

Now we are five!

Think of all we could accomplish with another \$30,000 to \$35,000! And what better time than a birthday to contemplate the future?

The ELCA chaplain's position at UIHC would be comfortably fulltime. In time we could work with ELCA seminaries on chaplaincy internships and scholarships for ELCA seminarians and pastors doing clinical pastoral education (CPE) residencies.

With statewide support from ELCA congregations, we might begin to field chaplaincies in other Iowa hospitals that are centers for trauma care.

Some day we might sponsor an annual conference on spiritual care led by doctors and chaplains best known for their collaboration in faith and healing, drawing medical and religious professionals as well as lay people from throughout the nation and the world.

Dreaming isn't easy in today's economic climate. But we settle for too little if we neglect our dreams. Like non-profit organizations throughout the country, LCO has seen its resources shrink. In October we had received only 40 percent of what had been contributed by the same time in 2008. We needed to have taken in 75 percent by that time.

With \$80,000 income each year as can fully fund the position of ELCA Chaplain at the University of Iowa. We could easily do that with the support of a fraction of the budgets of the Southeastern Iowa Synod's churches. With similar support from congregations throughout Iowa's other two synods and in northern Illinois we could realize dreams such as those outlined above.

Five years ago we began our efforts to keep a Lutheran chaplain available to Lutherans (and others) who, because of medical crises, face life-changing and often life-ending events – times when we most need the support of our church and the guidance of a pastor who understands our pain and our fears and knows well the medical facilities at the University.

Please help us secure the ELCA chaplain's position at UIHC for the hundreds of people who will need spiritual support and guidance in the coming years.

More support from Thrivent -- Although the organization is considering changing the way it distributes funds, for this year Johnson County Thrivent Care will match contributions to Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach at a rate of one dollar for every three dollars our supporters donate to a maximum of \$1,600.



In with the old, in with the new

Pastor Phil Borleski continues as president of the Lutheran Chaplaincy Board as do Dr. Franklin Scamman and Warren Boe in their respective positions, vice president and treasurer.

Carol Mahnke is secretary of the board. She and Pastor Ramon Runkel were elected to the board with terms ending in 2012. Jan Pohl was re-elected to the board with a term ending in 2012. Pastor Al Kruse, Cathy Soppe, Val Lembke and Pastor Lynn Thiede fill unexpired terms on the board of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach.

By the numbers: Your church is 100 miles from UIHC and a member is in the surgical ICU for two weeks. If you make one round trip to there (at 55¢ a mile) the cost to your congregation would be **\$110**. If you visited your critically ill member daily (taking time away from your other duties) the mileage cost to your congregation would be **\$1,540**. If you referred your parishioner to the LCO chaplain your congregation could save both *money* and *your time*.

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach

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Please pray for this ministry and consider making a financial contribution to: Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, 123 Market Street, Iowa City, IA 52245 319-338-2893

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Thank you for your support!

