

CLC Annual Congregational Meeting

Minutes Submitted for Approval

January 31, 2010

The annual meeting of the congregation of Canton Lutheran Church was held after services on Sunday, January 31, 2010 in the church basement. The meeting was called to order by President John Devick. Pastor Tony Haglund led devotions and gave the state of the congregation.

The 2009 annual meeting minutes were reviewed. It was noted that in the first vote taken regarding the sale of the parsonages the first line should have read "57 votes for selling one parsonage". Arnie Anderson made a motion to approve the amended minutes. LeAnn Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the September 27, 2009 special congregational meeting were reviewed. Drew Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Verley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burdell Coplan to accept the annual report and financial report for 2009. Arnie Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Tony presented a Proposed Church Council Organizational Chart to be implemented on a one year trial basis. Mary Watson Rath made a motion that we temporarily suspend Articles IV,V,VI & VII of our Church By-Laws and replace them with Articles IV,V,VI & VII as provided and labeled as Temporary Revisions to the By-Laws of Canton Lutheran Church and further described and presented in the chart, **Proposed Church Council Organizational Chart**. This temporary suspension of by-laws would be in effect until the next Annual Congregational Meeting in January of 2011. Judy Stearns seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The ballot for the election of officers and council members for 2010 was presented:

President-Elect: Dave Amundson

Secretary: Julie Crawford (1 year term)

Treasurer: Shirley Temple (1 year term)

Board of Deacons

Judy Stearns (3 year term)

Sharon Lunder (3 year term)

Pete VanWhye (2 year term)

Teresa Nygaard (1 year term)

Kiersten Pederson (Youth Rep.-1 year term)

Board of Trustees

Trent Weihe (3 year term)

Wade Myrabo (3 year term)

Ron Nygaard (2 year term)

Dick Hoffman (1 year term)

Endowment Committee

Craig Dittberner (3 year term)

Gary Johnson (3 year term)

Arnie Anderson (2 year term)

Nominating Committee

Caroline Deinema (returning)

LeAnn Anderson (council)

John Devick (council)

Ronda Headrick (congregation)

Becky Heikkila (congregation)

Martha Johnson (1 yr term)

Blake Beard (youth rep. – 1 yr term)

Board of Education

Patty Kroger	(3 year term)
Paula Keyman	(3 year term)
Betsy Tiemann	(2 year term)
Tatum Larson	(Youth Rep.-1 year term)

As the two members to serve on the Nominating Committee from the congregation should have been made from the floor, Mary Watson Rath made a motion to accept these nominees. Theresa Nygaard seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ron Larson that nominations be closed and to accept these nominations and cast a ballot for their approval. Keith Beachler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

As incoming President Tracy Johnson was unable to attend the meeting, President-Elect, Dave Amundson continued to lead the meeting.

Pastor Tony presented a vision and strategic plan for ministry that had been worked on this past year by several members of the congregation. It was noted that this is a working document that would be considered every year at the annual meeting for the sake of continuing revision and adoption. It was also noted that the WELCA is a separate organization and will not be governed by this document. A motion by Caroline Deinema to adopt **God's Work. Our Hands. A Vision and Strategic Plan for Connecting the Mission and Ministry of Canton Lutheran to the Mission and Ministry of the Kingdom of God** and give thanks to the 2009 Vision and Strategic Planning Team for their work and this report. Mary Watson Rath seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Tony presented a Ministry Priorities Survey to be filled out to give the council a guide as to what projects the congregation would like to see them pursue in the coming year.

In order to provide working capital for the 2010 budget, the council proposed that the interest from the contract for deed sale of the west parsonage and \$30,000 from the sale of the east parsonage be placed in the general fund reserves of the congregation. A motion to accept this proposal was made by Dick Bogue. Theresa Nygaard seconded the motion. Larry Niebuhr made a motion to split the proposal into two motions. Julie Verley seconded the motion. The original motion was withdrawn. Larry Niebuhr made a motion that the \$30,000 from the sale of the east parsonage be transferred back to the restricted fund at the end of the year if cash reserves are sufficient. Julie Verley seconded the motion. Motion failed. Lollene Schoeberl made a motion that the interest from the contract for deed sale of the west parsonage be used to assist in funding the ministry expenses of the congregation in 2010. Burdell Coplan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Theresa Nygaard made a motion that \$30,000 be transferred from the funds of the sale of the east parsonage and be placed in the general fund reserves of the congregation. Mary Toso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Because of the retirement of Pastor Jan Zoss, a proposal to hire Rhonda Haglund for a period of 12-18 months as a lay person was proposed. Discussion followed. Connie Bogue made a motion that we hire Rhonda Haglund as **Ministry Director of Worship, Hospitality & Pastoral Care**. Mary Toso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The budget for 2010 was presented with several reductions in expenditures. Jonathon Toso made a motion to amend the budget to include \$2,500 for Camperships under Ministry Expenses and to also amend the General Fund Offerings to \$308,800 for a Total Financial Gifts Received of \$329,048. Bud Steensland seconded the motion. Budget passed as amended.

As there was no other business brought from the floor, Jonathon Toso made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Harlan Hoff seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord`s Prayer.

Submitted by Joann Fossum
Secretary

There were no additional congregational meetings in 2010

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Angie Larson – pianist

Becca Toso - pianist

Don Pottratz- Keeper of the House of the Lord

Jerry Keizer- Maintenance

President's Letter

Greetings Good People of Canton Lutheran,

I have enjoyed serving as your president this past year. Canton Lutheran is such a vibrant, happy church. We have an excellent pastor and staff, a beautiful building, and wonderful congregants. We have much to offer and much to look forward to!

This year we implemented a new structure in the way that our boards serve the church. This has been a very successful process for us, and our boards have accomplished many things, as you can see by reading their reports. Please take the time to thank your board members for all the work they do, seen and unseen. One change that will occur for our church in 2011 will be better communication between our boards and you. We will have a representative of one of the boards speak monthly at a church service, and we will also set aside a more visible spot in our newsletter to report on board happenings.

Financially, 2010 was a year of adjustment. We find ourselves a smaller church, anxious to give and grow. We thank you for your faithfulness. The new budget reflects changes we felt were necessary to make in order to keep moving ahead. We have a healthy endowment fund, we have cash in the bank from the sale of our parsonages, and we have no debt. One of the changes we hope to make in this area is that of giving. We want to be a generous and giving church. We ask it of you, and you should expect your church to do the same for others. There are many worthy causes that could use a helping hand.

As we go forward, let us continue to build each other up, hold each other close in our hearts, and rejoice in the good news of Christ our Lord!

Tracy Johnson, CLC President 2010

Pastor's Annual Report

January 2011

***Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.***

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is a holy gathering of God's holy people, for the sake of God's holy work. What we do matters. Our life together is not mundane but filled with meaning and purpose. "Remember and rejoice..." is the invitation of this new hymn from our Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW #454). Ruth Duck first penned this work in 1988 for a baptismal renewal service hoping to remind worshipers that it is God's saving work in baptism that grounds and centers the life of a Christian and also the life of a Christian community.

Remember and rejoice... for in the beginning God's Spirit moved over the waters and by God's Word all of creation came into being and life was called forth in which God took delight.

Remember and rejoice that through the waters of the flood God delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea God led God's people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river God's Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Now, by water and Word God claims us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of God's promise and servants of all. Claimed by God, we remember and rejoice, freed to let go of our fears and anxieties, boldly engaging in the work to which God calls us.

***In life, in death, we trust, in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.***

Each time we make the sign of the cross or dip our fingers in the baptismal waters, tracing a remembrance of God's claim on our foreheads, we repent and rejoice that the Kingdom of God has drawn near. We turn from our waywardness and instead allow God to lead us down God's path of mercy and abundant life.

We are drawn ever-forward into each new opportunity God sets before us. Grounded in the traditions of our past, the Holy Spirit continues to burn brightly, revealing light and hope for every courageous step we take forward. Rarely given sight to see the entire picture, we trust that God knows the way and that where God leads, God will provide.

***We pledge ourselves anew to flee the lures of hell,
to cling to Christ's community, in justice, peace to dwell.***

Rather than a divine threat of eternal punishment, hell is more commonly the reality that much of humanity lives in each and every day. Illness, financial struggles, broken relationships, natural disasters, conflict and divisions threaten to overwhelm us. Yet, this verse reminds us that there is salvation and healing to be found when we "cling to Christ's community." Together, we provide one another with hope. That's why regular worship, Bible study and faithful attendance at congregation activities is so vital. As the world threatens to overwhelm us and our neighbors, God gives us a place of refuge...for us, that place is Canton Lutheran.

In the "mutual conversation and consolation of the saints" we are encountered by God's saving Word and led forward, often on paths not of our own choosing. Our hearts long for peace. Yet, true peace comes as we seek justice for the least, the last and the lost. Peace is not an absence of conflict but rather given as a gift as we go about God work of accepting, welcoming and befriending all into God's amazing grace.

***God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.***

The work we seek to do as a congregation, we do not do alone. God gives us the abundant gift of God's life-giving Spirit. God also gives us the gift of each other.

Just as God has filled Canton Lutheran with God's Holy Spirit, so too, my heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on the many partners in ministry for which we all are blessed. With Pastor Jan's retirement, my wife Rhonda, was a God-send, providing gifts and encouragement in a call that often felt over-whelming as we were confronted with the reality of fewer resources yet nearly identical demands of ministry. Don Pottratz, Janet Henke and Lori Pudenz, more than any of the other staff, have also been confronted with the challenges of this past year and each one of them have made significant sacrifices for the sake of the continuing work of our congregation. I hope you'll join me in giving thanks for the important and sacrificial work they have done. Kari Elling (our youth director) has also had her share of challenges having to deal with parents who want to leave Canton Lutheran while their youth desire to stay and maintain relationships with our youth group and those they were confirmed with. Kari continues to work tirelessly for the sake of our youth giving time and financial resources that are way beyond the scope of what the church is able to fund.

Paul Konietzko (music ministries) continues to provide us with creative and meaningful worship leadership while scheduling and overseeing many other pianists and organists including Kathy VanVoorst, Patti Ramse, Angie Larson, Kris Goodroad and Becca Toso. We can certainly all agree that this year's Choir Cantata, directed by Paul, was a highlight of 2010. Colin Conner is once again directing a fantastic group of singers with our Adult Gospel Choir and Kristi Feucht is wonderful with our CLC

Children's Bell Choir. Jeannie Jacobsen continues to do such a great job with couples as CLC's Wedding Coordinator. She makes CLC wedding days, stress free and filled with joy and meaning by her welcoming and always-positive attitude. And last, but not least, Cheryl Johnson continues to do such a great job as our Financial Secretary, and even finds time to organize and produce our Living Nativity (and oh, yeah...run her own business). Thanks Cheryl.

In addition to the many great people on staff, we are also blessed with lots of wonderful lay leaders. I hesitate to even begin naming names, because invariably, I'm bound to leave someone off the list but I do need to give thanks to people like Judy Stearns who is head of our Canton WELCA, Lollene Schoeberl who provides leadership for our Prayer Team and Brenda Heggen who oversees the work of our Altar Guild. Thanks go out, as well, to Doug Verley for his leadership on our Endowment Committee and we can't forget Joann Eidsheim who volunteers so faithfully in our office every week. We also don't want to forget people like Bud Steensland who continues to lead our food pantry, Michelle Short who organizes our ministry with Milk's Camp or Jeff White who is serving as the head of Lincoln County Thrivent Financial.

I would be remiss as well, if I didn't give thanks for our entire CLC Church Council and especially those members of the Executive Council including; Mary Toso (Welcome and Witness), Teresa Nygaard (Mission and Ministry), Wade Myrabo (Stewardship of Resources), Julie Crawford (Secretary), Shirley Temple (Treasurer), Dave Amundson (President-Elect) and Tracy Johnson (President). Our Church Council was filled with vision and passion in 2010 as we accomplished much even in the midst of challenging and unfamiliar circumstances.

This list could go on and on but it is important that we don't miss the point – we are in ministry together and together we do ministry that would be impossible if we tried to stand alone. Your work inspires my work as together we seek to participate in the many marvelous things that God is up to in our world.

***Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
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"Remember and rejoice..." our hymn concludes giving language to the purpose of Annual Reports. For in remembering and rejoicing we are propelled forward into God's tomorrow trusting that where God leads, God will indeed provide.

I am grateful for my call to serve as your pastor but even more grateful that each of us "bears the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase." May God fill us all with the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Pastor Tony

Baptisms 2010

01/02/2010 Sophia Rose Tschetter daughter of Kenneth & Lisa (Zoss) Tschetter
03/14/2010 Audrina Lynn Pals daughter of Jared and Shannon Pals
03/28/2010 Qynn Elaina Van Bockern daughter of Colby and Anneliese Van Bockern
05/23/2010 Alyssa Lee Nolte daughter of Jeff and Lindsay Nolte
05/23/2010 Caleb Jeffrey Nolte son of Jeff and Lindsay Nolte
06/26/2010 Kaitlyn Jan Trandal daughter of Thomas and Julie Trandal
06/27/2010 Kayden Donald Chaulk son of Devon Chaulk and Jenna McGillivray
08/01/2010 Hadley Emma Glenn daughter of Kyle and Lindsay Glenn
08/29/2010 Bridger Adam Anderson son of Adam and Robin Anderson
08/29/2010 Adam Mark Anderson (adult)
11/13/2010 Addison Elizabeth Dupic daughter of Adam and Aren Dupic

Weddings 2010

05/22/2010 Daniel Painter and Carrie Jo Baldwin (Newton Hills)
06/05/2010 Eric Michael Feucht and Kayla Ann Hansen
05/26/2010 Harry Beckmann and Burnette Corinne Sawyer (non-members)
06/26/2010 Joshua David Smith and Amanda Lynn Herman
08/07/2010 Joshua Michael Tyrell and Melissa Lynn Knutson (Cabin/private)
08/20/2010 Luke William Karel and Bethany Christine Springer (Newton Hills)
09/25/2010 Scott Matthew Thill and Tia Marie Bjorneberg

Deaths / Funerals 2010

02/03/2010 Ida L. Okeson
02/13/2010 Nila Hamburg
03/03/2010 Lloyd Robert Messerli
03/09/2010 Mabelle Pernella (Hagen) Larson
04/01/2010 Johnnie Bakkene
04/03/2010 John Sievers
06/19/2010 Harlan Greguson
08/03/2010 Cathren E. Sievers
08/16/2010 Irene Klepel
08/18/2010 Anna Kroger
09/03/2010 Sena Greguson
09/20/2010 Edna M. Olson
10/07/2010 Oswald "Ozzie" Wiebe
10/30/2010 Mary Lea Ingebrigtson
12/11/2010 Richard W. Heimdal
12/14/2010 Richard Duane Kuehl

New Members Received 2010

Connie Aasheim
Justin & Kari Bolen
Brad, Kristin, Morgan, Justin and Benjamin Goodroad
Marlys Hohman
Luke & Beth Karel
Joshua Larson
Amy Nelson
Karis Schlsike
Athena Strubbe
Richard Toso
Travis, Lynn, Austin, Elana and Callie Waite
Russ, Kim, Jesse, Kambree Wentz

Membership Information – End of 2010

Total Members	1064	486 households
Total Confirmed Members	810	
Total Transferred Members	87	

Average Weekly Worship Attendance 287

Confirmation Class of 2010

Confirmed October 31, 2010

CONFIRMAND & BAPTISMAL DATE	PARENTS	MENTOR	SPONSORS
Alex John Davies 02/18/1996	Jim & Kristie Davies	Cathy Myrabo	Alicia Rock Cathy Myrabo
Taylor Lauren Ekle 09/23/1995	Greg & Tara Ekle	Shirley Temple	Waylon Wellman David Ekle
Brandy Lee Christine Hammer 02/10/2002	Danell Hammer	Stacy Knutson	Whitney Serkoya
Elizabeth Jo Heggen 08/08/1996	Russell & Brenda Heggen	Patti Ramse	Becky Heggen
Mariah Joanne Hodne 09/10/1995	Brad & Sue Hodne	Rhonda Haglund	Terry & Donna Klinkhammer
Kristin Ruth Knutson 11/12/1995	Mike & Stacy Knutson	Lynn White	Tim & Diane Meyer Craig, Paula, Katy Meyer
Hanna P. Kollbaum 1996	Scott & Maria Kollbaum	Kari Elling	Teresa & Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cory Larson 10/15/1995	Brian & Kim Larson	Rich Beitzel	Jim & Theresa Kuiper
Tyler John Lems 10/22/1995	Bob & Sandra Lems	Jim Ripley	Alvin Cramer Judy Cramer
Ryan Mielke 12/10/1995	Kevin & Kris Mielke	Dan Rath	Keith Mielke Kurtis Mielke
Eli Joseph Ripley 08/11/1996	Jim & Lori Ripley	Arne Anderson	Joe & Vaughn Ripley Janette Seney Josh Reilly
Bryce Schroedermeier 10/11/0997	Jody & Kris Schroedermeier	Pat Dittberner	Jason Schroedermeier Stephanie Buckstead
Taylor Anne Short 09/16/1995	Kenny & Michelle Short	Deb Jansen	Bernie & Christy Rock
Lindsey Sorlie 02/25/1996	O.J. & Jana Sorlie	Donna Jacobs	Jason & Donna Jacobs Jon & Brodie Sorlie
Olivia Clazena Sorum 03/24/1996	Jeff & JoLynn Sorum	Brenda Heggen	Glenda Sorum Jean Rosgaard Karen Gubbrud
Athena Strubbe 1997	Rose Marie Strubbe Mark Nelson	Lindsey Nolte	Skip Nelson Diane Pick Lori Stoltenburg
Jordan Wilfred Wiebe 02/24/1996	Jim & Diana Wiebe	Judy Cramer	Kevin Wiebe Gary & Kathy Hoffman

Worship, Evangelism & Congregational Care Ministry Director Report

Looking back on 2010 I am amazed at the amount of ministry that has taken place in and amongst the members of CLC . It has been a wonderful year of learning and growing and it has been an honor and privileged to be your director of Worship, Hospitality and Congregational Care.

Worship – Our WOW service continues to flourish and grow. We have added several new vocalists to our praise team and the amount of new music that the leaders and the congregation have learned has been amazing. We are so very fortunate to have Paul as our music leader. We continue to incorporate hymns and familiar liturgy to make it a service that would be assessable to all generations. Sunday morning services are more traditional but full of variety as we continue to experiment with a blended style of music and worship style. Saturday evening worship takes place in our chapel and offers a more entement setting to round out our worship opportunities. Our time of worship has been enhanced by special music and our Lenten series, Maundy Thursdays Sedar meal, and the Living Nativity gave many members a chance to be involved in our new drama ministry.

Hospitality – Canton Lutheran is most definitely a place of welcome and inclusively. Many visitors have commented on the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It has been a year of growth as together we have learned more about the importance of community. We welcomed new members this spring and incorporated a new “shepherd” program where each new member was paired up with a current member. We began welcoming these new members into our community with a brunch and orientation session where the shepherd and the new member got to know each other. This has proven to be a great way to help new members assimilate into our community of faith as they have all become active and engaged in the life and ministry of our congregation. Our visitors have increased and many of them have already become involved in the ministries our church offers. I am looking forward to our new member class next year when we can officially welcome them into our church family.

Congregational Care – We began the year by organizing a prayer discipleship team that would help to shape our prayer ministry. Lolleen Schoeberle became our team leader and has really taken on this role with enthusiasm and faithfulness. Our prayer ministry was reorganized and expanded using a telephone and email system to get information out to those involved quickly and effectively. The numbers of members involved in this prayer chain ministry continues to grow and list of prayer concerns has grown tremendously as more and more people have reached out in need. This team of faithful prayers have been very busy, as they have also worked to expand our card care ministry. Words of encouragement and care are mailed each month by a different member of the discipleship team. Not only do these cards go out to those who are experiencing struggles of any kind, but also to celebrate with those who are getting, married, being baptized or celebrating a special birthday or anniversary. Those families listed in our newsletter each month also receive a card reminding them that they are being lifted up in

prayer. It is set up so that throughout the year we will have prayed for each member of our congregation. I would like to personally thank the members of our prayer ministry team as I know how diligently they have prayed and how much their care and concern has touched so many, many people.

Our home communion ministry has been rejuvenated as our list of those that worship from home continues to grow. Twelve members of our congregation have committed to this ministry, which brings the love of Christ and our church family through Holy Communion. These folks are faithful servants of the Gospel and their witness is so much appreciated by those who are no longer able to worship with us.

Members who are in the nursing home continue to receive weekly visits from Pastor Tony or myself and are given a Care Card which has the gospel text for the coming Sunday as well as a devotion and a question for thought. These Cards are also sent to those who worship from home and were developed as another way to bring a piece of the worship service to them.

An Evening at the Stable – Our second annual Living Nativity was a highlight of my year in ministry. It is overwhelming to me to see so many people from our congregation and community working together to bring the Christmas story to life. It was wonderful to see the news coverage Canton Lutheran received through the Sioux Valley New, The Argus Leader and local TV stations. The number of people who attended doubled this year, which is confirmation that our work in Public Relations really did pay off. The response has been amazing, people who were there have told me how meaningful the experience was and many have said it was the highlight of their Christmas season and that it will become a family tradition. What a wonderful witness Canton Lutheran was able to share with our community through the Soup supper and the Cantata as well. A special thank you to Cheryl Johnson who worked along side of me to make the Living Nativity a reality that would share the gospel of Jesus with so many.

As I look forward to the future, I pray that we will continue to find new ways to take care of each other, new ways to bring the message of God's love and grace to those who have not yet heard and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in ways that we do not expect.

Peace and prayers,

Rhonda Haglund
Ministry Director of Worship, Evangelism & Congregational Care

Education & Equipping Ministry Director Report

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a person's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”

- Romans 12:6-8

God has given each of us special gifts. As this year at Canton Lutheran has unfolded, it has become even more obvious that we are a church family of many and diverse gifts. Our new **Ministry Scheduler Pro** is a computer program that connects worship leaders to me, to each other and to the worship leaders' schedule. It takes 35 volunteers for our weekly worship services go smoothly, from acolytes to ushers and Altar Guild members. The **Ministry Scheduler Pro** helps me connect people to the ministries they are passionate about because they can volunteer online and by email. Ministry Scheduler Pro allows volunteers to ask for substitutes by email, if they are unable to fulfill their role on a certain date. It has been so heartwarming to see the way our members have stepped up to help each other out – sometimes in only minutes of being asked!

Programs for children are flourishing on Sundays and Wednesdays. Attendance is over 95% every week during education time. Our twenty-seven Sunday and Wednesday school teachers work hard to present Bible lessons from the Augsburg Fortress curriculum called Spark for ages 3 to Grade 4. These materials follow the Bible reading assigned for the church year so kids learn the lesson in their classes and then hear the story again in worship. Grades 5-6 are learning from the Grapple curriculum how to wrestle with being a preteen today. These students are asking and trying to answer the hard questions at this time in their lives. Grades 7-8 have the Anti-reform series from Augsburg Fortress as part of their pre-confirmation studies. Teachers, music leaders and parents helped with the Christmas Program on December 22 with preschoolers singing and acting in “Christmas Show & Tell” while the older students presented their program called “Christmas Snapshots”. The Youth Bell Choir honored us with one of their songs as a prelude.

Wednesday afternoons we have two dozen **RadicallyOutrageousChristianKids** singing, acting, serving and learning at CLC. Our after-school time for students in Grades 1-5 is a time for kids to connect and learn. We provide a snack, a time of acting/singing, and for those in Grades 3-5 bell choir. The ROCK have served by helping with the “Food for the Soul” suppers and packed “Friday Backpacks” for Love, INC.

Preschool Vacation Bible School, Day Camp and sleepover camp are the summer opportunities for growth that we offer here at CLC for children. Preschool VBS centered on renewing and following God's ways to protect our planet. We spent three nights learning together and ended with a potluck and

program during Wednesday Worship. Day Camp was led by Lutherans Outdoors counselors at Newton Hills State Park for 50 campers. We chose a week in June this year to avoid the extreme heat and it was great! The Day Camp program was during Wednesday Worship this year too and included a potluck supper for families. Our incoming 7th Grade class spent a week at NeSoDak Camp near Waubay, SD with Pastor Tony and Rhonda. They talked about what to expect in Confirmation and had a great time together!

The ways that God uses the members of Canton Lutheran to be His hands in our world is truly amazing! Let us continue to encourage, contribute, and show mercy in our service to others here at Canton Lutheran, in our community and in the world so that all may see the glory of God through us.

Janet Henke
Ministry Director: Education & Equipping

Youth and Family Ministry Director Report

“Connecting Youth to Christ and Community”

2011 was a year of blessings and adventures for our Youth.

From visits to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, packing meals for Feed My Starving Children, Sporting events, fundraisers and service events, our youth had a great year of getting together, serving together and worshipping together.

We can't thank the congregation enough for all their love, prayers and support you provided in order to help send our Youth to Brooklyn last July.

In addition to your generous contributions and attendance at events, we were very blessed to have the community provide several great opportunities to serve and raise money within the community. Two of the highlights included the Tour DaKota (which brought bike riders from all over South Dakota to Jack Fox park) and the Antique Tractor Ride (which takes owners of Antique Tractors through parts of Iowa and South Dakota). We served fun meal at both events. At one point one of our riders was disappointed that none of the vendors had chosen to serve Gatorade. One of your students ran over to

Pump N' Pak and bought a Gatorade for this rider. This is just one small example of the extra steps our youth were willing to go to ensure these guests felt welcome in our community.

As our fundraising season grew to a close we were ready for our travels to Brooklyn. 17 youth plus, Tony and Rhonda, Daryl Wright and myself as chaperones headed across the country in 2 white, fully packed vans. We took a few side trips to see some extra special sights (i.e where Tony and family lived as Tony went to Seminary in Iowa, the Field of Dreams and Niagra Falls). This helped break up the van congestion a bit and gave us all a chance to see other areas of our country.

Anytime you pack that many people into a van for those kinds of hours you can expect some challenges, but once we finally arrived (after some brave Manhattan driving) we were ready to serve. Our kids had the opportunity to serve Brooklyn in many ways. We were divided in groups all week and accomplished great things. Examples include: cleaning up a major park the day after the 4th of July, handing out water bottles to joggers while spreading the good news of Jesus, dancing with seniors, setting up a "Kid's Club" in the park and reorganizing food and clothing in soup kitchens and at the Salvation Army. Although many stories came out of these adventures one stands out that I would like to share:

One of the favorite work sites was at a center for active seniors titled "Amico". The joy our kids brought to these seniors was truly something to witness. But what was even more inspiring was how these people touched our kids. Two of our students in particular took their assignments very seriously. One student sat down next to a lady who said "Oh I am just not in a good mood today" and as they talked she promised our student that tomorrow she would be ready to dance. As she showed up the next day, all dressed up and wearing her dancing heels, she taught our student several dances, and the day ended with him declaring that this was one of the greatest days of his life.

Our very own Canton "Rudy Award" contestant (Kamron Clark) also spent the afternoon teaching one lady how to dance the "Robot". Both dancers can be found on our Canton Lutheran Church Facebook page.

One of the highlights of the week was when all of the members of the community we served came together for the community cook-out.

We had been greatly challenged by the heat during the week with a good portion of it spent with no electricity due to a brown-out in the area. This made our ability to pull the meal together a little more difficult, but it didn't matter. Many came out to participate in this grand event with some of our dancers all dressed up and ready to play. This gathering was inspirational. We were in the 4th largest city in the Nation and yet the sense of community that was felt based on our ministry to these people and in turn theirs to us was really something special to participate in.

I am once again truly blessed to have participated with these youth in several great adventures last year. The love and support of this congregation has allowed us to reach out to others in our own community and in other areas throughout the nation and for that we thank you.

Its hard to believe that this is the year I have to say good-bye to the students I started with. Some very special seniors will be moving on to the next phase in their lives this year (as Justin and Erika already have). I am so proud of the young people these students have become and I look forward to watching them continue to walk with Jesus to adulthood.

I am grateful to this congregation for supporting me in my ministry and I look forward to serving you all in the name of Jesus throughout 2011.

God Bless you all,
Kari Elling

Mission Trip Account	Description	In	Out	
Brooklyn	Beginning Balance			5076.55
	Initial Deposits	2,200.00		
	Youthworks Balance		5668.00	
	Vans		2778.09	
	Hotels		2350.65	
	Food		5000.00	
	Manhattan Train		258.00	
	Gas		1341.71	
	Confirmation Gifts	360.00		
	Pop Cans	324.00		
	Dance	483.00		
	Lent Suppers- Income	1364.97		
	Lent Supper Expenses		606.71	
	HS Dance	513.63		
	Rummage	621.44		
	Tour DaKota Income	1560.91		
	Tour DaKota Expenses		703.94	
	Tractor	1000.10		
	Gifts from Congregation and Mission of the Month	2665.00		
	Moved From LYFT Account	950.00		
	Vendor Sales	95.00		
	Students Payments	1615.58		
	Living Nativity Income	1434.00		
	Living Nativity Expenses		252.04	
				1305.04

LYFT Account				
	Beginning Balance			403.38
	Deposits from Pump N. Pak	656.28		
	Moved to Brooklyn Account		950	
	Ending LYFT Balance			109.66

Welcome & Witness Ministry Board Report

Members of the W&W Board are: Mary Toso, chair, Keith Beachler, Brenda Heggen, Patty Kroger, Judy Stearns, Pete Van Wyhe

Our board began the year with a review of the new vision statement and the committees that were a part of our board.

We asked Lori Ripley to visit our meeting to discuss the **military ministry**. The list of members in the military was reviewed and addresses were confirmed. We attempted to update the display board, but did not receive any new photos, so we've put it away for now. It was determined that members would receive cards from the congregation for Memorial Day and Veterans Day with a care package being sent to actively deployed military members during the fall. At this time, we have determined that we do not have any members who are currently serving overseas, therefore no fall packages were sent.

Brenda Heggen visited with the group about the **altar guild**. Volunteers for this group are still needed, although one new member was gained this year. The use of Scheduler Pro is helpful for this ministry.

A **new member Sunday** was held in April. New members were assigned a shepherd family. An orientation and welcome brunch was held for new members and shepherds on April 18 and 22 new members were received on April 25. A welcome reception took place after the service on the 25th.

David Amundson spearheaded an effort to bring **small groups of members** together in his home for conversation and fellowship. Groups of 12-15 members were invited to Dave's home for treats and then got to know each other through conversation starters about their faith journey. Pastor Tony helped facilitate these gatherings. Our hope is that people who have participated in these gatherings will

consider hosting a meeting of their own in their home sometime in the future. The goal of these meetings is simply for members to get to know one another better by having the opportunity to visit outside of regular church activities.

A **“Calling Ministry”** has been established with 10 members having been given lists of members to call when we are having a special ministry event that we want to be sure our congregation is aware of. This has provided an opportunity for some members to volunteer a service to the church who may not be able to volunteer in other ways. The reminder calls have been warmly received by congregation members.

Plans which did not make it fully off the ground yet include our interest in having a **Welcome Center** – a place where information about the church and the different opportunities to get involved can be found. It is also our hope to staff this area with enthusiastic members of the congregation so that visitors will have a place where their questions can be answered. We have created a vinyl banner which can be used whenever we are “on the road” – we used it in the Christmas parade this year – and above the Welcome Center to designate this area.

Much of our focus in W&W has been our efforts in providing **special worship experiences** for the congregation throughout the past year.

February - CLC had the special opportunity to host the full Dakota Road band for a worship service we called “Break These Chains” after Dakota Road’s most recent CD. We served biscuits and gravy following worship – very popular!

Lenten Season – on Wednesday nights during Lent, members enjoyed drama and special music during worship. On Maundy Thursday, a Seder Meal was served.

May – we recognized our graduates with a service of blessing. Each graduate received a towel embroidered with “Child of God”.

July - during Car Show weekend, our church took our Sunday morning worship service “on the road” as we provided worship at Newton Hills State Park. Many camping families took part in worship while several of our members made the trip down to the park for an outdoor worship service. Cookies and lemonade were enjoyed after the service.

August - W&W partnered with Mission and Ministry for a worship service, backpack blessing and Mission Fair. While we had hoped to enjoy another outdoor worship service, we decided due to the heat and mosquitos to bring worship inside. We still held the mission fair in the nice cool fellowship hall and families enjoyed a picnic lunch there as well.

November – Cookie Friendship Week was planned in mid-November by our board as an opportunity for members to invite friends and neighbors to join us for worship. Names were collected in worship for

three weeks, and the week before Friendship Week, the W&W board delivered 24 plates of homemade cookies (thank you Carolyn Dienema!) along with an invitation to worship to those families.

December - brought the opportunity to host Anjelic, a six member women's vocal ensemble, during a special worship service of lessons and carols. This time, a significant snowfall interrupted our plans – those who were able to attend were warmed up by the sweet sounds of Anjelic while many of our members enjoyed watching the television broadcast of this service. Following worship, we enjoyed fellowship time and an angel display coordinated by WELCA.

January – a special worship service will take place on January 23rd when the Augustana Choir visits Canton Lutheran in honor of the College's Sesquicentennial celebration. The College's president, Rob Oliver, will provide the message at this service, highlighting the College's history with both the city of Canton and Canton Lutheran Church.

Report submitted by Mary Toso, chair

Mission & Ministry Ministry Board Report

Ministry Anytime, Anywhere, by Anyone

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the peace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

- Romans 12:4-8

This verse is from the Vision & Strategic Plan for the Mission & Ministry Board what was adopted at last year's annual meeting. We tried to identify those in need and then sought ways to connect our members to those needs. The outpouring of those who have agreed to help with Christ's mission in the world has been overwhelming. Missions & Ministries within our Church, our community, and globally have been touched in positive ways by members of our congregation. We are so grateful to those who have opened their hearts to the needs of others and gave the gift of God's love in so many ways.

Mission of the Month—Each month we highlighted a mission for special emphasis. We provided information on that particular mission, a display, and offering opportunity for anyone who was so

inclined. We were able to provide funds to many worthwhile projects. Milk's Camp, Pueblo de Dios, Living Nativity, Nicaragua, Campus Ministry, Veterans Ministry, Care & Share, The Banquet to name a few.

Heart Strings Ministries—Ministries within our Church were tied together under the name Heart Strings. Home Communion, Prayer Warriors, Food for the Soul, Hands to Sew. These ministries use the talents within our church family to bring God's peace and comfort to others.

Youth and Children's Ministries—Canton Lutheran has always made our youth & children a priority. We worked with Kari & Janet to assist in providing Christian education and activities. Our thanks to Janet & Kari for their great love for children & youth. Their love and commitment shows in their work at CLC.

Giving Tree—The tree in the main entrance was used to provide ideas for supplies, etc needed for Wednesday & Sunday School, youth programs, and other projects around the Church. Thank you for your donations.

But the work is not done. It goes on and on. The Mission & Ministry Board will continue to seek out ways to show God's love and compassion to His children with our talents, financial support, and prayers. And may we as members of God's family and Canton Lutheran Church be a refuge and support and hope to anyone in a time of need.

God's Word Our Voice
God's Welcome Our Embrace
God's Work Our Hands

Teresa Nygaard, chair

Stewardship of Resources Ministry Board Report

Stewardship of Resources had a good year with lots of help from committee and other volunteers. The following are some of the activities that went on this year.

- March was the time for the spring cleanup of the church. We had a great group of volunteers and Don said this was one of the best groups he has had.

- Stewardship Board got a walk thru of the church with Don to get a better understanding of the church as a whole.
- We organized the HS wrestlers to help move furniture out of offices, so the carpet could be replaced, and also so that the painter could get at some tough places to paint.
- Trent Weihe donated a vacuum cleaner, a riding lawn mower, and a gas trimmer to the church.
- Mowing this year was done by volunteers. We had close to 12 that volunteered. Each had to mow about 2 or 3 times during the year. Worked out well.
- Teller – A list of items to follow was put together, so that people have a checklist of the requirements. This has worked well
- Front doors and the west door on the Sanctuary were refinished. Volunteers helped remove and replace the doors and also helped board up the openings when the doors were out. The doors are showing weathering in December. Nordlie was at the council meeting and explained the construction of the doors and that they could not take the abuse of the environment for very many years, and suggested we start putting aside money for replacement of those doors in the near future. Treating the wood with wood oil may prolong them somewhat.
- Zomer replaced a worn out sump pump in the crawlspace below the library.
- Vince McKinney built a beautiful wood frame to house the screen for our video projector in the sanctuary.
- Volunteers caulked cracks between the sidewalk and the building to stop water from seeping into the building.
- Fall cleanup. Volunteers trimmed trees, cleaned awnings did some cleaning of the church. We had a poor turnout for this.
- November- volunteers cleaned the sanctuary. We had a pretty good turnout for this and they did a great job of cleaning up the place and getting it ready for the holidays.
- Volunteers did some weather stripping around some exterior doors.
- Everheart to do sidewalk snow removal again.
- Olson's to do parking lot snow removal again.
- Looked into replacement of the boilers. The payback for the replacement would be about 20 years, which is a long payback. We will continue to seek other options to see if the payback is more favorable.
- We are looking for ways to encourage members to use simply giving or direct pays from their banking so that the giving is consistent throughout the year.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their support throughout the year.

Wade Myrabo, chair	Trent Weihe
Dick Hoffman	Martha Johnson
Ron Nygaard	Jan Pudenz

Canton Women of the ELCA Mission and Purpose

Within the framework of the mission statement, Canton Women of the ELCA (WELCA) carries out its purpose statement.



To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.



As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

WELCA 2010 REPORT

At the beginning of 2010 the Canton Lutheran WELCA Circles were reorganized into three Circles and renamed HOPE, JOY and FAITH. These Circles meet for Bible study and fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Noon and 2:30 p.m. respectively on the second Thursday of most months. Joint Circle and general membership WELCA meetings are held three times a year. All Canton Lutheran women are invited and encouraged to participate in Circle studies and/or general meetings. It is not necessary to have attended previous meetings, each study stands alone.

The CLC WELCA hosted the annual World Day of Prayer luncheon and program for women of the community on March 5th and a Ladies' Tea April 17th with Kristi Ludwig, Mrs. South Dakota, presenting the program. On May 27th we honored 22 of our members at the annual birthday celebration for members who are 85 or more years old. In December WELCA hosted congregation members at the annual holiday Kaffe Stua after the Sunday worship service led by the wonderful musical group Anjelic. This event featured a display of collectible Angels from many congregation members along with a variety of Christmas goodies to enjoy with coffee or juice.

In 2010 the ladies who participate in the WELCA Care & Share Group made 47 full size quilts for Lutheran World Relief, 12 for the Native American missions and 25 Linus project blankets for children receiving care in area hospitals. They also prepared and sent to Lutheran World Relief 150 of each of the following: school kits, health kits and layette kits. This small but dedicated group of ladies is hoping many more will step up to help with these projects and some new knitting projects – much of which can be done from home. Watch for more about this in 2011 or call any WELCA officer for additional information. The major fund raiser for WELCA is the annual Potato Bake which was held on October 7th in 2010. The event was very successful with a total of 362 meals served and net proceeds that were used to give the

Staff Gifts

Pastor Tony	\$ 200.00
Rhonda Haglund	\$ 125.00
Don Pottratz	\$ 125.00
Lori Pudenz	\$ 125.00
Janet Henke	\$ 125.00
Kari Elling	\$ 75.00
Paul Konietzko	\$ 75.00
JoAnn Eidsheim	\$ 25.00

Donations

Augustana Campus	\$ 50.00
Aberdeen Northern State	\$ 50.00
SDSU Lutheran Center	\$ 50.00
USD Lutheran Center	\$ 50.00
Nicaragua Missionary	\$ 200.00
Joy Ranch	\$ 100.00
Lutheran Outdoors	\$ 100.00
Children's Inn	\$ 50.00
St Dymas	\$ 75.00
Family Connection	\$ 75.00
St Francis House	\$ 75.00
Heartland House	\$ 50.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 75.00
CLC Bibles	\$ 150.00
Banquet Fund	\$ 75.00
Love Inc.	\$ 75.00
Total Donations and Staff Gifts	\$ 2,175.00

Total Expenses and Donations**\$ 7,717.64****Ending Balance December 31,2010****\$ 1,656.33**

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2010

The Canton Lutheran Endowment Fund was established to help expand the mission of the church in a number of areas. The Fund functions as a source of financial assistance for both internal and external projects and organizations that would otherwise have no line item funding through the CLC general budget. The Committee attempts to provide financial support in the general categories of Missions, Outreach, Scholarships and Capital Improvements. The source of funds for this support is the annual earnings from the invested principal of the fund.

During the last half of 2008 and the first half of 2009, the Fund was negatively affected by the downturn in the financial markets, upon which the Fund is based. In an effort to provide proper stewardship and protect the future viability of the Fund, the Committee saw the need to temporarily curtail all expenditures which were not previously committed to in prior years. The fund dropped to \$166,125 by end of March 2009. We are pleased to report that as of 12/31/2010, the balance has increased to \$237,253.23.

The Endowment Committee unanimously voted to start making distributions of three percent for 2011 based on the previous rolling twelve quarters. The Endowment Committee has also worked on an investment policy statement to provide investment guidelines. Both of these items will be presented to the church council at their January meeting for their approval.

Since 1998, the Fund has disbursed financial assistance in the amount of \$127,516.80. This year the Fund disbursed \$942.80 in the following manner:

1. Scholarship Category - Total disbursed = \$ 800.00
 - a. Lutheran Student College Fund (PACT)
2. Outreach Category - Total disbursed = \$ 142.80
 - a. Love Inc.

Submitted on 12/31/2010 by Doug Verley, Chairman

Members: (Nominated for 3-year terms with maximum of 2 consecutive terms)

Gerrit Van Den Top Jr (Term Expires 1/2011)
Doug Verley (Term Expires 1/2011)
Arne Anderson (Term Expires 1/2012)
Craig Dittberner (Term Expires 1/2013)
Garry Johnson (Term Expires 1/2013)

Living Nativity Ministry Report

On December 18th & 19th Canton Lutheran Church held it's second annual Live Nativity.

The event was another huge success attended by approximately 800-900 people and we thank the wonderful cast for their dedication and performance. This year we added a donkey which carried Mary to the new, wonderful "Bethlehem Inn" constructed by Mark Hennies. A fire pit for the shepherds was added this year constructed by Keith Beachler. The star was also new this year and constructed by Mary Rath. The performance was narrated by Pastor Tony and Rhonda with beautiful background music.

Two marvelous performances of a Cantata, "Night of the Father's Love" were performed by the Canton Lutheran Choir in conjunction with the event.

It takes a lot of people and lots of ideas to put this on – therefore, if it's something you are interested in, we invite you to get onboard.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 303.62
2009 Advertising	(157.00)

Donations:

Home Federal	\$ 100.00
First Bank & Trust	100.00
Farmers State Bank	300.00
State Farm Insurance	250.00
Altar Guild	610.00
Mission of Mth/Memorials	1703.12
Total	\$ 3,063.12

Expenses:

Camels, Goats, Sheep	\$ 500.00
Dakota Entertainment	1144.80
Food-Rehearsals/Pre Show	54.03
Photos	21.18
Advertising	145.35
Cantata Music	385.15
Total	\$ 2,250.51

Fund Balance	\$ 959.23
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Due to the generosity of the members of this congregation, the businesses, and the Altar Guild, we ended with a nice balance. We plan on constructing a stable with some of this surplus and store it at the church. This will provide easier access, quicker set-up and take-down. We were so fortunate to have had the help of the wrestlers and Tom Rhead these past two years.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you who took part and helped in any way with this event.

Committee

Rhonda Haglund & Cheryl Johnson

