, were it not for the vision and foresight of stalwart leaders over the past 33 years. In this year of change we pay special tribute to a couple of those leaders: Gene and Esther Grant.

We are saddened by one change in 2014—the change that took Esther from this life, and into the next. She died on August 16,

2014. As our condolences go out to Gene and family, we remember the great contributions that both he and Esther have made to the life and vitality of the Lutheran Care Society (now LuMinHoS).

It was Gene's vision that brought the organization into existence in the first place, and it was the patient and caring support of the two of them that nurtured the organization along over its 33-year history as the Lutheran Care Society. Now, under the name LuMinHoS, the organization is poised to move forward—like a dream come true.

It is with deep love and gratitude that we remember the special contributions that Esther made over the years. She brought experience and knowledge from her professional career into the discussions and decision-making that formed and shaped LuMinHos. With her extensive

experience in many areas of nursing, including surgery, emergency, psychiatry and geriatrics, she saw the need for patients in hospitals to receive spiritual care, along with medical and surgical care. We can well imagine the dinner-time conversations between her and Gene where patient needs were discussed, resulting in action-steps to strengthen the ministry of LuMinHoS.

After retirement, Esther continued to support LuMinHoS in a variety of ways. Blessed be her memory! And thank you, Gene, for two things: for your own major contributions to the life and health of LuMinHoS, and for encouraging Esther to share her many talents with this care-giving organization. She continues to be an inspiration to many!



Esther Grant

Gene Grant

The Musical Mosaic was held on June 8th at Faith Lutheran Church. This year was a tribute to Pastor Gene Grant for his many years of dedicated service to the Lutheran Care Society. Many thanks to our speakers, Pastor Lowell Guebert, Bishop Allan Grundahl and Karen Heise for their insight into Pastor Gene's ministry, and to Pastor Harold Hesje for participating as our MC. The Musical Mosaic is intended to be a concert and many talented musicians were involved this year. We are very grateful to The Son Shine Gang: Gene Grant, Harold Hesje, Carol Brandt, Alice Berggren and Cheryl Mercier, the members of Grandmother's Chesterfield: Amy Timm, Andrew Linsley, Masato Shimokawa and Demara Wig, as well as soloists Elizabeth Schieman accompanied by Laura Neufeld and Rhianne Billard accompanied by Aaron Heise. Thank you also to everyone who attended; it was a very entertaining afternoon.

Have You Noticed...

In the past year there have been several changes at the Lutheran Care Society. Perhaps the most noticeable is the name change to LuMinHoS. There are new co-chairs for the Board, new Board members, and a newly formed Volunteer Management Team. All of these changes have been made for one purpose: to further the vision of presenting "the comfort of Christ to ALL Lutheran patients in Saskatoon hospitals". Now we need to ask your help.

To fulfill this very challenging vision, stewardship of resources is a top priority. In order to support the Board's leadership in this area, we ask you to consider the following:

- Help us to reach more people by encouraging your church to distribute the newsletter to the entire congregation electronically.
- Sign up for electronic distribution of the newsletter. For cost-saving purposes, the newsletter will only be published twice a year. The costs of mailing the newsletter have risen dramatically with the increase in postage to \$1.00. Along with paper, printing, labels, envelopes and postage the average cost of one newsletter is approximately \$1.25. If you want to help save this cost, please forward your email address to Ruth Bachiu at vrbachiu@sasktel.net or Barb Lemon at gblemon@sasktel.net.
- Consider making regular donations. There are two new opportunities to make this an easy option for you. You can sign up for monthly donations through your bank using PAD (pre-authorized donation). Contact any Board member to receive a copy of the enrolment form. Donate online through the Canada Helps website under the former name of Lutheran Care Society.

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Donations for LuMinHoS may be mailed to: LuMinHoS, PO Box 23019, RPO Market Mall, Saskatoon, SK S7J 5H3

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Esther Grant

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Ken & Margareth Peterson

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Audrey Miller

Jim & Karen Hopkins

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Harold & Elaine Hesje

Linda & Robert Jarock

Hilda Anderson

Allan Grundahl

Karen Heise

Ev Schumacher

Faith Rohrbough

In Memory of Ewald Draeger

Monica & Bryan Johnson

Albert Shumaker & Eva Elke

Art & Sandra Cey

Ev Schumacher

In Memory of Anny Jensen

Violet Van Allen

In Memory of Pauline Derr

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In Memory of Sylvia Clarke

Violet Van Allen

In Memory Of Chuck Goretcke

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Florence Wudrick & Family

In Memory of Robert Heise

Verna Pogoda

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Ev Schumacher

In memory of Grandson

Ashley Van Allen

Violet Van Allen

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Elizabeth Brewer

In Memory of Albert Hosegood

Ruth Hosegood

In Celebration of Dorothy Reimer's 80th Birthday

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In Memory of Bill & Shirley Heise

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Elenora Wruck

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