



The mission of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach is to compassionately share the Good News of God's healing love and grace through providing an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Chaplain at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

November 2019

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach provides spiritual support to your flock when you cannot be by your hospitalized parishioner's side!

Support Ministry

Visit our website

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone in your congregation that might be interested in supporting this ministry. If you would like to print a hard copy, click here: [November 2019 LCO Newsletter](#)

In Her Own Words

PARTNER

Pastors make referrals for their parishioners to receive pastoral care from the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Chaplain.

Patients who are far Away from home can get love and care from their local congregation through the LCO chaplain.

Money is saved by the congRegation when a chaplain visits on behalf of their pastor.

The LCO Chaplain is only supported by the gracious conTributions of congregations, individuals, and organizations.

Prayer, Holy Communion, Scripture, words of assurance and hope are shared.

The LCO Chaplain can be present when there is an Emergency and the pastor cannot get there in time.



LCO Chaplain Cindy Breed

Visit LCO's website: www.lcoiowa.org

And always, the Good News of God's healing love and grace through Jesus ChRist is shared with patients and families in times of need.

Thanks be to God!

[What is it like to be a Chaplain? The good people at Augustana Lutheran Church in Boone, IA made a video of an interview with Chaplain Cindy.](#)

[Please take a few minutes to watch.](#)

From Our President!



The giving season is upon us. **Romans 12:8 NLT** reminds us *“If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.”*

We have been blessed with wonderful Board members: Jim Hickie, David Hansen, Rev. Martha Lang, Rev. Lynn Noel, Rev. Kyle Barton and our newest member: Rev. Reed Pedersen. A grateful thank you to Rev. Kristen Wipperman whose term was completed in September. Thank you all for their generous gifts of their time and leadership to LCO.

I am especially thankful for the kind and loving ministry of Chaplain Cindy Breed. I personally want to thank you everyone who has given encouraging messages and for financially supporting the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach (LCO). Your support of Chaplain Cindy's ministry has helped bring comfort and spiritual support to the sick and their families. Having a Lutheran chaplain presence at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) is available due to your continued support. Because LCO receives no support other than contributions and has no employees other than our chaplain, we are asking for your financial support to continue LCO's mission.

We are all working hard to get the word out about this Lutheran ministry and we need your help. 100% of our funding for LCO comes from your generous giving: individual gifts, congregational offerings, WELCA offerings, and individual gifts directed through Thrivent. We are currently looking at a deficit budget of over \$10,000 for this year. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. There is no LCO without you.

Please consider encouraging your church family to include a one time gift or a monthly contribution to LCO. If your church has an endowment program, please let me know or email an application to Lcoiowa@yahoo.com. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Pat Jacobs
President, LCO Board of Directors



HELP NEEDED:

Auditor(s) to audit the financial books of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach for the last two years. Contact Chaplain Cindy or Treasurer Dave Hanson if you are able to help out email: Lcoiowa@yahoo.com

In God's peace,

Pat Jacobs, President
LCO Board of Directors

LCO Statistics: Jan. - July. 2019

Pastoral Visits: 634
Patients visited: 502
Family/Friends visited: 714
Contacts with Pastors: 135

Church affiliation of patients:
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America:

Southeastern Iowa: 339
Northeastern Iowa: 137
Western Iowa: 24
Northern Illinois: 28

Other ELCA Synods: 35

Other Lutheran Denominations: 67

Non-Lutheran Denominations: 31

Finance Report

The table below shows a summary of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach's (LCO's) operating results for the period ending October 31, 2019:

	YTD Oct. 31, 2019 Actual	YTD Oct. 31, 2019 Budget
Revenue (Contributions)	\$ 50,083	\$78,739
Expenses	\$ 76,701	\$78,739
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(26,718)	\$ 0

Financial contributions are continuing to fall short of expenses through October 2019 by \$26,718 with contributions coming in at 64% of budget and expenses staying at 97% of budget.

For the month of October, expenses exceeded contributions by \$3,622 decreasing the operating fund balance to \$20,811, or roughly 2.5 months of operating budget. Assuming a continued **deficit of roughly \$3,000 per month**, LCO will have run out of operating funds in 7 months. Once again, LCO is looking for your support to continue the important service that Chaplain Cindy provides to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

To put this service in perspective, Chaplain Cindy can be there to provide spiritual comfort to patients when your pastor cannot be there. Each time a minister travels to Iowa City to visit one of their church members and their families from out of town, it costs the congregation from \$100 to \$300 in travel costs depending on distance. Through October of this year, Chaplain Cindy has visited 1,216 patients and families. Assuming a continuing trend at an average cost to a congregation of \$200 per visit and 1,450 visits through December, the total cost to all congregations in Iowa and Western Illinois would be approximately \$290,000. Considering LCO's annual budget is less than one half of that amount, it is not difficult to understand simply the financial importance to your congregation every time Chaplain Cindy is called upon to visit a patient or family from your congregation.

Ways to donate:

1. Mail a check mailed to 123 East Market St, Iowa City, IA 52242
2. Donate online by clicking on the Donate Button in this Newsletter
3. Contact Thrivent to allocate Choice Dollars to Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach
4. Designate Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach on Facebook as a "Cause to Support"
5. Drop by check in your home church's offering plate while at worship, designating Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach as the recipient.

LCO receives no Synod financial support, but instead, we depend upon our support to come from congregations, and individuals like yourself.

*David Hanson, Treasurer
Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach*



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LCO is a 501(C)(3) Organization.

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To Contact the LCO Chaplain:

Call 319-356-1616
and have her paged at 5123

Or leave a message at
319-356-3817

Or have the on-call chaplain
paged at 3437

Or email cindy-breed@uiowa.edu

Emergency After Hours
319-356-1616

Send Contributions to:

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