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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

The Gift of Deeper Faith

Jesus said to [Peter], "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." John 21:18

Faith in Christ for me has been mostly about possibilities, new adventures, the power of forgiveness creating new possibilities out of the ashes of dead relationships, healing of body and mind and soul in order to work and minister and play. Christ leading me, all of us, the whole creation, out of bondage to sin and death and evil into the future kingdom of God. But my understanding is changing. The changes perhaps are due to aging; perhaps even more so to the wisdom graciously shared with me by people who are struggling with chronic illnesses. How they live faithfully and graciously with the limitations of their failing health; how they live patiently and hopefully in the confinement of failing strength; how they live prayerfully and expectantly in the small circle of their room, their chair, the routine of their care. I glimpse a deeper dimension to the Christian faith in their faith, and sense I have much, much more to learn and far, far deeper to go in this walk with Christ we call "faith."

Just after Jesus said these words to Peter, John the gospel writer adds a comment: "This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God. And after this he said to him, 'Follow me.'" Follow me when the limitations after a severe attack of illness reduce the possibilities of life drastically. Follow me when confinement because of frailty restricts your mobility to fixed paths in the room. Follow me when there are no choices, only decisions made for you by others. Jesus can only say "Follow me" because he himself has led the way through even these circumstances: being girded by others in a purple robe and a crown of thorns, being led where he did not wish to go, The Lord of All Creation being confined in a small space... these are the images of the Good Friday story. Even when we need help moving from the chair to the bed, Jesus is still leading us, and in leading us, still and perhaps even more than ever before, providing guidance and grounding and inspiration and the glimpse of deep faith to feed others who follow Jesus too.

As it is in the small circles of the church, so I think it is in the Great Circles of the Church too. We too are learning to live faithfully and graciously with limitations of time and treasure, our failing health; to live patiently and hopefully in the confinement of restricted opportunities, our failing strength; to live prayerfully and expectantly within the diminishing circles of our congregations and denominations, our failing influence. It is a sober moment, when we learn that faith in Christ is not all about new possibilities. But it is also a moment of holy joy, for we see that He does not fail us, most certainly not now when we are becoming ever more like him and ever closer to him on the way of the cross.

God bless us all with the gift of deeper faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Co-Presidents' Message by Audrey Miller and Karen Heise



It may still be winter, but can spring be far away? Many snowbirds are poised to return to the beauty and slush of

spring in Saskatchewan. We are so blessed!

It is that time of year when organizations are looking at their finances and are preparing budgets for the coming fiscal year. LuMinHoS is doing just that, and although we have had many blessings in our organization, we expect a shortfall this year. At our AGM last year we made the bold move to increase our Chaplain's compensation from 75% to 90% as the compensation definitely didn't represent the time our chaplain puts in even at 90%. Oh if we could only go forward blindly without having to be fiscally responsible! Alas, reality makes us good stewards and challenges us to do things in different ways!

We have had many opportunities to meet for fellowship and community, thanks to our Events Committee and Reformation 500 Committee. We have enjoyed a good old-fashioned summer picnic, coffeehouse and bake sale, dinner and silent auction, a clergy and volunteer appreciation breakfast, a Reformation 500 commemorative

Reformation 500

On Sunday, November 1st, Lutherans from a cross-section of synods and church bodies gathered at Redeemer Lutheran Church for a wonderful afternoon of inspiration and commemoration. This year's gathering, in preparation for the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation, was highlighted by a message from Reverend Dr. Robert Bugbee, President of the Lutheran Church –Canada. Dr. Bugbee focussed on the relevance of the Reformation in today's world, emphasizing the need for a personal relationship with Christ and a deep familiarity with God's Word. "Solus Christus", Christ alone was one of Luther's main tenets and must still inform our lives of faith. The afternoon included music from the Faith Lutheran Church Choir, Good Shepherd Lutheran's handbell choir, and the Joy Singers from St. John's Lutheran church in Warman. The afternoon ended with a time of fellowship in the

event and more! Thanks to all the people who have worked behind the scenes to fulfill the mission and goals of LuMinHoS and to Pastor Ron who carries the torch each and every day.

This morning on the TV morning show, there was a piece about a new group that is forming in Saskatoon. It's called "100 men who give a damn" and the idea is so simple (check it out at 100mensaskatoon.com)! Every three months 100 men (or more) get together and donate \$100 to a selected local charity. It's amazing how people come up with new ways of doing things! Here's our challenge....are there 100 Lutherans who would donate \$100 to address our shortfall this year before our fiscal year end of March 31, 2016? Actually, we only need 98 as Karen and Audrey are already in!! Have you done the math? One hundred people can make a huge difference! If you can't make this commitment, challenge someone you know. Spread the word (or the Word!) before March 31. Thanks so much for your financial, spiritual and prayerful support.

2Corinthians 5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Parish Hall, with coffee provided by Redeemer Lutheran Church Women.

Plans are also in progress for a commemoration of the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation on October 28th, 2017. The gala event will include a banquet which will be held at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. Watch your church bulletins for announcements concerning LuMinHoS events.

Pictured below from left:

Chaplain Ron Bestvater, Dr. Robert Bugbee, Bishop Sid Haugen



LuMinHoS Community Events

An Advent Coffee House and bake sale was held on Dec. 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran. We sang Christmas carols, led by Denise Timm and accompanied by Anya Pogorelova along with coffee and assorted baked desserts. But the most fun was discovering the goods at the bake sale and who had donated which item. Thank you to all who attended and brought baking, whether it was to enjoy that evening or was intended to be sold, it was all very good.



Around 30 volunteers and clergy attended the annual LuMinHoS thank-you breakfast for clergy and volunteers on January 12th at the Luther Heights dining room. Pastor Gene Grant entertained with a revision of an old hymn changed to LuMinHoS Star and everyone was thanked for being stars in helping make LuMinHoS shine within our three hospitals. Thanks to Renate and Alice from the board for organizing this event, and to all those who worked on the updated Lutheran directory, which was handed out at the breakfast.



Our Fundraiser dinner and silent auction was held at the Manhattan Dance Hall on Jan. 30. Many thanks need to be extended to everyone who donated items for the silent auction, there was a wide variety of things to peruse and bid on, including some men's clothing items donated by Mr. Atch and Sons, several pieces of artwork, several wood carvings donated by Henry Wichert and Emil Brehm, jams, jelly and syrups, and of course Del's cinnamon buns. Dinner was home made by Wendy Stevenson and we enjoyed roast beef, chicken in dill sauce, roast potatoes and a variety of salads. We would like to sincerely thank Mr. David Kirton for being our MC for the evening. The star of our silent auction was a genuine polar bear rug donated by Joan Cole-Heine. Thank you also to everyone who attended and helped make the evening a success.



Three volunteers are needed

to be nominees for the 10-member LuMinHoS Board – 2 year term - normally meets 4 times a year - sets policy and direction while other committees do most of the ground-work - a good learning opportunity to see the total ministry of our Lutheran Hospital Chaplaincy.

Committee members are also welcome

Visitation - Communications - Event Planning - Reformation events - Resource Development - Nominations. Choose what interests you!

Contact Allan Grundahl at 306 244-3748 or allgrundahl@gmail.com

Upcoming events

Musical Mosaic and Sunday School Picnic – details TBA.

Mark your calendars now for May 1, 2016, the date for **LuMinHoS Annual General Meeting and potluck**. The potluck starts at 5PM followed by the meeting. The location will be confirmed by way of your church bulletins and e-mails.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Nathan Grundahl

Renate & William Bishopp
Faith Rohrbough
Audrey & Ed Miller
Diana Fast
Karen Heise
Vern & Ruth Bachiu
Marion Hopkins
Joan Hopkins
Margaret Hall
Ev Schumacher
Harold & Elaine Hesje
Allan Grundahl

In Memory of Vic Zapf

Ken & Marie Ebbert
Ron & Elaine Walter
Linda Warner
Ken & Margareth Peterson
Albert & Joyce Schmidt
Sharon & Gordon Morley
Ida Carlson
Mel & Linda Warner
Judith Prociuk
Lorraine Kriskhka
Audrey Gronsdahl
Thomas & Geraldine Healey
Eileen & Wayne Carlson
Eileen Hippe
Clara Hoffart
Bob & Sylvia Aebig

In Memory of George Faber

June Faber

In Memory of Esther Grant

Ev Schumacher

In Memory of Ed Wudrick

Florence Wudrick

In Memory of Sylvan Skarsgard

Lovina Walper
Doreen Skarsgard

In Memory of Rev. Curtis Satre

Harley & Ami Johnson

In Memory of Dr. George Evenson

Sandra Sawatsky

In Memory of Olga Huber

Jim & Donna Gash
Dave & Carol Huber

In Memory of Richard Schindelka

Elizabeth Schindelka

In Memory of Fred Schindel

Gladys Schindel

In Memory of Wayne Hall

Margaret Hall

In Memory of Walter Jess

Stella Jess

In Memory of Ivar Harilstad

Ken & Margareth Peterson

In Memory of Esther Grant

Ev Schumacher

In Memory of Petra Jensen

Violet Van Allen

In Memory of Elizabeth Jensen

Violet Van Allen

In Memory of Ronald Luebke

Joan Luebke

In Memory of All Who Have Gone Ahead of Us, Parents & Siblings

Bill & Marilyn Neufeld

In Memory of Cliff Koroll

Delores Mengerling

In Memory of Victor & Pauline

Derr

Philip & Kim Johnson

In Memory of Ashley Van Allen

Violet Van Allen

In Memory of Gordon Read

Betty Read

In Memory of Charles Brewer

Betty Brewer

In Memory of Allan Hosegood

Ruth Hosegood

In Memory of Marie Hartz

Renata Bishopp

In Memory of Lori Leniuk

Walter & Della Stevenson

In Memory of Thormo Jensen

Violet Van Allen

In Memory of Gertie Hoehn

Brian & Barb Galger

In Memory of Erwin Hoehn

W.L.Cone

In Memory of Gerald Schaan

Marylou Schaan

In Memory of Peder & Ingrid Tanjerd

Ivor & Mildred Moen

In Memory of Peter & Margit Moen

Ivor & Mildred Moen

In Memory of Cezar Heine

Joan Cole-Heine

In Memory of Bill & Shirley Heise

Karen Heise

In Memory of Bob Heise

Karen Heise

In Memory of Earl & Emma Aebig

Diana Fast & Family

In Memory of Thomas Michael Cheriyan

Shauna, Marc & Anna Cheriyan
Arvid & Carol Andvaag

In Memory of Ernie Belke

Ev Schumacher
Mildred Kerber

In Honour of Pastor Ron Bestvater

Walter & Donelda Klinger
Faith Lutheran Parish, Outlook
Diane Dietz
Hans Karstens Endowment

In Honour of Pastor David Hunter

Diana Fast

In Honour of Gene Grant

Faith Rohrbough

In Honour of Ed & Ev Schultz 60th Wedding Anniversary

Anonymous

In Honour of Angie Tysseland & Rev. Alfred Tysseland

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