



The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

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

January, 2012



Kelly Strand looks lovingly at her baby daughter Jaylee as they embody the characters of Mary and Jesus in CLC's 2011 living nativity, "An Evening at the Stable"



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Worship @ Canton Lutheran Church

Wednesdays 7:00 pm ✕ Sundays 9:30 am

TV Worship Times

Daily at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Midcontinent customers: ch. 19

Knology customers: ch. 98



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

From the Pastor

For [Christians] are baptized “into death,” that is, toward death, which is to say, they have begun to live in such a way that they are pursuing this kind of death and reach out toward their goal. For although they are baptized unto eternal life and the kingdom of heaven, yet they do not all at once possess this goal fully, but they have

begun to act in such a way that they may attain to it – for Baptism was established to direct us toward death and through this death to life.

Martin Luther: Luther’s Works. Volume 25, p. 312

To live baptized is to live oriented towards death recognizing that life is a series of endings from which God calls forth beginnings. This is the miracle of new life in Jesus Christ. Endings do not get the last word for God is continually and graciously encountering us with **the Word** and so “whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord’s.”

The beginning of a new year invites us to a time of reflection so that we may give thanks for our many blessings, recount the marvelous deeds of God and let go of any pain, hurts or resentments from the past that we may fully embrace the new tomorrow that is already ours in Jesus Christ.

This is also the time that we as a congregation will ask once again; “what is the nature of the mission and ministry to which God is calling us?” To be most faithful in this task, we as well must be willing to let go of those things that no longer give life to the body of Christ that we may embrace the new possibilities that God sets before us.

As we receive the gift of a new year, I am once again filled with a sense of gratitude for our ministry together. The people of Canton Lutheran are people of deep and profound faith. I am so grateful for your continued willingness to say

“YES” each and every time an opportunity arises. I watch in awe as you welcome all people into your hospitable embrace recognizing within each face, the silhouette of Jesus Christ. I listen with wonder as you encourage one another and offer words of consolation and peace to your brothers and sisters who are in pain.

Rhonda and I would also like to say thank you for the cards, the gifts, the food, the words of encouragement but mostly for your prayers. We continue to be overwhelmed by the many ways that you support and embrace our family. Happy New Year to us all and may God continue to bless and encourage us in our baptismal journeys.

Pastor Tony

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual meeting for Canton Lutheran Church has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary. In addition to electing officers and approving our 2012 budget, we will also be considering a new constitution. All members are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

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 to the Wonderful Members of CLC

A very special and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make Canton Lutheran's 3rdnd annual performance of the Living Nativity (An Evening at the Stable) come to life. The cast and crew, all those who put together the delicious soup supper, those who helped with publicity, the list goes on and on. This event takes a village to put together and the CLC community is definitely a willing and able village of people!

We estimate that over a thousand people attended and there have been so many who have expressed what a meaningful experience the Nativity was for their family. Many people are coming year after year and we are drawing people from outside of the Canton community as well.

We are so proud of this congregation and its members for making this a priority and for helping us to express to all the real reason for the season.

With love and prayers,

Rhonda Haglund and Cheryl Johnson

Canton Lutheran Constitution Task Force

At the 2011 meeting of the congregation the following motion was approved: ***It is proposed that a Task Force of three (3) people be formed for the purpose of updating the Canton Lutheran Church Constitution and revising the Canton Lutheran Church By-Laws to comply with the ELCA required Model Constitution and in adoption of a revised leadership structure for the governance of the congregation.***

Following is a report from this Task Force:

Luke Karel, Jonathan Toso, and Brenda Ask, were asked by the council to review our existing Constitution that this congregation last adopted in

1971 (and has amended from time to time) along with the model that the ELCA recommends we use. The committee has recommended to the Council that we adopt the model constitution since this congregation has agreed to remain affiliated with the ELCA.

The *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* originally was adopted by the Constituting Convention of this church on April 30, 1987, and contains changes adopted by the 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2011 Churchwide Assemblies. Sections of this constitution marked by an asterisk [*] are required when a congregation amends its governing documents. These sections must be used without alteration or amendment of the text in any manner. Section 9.52. of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA stipulates that when a congregation of this church wishes to amend any provision of its governing documents, the governing documents of that congregation shall be so amended to conform to the churchwide constitution.

Our existing constitution provides that any amendment shall be made by mailing a copy to the congregation members at least 30 days prior to the meeting, and then may be approved without change at a legally called meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting, and then it must be ratified without further change at the next annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

We have not yet been able to complete the work of updating and revising the by-laws.

ENCLOSED WITH THIS MAILING IS THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

canton Women of the ELCA



WELCA January Opportunities

- January 4 WELCA Board Meeting,
5:30 p.m.
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)
- January 12 Dorcas Circle meets at the
CLC Library at 2 p.m.
Carol Olson, Hostess
Wanda Hernes, Bible Study leader*
- January 19 Care & Share
- January 20 Union Gospel Mission
Auxiliary Meeting

*The Circle Bible Study for this month is titled "Beyond the Boundaries" and is based on Mark 6 & 7. It can be found on page 26 of the January issue of "GATHER" magazine. Copies are available at the church office.



CHRISTMASTIME

1st Monday Bible Study On the Gospel of Mark

The Monday Bible Study was not held in December because of the Christmas Parade and busy schedules. So please join us on Monday, January 2nd as we continue our study on the Gospel of Mark. We will be doing the study titled "Power and Authority" based on Mark chapters 4-6. This study can be found in the NOVEMBER issue of the magazine "GATHER". Extra copies are available in the church office or by contacting Lynn White (987-4267) or Judy Stearns (605-214-1552).

It is never too late to join us for this study – all men and women are welcome.

Ladies, since we no longer have noon or evening Circles, this study is an opportunity for all of you who work outside the home, or otherwise are not available to attend the afternoon consolidated Circle meetings, to participate in the same study and you can bring your husbands! We know how busy you are but hope you will consider this opportunity to take some time out for some Bible study and spiritual growth in 2012!

January Altar Guild

LeAnn Anderson 605-759-1737
Deb Jansen 605-310-1261
Lori Pudenz 605-310-7087

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)

JANUARY PRAYER FAMILIES

The week of January 1 we pray for:

Harlan and Maedora Hoff
Dick and Dorothy Hoffman
Mike and Marcia Hoffman
Kyle Hoffman
Nicole Hoffman and Payton Eben
Eric, Mona, Andy and Rachel Hohman

The week of January 8 we pray for:

Paul and Marlys Hohman
Joann Huber
Gene Ingebrigtsen
Jason, Donna, Kelsey, Kase and Kadee Jacobs
Terry and Shari Jacobs

The week of January 15 we pray for:

Jim, Jeanie, Kacie, and Hunter Jacobsen
Joyce Jacobsen
Galen, Debbie, Kelsey, and Ellery Jansen
Doreen Janssen
Ardell Johnson

The week of January 22 we pray for

Garry and Cheryl Johnson
Jerome and Louise Johnson
Jon, Cindy, Rebecca and Jonathan Johnson
Charlie, Lynda, Alicia, and Zach Johnson
Mitch, Tracy and Mical Johnson

The week of January 29 we pray for

Sylvia Johnson
Luke and Beth Karel
Jerry and Kathy Keiser
Tim Keiser
Dennis Kessel

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



Friday Backpack Program

Thank you to everyone that gave gifts of food and money to Love, INC's Friday Backpack Program in December. CLC was responsible to provide bags of food for 16 students in the Canton School District so they would not be hungry over the weekends. Our Wednesday ROCK group packed all the bags. They were surprised to learn that they may have classmates that are not getting enough food when school is not in session. The last December bags went home with students to be used for Christmas break.

Thank You Directors and Teachers

Many thanks to the directors – Michelle Short and Brenda Ask for all their work on the Children's Christmas Programs; to our Wednesday School teachers for all their help with practices; to Kristi Feucht for the Bell Choirs songs, and to Kris Goodroad for playing all the music for both programs.

R.O.C.K. and Wednesday School Resumes January 11, 2012

See you on January 11 for ROCK, bells, and Wednesday School!

Janet

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JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library	2 Church Offices Closed 7:00 PM Bible Study/Book of Mark	3	4 5:30 PM Canton Women of the ELCA Board Mtg. 7:00 PM Gospel Choir 7:00 PM Stewardship of Resources 7:00 PM Welcome & Witness Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mission & Ministry Board 8:00 PM Youth Group	5	6	7
8 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 1:30 PM Piano Recital - Susan Beachler	9	10	11 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 / Baptismal Remembrance 8:00 PM Executive Council 8:00 PM Youth Group	12 2:00 PM Dorcas Circle/CLC Library	13	14
15 Gospel Choir Sings NAMETAG SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:45 AM Adult Education 11:30 AM Full Council Meeting	16	17	18 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 WOW Worship 8:00 PM Youth Group	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:45 AM Adult Education 6:00 PM Digging Deeper / Confirmation	23	24	25 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 8:00 PM Youth Group	26	27	28
29 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:45 AM Adult Education 11:00 AM Canton Lutheran Annual Meeting	30	31	1 1:00 PM Canton Women of the ELCA Board Mtg. 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 Stewardship of Resources 8:00 PM Youth Group	2	3	4

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	Beyond a Tithe <i>An extra measure</i>	Tithe <i>Blessed to be a Blessing</i>	Upper Range Giving <i>Growing in Grace</i>		Middle Range Giving <i>An Opportunity to Grow</i>		Low Range Giving <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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Enclosed is the 2012 Proposed Constitution

Important January Calendar Dates

ROCK, Wednesday School, and WOW resumed Wednesday January 11th

Baptismal Remembrance Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm

Adult Education resumes Sunday January 15th at 10:45 am

Canton Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Sunday January 29th at 11:00 am