

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

Dear Friends in Christ;

We praise and thank God for your commitment and support for this crucial Ministry. Our Chaplain and trained visitors meet daily with fellow Lutherans in Saskatoon hospitals, sharing the comfort of Christ and the assurance of forgiveness through Christ.

We are **excited about the future of our ministry**. God has continued to open doors for us to minister to the sick and dying. I would like to share some of this exciting news.

- In 2018 we began a **follow-up program** for our hospital visitations. Nearly half of the patients visited were not in fellowship with a church. We introduced a six-month follow-up with these folks, with their permission, to help them **re-establish regular fellowship with a Lutheran church** in their community if possible, or with a Christian church in their community if no Lutheran fellowship is available. This program is now beginning to show results.
- We are very excited to see the opening of the new **Jim Pattison Children's hospital** in Saskatoon. This opens a new ministry opportunity for LuMinHoS. This new ministry will require specific training for visitors in visiting children and sharing God's promises on their level.
- Since the closure of the Spiritual Care departments in our hospitals, patients are no longer asked about religious affiliation or their desire to have a visit from a Chaplain. Although has changed our ability to access names of Lutheran patients somewhat, God has graciously allowed us to continue our visitations. LuMinHoS has been in preliminary discussions to assist Lutheran groups in other cities in the province to set up Chaplaincy services in their hospitals. While this is still in the infant stages, it does offer us a wonderful opportunity to expand the ministry further.
- All of these exciting Ministry opportunities are opening the need to expand our ministry, and we are reaching out to you, our faithful and committed supporters, to consider partnering with us with your continuing prayers as well as financially supporting our ministry. As Christmas approaches **please consider a generous donation** to LuMinHoS as we strive to fulfill our mandate to minister to those who are sick and dying.

Donations made online, by mail, in person, or at one of our events are gratefully appreciated. Check out our website at www.luminhos.org for more information.

Your fellow servant in Christ



Gord Martens, Chair LuMinHoS



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