



Lutheran Hospital
Ministries
SOUTHERN ALBERTA

SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting – March 17, 2018

Walk for Love – April 28, 2018

From the Director of Pastoral Care

The Reflected Life in Christ

The Lenten Season is a time for reflection. We think about all that Jesus the Christ has done for us and for the whole world. Jesus paid the price for our mistakes and the brokenness we have with God and with other people.

An ancient author wrote, “The un-reflected life is not worth living.” What does this mean? Where can we see the reflected life in action? Jesus took time to be away from the crowds and also from His disciple friends. He was alone with His Heavenly Father in prayer and reflection. Jesus thought about upon the work He was to do the next day and the times ahead, as He traveled toward Jerusalem and the Cross. Lent is a time to consider God’s love for us in Christ Jesus and His work of healing salvation.

Our trained Visitors are encouraged “to reflect” after making their visits, to see how God was and is at work. People in hospitals and care facilities have plenty of time to think and reflect. They are lonely and alone in a different way. Then they have a visit, a visit which helps them to clarify and hone their reflections on their situations in the light of Jesus and God’s love for them. This love and care is shown through conversation, sharing Scripture and prayer together. Such is the love that is seen clearly through the Cross and the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

So once again during Lent we remember all that the Lord has done for us and for the whole world. Please join us in prayer for our visitation work, and come along side us, as the Holy Spirit moves you, with your support. May the Lord bless your Lenten-Easter Season.

God’s Blessings!
Pastor Mark Lobitz
Director of Pastoral Care

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VISITORS AND VISITING LOCATION

Foothills Medical Centre

Rev. Ed Bowen
Vi Dusterhoft
Berna Frattaroli
Rev. Ron Weatherington
Dave Wong

Rockyview General Hospital

Sherryl Bohna
Gurli Christoffersen
Joan Raddatz
Betty Ann Rietze
Kelly Weger
Roland Weisbrot

Care Centres

Rev. Rick Bergh
Beth Dalrymple
Rev. Darren Dressler
Darlene Gaber
Hilary Gray
Melody Herbert
Karen Hubka
Kathy Lines
Rev. Mark Lobitz
John McCormick
Sandra Proctor
Rev. Theo Reiner
Barbara Resch
Alice Rodier
Floyd Schneider

Peter Lougheed Centre

Sharon Bowley
Terry Hyde
Wolfgang Janke
Lucy Rambaran
Kelvin Schindel

South Health Campus

Sigi Hermann
Christian Laudinsky

Emergency

Rev. Markus Zeuch - Foothills
Rev. Mike Vogel – Peter Lougheed
Rev. Kevin Scott - Rockyview

Bethany – Cochrane

Bethany – Airdrie
McKenzie Towne
Father Lacombe

Bow View

Bethany – Harvest Hills
Bow Crest Care Centre

Bow Crest Care Centre
Southwood Intercare
Colonel Belcher

Message from the Chairman

God is truly blessing Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta. We had a successful Walk/Run for Love April 2017. Although not as successful as previous years, it still gave us a good base to continue the year. For that we thank all of you!!

Our June luncheon was excellent with Chaplain Hilda Nauenburg who gave an excellent presentation about the role of "Religious Community Visitors" in Alberta Health Service Hospitals and pastoral visiting in general.

We had a change of venue for our Appreciation Day in November. Pastor Lobitz gave an excellent presentation of his experiences in hospital ministry.

Finally Pastor Lobitz has continued his training sessions and have had success in having a few more visitors join the 35 other visitors bringing healing and Jesus to our sick and infirmed. The value of those people we will never know. We thank them greatly for their love and service.

Pastor Lobitz has greatly aided the many care centers who have requested church services for them. He has maxed out his abilities to help in care centers and is in need of volunteers to lead.

We look forward to 2018 and the challenges it has for us. There is always a need for board members, more volunteers to visit and more people who could lead a service at a care center. Please call our office at [403-264-4045](tel:403-264-4045) if you are interested in helping Lutheran Hospital Ministries in any one of these ways.

We thank you for whatever way you have supported Lutheran Hospital Ministries in the past and hope you can continue to help us in 2018 and beyond.

Blessings!

Floyd Schneider, Chairman
Lutheran Hospital Ministries

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman:	Floyd Schneider (LCC)
Vice-Chair:	Berna Frattaroli (ELCIC)
Director of Pastoral Care:	Rev. Mark Lobitz (LCC)
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Board Member:	Rev. Darren Dressler (LCC)
Board Member:	Cheryl Ann Holtz (ELCIC)
Board Member:	Rita Thurn (ELCIC)

Note: We appreciate all that everyone has done for LHMSA. We invite your participation. There is still much to be done. Board members are elected for 2-year terms at our Annual Meeting every spring. Board meetings are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, except for July, August and December. If you or someone you know might be interested in serving, please contact us.

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This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!



LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Join us on April 28, 2018 for the Annual “WALK or RUN FOR LOVE”

We depend on our dedicated Visitors who give generously of their time and talents. We also depend on the support of the Walkers and Runners who support us by collecting pledges and showing up with their pledges and enthusiasm, to walk or run from Faith Lutheran Church through Confederation Park and back to Faith Lutheran for lunch. This is the only fundraising event of the year for LHMSA. We need everyone’s help.

Let’s get started on our journey of Faith and Love now!

To complete the Walk/Run of five kilometres through Confederation Park, we must have a plan. Every athlete knows that he or she has to train to be in shape for the event.

We also must have a goal, a plan to reach that goal, and a reward.

The goal: to achieve the budgeted amount in pledges of at least \$20,000.

The plan: to reach every one of the Lutheran Churches in Southern Alberta and recruit at least one walker from each Church. If each walker were to collect pledges of \$500, we would reach our goal. If walkers from outside metropolitan Calgary can’t come into the city, they could do a walk in their own community. Or be a virtual walker - just collect pledges and send them to us.

The reward for the Church that recruits the most walkers/runners: The Glory of Achievement and acclaim in the fall issue of “Bringing Healing”.

How do we get started? We recruit walkers now, so they can train for the event. Participants of all ages are welcome: babies, children, families, friends, parents, grandparents, and bring your dogs. Get out and walk whenever you can, and increase the distance gradually until you have reached five kilometres. This training will have a very desirable effect – your physical health will improve as well!

Remember Isaiah's words in 40:31...

“Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise up on wings like eagles; they shall run and not grow weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Join us now on this journey of “LOVE”. Your body will be in better shape, you will make new friends, and the Volunteer Visitors to our hospitals and care centres will be able to carry on visiting patients and fulfill their mission of **“BRINGING HEALING”**.

Pledge sheets will be available by the end of February and you, the **WALKER** or **RUNNER**, can start collecting pledges as soon as you receive the pledge sheets.

Contact the LHMSA office TODAY and we will send you the information.

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NOTE: If you can't walk or run, please encourage someone else and sponsor that person.



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Has your life or the life of a loved one been touched by the work of Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta (LHMSA)? If so, we invite you to support our work in one or more of the following ways:

- a. **Sponsoring a participant in the Walk and Run for Love (April 28, 2018)**
- b. **CanadaHelps:** Giving made simple through a secure, quick and easy online method. CanadaHelps does all the administration and issues receipts and tax receipts. Go to <http://www.canadahelps.org>. Enter Lutheran Hospital Ministries Southern Alberta → Go → Donate now. If you wish to offset the admin charge to LHMSA you are invited to add an additional 4% to your donation.
- c. **Donate** to Lutheran Hospital Ministries Southern Alberta by cheque. See donation form below.
- d. **Ask** the LHMSA office to e-mail the newsletter, which reduces print and mail costs.

Donation Form: Please complete form and return to:

Lutheran Hospital Ministries Southern Alberta

66 – 7th Street NE

Calgary, AB T2E 4B7

Charitable Registration # BN 10764 9931 RR0001 –

Donations of \$10 or more will receive tax receipts.



Name _____

Address _____

City and PostalCode _____

Phone # and E-mail _____

I enclose my cheque in the amount of _____

Please add my name to your e-mail Newsletter distribution list Yes / No

PLEASE NOTE: This information will be treated confidentially and will not be shared with any other organization.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Bringing Jesus' Healing and Promise of Salvation to Lutherans who are in hospitals or care facilities, and their families.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

To envision and expand Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta as a serving, caring Christ-centred ministry, which is integral to spiritual, emotional and physical healing. Trained volunteer visitors give support through compassionate listening, prayer and Scripture.

Visitor Statistics for 2017: Our visitors spent 1,861 hours making 6,624 visits.

Disclaimer: Views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the policy of Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta.

Editors: Rev. Mark Lobitz & Margrit Owen

Articles and suggestions are welcome. Please send to lhmsac@gmail.com or mail to the LHMSA office, or call (403) 264-4045.

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth.

The first Sunday after he gets his teeth, he talks for only eight minutes.

The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes.

The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes.

The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes.

But, the third Sunday, by mistake he put his wife's teeth in and couldn't shut up . . .



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta will hold its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on **SATURDAY, March 17, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66-7 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 4B7

Members of the Society are entitled to (2) representatives for the meeting (congregations in good standing), and one representative for contributing Lutheran judicatory in the territory.

The business of the Annual Meeting shall include:

- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
- Report of the Chairperson
- Report of the Director of Pastoral Care
- Report of the Office Administrator
- Report of the Treasurer
- Election of the Board of Directors

After the meeting, Pastor Mark Lobitz will talk about the work of LHMSA.

Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta is a service for all Lutheran congregations and people in Southern Alberta. Our visitors visit all Lutherans in Calgary and area hospitals and care centres, whether they are from Calgary or out of town, and residents of care centres, regardless of faith. We encourage all Southern Alberta congregations to appoint a representative to attend this meeting. It is your opportunity to learn more about LHMSA and to offer input as to how best we may “Bring Jesus’ healing and promise of salvation to Lutherans who are in hospitals and care centres, and their families”.

Should you have any questions about the meeting or wish to have items brought before the meeting, please call the Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta office or send an email **before March 9, 2017** for clarification and input.

The meeting will be held on the basement of St. Matthew and parking is available in the parking lot behind the church.

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If...

...you are lonely,

...you desire confession,

...you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism or the Lord's Supper,

...you would like to get in touch with your own pastor,

...you have doubts about your faith,

...you have some deep concern about your health,

...you are fearful about your life's journey,

...you would like us to pray for you or someone you know...

Call Lutheran Hospital Ministries (403) 264-4045



if your day is bad always remember this
happy little dog who thought this parade
was just for him



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