



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

## *Your Chaplain at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics ...*

Chaplain Cindy Breed is *your* chaplain at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), an important and beneficial partner in ministry for you and your congregations. It means a lot to me as a pastor to know she is already there, ready to comfort and accompany my parishioners at UIHC when I can't be there. I know that I can call Chaplain Cindy to alert her when a parishioner will be a patient, or that a parishioner may directly contact her themselves, and then know that she will meet them and accompany them through their ordeal.

If you have scheduled surgeries or procedures, let her know ahead of time and she can meet you there – especially at times when it is often difficult for your pastor to be there – like pre-surgery, which is usually scheduled for early morning times.

With a patient's permission, she will also help them to contact me, keep me informed of their condition, and then help me discern an appropriate time to schedule my own visit with them.

Utilizing this partnership helps pastors and congregations to be better stewards of their time and finances. Of course we can't always predict when we'll be in need of our chaplain. But when that need arises, how grateful we are she's there. Whether emergency or a scheduled visit, don't hesitate to contact her – she's there for you.

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

## *Partnership....*

*... with LCO is Prayer for the Ministry!*

## *President's Message*

Blessings and peace be to you all.

The theme for this newsletter is "Back to School." As LCO has its annual Board of Directors meeting in August, this is a great time to look forward. But to see where we are going, we must look back where we have come from.

With Fund Raising Consultant, Bill Dyar's assistance, we have started a campaign asking congregations to devote ½ of 1% of their annual budgets to LCO. We have created a brochure and contacted churches in this effort. We have a new member of the Board, Norm Doeden, and he has hit the ground running. We have awarded our first Chaplaincy Scholarship Award to a chaplaincy student with Iowa connections. Looking for other students, we have made contact with Wartburg Seminary. The process of affiliation with Lutheran Services in America is underway and we are looking for congregations to sponsor us in this effort. And, thanks to you all, we finished last year in the black! As you can see, we have lots of unfinished business that will keep us quite busy in this new year.

Please pray for the mission of LCO to provide an ELCA chaplain at UIHC and, as always, send your contributions.

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**Prayer:**

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” – James 5:15-16

Facing a breast cancer diagnosis last fall, my mother, Claudia J. Horick of Iowa City, Iowa was scheduled for a mastectomy surgery in early December of 2011 at the University of Iowa Hospitals. My mother and I were anxiously awaiting the doctor’s instructions in a pre-op exam room when we received an unexpected but welcomed visit from the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Chaplain, Cindy Breed.

After introductions were exchanged, she gently inquired whether she could offer a word of prayer before my mother’s surgery. “Yes, that would be wonderful, if you would pray...” my mother enthusiastically responded. The Chaplain proceeded to invite the two doctors present in the exam room and myself to join hands in a prayer circle surrounding my mother.

We recited the Lord’s prayer together and then she offered additional prayers for the skillful hands and discernment of the doctors, nurses and those additional people attending my mom during her surgery. Chaplain Breed, also prayed for courage, strength and healing in my mother’s recovery following surgery. I was moved to tears by Chaplain Breed’s beautifully recited prayers, what a powerful testimony of faith.

Recently, my mother and I reflected on that experience in the exam room when prayers were lifted up on her behalf, we remember that we both felt at peace following Chaplain Breed’s prayers. I also feel, that the fact that Chaplain Breed showed up in my mother’s exam room uninvited at that precise moment was not just a coincidence (something left to chance) but what I fondly refer to as a “God-ci-dence” (something left to God’s perfect timing and not to chance).

I have always felt that prayer is an opportunity to talk and to listen to God. Sometimes prayer is an

individual conversation between you and God where you can share your joys and needs and listen for God’s guidance and wisdom. At times, prayer can take place in the midst of the community and involves everyone present lifting up the joys and concerns of all God’s people. We are thankful for the prayers, love and support displayed by Chaplain Breed and the U of Iowa Hospital staff at the time of my mom’s surgery. In addition, we are truly grateful for the work of the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Organization.

Martin Luther, an iconic figure of the Protestant Reformation once said, “Pray and Let God worry.” Luther’s simple quote rings with truth and is a great reminder for us all!

*Joan E. Horick-Rasmussen  
Mount Vernon, Iowa*

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## **2012 Synod Assemblies**

One or more members of the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Board of Directors attended each of the synod assemblies in Iowa and Northern Illinois. We hope you were able to stop by our display if you attended one of the meetings and chat with our board members.

The three synods in Iowa held assemblies April or June 2012. Synod reports reflect both a tremendous sense of loss as they dealt with the impact of congregations who have chosen to leave the ELCA and a genuine sense of recommitment as we now move forward. Highlights of the assemblies included launching the ELCA Malaria Campaign, sharing stories of the support of companion congregations in Tanzania, and the election of voting members who will attend the 2013 churchwide assembly.



## **Partnership....**

*... with LCO is Sharing the need for this Ministry with others!*

## **Website Report**

LCO has also introduced a new, possibly more convenient, way to make your gift to support the ELCA chaplain at UIHC. We are offering the ability to send a contribution to us using your PayPal account, or your credit or debit card. Just go to the Contributions page on our website, [lcoiowa.org](http://lcoiowa.org) and click on the button for the amount that you would like to give. We are working with PayPal to offer this service and we hope that it will make it more convenient to make your contributions to LCO. To make a gift in this way, go to the web site <http://lcoiowa.edu> and click on Support LCO from the menu at the left side of the page, and follow the instructions there.

*Warren Boe  
Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors*

### ***In her own words...— Continued***

it might be cancer. But there was a spirit of hope and trust, as they experienced the love and care of God surrounding them and working through the medical staff. Michael himself embodied a sense of peace.

Why Michael stays in my mind is that Michael is only 15. He grew up in the church, attended Sunday School and was confirmed, has taught Sunday School and serves as assisting minister in worship. A special highlight of his summer is attending church camp. Michael is a member of a community of faith, and is surrounded by the prayers of that community. He knows what it means to have Christ's spirit within him, to live in the promises of God and in the light of the Resurrection. It is a part of his life, actually the center of his life, and he shines with the fullness of his relationship with God in all that he does.

When Michael was leaving to go home after his surgery, we had a prayer of thanksgiving for a successful surgery, and the news that the tumor was benign.

I wonder if Michael knows how he touches people by his faith...

And I wonder if our faith and trust in God touch others with God's love...



### **OUTREACH**

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### ***Partnership....***

*... with LCO is Ensuring that this Ministry Continues well  
into the Future with Our Gifts!*



***In her own words...  
Chaplain Cindy Breed***

Summertime provides opportunities for renewal and refreshment.

In July I had the opportunity to go on a week-long retreat at Prairiewoods, a wonderful, life-giving Franciscan retreat center in Hiawatha IA (which is

a community next to Cedar Rapids). It is a beautiful place with deer and birds and flowers, woodlands and prairies. The retreat, "Nurturing the Sacred Within", did just that. It was an opportunity for me to acknowledge the personal, all-encompassing presence of God, and to connect anew with the Divine that is within me, that is within all of us.

This past weekend I attended the Gathering of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA. It is a gathering I have been attending for the last few years. It is a community of women who gather to support some another in their faith journeys, affirm and use their gifts to "promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world." It is awesome to be with these women who are so passionate to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own special and unique ways.

University Hospitals doesn't have a summer. Things are pretty much the same day by day, month by month, season by season. A common aspect of people I meet is that they have lost a sense of who they are, of "whose" they are/ They are out of touch with God who is within them. And, being in the hospital, they are alone and are separated from their support communities of family, friends, and congregation.

But then, there are patients like Michael (name and other facts changed to protect privacy), who is so in touch with God and connected with the church that he is a witness to active, vital faith. I met Michael before his surgery, surgery for a tumor. He and his many family members were frightened that

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## ***Givers since August 1, 2011***

Below is a list of individuals, WELCAs and churches who have generously given at least one contribution to LCO in the last year. We appreciate so much the generosity of the people who are helping to provide us with the means to continue to provide an ELCA chaplain at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>
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Melvin & Shirley Warneke	Norway
Paul & Dianne Werger	Iowa City
Bradley & Lisa Wherry	Wyoming
Madge White	Lost Nation
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John and Erma Wolf	Brandon
Richard and Elnora Woline	Mount Pleasant
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Pastor Sharon Worthington	Des Moines
Dorothy Zelle	Waverly
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<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
Samuel Evangelical Lutheran Church	Eagle Grove
Highland Lutheran Church	Elgin
Littleport Lutheran Church Hope	Elkader
First Lutheran Church	Fairfield
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Garnavillo
Faith Lutheran Church	Garner
Lake Lutheran Church -	Goldfield
Bethel Lutheran Church	Graettinger
Bethel Lutheran Church	Grand Mound
St. Johns Lutheran Church	Grand Mound
St. Peter Lutheran Church	Greene
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Guttenberg
Trinity Lutheran Church	Hawkeye
Zion Lutheran Church	Hudson
Palestine	Huxley
American Lutheran Church	Jesup
Bethesda Lutheran Church	Jewell
First Ev. Lutheran Church	Keokuk
Zion Lutheran Church	La Porte City
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Lansing
Trinity Lutheran Church	Linn Grove
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Lost Nation
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Lost Nation
First Lutheran Church	Maquoketa
Elim Lutheran Church	Marshalltown
St. Paul Lutheran Church	Maynard
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Monticello
Grace Lutheran Church	Muscatine
St. John Lutheran Church	Nashua
Trinity Lutheran Church	New Hampton
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Newton
Zion Lutheran Church	Oelwein
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church	Perry
Trinity Lutheran Church	Pleasant Valley
St. Peter's Lutheran Church	Pocahontas
Zion Lutheran Church	Radcliffe
St. James Lutheran Church	Rock Island
Lost Island Lutheran Church	Ruthven
Peace Lutheran Church	Ryan
Faith Lutheran Church	Shell Rock
St. Paul Lutheran Church	State Center
St. John	Sumner
St. Peters Lutheran Church	Sumner
St. John's Lutheran Church	Tama
Trinity Lutheran Church	Tipton
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Volga
Trinity Lutheran Church	Walford
St. Ansgars Lutheran Church	Waterloo
Trinity American Lutheran Church	Waterloo
Zion Lutheran Church	Waterloo
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School	Waverly
Peace Lutheran Church	West Burlington
Zion Lutheran Church	West Union
St. John's Lutheran Church	Woden
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church	Wyoming

**Women of the ELCA groups who have contributed over the past year:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>
Women of the ELCA	City
Trinity Lutheran Church	Akron
St. James Lutheran Church	Allison
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	Anamosa
Faith Lutheran Church	Andover
St. John Lutheran Church	Arlington
St. John Lutheran Church	Bellevue
St. Olaf Lutheran Church	Belmond
Trinity Lutheran Church	Belmond
Calmar Lutheran Church	Calmar
Bethlem Lutheran Church	Cedar Falls
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Zion Lutheran Church	Clear Lake
Chancy Lutheran Church	Clinton
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Clinton
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church	Clinton
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**The churches who have contributed over the past year include:**

<u>Church</u>	<u>City</u>
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Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Anamosa
Faith Lutheran Church	Andover
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Cedar Falls
Fredsville Lutheran Church	Cedar Falls
St. John American Lutheran Church	Cedar Falls
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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Cedar Rapids
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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Iowa City
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Zion Lutheran Church	Muscatine
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St. John Lutheran Church	Olin
St. John's Lutheran Church	Preston
Zion Lutheran Church	Radcliffe
Salem Lutheran Church	Spragueville
St. Andrew Lutheran Church	Sully
Swedesburg Lutheran Church	Swedesburg
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	Tipton
St. Stephen Lutheran Church	Urbandale
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Vinton
Trinity Lutheran Church	Walford
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Washington
Trinity American Lutheran Church	Waterloo
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church	Waterloo
Bethany Lutheran Church	West Branch

Lutheran Church of Hope	West Des Moines
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	West Liberty
Zion American Lutheran Church	Wyoming

***Thrivent Choice Givers***

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. We have been very appreciative of those of you who have chosen to have your choice dollars sent to us. It is very welcome support.

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 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.

Below is a list of people who have given to us through the Thrivent Choice program in the last year.

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# **Mission Statement of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach**

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A Lutheran Chaplain has been providing ministry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for over 30 years. Pastor Cindy Breed has served as ELCA Chaplain since January 1997. Funding for an ELCA Chaplain became the responsibility of a non-profit board, Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach (LCO), in 2005.

Currently, the organization Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach (LCO) is the sole financial support for ELCA chaplaincy ministry through the contributions of congregations, individuals and organizations. It plans to continue to support this ministry of an ELCA Chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) well into the future.

**With your Partnership in prayer for the ministry and financial support for LCO an ELCA Chaplain will be ministering to patients, relatives and staff at UIHC for many years to come.**