



# The Voice

*The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church*

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

**February, 2012**



***We Love because God first Loved Us***  
***1John 4:19***

## **Worship @ Canton Lutheran Church**

Wednesdays 7:00 pm ✕ Saturday 5:00 pm ✕ Sundays 9:30 am

### **TV Worship Times**

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\*These times are approximations. If you need to see a specific individual, please call ahead for an appt.

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*For God so loved the world that God gave...*

John 3:16a

God expresses his love for us in an act of giving. It seems to me that all love is expressed this way – with giving.

From  
the  
Pastor

Love that is simply a feeling within our heart is not really love at all. Love is only love when it is given in a way that the love can be experienced by the beloved.

What difference would it make if God loved us privately but did not give his love so that we might know? We know the answer, it would make none.

Because we love God, we also give. We give our heart, our time, our resources. We give so that our love can be expressed. We give because our love needs to be given.

Let's be clear. God knows that we love him. God knows our hearts and searches our minds. We are completely known to God. And yet, God has created us in a way that the love we have for God must be shared even though God already knows our feelings for him.

Love not shared becomes cold and powerless to warm our hearts and transform our lives. Love not shared is as useless as our appendix – it is as worthless as a scrap of garbage.

And so God gives us opportunities to share our love. Not to prove our love but so that our love might grow and continue to be a blessing to us and to others in this world.

One of the ways we can express our love to God is through supporting God's church. While God's

church is not always perfect, our mission is clear – share the love of God with a world in need of experiencing this love.

We are God's church because God loved us so much that God gave. And even more, God continues to give.

Now, more than ever, Canton Lutheran, a congregation of God – your congregation of God – needs your expressions of love. We need your time, we need your resources, we need your passion. For we are the church only when we are the church together. The work we do, we do together. The work we do, we do out of love.

*Pastor Tony*

## One Big Thing

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

Lucky's Café (west edge of town)

7:00 am: bring your Bible

We will be starting a new Tuesday morning Bible study called **One Big Thing**. The idea is to come together around the big things of life and then contemplate those big things in light of the big news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

Each week we will explore "*one big thing*" in scripture as we think about the big things that we are thinking about in our state, our society, our country, our world, etc...

A pastor once wrote that we should come to our faith with *the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other*. Join us every Tuesday morning at 7:00 am at Lucky's Café on the west edge of Canton. This new Bible study promises to be a really "BIG THING!"

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## **New Way of Receiving Your Offerings**

We have installed a debit card machine in the entry area off the north side of the sanctuary for those that would like to give their offering to the church without writing a check. Simply swipe your card, enter your amount and when you receive the printed receipts, sign one copy and drop it in an offering envelope and keep the other copy for your records. Ask any of the CLC staff if you have questions about how to use this new offering tool. Thanks for your generosity.

## **Saturday Worship has resumed in the Chapel at 5:00 pm**

### **Mission and Ministry Board**

Our February Mission of the Month is Nicaragua. Nicaragua needs funds to purchase seeds for planting this spring (March & April) due to the flooding that occurred last October which (again) wiped out crops, homes, roads, etc. Without a harvest last fall, there are no seeds to plant this spring. SD Synod hopes to raise \$13,000 to send to the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua to purchase seeds to help about 350 families north & northwest of Managua, the capital city, which were hit the hardest. These seeds will be delivered by the Central Church of ILFE to the families in these areas as the planting season begins. Donations to this mission will be very much appreciated.

### **Love INC News**

The Oversight Board for Love INC is looking for a representative from Canton Lutheran Church to sit on their board. This group typically meets once a month on the first Tuesdays and is also involved in various fundraisers for Love INC. If you're interested please contact Pastor Tony.

## **Thank you**

Many thanks to everyone for the generous contributions to the staff appreciation fund in December. The staff was able to have a nice enjoyable dinner with one another. And we were also able to provide a financial appreciation gift out of gratitude for all of the wonderful work our staff does for the ministry and family of Canton Lutheran. Thank you so much for your response. Executive Council

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

### **Remember what is really important.**

I spent the evening with my family last night. My youngest daughter celebrated her birthday and we all met for dinner. It's such a joy to spend time together; to laugh, to remember when, to just hang out. And as most mothers are, I am very proud of my daughters. I'm proud of them, not because of what they have accomplished, or their bank accounts, or even their abilities. I'm just proud of who they are.

**How about the other people around you?** Do they know they are loved and valued for who they are? Do they know they are special because God loves them and has forgiven them? Or perhaps...do they only feel valued or appreciated for what they do or what they have?

Stop and think about people around you for a minute. Each one is God's child. Each one is your brother and sister in Christ. Think about their gifts, their personalities, their presence. Then after you thank God for each one, find a way to let them know how much you appreciate them as part of God's family.

*God's Work Our Hands*

Submitted by Teresa Nygaard

## Canton Lutheran Endowment Fund Report

The Canton Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was created to provide perpetual financial support to expand the mission of CLC.

The current endowment fund committee members are:

Doug Verley  
Craig Dittberner  
Anna Mae Edwards  
Garry Johnson  
Arne Anderson

The committee meets quarterly to conduct the business of the endowment fund. This past year, an investment policy statement was drafted, presented to the church council and approved and adopted by the council. The purpose of the investment policy is to establish guidelines for the Fund's investment portfolio. The statement also incorporates accountability standards that are used for monitoring the progress of the Portfolio's investment program.

The Fund balance as of 12/31/11 is 241,975.62.

The gifts given during 2011 were:

PACT Funds for students attending Augustana College-250.00  
Love INC.....2,100.00  
Remedy School.....500.00  
Camperships.....2,000.00

The Endowment Committee would like to remind and encourage people to remember this Endowment Fund for charitable giving, estate planning etc. Anyone is welcome to and encouraged to donate to this fund to help it continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arne Anderson on behalf of the Endowment Committee



### WELCA February Opportunities

- February 1 WELCA Board Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.  
*(NOTE TIME CHANGE)*
- February 3 Mail annual "Love Letters"
- February 9 Dorcas Circle meets at the  
CLC Library at 2 p.m.
- February 16 Care & Share Quilting / Room 102
- February 17 Union Gospel Mission  
Auxiliary Meeting
- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- February 24 Good Samaritan Birthday Party  
(Hosted by CLC Women of the ELCA)
- February 29 WELCA Board Meeting,  
5:30 p.m.  
*(NOTE TIME CHANGE)*

### February Altar Guild

Shirley Temple 987-2133  
Lori Schneller 764-5618

### WOW Altar Guild

Susan Beachler 605-987-3011  
Paula Keyman 605-359-7160  
Ronda Headrick 605-731-9471  
Kris Schroedermeier 605-987-0072  
Lynda Johnson 764-4462 (substitute)

# From Janet's Desk



Welcome to the new members beginning their service this month.

*Janet*

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## FEBRUARY PRAYER FAMILIES

### Summer Planned Events

Summer is on its way!! As hard as it is to believe, we are in the midst of planning our summer events for kids! Here's what we have so far!

**June 5, 6, 7** – Age 3 through Kinder prep  
Vacation Bible School at CLC.

**June 17-22** – Grade 7 (fall of 2012) NeSoDak  
Confirmation Camp near Waubay, SD.

**July 9-12** – Grades 1-6 (fall of 2012) NeSoDak  
Day Camp at CLC.

**July 17-23** – High School Students go to New  
Orleans Youth Convention.

Registration Forms for VBS and Day Camp are available at the church so that you can get registered early before spring craziness starts. Confirmation Campers will receive a letter in the near future telling all the details.

### Wednesday School Planned Events

Just a couple of FYI's for parents with students in Wednesday School – all Preschooler through Grade 4 students are invited to sing on Sunday, April 1 at the 9:30 am Worship Service for Palm Sunday. There will not be Wednesday School on April 4.

### Thank You

Thank you to outgoing and continuing Church Council members for their faithful work!

### The week of February 5 we pray for:

Jeff, Paula, and Dayton Keyman, Grant Nelson  
Loren, Dawn and Zach Knutson  
Mike, Stacy, Justin, Austin, Kristin Knutson  
Scott, Maria, Hanna and Scotty Kollbaum

### The week of February 12 we pray for:

Elwood Krejci and Lois VandeKeift  
Glenn, Karla, and Dylan Krejci  
Alan Kroger  
Calvin Kroger

### The week of February 19 we pray for:

David and Laurie Kroger  
Jason, Chandra, and Sullivan Kroger  
Jeff, Dawn and Terri Kroger  
Jesse, Stephanie, Taylor, Jase Kroger  
Mark, Patty, Maddie, and Seth Kroger

### The week of February 26 we pray for

Jim and Enola Kroger  
Travis and Kelsey Kroger  
Chris, Karla, McKenzie, Austin, and Caiden  
Krogman  
Harriet Kuehl  
Kenneth and Corky Kuehl

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

# Sweetheart Supper

*Fundraiser for CLC youth trip to the ELCA  
National Youth Gathering in New Orleans*



**Sun. Feb. 12, 2012**

*In Canton Lutheran Church Basement*

**5:30 Supper – Families**

\$10 per person

\$5 (12 and under)

**7:00 Supper – Couples**

\$10 per person

*\$5 extra for those who would like a youth companion to dine with*

## Menu:

Salad

Spaghetti with meat sauce

Garlic Bread

Beverage

Dessert



Please use our valet parking at handicapped entrance.  
Call 605-254-5129 or 605-201-0053 for ticket information.



# 2012 Stewardship Resolutions

As we reflect on 2011, one of the areas that many families will be considering is our household budgets and how we would like to modify them in the coming year to more accurately reflect our values and needs. As you consider your budget for the coming year, we would invite you to look over the gifts you've provided to church, divide them by 12 and see what you've provided for the work of Canton Lutheran and the mission of God's kingdom in the past year.



We are so grateful for all people do to support the work of our congregation but also recognize that many of you desire to continue to grow in your discipline of financial stewardship. We believe that each of us is called to give at a level in direct proportion to the gifts God has given us. For some families, 2% is a stretch, others will find that giving at 15% is not only easy but blesses and enhances their lives. Some people talk about giving until we huts, we think God calls us to grow in our giving until it stops hurting because God becomes our complete source of healing and salvation.

Below is a chart designed to help families as they discern their monthly giving levels. If we can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church.

## Monthly Giving Worksheet

Monthly Income	<b>Beyond a Tithe</b> <i>An extra measure</i>	<b>Tithe</b> <i>Blessed to be a Blessing</i>	<b>Upper Range Giving</b> <i>Growing in Grace</i>		<b>Middle Range Giving</b> <i>An Opportunity to Grow</i>		<b>Low Range Giving</b> <i>Challenged to Step Forward in Faith</i>	
	15%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	2%	1%
2,000	\$300	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$40	\$20
3,000	\$450	\$300	\$240	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$60	\$30
4,000	\$600	\$400	\$320	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$80	\$40
5,000	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$100	\$50
6,000	\$900	\$600	\$480	\$360	\$300	\$240	\$120	\$60
7,000	\$1050	\$700	\$560	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$140	\$70
8,000	\$1200	\$800	\$640	\$480	\$400	\$320	\$160	\$80
9,000	\$1350	\$900	\$720	\$540	\$450	\$360	\$180	\$90
10,000	\$1500	\$1000	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$200	\$100

***What is your monthly giving for the work of Canton Lutheran Church and for the sake of God's Kingdom?***

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# Ash Wednesday



February 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm