

Dr. Martin Lohrmann did a presentation titled *The Hope We Find In Our Lutheran History*. He talked about finding hope from five different perspectives:

1. **Mutual support in times of trial.** (Martin and Katie Luther)
2. **Passionate use of the arts to communicate.** (Lutheran authors, poets, songwriters)
3. **Adaptive, imaginative leadership for new contexts.** (He used historical professors, lay leaders, etc. to illustrate his point. A current example is how quickly pastors and church staffs pivoting to virtual worship.)
4. **Social services to neighbors.** (Again, he used several historical figures. Perhaps the most memorable was Elizabeth Fedde, a deaconess who founded hospitals in New York and Minnesota. Her motivational comment to her deaconesses was memorable: *You sisters are the Bible your patients will see today.*)
5. **The courage to claim and share Christ's love.** (Walter Bruggeman's Easter prayer to God: *Please, Easter us.* Also, Bruggeman's observation that resurrection is not resuscitation – it's something else – something new – a *New Normal?*)