



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

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

The theme of this issue of Outlook is God’s Work, Our Hands, appropriately in step with the ELCA’s theme. The work of LCO continues as the fundraiser to support the ELCA chaplaincy at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. This work continues under new leadership as Pastor Lynn Thiede assumes the presidency of the Board of Directors as I finished 3 years in this position. We are confident that Lynn will bring new ideas and energy to the position and I request that you support her with your prayers and ideas.

UIHC is a teaching hospital and one of its areas has been Clinical Pastoral Education, another example of God’s Work. This program has been on hold for several years and is now being restarted. This past summer, UIHC successfully had 6 trainees under a temporary supervisor. Currently, interviews are underway for a permanent supervisor with the goal of having a fully-functional program by next summer. LCO has funds to help support Iowa-related trainees; see our web site for further details.

As I step down as President and from the Board, I will join the LCO Resource Development Committee, continuing to write grant proposals (there are 2 outstanding at the moment) and to recruit new board members. I rejoice and am deeply grateful at the support I have been given as president and wish Lynn God’s grace as she assumes her new position. We will be meeting shortly to transition the responsibility. And please remember to support LCO with your prayers and donations.

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Partnership....

... with LCO is Prayer for the Ministry!

President’s Message


How many hands does it take to do the work of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach? One chaplain, one pair of hands that bring healing touch, hugs, prayer, presence, comfort and hope? Certainly it requires these hands – but there’s more.

Standing hand-in-hand with Chaplain Cindy are eight dedicated board members plus accompanying committee members and staff to support our Chaplain and direct, shape and support the ministry. And still there’s more.

The greater truth is that none of this ministry can happen without YOU. Your hands are essential to LCO! Your support, your prayers, your donations make this ministry possible. And your continued support is vital. It will ensure that our chaplain will be there for you or your loved one should you ever require that touch, hug, or comforting presence at UIHC someday. But even more, it ensures that our chaplain’s presence is there for another brother or sister in Christ who is in need *today*.

It takes a lot of hands – perhaps thousands of caring, compassionate hands to do the work of LCO. It takes your hands. And we give thanks to God for every single one!

Rev. Lynn T. Thiede
Newly Elected President,
LCO Board of Directors



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.

God's Work, Our Hands at UIHC...

Declaring *God's Work, Our Hands*, lots of bright yellow shirts appeared in Lutheran congregations and communities across Iowa and the nation especially on September Sundays just past. In various ways their wearers were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the formation of the ELCA. Often doing "good stuff" through their congregation or in their community to affirm God is at work in our world through their hands.

But, of course, *God's Work, Our Hands* happens every day, every place. Including in such settings as Iowa City's University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Docs and PAs, nurses and housekeepers, receptionists and maintenance personnel, paid staff and volunteers - God's work is done through their hands. (More than a few of them, by the way, are members of ELCA congregations! And several have or now serve on the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach board or committees.)

And, of course, *God's Work, Our Hands* happens through staff chaplains at UIHC. . .including through our Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach ELCA chaplain. It's good to know that such pastoral care is available to patients, their families/loved ones and staff in their time of serious, even crisis, medical, emotional and spiritual need.

LCO-the ELCA chaplaincy at UIHC-continues only through the prayers, good will and financial support of you and others. Gifts from individuals, congregations, WELCAs, Thrivent designated matches and charitable groups are the sole financial support of the ELCA chaplaincy program at UIHC. (Synod or UIHC funds are not available.)

So, thank you for your prayers, goodwill and past generous support of LCO-the ELCA chaplaincy program at UIHC. And thank you, for your continued support. The need goes on to assure that *God's Work, Our Hands* happens through ELCA chaplaincy at UIHC at Iowa City!

*Pastor Phil Borleske
LCO Board Member*

Partnership....

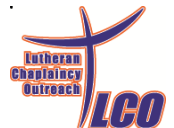
... with LCO is Sharing the need for this Ministry with others!

Without Your Support...

Those of us who fit into the "older generation" sometimes have difficulty adjusting to the constant change going on in the world around us each day. Change is not limited to outside the walls of our congregations. The ELCA just elected a new presiding bishop. The congregation Lois and I attend will soon be entering the self-study period in preparation for calling a new pastor. Many smaller congregations seek ways of sharing staff with other congregations.

For many of us, these changes are minor compared to the challenges of keeping abreast of the continuous change in healthcare delivery systems and healthcare insurance programs. Excellent care by physicians and staff is needed to provide for our recovery; but spiritual care is needed as well. With your help we will be able to continue to provide a Lutheran chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals to assist patients and their families. Without your support this position cannot exist. It is funded entirely through your contributions.

*Val Lemke
Secretary, LCO Board of Directors*



Reflections...

"Pastor F" has a parishioner with cancer and many other chronic illnesses, who recently has been in and out of the hospital. The Pastor contacts me frequently when the patient returns to UIHC and we have frequent conversations about her concerns over the care the patient receives from his wife at home. Since this pastor is several hours from UIHC, she depends on me to provide the care and support needed while the patient and his wife are here.

This depth of partnership ministry and relationships between pastors / congregations and the LCO chaplain is what makes this ministry important and valid!

Grateful for this partnership ministry!

Chaplain Cindy Breed

Financial Report

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, thanks to our supporters in churches, women’s groups, and individuals who support us with gifts as well as designating us as your recipients from your Thrivent Choice contracts help us continue to support this ministry.

Item	Jan-Aug 2013	Jan-Aug 2012
Income	45,815	44,724
Expense	52,867	49,906

LCO has a Facebook page and we urge you to friend us. We keep current information about what is happening in the chaplaincy at UIHC. Pastor Cindy does updates and we keep a copy of our newsletters available as well. You can reach our page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Chaplaincy-Outreach-LCO>

LCO has also introduced a new, possibly more convenient, way to make your gift to support the ELCA chaplain at UIHC. To make a gift using your credit card or PayPal, go to our web site <http://lcoiowa.org/SupportLCO.htm>. There you will see the Donate button shown here:



Warren Boe
Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors

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So, I stood up front, with a number of shawls and blankets set out behind me, to say a prayer. Then, to my utter surprise (and a lot of goosebumps up my back), the WELCA Board processed down the aisle of the church with three times more shawls and blankets! All told (including an emergency supply in July from Hope, Cedar Rapids) we had gifted to us almost 200 prayer shawls and blankets, thoughtfully and prayerfully made, to surround patients and families with a concrete reminder of God’s wondrous love, and the love and prayers of those strangers who made them.

God’s work. Our hands. Together we use the skills and talents and opportunities that we are given to



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do God’s work in the world. We don’t do this alone; we never do it alone. It is with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Together!

Partnership....

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



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

I have had the privilege for the last few years of spending a Saturday (and sometimes Friday night) with the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA as they have gathered in their annual Convention. This is a time of fellowship, planning, wor-

ship, Bible study and networking with women from the southeastern corner of Iowa, from Keokuk to Vinton, Des Moines to Clinton. It is an annual event I will not miss, as I connect with my sisters in Christ, some of whom I only see once a year.

As part of my connecting, I bring the LCO exhibit, and I recently have served as their chaplain, being available to those who need counsel or prayer. I have also preached and celebrated at their worship, lead Bible study or a forum. For a number of years, the Women designated a portion of their offering to LCO. Women of the ELCA units from around the state have consistently contributed financially to the ELCA ministry at UIHC through LCO (how's that for alphabet soup?)

At our Synod Assembly in May, in a conversation with SE IA WELCA President Sandy Chandonia she became aware of the dire need of our UIHC Spiritual Services Department for knit or crocheted prayer shawls, or fleece blankets. Chaplains in the Department hand these precious gifts to adult patients who are very ill, or dying, or their families. (pediatric patients typically receive these items from other sources). We were consistently low in numbers, and we were not certain how we could continue this part of our ministry. The idea came forth to make homemade shawls and blankets the in-kind offering at the Gathering in August. So word went out to the Congregational Units to bring such an offering.

I asked if I could do a prayer of blessing over these gifts at the Gathering. .

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