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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*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

to our friends and donors for supporting this hospital ministry. Your donations are presently supplying 90% of a full chaplain's salary. We hope you will understand that, in order to save on the high cost of postage, we will send receipts only at the end of the year, rather than after each donation.

Chaplain Ron Bestvater's Message: LuMinHoS

Crumbs of the Living Bread—Our Little Blue Flyer

The other day I handed out one of our scripture flyers to a man who had been hospitalized for many weeks. During that time he had literally come back from the brink of the grave. We had visited numerous times over the course of his hospitalization, often praying, just as often being interrupted before we could pray together. This particular day there was no opportunity for prayer. The pastoral topic was unusual for hospital care. "How do you get paid?" he had asked when I came into his space. "From good will donations by people who get better, like you!" I had replied. "Trouble is, I don't have any money!" he said. "God seems to work it all out," I assured him, "because some people do have some money." "How do they know where to send it?" he asked. So I handed him the flyer. "It has the address on the back," I showed him. But he noticed the Twenty-Third Psalm, and the Lord's Prayer, and the picture of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and he immediately began devouring the Word. When I bade farewell, he didn't even look up. Once again, the assurance we need is provided: how our little flyer might just sometimes be used as a crumb of the living "bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (See The Gospel of John 6:33)

Background to gift in memory of Bonnie Hande submitted by her husband, D'Arcy Hande

My late wife Bonnie was one of the earliest volunteers with the Lutheran Care Society; a 1983 volunteer recognition certificate, signed by Gene Grant and Elsie Hannon, still hangs framed on our wall. While she was in good health, Bonnie faithfully shared her warmth and kindness with many fellow Lutherans in Saskatoon hospitals.

Then her fortunes changed and her health began a steady decline for

the next 30 years. She became a resident of Parkridge nursing home in 1990 and passed away in February 2014. How she treasured those who reached out and ministered to her over that long time of personal struggle! God bless the pastors and volunteers who came to her side and offered words of comfort and encouragement.

Through a former member of the LuMinHos board, I was reintroduced

to Lutheran hospital ministry shortly after Bonnie's passing. I have a real empathy for those I visit with every week, especially those whose health is precarious and who are fearful of what the future holds. I hope and pray that my donation in memory of Bonnie will help cover some of the more tangible costs in this vital ministry.

Co-Presidents' Message by Audrey Miller and Karen Heise



Where does your inspiration come from? The answer to that question probably changes from day to day, depending on your mood or circumstance. It might be the tenacity seen in the efforts of a small child to master a new task, or the ability of someone you know to stay strong in faith when life challenges look overwhelming. It might be a kind word, a piece of music, a walk in God's great outdoors, a piece of scripture, a Rider win!!, or the personal touch of another human being. Whatever it is, we all need to be inspired! We need to be

reminded that life is full of good things.

The world scene can be so overwhelming that we can very easily feel hopeless and uninspired! Boatloads of refugees demand a safe place to exist, news regarding financial crises bombards us, violent crimes occur in our own neighborhoods, and politicians berate each other in the wake of a federal election.

God reaches out to us in moments of inspiration and in moments of despair. He is there to walk with us each and every day. "God rests on our eyelids" says Jewish Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "but we are too busy to notice".

LuMinHoS wants God's presence to be felt by those who find themselves in hospital.... to maybe find a way to help patients and their families

eyelids be heavy with God's presence! Pastor Ron ministers to these people and their families during some very difficult times. It can be dark days for many and that is when it is so important to have the light of Christ brought into the hospital by Pastor Ron and all our volunteer visitors. Thank you to our donors for helping make this happen and to all volunteers who continue to support and inspire! May all our eyelids be heavy with God's presence and may we continue to bless others with the "comfort of Christ" both in hospital visits and in encouragement with one another!

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Audrey Miller and Karen Heise

Introducing Dr. Robert Bugbee, guest speaker for November 1st Reformation Afternoon of Music

Dr. Robert Bugbee has been president of Lutheran Church—Canada since his first election in 2008. Since 2010 Pastor Bugbee also serves as Vice-Chairman of the International Lutheran Council, a global association of confessional Lutheran church bodies.

A native of Ohio, President Bugbee earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in German language and literature from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, in 1977. A portion of his undergraduate studies took place at the University of Bonn, Germany. In 1981 he earned the Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. During his seminary career he also participated in an exchange program

with the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany. In 2010, the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, awarded him the degree Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*.

As LCC's national bishop, President Bugbee has traveled and spoken extensively, both in Canada and abroad. He writes regularly for *The Canadian Lutheran* magazine, and has been a contributor to *Tägliche Andachten* and *Concordia Pulpit Resources*. He is strongly concerned with the strengthening of local congregations through a vigorous and faithful pastoral ministry, with primary emphasis on clear Biblical preaching and teaching. Prior to accepting the call to serve as LCC

President, Rev. Bugbee served in various congregations and positions, both in Canada and the USA.

His home is Winnipeg but frequent travel takes him way from his wife Gail. Their union was blessed with four children.



Reverend Ron Bestvater and Dr. Robert Bugbee

Reformation Afternoon of Music
Sunday, November 1st, 2:30 p.m.,
Redeemer Lutheran Church,
812 Preston Avenue, Saskatoon
An afternoon of musical celebration and
inspiration. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Bugbee,
President, Lutheran Church-Canada

Music Mosaic and LuMinHoS Picnic

The annual Musical Mosaic was held on Sunday, April 19 at Augustana Lutheran Church. We would like to thank Faith Lutheran's Choir, Alice Olson, Christina Gerhardt & Amy Timm, Josh Timm, the Son Shine Gang and Pastor Bestvater for an enlightening and entertaining afternoon. A special thank you to Augustana (and to those who provided baking) for refreshments after the program.

LuMinHoS held its first old-fashioned picnic on July 26 at Bergheim Community Center. About 50 people were present on a beautiful sunny afternoon. We all enjoyed hotdogs and/or hamburgers, ice cream cones and of course PIE. Horseshoes were the game of choice and fun was had by all.



The Sunshine Gang – Musical Mosaic



Wendy Stevenson serving at the picnic

SAVE THE DATE

Reformation Afternoon of Music

Sunday, November 1st, 2:30 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Details on page 2.

Holiday Coffee House, hosted by LuMinHoS.

Saturday, December 5

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Tickets will be available at the door.

Further information to follow.

Annual LuMinHoS Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Manhattan Ballroom

Further information to follow.

Regular Monthly Giving

submitted by Faith Rohrbough

LuMinHoS is very grateful to the many people who have continued to give on a regular basis to the Lutheran Hospital Chaplaincy here in Saskatoon. For many years the Chaplain was on 50% time and was paid accordingly. Over the past three years we have become aware that Pastor Ron is giving full time ministry but we have not been able to pay him for all his work.

The LuMinHoS board set a goal three years ago of finding the funding to move Pastor Ron to a full time salary. Last year we were able to reach an interim goal of 75% and had hoped this year to increase that to 100%. But in looking at a potential budget for 2015-16 we could come up with money for only a 90% salary. We were short \$7,000 from being able to reach our goal.

We are eager to find a dozen people who would be willing to pledge \$50 a month for the next year to enable us to be able to fund full time ministry. That extra \$600 per month would help us in two ways. It would enable us to pay Pastor Ron for the work that he does, it would also guarantee a monthly income that would help LuMinHoS to get through the lean times of the year. Many people make their donations toward the end of the fiscal year. Getting gifts anytime is helpful. But there are monthly salary checks that need to be written all year long. Help us to ensure that we have the money to issue those checks each month. Become a monthly donor—either by sending us a check or signing up with PAD (Pre-authorized Donations) where your monthly gift is deducted directly from your bank account. Get in touch with LuMinHoS for further information at treaslcmm@yahoo.ca.

NEW LuMinHoS DONOR CARDS

submitted by Faith Rohrbough

New LuMinHoS donor cards are now available for those who would like to make a gift to our hospital chaplaincy. The cards may be used for general donations or for making gifts 'In Memory' or 'In Honour' of a particular person. The card has place for persons to give their email address if they would like to receive the LuMinHoS newsletter via email. As well, there is space to indicate if you wish your name to remain anonymous.

There is also the opportunity to indicate if one wants information on donating investments, on estate seminars as well as make monthly donations by pre-authorized debit (PAD).

Donor cards (see image on page 4) and envelopes will be available at all LuMinHoS events as well as in most Lutheran Churches in the Saskatoon area. If someone would like cards and envelopes to have available at other events, such as funerals, please be in touch with LuMinHoS secretary, Margaret Hall. Her phone number is 306-249-0541 (leave a message); her email is margierose@sasktel.net.



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