



The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

*And the sheep follow Jesus
because they know his voice.*

December, 2011



*Baptism of Calliope Mae Stahlecker on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011
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Worship @ Canton Lutheran Church

Wednesdays 7:00 pm ✕ Sundays 9:30 am

Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day at 9:30 am

TV Worship Times

Daily at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Midcontinent customers: ch. 19

Knology customers: ch. 98



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From the Pastor

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. ~1 Corinthians 1:4

Although the Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us, I would be remiss if I didn't take one final

opportunity to say thank you to everyone for a great fall stewardship event as we **Celebrated Canton Lutheran** and all that God does among us. Thank you for ongoing support of Canton Lutheran through your offerings, your prayers and your time given in service.

One of the pieces that we hoped would be more popular was the postcards that we sent to everyone. While we received a few, we didn't receive the number we had hoped for so we decided not to send out the scheduled 3rd mailing and we're unable to put together the **Board of Celebration** that we had originally planned. Yet, the postcards we did receive were awesome and so I wanted to share some of the highlights here with you this month.

1ST Postcard: SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT CLC

~It's like a hug-warm, friendly atmosphere and people. Like going home.

~It's fun and not just boring stuff. I like to worship there and I like ROCK

~I love how you get to do fun activities

~Friendly staff – open door policy

~It's a well to quench "spiritual thirst"

~It's welcoming

~beautiful church and windows

~place where you can be yourself and still be accepted.

~shaking hands saying "see you next Sunday"

2ND Postcard: SHARE WHO AT CLC HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

~Bud Steensland—a good solid Christian friend. ~when there is sickness or funerals, people of CLC care.

~CLC Prayer Team as they have brought me through many crises...you can feel them at work and it lifts and encourages me.

~Lowell Larson—there is more to this guy than just coffee fellowship on Sunday morning.

~David Amundson—his knowledge of leadership through the Bible is amazing

~Michelle Short—keeps giving of herself in Wednesday School, Milks Camp and helping anyone she can.

~Dick and Connie Bogue—true servants that live the Good News of Jesus. In all they do, they encourage and support others.

~Lorraine Steensland—she has passed away now but she was such a wonderful example of a great Christian. She always went around and visited everyone...and made you feel so welcome to be there. Volunteering was her great joy. Gone but NOT forgotten!

Many of you also shared some wonderful thoughts about Rhonda and myself and we are so grateful for them. Speaking of gratitude, Rhonda and I would also like to express our deep appreciation for the beautiful flowers and card along with the very generous financial gifts given to us for Pastor Appreciation. Your love and care for us and our family is so appreciated and fills our life with meaning and joy. Thank you.

Pastor Tony

Christmas at Canton Lutheran

Milk's Camp Native American Mission Trip

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

Anjelic Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 4th at 3:00 pm

Tickets \$20

Canton Christmas Parade

Monday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm

Living Nativity

"An Evening at the Stable"

Saturday, Dec. 17th and

Sunday, Dec. 18th

Showings at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 pm
both evenings

Holiday Soup Supper

Saturday, Dec. 17th and

Sunday, Dec. 18th

Serving from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Christmas Cantata

"Lead Me Back to Bethlehem"

Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 18th at 4:00 pm

*Dec. 19th – Dec. 24th, the Cantata will be broadcast in place of our church services during our regularly scheduled times on the local cable access channels.

Children's Christmas Programs

Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm

Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Monday, Dec. 19th through

Thursday, Dec. 22nd

from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm each day

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 24th at 10:00 pm

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 25th, the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve will be broadcast during our regularly scheduled times on the local cable access channels throughout the upcoming week.

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, Dec. 25th 9:30 am

Other Christmas Events in the Area

Augustana Bands Christmas

Extravaganza

Thursday December 8th at 7:30 pm, Washington Pavilion (Mary Sommervold Hall)

36th Annual Santa Lucia

St. Mark's Lutheran Church 28th & Elmwood (Sioux Falls) Thursday December 8th program at 7:30 pm, Friday December 9th program at 7:30 pm, Saturday December 10th program at 10:00 am Celebrating Swedish heritage with Scandinavian treats, children performing traditional Swedish dancing, Swedish Choir, and much more.

New Members

Fall 2011

Paul and Sherry Kurtz-Anderson

**Matthew (6)
and Nathan
(6 months)**

Many of you will recognize Paul from the court as he is a teacher and Varsity



Basketball coach at Canton High School. Cousin to Leah (John) Peterson and Nephew to Murray and Helen Rowe, Paul's family already feels at home at CLC. Sherry is a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative for Sanofi-Aventis. You will recognize her by her warm, engaging smile and the fact that she is usually carrying a beautiful baby and being followed by an energetic six year old!

Wade and Valerie Anderson

**Jacob (12),
Zachery (10)
Andrea (6)**

The Anderson family has been actively involved at Canton Lutheran for



over a year now and we are blessed to welcome them as "new" members. Valerie is employed by SD Achieve and Wade works for Total Component Solutions. Their children have been attending Wednesday school and they worship with us on Wednesday nights. You may recognize little Andrea as she loves to hold the communion baskets and looks so darling doing so!

Kevin and Nancy Bitterman

Kaeden Jacob (5)

The Bittermans recently made the move to Canton from Harrisburg and are enjoying their new home and getting to know the Canton



community. Kevin is an Ag Credit Analyst/Crop Insurance Agent in Sioux Falls and Nancy is the President of Community Bank working at First Bank and Trust here in Canton. They are already engaging in ministry at CLC, many of you will recognize Kevin from behind the drum set at our WOW worship and Kaeden just sang last week with our Wednesday School children

Jim and Enola Kroger



Enola and Jim have been part of the Canton community for most of their lives and they have six children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They have been attending our Saturday night worship services and join their Son Mark (Patty) Kroger as fellow members of CLC.

Chris and Karla Krogman

**McKenzie (11) Austin (8)
and Caiden (6)**

With three young active children, Chris and Karla spend most of their time being involved in all of their activities. In their "spare time" Chris works at Adams Thermal Systems and Karla is an RN at Sanford in Sioux Falls. Although they are just joining CLC they have been attending worship for some time and Karla has already sharing her gifts as a guide for Route 56!



Vern and Sheri Landeen

Vern and Sheri are also new to the Canton area after moving here from Norfolk, Nebraska this summer. Vern is a Whey Manager for Agropur in Hull, Iowa and Sheri is an



RN and Clinical Manager in dialysis at Sanford. They have five children together the oldest being 26 and the youngest 19. They appreciate the welcoming spirit of CLC and have already gotten to know some of our members through our coffee and fellowship hour on Sunday mornings.

Kaytlyn Smith

Noah Michael
(6 months)

Coming to us all the way Clearwater Florida Kaytlyn and her son Noah are new to the area. We are excited to



help welcome her to our church family at Canton Lutheran.

Ryan Smith (fiancé: Vanessa Anderson)

Although Vanessa has been a member of CLC all her life (daughter of Bruce and Cheryl Anderson) she is now back in the area and getting ready for a very



special wedding on May 4th. Her handsome groom to be is Ryan Smith and we are happy he too has decided to become a member of Canton Lutheran. Vanessa is a Speech Therapist for Aegis Therapies in Salem and Ryan is a Financial Advisor for Home Federal while working on an MBA. In their free time they are avid sports fans and enjoy spending time with family and friends.



Pictures are still being collected for our new online church directory that we are putting together at Canton Lutheran. If you haven't had your picture taken it's not too late. You may call

Schneller Photography to set up an appointment. They only take about 15 minutes. No cost, no sales pitch but discounts on any orders placed through Rod and Lori. You also may bring a picture to the church we can scan and insert it into the directory or email the picture to clc@cantonlutheran.net

Canton Lutheran's 2011 Christmas Cantata

Lead Me ^{Back to} Bethlehem

*Rediscovering the
Joy, Peace, and Love
of Christmas*

Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 18th at 4:00 pm

Directed by Paul Konietzko

FREE Concert Open to All

canton Women of the ELCA



WELCA Circle Meets for Christmas Social & Study Thursday, December 8th

All women are invited to the December 8th meeting of the Dorcas Circle at 2 pm in the Church Library for a time of Christmas season fellowship and study.

Bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share, if you are able, then pick from the variety of leftovers to take back home! WELCA Board officers will serve coffee and juice to go with the treats.

There will be a brief program and the Bible study which is from the December magazine "GATHER" titled "Beyond the Boundaries" is based on the book of Mark 6:30-7:37 and will be led by Wanda Hernes. Copies of the magazine with the study are available in the church office.

December Opportunities

November 28 WELCA Board Meeting 5:30 pm
(changed from 1st Wed. Dec. 7)

December 8 WELCA Circle Christmas Social
and Bible Study

December 16 NO Care and Share Quilting
meeting
this month.

Ladies: Be sure to take note of the many ways to Celebrate the Advent/Christmas season at CLC which are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter, including the wonderful Angelic concert, the Living Nativity and Christmas Cantata as well as all the worship services. Bring your families and friends!

We hope you will have a meaningful and joyful Christmas season.

December Altar Guild

Lisa Wright	764-8110	212-4481
Patty Kroger	987-5702	360-7563

Union Gospel Mission Auxiliary

Ardell Johnson, Ivona Sandnes and Roberta Anderson attended the November Union Gospel Mission Meeting at Hope Lutheran. The meeting was called to order. Lunch was served. Following lunch they met in the sanctuary. Pastor Bruce Williams told a story about a lady that came to him and wanted to know how to fix a turkey. He asked her how much it weighed, she said she didn't know, it was still running around outside. The business meeting was called to order by President Barb. She called on Sharon for the treasurer's report, which is a balance of \$6836.77. They are still in need of money for the window repairs.

Love gift for December is women's sweat shirts, mostly large sizes. They are also in need for toys for the December 9th Christmas party. Fran reported the chapel meetings are full most of the time.

Third graders helped fill boxes which included: quilts, Bibles, shoes and clothes for needy families.

Members of the mission asked people to bring guests to the meetings.

Reporter – Roberta Anderson

December Prayer Families

The week of December 4 we pray for:

Evan and Tate Heggen, Jessica Dreyer
Jason, Becky, Joe, Gabby and Christa Heikkila
Marie Heimdal
Lori Heiskell
Glenda and Leland Helgerson

The week of December 11 we pray for:

Bruce, Janet, Tom and Barbara Henke
Mark, Cathy and Cole Hennies
Charlotte Herman
Bob and Linda Herman
Karl, Jodi, Bethany, Grace and Hannah Hernes

The week of December 18 we pray for:

Les and Wanda Hernes
Tony, Gail, Austin, Avery, and Ashlyn Herting
Bob and Deann Herting
Charles and Gladys Hill
Manfred and Leona Hill

The week of December 25 we pray for

Pearl Hill
Vernice Hill
John Hilt
Kristin, Allen, Evan, and Ross Hilt
Brad, Sue, Caitlin, and Mariah Hodne

We pray for these families and ask God to bless them and those they love with an abundance of mercy, love, faith and forgiveness.

If you know of anybody we missed on our "prayer list", (and we have, we apologize), please contact the church office. Thank you

From Janet's Desk



Youth Christmas Program

Preschoolers through Fourth Graders will have their Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Students should go to their classrooms at the usual 6:00 pm time. Remember that December 21 will be the night to return the God's Global Barnyard banks so that we can find out how many farm animals we will be purchasing!

5th and 6th Graders are invited to help with the Christmas Program and will be signing up during their classes on December 14.

Summer Camp 2012

6th Graders will be going to Confirmation Camp at NeSoDak the week of June 17-22. Day Camp dates will be announced in February. Preschool Vacation Bible School is tentatively set for June 5-7. Be sure to check online for other Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota camps that are available this coming summer!

Wednesday School Holiday Break

We will be having a break from Wednesday School on December 28 and January 4. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, see you January 11!

Janet

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FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

OUR OPEN SANCTUARY A “THIN” PLACE

From Monday, December 19th through Thursday, December 22nd, our church sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM each day. This is a tremendous opportunity for everyone and I encourage you to participate in this important time.

Ever since I had my heart attack in February of 2010, I have tried to make it a priority to do physical exercise several times per week. Previously, I would exercise only if I had time after everything else was done; and yes, there was often no leftover time and it wouldn't get done. I have to remind myself on a regular basis that this must and should be given priority and not relegated to occurring only if it is convenient.

I find a parallel to this in my devotional and prayer life—perhaps I will spend some time in prayer and meditation if I have some time after I do everything else. And yet I know full well that my life is more centered and in clearer perspective when these things are given a higher priority.

The Christmas season can be busy—at times hectic. There are Christmas cards to write, gifts to purchase, gatherings and concerts to attend...how will everything get done? In fact, in our Welcome & Witness board meetings where we had discussed the possibility of opening the sanctuary for prayer in December, we talked about how it is an awfully busy time to schedule this and have hopes of people participating. And we concluded that for those very reasons, it was important for us to do it.

Those that participated in our open sanctuary prayer time back in April often commented on what a meaningful time it was to sit quietly in the sanctuary. Pastor Tony has often referred to those places where we feel and experience an especially close connection to God as “thin places”. We have been blessed with a beautiful house of worship that is truly one of those “thin places”. In the busyness of the Christmas season, we invite you to come, sit and pray or simply listen to the soft music that will be playing. We will not only discover just how “thin” our sanctuary can be, but we will discover a season that is more focused and centered in the new life we have in Christ because of God's incredible act of Grace—the story that is Christmas. Come on in—the doors will be open!

Dave Amundson

Congregation President

Your Generosity Has Been Increased

During our Celebration Potluck, we invited gifts for the Coad family in Canton who, this summer had triplets, one of whom died recently and are now faced with serious medical bills and other expenses. You generously gave gifts in the amount of \$1,649.25 which Thrivent Financial will be matching with \$1,500 which means we will be able to gift the Coad family with \$3,149.25 this holiday season. Thank you for the many ways which you continue to do God's Work with Your Hands.

Church Services Broadcasting Once Again

Local channels (19 for Midcontinent and 98 for Knology) are once again working and CLC Worship services are being broadcast daily at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Thank you for all you do. You are a Lifesaver!

To all who assist in bringing God's love to our neighbors, this poem (author unknown) talks about what you mean to Canton Lutheran Church. We cannot continue to do God's work without you. No matter how big or small, each contribution made is grateful praise to God for all he has given us. We cannot do the mission of our Church without each and every one of you. You are truly a lifesaver to us. Thank you.

**The key to our success
rests in people like you,
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes I can, and so can you!"
Thanks for your inspiring dedication
and tremendous example to the world.**

**Now that 2011 is finished,
we look back with grateful hearts.
We want to thank you for your dedication,
and being there from the very start.
Words cannot convey our gratitude
for your tremendous contribution.**

**With gratitude in our hearts
for your contributions to our cause,
we wanted to thank you with this note
as our personal round of applause.
The credit for our good deeds
firmly rests with our dedicated volunteers.
Thank you!**

**Thank you so much
for all of your hard work
and to bear witness to your passion
was an unexpected perk.
We never could have asked
for a more dedicated volunteer
and words cannot express
how grateful we are to have you here.
It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.
Thank you.**

Christmas Goodie Trays

Last call for
delicious
Christmas
Goodie trays!



Save on baking time this year with a Christmas Goodie Tray from the youth and parents of CLC.

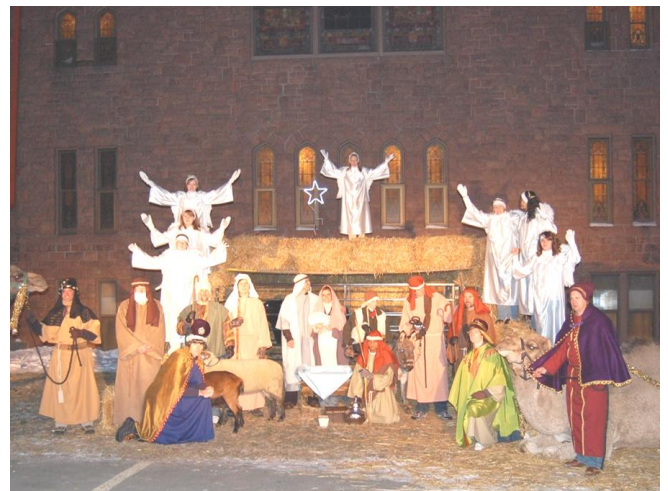
Orders are being accepted through Sunday, December 4th.

A variety of incredible baked goods will be available for pick-up on December 10th based on your pre-order.

**12" Trays are \$20 (about 30 pieces)
16" Trays are \$30 (about 50 pieces)**

They also make great gifts (claim them as your own, sssshhh we won't tell).

Place your today order by calling 605-321-6101 or 605-201-9689 or emailing pewcnvw@sio.midco.net



An Evening at the Stable 2010

Come and see this year's new and improved version

Living Nativity

Saturday, Dec. 17th

Sunday, Dec. 18th

Showings each evening at 5:30, 6:00 & 6:30 pm



Youth Soup Supper Fundraiser

As you experience the joy of witnessing our Living Nativity, you may find yourself craving warmth and comfort. You can find it in our fellowship hall from 5-7 pm each night (December 17th and 18th)

The youth will be serving delicious soup, chili, goodies, hot chocolate, sider and other delicious treats.

Come warm up with friends and family before or after each performance.

Free will donations will be accepted with all proceeds going towards the youth mission trip to New Orleans next summer.



DECEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Milk's Camp Native American Mission Trip No Worship
4 Second Sunday in Advent 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:45 AM Adult Education 11:30 AM Church Council 2:00 PM Route 56 Christmas Cookie Event 3:00 PM Anjelic Concert	5 7:00 PM Canton Christmas Parade No Bible Study	6	7 3:30 PM ROCK 4:15 PM Youth Bell Choir 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 PM Wednesday School and Route 56 7:00 PM Gospel Choir 7:00 PM WOW Worship 7:45 PM Mission & Ministry Board Meeting 7:45 PM Stewardship of Resources 8:00 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 PM Youth Group	8 2:00 PM Circle Day Christmas Social and Bible Study	9 4:00 PM New Orleans Group-Basement	10 No Worship 8:00 AM New Orleans Group Basement
11 Third Sunday in Advent 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism – Nathan Samuel Anderson / Gospel Choir singing 10:30 AM Cantata Rehearsal 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 1:00 PM Living Nativity Rehearsal	12	13	14 3:30 PM ROCK 4:15 PM Youth Bell Choir 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 PM Route 56 6:00 PM Wednesday School 7:00 PM Gospel Choir 7:00 PM WOW Worship / CLC Youth Bell Choir 7:45 PM Executive Council 8:00 PM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 PM Youth Group	15 No Care & Share Quilting	16 11:30 AM Union Gospel Mission Auxiliary	17 No Worship 5:00 – 7:00 PM Holiday Soup Supper 5:30 PM Living Nativity 6:00 PM Living Nativity 6:30 PM Living Nativity 7:30 PM Christmas Cantata
18 Fourth Sunday in Advent NAMETAG SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Rilan Warejcka 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship 4:00 PM Christmas Cantata 5:00 – 7:00 PM Holiday Soup Supper 5:30 PM Living Nativity 6:00 PM Living Nativity 6:30 PM Living Nativity	19 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Prayer	20 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Prayer	21 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Prayer 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Programs	22 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Prayer	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 PM Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
25 Christmas Day 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship	26	27	28 No WOW Worship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve No Worship

**POINSETTIA PLANTS &
FUNDING FOR THE LIVING NATIVITY AND
CHRISTMAS CANTATA
NEEDED FOR 2011 CHRISTMAS SEASON**

The Altar Guild would like to again beautify our sanctuary with Poinsettias. **We are also accepting money this year for our Living Nativity and Christmas Cantata.** If you wish to put your slip in the worship service offering plate please have it in an envelope with "Poinsettia Slip" written on the outside of the envelope. You may also mail slip or bring it into the church office by **December 8th** to get the names listed in the bulletin. All slips, plants or money must be in the church by **December 10th.**



I (we) will provide the following for the 2011 CHRISTMAS SEASON:

_____ Poinsettia Plant(s)

\$ _____ towards purchase of Poinsettia Plant(s)

\$ _____ towards the Living Nativity

\$ _____ towards the Christmas Cantata

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given By:

Signed: _____ Daytime Phone Number: _____

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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**Living Nativity Saturday, December 17th & Sunday, December 18th
Showings at 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 6:30 pm both nights**

**Christmas Cantata Saturday, December 17th 7:30 pm and
Sunday December 18th at 4:00 pm**

Holiday Soup Supper Saturday, December 17th & Sunday, December 18th Serving from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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