



Ensuring the availability of ELCA spiritual care for patients at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

This pastor's perspective...

She is someone familiar. Perhaps you've seen her face on an LCO newsletter. Maybe you met her at Synod Assembly. Or maybe she has preached at your congregation or given a presentation to your women's group. I'm speaking of Chaplain Cindy Breed, of course, LCO chaplain at the UI Hospitals and Clinics. What a comfort and relief to know that she will be there for you if you need her at UIHC!

Many years ago I landed at UI Hospitals and Clinics in a crisis of my own. It was an extremely challenging time for me and my family, full of many fears and unknowns. We were far from home and feeling very alone. Sadly, we received no contact from our church community in the three months we were in Iowa City. This was before I became a pastor and before I had a clue about this ministry. So you can imagine how much it meant then to discover there was a chaplain at UIHC who was *Lutheran*— something familiar in this strange place! Here was someone who spoke the same 'spiritual language', and was someone who, we learned, would be there for the duration, supporting us and walking with us through the healing process. It was such a gift to be a recipient of this ministry.

Today it is Chaplain Breed and LCO who carry on this gift and ministry; and I am honored to be a part of the effort, offering support and serving on this board. But we can't do it alone. We need you, too! You can be a partner in this ministry and a part of this gift. Your support and your advocacy for LCO will help spread the word so others may know about this ministry and become familiar with the chaplain too. Your financial support will help ensure that this gift and ministry will endure, that the ELCA chaplain will continue to be there, someone familiar who will offer support, prayer, and pastoral presence to all Lutherans in need at UIHC.

Rev. Lynn T. Thiede
Secretary, LCO Board of Directors

Scholarship

LCO is holding funds designated for scholarships for rostered pastors seeking clinical pastoral education. See our web site, <http://www.lcoiowa.org> for the criteria for application for these funds. .

President's Message

I am very pleased with the progress we have made in my first year as President of the LCO Board of Directors. We had and continue to have many challenges before us in our efforts to support an ELCA chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Our major goal is to get the ELCA chaplain position to full time. We have not been able to do this yet because our financial situation is not strong enough.

One of our challenges is to expand our board of directors as we have lots of initiatives to carry out. We need help! We are searching for:


- an individual to shepherd our newsletters,
- an individual who has grant-writing experience as we expand this avenue of funding,
- individuals who will help build relationships with congregations through conversations and visits and
- individuals who will share testimonials about our ministry.

On the bright side, gratefully:

- Our financial situation at the present time is stable as we continue to investigate additional sources of funding.
- We have already received one grant that has been very welcome.
- We approved UIHC hiring Chaplain Breed one-quarter time as an interdenominational chaplain for six months until UIHC can re-establish the chaplain residency program.

Please continue to be a partner with prayers and financial support for the ELCA Chaplaincy at UIHC.

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MISSION: To provide spiritual care to patients, relatives and hospital staff at The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic (UIHC). And, to provide consultation to UIHC staff, ELCA pastors, and congregations. It is a shared partnership with pastors and congregations.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Sponsors Newsletter

The Johnson County Iowa chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has partnered with us on this newsletter. Volunteers record their time and Thrivent matches the hours with funds to make this newsletter available.

We want to remind you of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans **Thrivent Choice®** program. Those of you who are Thrivent members will be able to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach. We have received donations of Thrivent Choice Dollars from a number of our supporters.

Eligibility for Choice Dollars will be based on a benefit member's ownership of life insurance, health insurance, and annuities as well as volunteer leadership. Owners of investment products other than annuities are not eligible. Most eligible benefit members are able to direct between \$25 and \$100, and some may be able to direct as much as \$500.

These Thrivent Choice Dollars are available throughout the year. Thrivent members will need to login to Thrivent.com or talk to a Thrivent representative to distribute these gifts. We ask that you prayerfully consider designating all or part of these Thrivent Choice Dollars gifts to Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach.

We also urge you to discuss the possibility of doing a joint project with your Thrivent county chapter. We at LCO would be happy to discuss possibilities with your chapter leaders.

*Warren Boe
Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors*

See our web site at lcoiowa.org

(THANKS to Warren Boe for serving as Web Master for our site.)

Partnership....

No matter what congregation I've served in Iowa, the chaplain from Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach filled in and provided support to parishioner and family when I could not. I am so appreciative and have felt so blessed to have this service available. And my parishioners have reported back about the wonderful pastoral care they received from the chaplain of LCO.

*Rev. Jane S. Keel
Charles City, IA*

Gratefully Received

Over the past 6 years **your** gifts, prayers, words of encouragement and support have provided positive motivation to the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Chaplain and all of the volunteers of this organization.

We continue to see our partnership with local pastors increasing while bridging the communication and ministry chasms between patients, families, local congregations and UIHC staff.

By your generous giving, we continue to provide a called and ordained ELCA Chaplain

For all that you have given to LCO, we want to express our **Thanks**

*Bill Penix
Member, LCO Resource Development Committee*

Synod Happenings:

Members of the LCO Board of Directors were able to attend to synod assemblies this spring.

Southeastern Iowa Synod

The Southeastern Iowa Synod assembly was held on May 20 and 21 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Board Members Val Lembke and Pr Lynn T. Thiede attended and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with delegates, pastors and visitors.

Those recognized for ordination anniversaries included Chaplain Cindy and Pastor Edward Breed who celebrated their 25th anniversary of ordination.. Congratulations Cindy!

Northern Illinois Synod

The Northern Illinois Synod assembly was held on June 17 and 18 on the campus of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Vice President, Jan Pohl and Treasurer, Warren Boe attended and were pleased to have the opportunity to introduce Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach to the delegates, pastors and visitors.

It is always interesting and exciting for the members of the board to hear stories of what the ministry of the ELCA Chaplain at UIHC has meant to some of the people who stop at the display. We are also grateful for the chance to visit people from congregations who partner with us in this vital ministry.

*Val Lembke
Member, LCO Board of Directors*

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Finance Report

The entries in the table below provide a picture of the financial status of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach for the first half of 2011. I have included a comparison with the first half of 2010 as well as the income and expense for all of last year.

Item	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	Annual 2010
Income	\$43,921	\$29,389	\$63,214
Expenses	\$36670	\$34,196	\$65,595

% '11 to Annual 2010	% '10 to Annual 2010
69%	46%
56%	52%

You can see that we have already achieved a higher % of last year's annual income during the first half of 2011. Our expenses remain about what they were last year with the increase primarily because of a small salary increase we gave to Chaplain Breed plus the expenses of publicizing her presence at UIHC. We had volunteers in the exhibit area of the Southeast Iowa Synod assembly and the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. All expenses associated with these exhibits were covered by the volunteers. We very much appreciate their efforts on behalf of LCO .

Warren Boe
Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors

In her own words... continued

I give thanks for the current LCO Board members, the LCO Resource Development Committee, and the LCO Chaplain Care Committee: Frank Scamman, Jan Pohl, Lynn Thiede, Warren Boe, Phil Borleske, Val Lembke, Ray Runkel, Bill Dyar, Bill Penix, Mark Pries, Gayla Crosmer, Jeannette Clayton, and Linda Livingston. And to those who have served LCO in the past: Karl Divine-Koch, Bruce Maurer, Gloria Strickert, Cathy Soppe, Kathleen Renquist, Roy Nilsen, Denny Haugen, Gaylor Nelson, Carol Mahnke, Al Kruse, Bob Githens, Darryl Ahnemann, Mark Urlaub, Carolyn Martin, Cinda Hathaway, Brian Gentz, Kim Groninga, Brenda Peconge, David Young, Orla Nelson, and Don Feuerhak.

I am overwhelmed when I think of all these people, working together, accomplishing the goal of ensuring



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the existence of the Lutheran chaplaincy ministry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and as a result, enabling me to serve in this ministry. God is good, and to God I give thanks!

Chaplain Cindy Breed

Partnership....

... with LCO is Prayer for the Ministry!

In her own words...



The city of Iowa City had a "Thanksgiving in July" City-wide Food Drive. "Thanksgiving in July" struck a chord with me. It is interesting how we think in November about giving thanks for blessings we have received, and we miss the spirit of thanksgiving at other times of the year.

As I sit in my (newly painted – purple!) office at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, I reflect and give thanks for all of the people in my life who have made it possible for me to serve in this ELCA chaplain position for almost 15 years.

I am grateful to receive a "call" to be a chaplain and to have received excellent chaplaincy training under the mentorship of P. Michael Carlson, the late Merton Fish, and Lyle Greiner. I give thanks for Ray Runkel, who was instrumental in my certification process and who hired me in 1997 as the LSS chaplain at UIHC (and who presently serves on the LCO Board of Directors). To Ray, Roy Olson, Jim Knutson, Larry Shostrom, and Noelle Andrew who have served as my supervisors, I give thanks.

I am eternally grateful to that group of pastors and others who, in 2004 when the funding for this position ceased, were adamant about keeping an ELCA Chaplain at UIHC, and who worked toward that goal. The chief cheerleader and motivator for this movement was the late Pr. Leif Pohl. Former Bishop Phil Hougen committed staff time to help the organizational process, and appointed then Assistant to the Bishop Pr. Kathy Gerking to expedite this organization and came up with the name Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach.

And, since then, there have been many people who have worked in the organization of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach. But, before I name these people, I want to recognize the scores of people, lay and clergy alike, who continue to support this ministry through financial gifts, prayers, encouragement, and give referrals to me. And, I am grateful to those patients and families who let me into their lives at the most difficult and vulnerable times, to share God's word and presence, and to walk the difficult journey of sickness and health with them.

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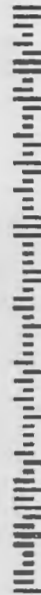
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