



### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Rev. Richard Engel*

***"I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk."***

*-from 'Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar' (Acts 3:6)*

The miracles Luke writes about in Acts are amazing! As we read through them, the Holy Spirit can breathe the gift of faith into us and equip us to proclaim the risen Son of God again and again. At the same time, I am also reminded of the humorous and cautionary words spoken by the guest preacher at my ordination. As I would soon make my ordination vows and celebrate that milestone, he reminded me that in ministry, I would not be able to turn water into wine (the humour). I was, of course, called to imitate Christ, not take his place (the caution).

The faith Peter and the first disciples possess in Acts (and the miracles they performed) certainly echo Christ's words to them in Matthew 21:22, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." As we read on, Peter gives glory to God through the crucified and risen Christ time and time again. He pointed to Christ, just as John the Baptist had before him. To continually point to the healing power of love made known to us in Christ flings the door wide open to endless opportunities to love and serve our neighbours.

Trouble is, we all tend to look for the opportunity to perform 'water to wine' miracles. Or, at least something that glistens with awe and wonder, like Peter's healing of the crippled beggar. Oh, how we all at times clamour to be a god in God's place! We'd be wise to regularly read and contemplate on the first commandment God gave us, "You shall

have no other gods." We all need to be told from time to time, "Faithful servant, you cannot turn water into wine."

The miracles of God's love, witnessed at patients' bedsides, may seem unfit to compare with the wondrous miracles told in Acts. Rest assured, they brightly glisten nonetheless. And often, we who visit in the hospitals, are unaware of the miracles God performs through us as we visit. But, every now and again, we are . . . in the most unlikely spaces of hospital rooms throughout Saskatoon.

Thank you all for your support of this ministry. Forty years and counting is truly a miracle of faith! Continue to pray for us as we prepare for the gradual re-opening of our hospital worship spaces; for our hospital volunteers and lay visitors' return. A prayer petition for them is included in this newsletter, as are several others to complement the prayers included in the last edition. They can all be found on our website. I encourage you to pray them with me. May the miracles and wonders of God's love abound as we pray. For, "whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Amen.



Rev. Richard Engel, Chaplain  
Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon

### LuMinHoS Vision Statement:

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

## Save the Date for our 3rd Annual September 18, 2021



10:00am

Gather at Zion Lutheran  
323 4th Ave S, Saskatoon  
Watch for coming details

## Advance Notice!

As we move through the hopeful lifting of various Covid restrictions, the Events Committee is looking forward again to being able to plan exciting fundraising events – beginning with our **2021 Walk-a-thon!**

**Plan to be part of our walk-a-thon on Saturday, September 18, 2021.** Please mark your calendar and join in the beautiful walk along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. Current Covid precautions will be taken.

Whether or not you decide to walk in person or do a virtual walk, LuMinHoS looks forward to your generous donations. More detailed information will be provided by email, on Facebook and on our website.

**Did you know ...** that LuMinHoS is supported entirely through donations from faithful individuals, congregations and organizations who understand the importance of our ministry? Donations can be made in several ways:

**Online:** ▶ by e-transfer to [info@luminhos.org](mailto:info@luminhos.org) ▶ by credit card or Paypal  
▶ through Canada Helps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/luminhos/>  
**By Mail to PO Box 23019, RPO Market Mall, Saskatoon, SK S7J 5H3**

**You can also assist us** in using LuMinHoS resources wisely by signing up to receive future newsletters and other LuMinHoS mailings by email. Simply email [info@luminhos.org](mailto:info@luminhos.org) with **CAREGIVER by EMAIL** in the subject line to indicate this. Thank you for your support.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



be found on our website, at [www.luminhos.org](http://www.luminhos.org)

*Please pray with us! Acknowledging the importance and power of prayer as taught by Jesus, LuMinHoS Chair Gord Martens and Chaplain Richard Engel, invite you to pray through one or more of the petitions each day. A full list of prayer petitions can*

For lab technicians and workers, who collect and test samples from us for our continued health and well-being; that, O God, you watch over them in their work each day.

For support staff and nurses at COVID-19 testing sites in our province; encourage and equip them in their work as vehicles in the lines wax and wane.

For support staff, nurses, and pharmacists at vaccination sites throughout the province; encourage and equip them in their work as they go about their day.

For Ambulance and STARS EMT's, security and police officers who often find themselves working for the safety of patients and staff in our hospitals, we pray for their well-being and safety as they work. We also pray for the dispatchers who dispatch them, often to unsafe situations.

For those who have made handheld wooden crosses for our ministry in the past; giving thanks for Ross and Henry. Their work created a ministry unto itself. We give thanks for Tim, who currently makes the crosses, for they bless those who receive them today.

For the residents and staff at Parkridge Center Long Term Care facility, where our chaplain will soon be able to visit again and provide Lutheran worship services once more.

For LuMinHoS visitation volunteers, who may soon be allowed to resume visitation in the hospitals, that God may renew them, equip them and encourage them as they return.

*"Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

March 2021– June 2021

### GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

#### Bill Neufeld

Thor & Margaret Kleiv

#### Bill Neufeld, Marie Wagner & Pat Kauk

Howard and Frieda Wagner

#### Bob Heise

Walter & Annette Heise

#### Charlie Theilman

Carol Theilman

#### Clarence Bendig

Anne Bendig

#### Edith Kobie / Kelly O'Leary

Wayne Kobie

#### Emil Jerry Schnedar

Marilyn Schnedar

#### Harry Johnson

JoAnn & Barrie Bergsma

Thor & Margaret Kleiv

#### Helen Hoeflicker

Shirley & Edward Kasdorf

#### Karl Wagner

Arlene Wagner

#### Len Welk

Shirley Welk

#### Lowell Erlandson

Isabel Erlandson

#### Reinhold Propp

Margaret Propp

#### Rev. Gene Grant

William (Laurie) & Elizabeth Cone

#### Robbie G.L. Tastad

George & Alice Tastad

#### Rosie Rusu & Katharina Boa

Marjorie & Gary Rusu

#### Stella & Pat Allenback

Donald Allenback

#### Vi Grafslund - Vi Van Allen

Janet Welch

#### Yvonne Littlecrow

David Littlecrow

#### William (Bill) Bishopp

Rev. Hugh & Angie Farmer

Barrie Meissner & Sandra Schultz

Bonnie Miles

C. Patti Pfeifer

Clara Zirk

Coralie Geving

Diana Fast

Dolores & Donald Ebert

Edna Rathgeber

Eric & Marian Johnston

Eunice Koehler

Evelyn Mackay

Howard & Frieda Wagner

Loreen Biliske

Margaret Hall

Margo Linsley

Marie Ebbert

Martha Hoffman

Maynard & Connie Haukeness

Moira Remmen

Renate Bishopp

Sandra & Roger Pederson

### GIFTS IN HONOUR OF:

#### Ron Bestvater

Paul & Laura Van Loon

Donations received in honor or memory of a loved one are welcomed. If you would like the family to be informed of the donation, please provide name and address of who should be notified and an acknowledgement will be sent.



The **LuMinHoS 2021 AGM** held by Zoom, Sunday, June 27th, was a time to review the past year and give thanks to God for continued financial and prayer support and LuMinHoS Pastor Richard's ongoing ministry to patients and their families, especially throughout Covid times and challenges!

**Thank you** to the elected 2021-2022 Board members (in alphabetical order): **Renate Bishopp, Hugh Farmer, Darin Felstrom, Coralie Geving, Dan Hagen, Gord Martens, Del Mengerling, Rob Tomiyama, Sylvia Unrau, Murray Wagner.**

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