



The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

And the sheep follow Jesus
because they know his voice.

March, 2011

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  **LENT**
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD

Lent Begins on March 9th
Ash Wednesday
Worship at 7:00 pm
with Imposition of Ashes

Worship @ Canton Lutheran Church

Saturday 5:00 pm ✕ Sundays 9:30 am ✕ Wed. 7:00 pm

TV Worship Times

Sundays at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm ✕ Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
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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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From the Pastor

When we sin and mess up our lives, we find that God doesn't go off and leave us—he enters into our trouble and saves us. —

EUGENE PETERSON, *A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME*

DIRECTION

Lent begins March 9th with Ash Wednesday, the solemn day of fasting and

repentance where Christians begin a 40 day journey to Easter and the earth-shattering good news that the tomb is empty and Christ is risen. We challenge each other during these days, not only to a season of repentance, but also to a time of spiritual growth and maturation. In years past, we've included things like soup suppers or mid-week prayer services as part of our congregational disciplines. Staff reductions coupled with the success of our Wednesday programming and worship have challenged us to ask; *"are there changes that need to be made in response to these new realities?"*

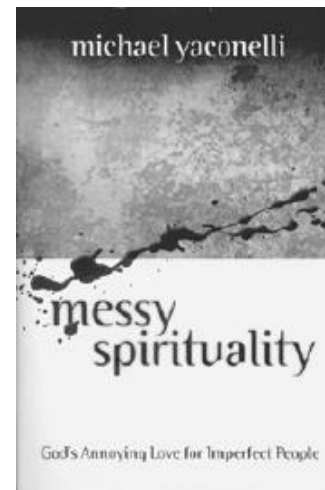
MESSY SPIRITUALITY: GOD'S ANNOYING LOVE FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE will be CLC's Lenten theme for 2011. Based on Mike Yaconelli's book by the same title, our Lenten series will seek to help us understand and celebrate God's ongoing redemptive work in the midst of our messy lives (and our messy world).

Because so many children and adults are involved in our Wednesday education programming we have decided that it's not feasible to continue with our tradition of mid-week soup suppers. **Ash Wednesday** (March 9th) will be a special worship service including the **Imposition of Ashes** and then we will return to our traditional worship schedule where the Wednesday worship sermon and themes are based upon the previous weekend's sermon and themes. Those that choose

to enter into the discipline of worshiping twice a week during Lent will hear similar messages but we are convinced will still find meaning through the different worship styles. In addition we would encourage the Lenten discipline of reading completely through one of the Gospels (we recommend Matthew this year) as well as purchasing the book *Messy Spirituality* by Mike Yaconelli and using that for devotions.

Rev. Eugene Peterson in his book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* writes; *"All the persons of faith I know are sinners, doubters, uneven performers. We are secure not because we are sure of ourselves but because we trust that God is sure of us."* During this Season of Lent, we will gather together as a community of faith reminding each other precisely of this truth. We hope you'll make it a commitment to join us.

Pastor Tony



Messy Spirituality Book Available at CLC

We have purchased a handful of copies of Messy Spirituality by Mike Yaconelli and have them available for \$10 each at the church offices.

FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Welcome & Witness Board Report

by Patty Kroger; Board Chair

*Whoever You Are, However You Come, You Are
Welcome Here*

This is the mission of the Welcome & Witness Board. Our members are myself; Patty Kroger; chair, Pete Van Wyhe; vice-chair, Rhonda Headrick, Judy Stearns, Brenda Heggen, Dan Rath, and Seth Lundstrom. Our board oversees worship and music evangelism, hospitality, congregational and community communications.

One of our goals for the following year is to implement monthly Name Tag Sundays. We know that it can be uncomfortable to wear them, but feel that it really gives a sense of community. The upside of this is that the growing of friendships outweighs any discomfort of putting on a nametag. We hope to do this more often as we work at creating the most welcoming and friendly environment that we can at CLC. People may be uncomfortable wearing them, yet it is a great way for building community. If you would like to help with this ministry by either helping with nametag Sunday or by just making it a priority each week to seek out and welcome new faces in our midst, that would be much appreciated.

If you have ideas, concerns, or thoughts in any of these areas, please contact one of our board members and let us know!

In Christ,
Patty Kroger
Colossians 3:17

February Prayer Families

The week of March 6 we pray for:

Olive Rikansrud
Barb Rikansrud
Kirk and Cheryl Rikansrud
Opal Rikansrud
Jim and Eli Ripley

The week of March 13 we pray for:

Mike, Karri, Ryan and Hanna Robbins
Leaine Rollag
Sandra Roseland
Amy, Lance, and Desiree Roseland
Murray and Helen Rowe

The week of March 20 we pray for:

Rick and Joan Saathoff
Ivona Sandnes
Don Sandness
Bill and Cheryle Sauers
Lester and Arlene Schneider

The week of March 27 we pray for

Rod, Lori, Jake and Jon Schneller
Jim, Lollene, and Alistacia Schoeberl
Jody, Kris, Bryce, Evan, and Paige
Schroedermeier
Dwight and Carol Scott
Randy, Linda, Kayla, Kelsey and Chanda
Severson

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

From Janet's Desk



VBS and Day Camp

Be the first to turn in your VBS or Day Camp registrations! Registration forms included in the VOICE.

Summer Camp

Did you know that many of today's church leaders were campers at Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota camps in their youth? Your children can progress in their faith journey, make lifelong friends and mentors, and explore their personal gifts by trying out new skills. If you want your child to participate in this summer experience, please contact Pastor Tony or me about how to register. We have scholarship applications available. Often campers' families carpool to camp so be sure to let us know when you are going so we can help with arrangements. And don't forget about family camping at Outlaw Ranch and NeSoDak to nurture you and your kids! We have a special **Come to Camp Night!** planned for March 23 at the 7:00 pm WOW.

Sunday and Wednesday School

During March, our Sunday and Wednesday School lessons for Preschoolers through Grade 4 will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on Chapters 6 and 17. For the season of Lent, the lessons will lead us to Easter morning. Be sure to check out the Family Page your child brings home each week and ask them to share with you what they have learned!

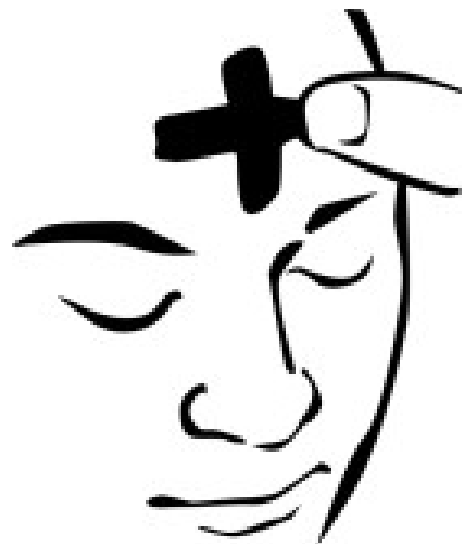
Volunteers

Have you been asked? Have you been asked to usher, serve communion, provide treats for coffee hour, count the offering, or be on the altar guild? Sometimes people tell me they are not participating as Sunday or Wednesday Worship Leaders because no one asked them. Pastor Tony and I will be calling and asking in the near future if you would like to take a sample of a ministry team. After you try it, if that opportunity is not a fit for your passions, then we will help you try another and another until one fits you perfectly. Like the old cereal commercial says, "Try it – you'll like it!"

Dates to Remember

Just a reminder that we will not have Wednesday School on Wednesday, March 16 or Sunday School on Sunday, March 20.

Janet



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Women
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March Circle Day
Thursday, March 10

Hope Circle – 9:30 am
Joy Circle – 12:00 pm
Faith Circle – 2:00 pm

March Opportunities

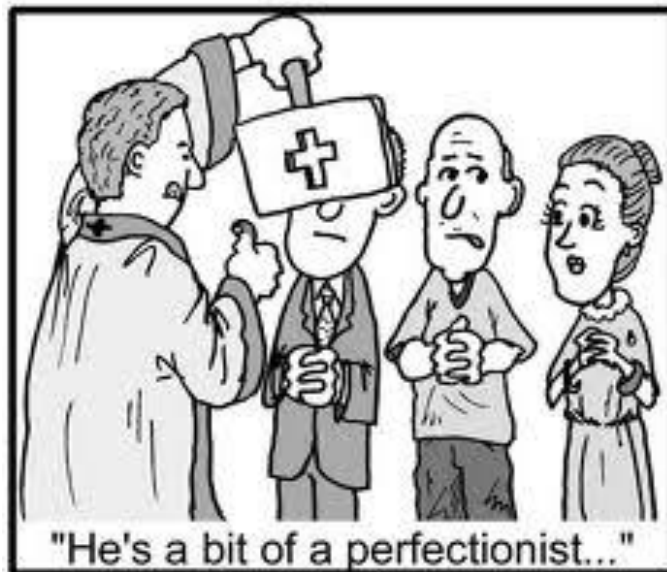
March 2 - WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 pm
March 4 - World Day of Prayer-Canton United
Methodist Church 12:00 pm
March 9 - Ash Wednesday
March 10 - Circle Day
March 12-16 Soap Gathering for Health Kits
March 17 - Care & Share Quilting / Room 102
March 18 - Union Gospel Auxiliary Meeting
March 24 – WELCA General Meeting & Program 7pm

March Altar Guild

Deb Jansen 764-2470
LeAnn Anderson 987-2494
Lori Pudenz 987-4228

WOW Altar Guild

Susan Beachler 987-3011
Paula Keyman 359-7160
Ronda Headrick 764-5267
Lynda Johnson 764-4462 (substitute)



Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship with the
Imposition of Ashes on March 9th at 7:00 pm



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MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 OUR HANDS TOGETHER SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship with Dakota Roads and Bishop David Zellmer 10:30 AM Congregation Meal 10:30 AM Sunday School	28	1	2 1:00 PM W.E.L.C.A. Board Mtg. 3:30 PM R.O.C.K. 6:00 PM ReVive 78 6:00 PM Route 56 6:00 PM Wednesday School 6:00 PM Welcome & Witness 6:00 PM WOW Rehearsal 7:00 PM WOW Worship 7:45 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:45 PM Mission & Ministry Board 7:45 PM Stewardship of Resources 8:00 PM High School Youth Group	3	4 World Day of Prayer 12:00 PM Canton United Methodist Church	5 5:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion
6 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion/Gospel Choir 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Faith & Fellowship Forum 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Graders Conf. Workshop	7	8	9 Ash Wednesday 3:30 PM R.O.C.K. 6:00 PM ReVive 78 6:00 PM Route 56 6:00 PM Wednesday School 6:00 PM WOW Rehearsal 7:00 PM WOW Worship 7:45 PM Executive Council 7:45 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM High School Youth Group	10 Circle Day 9:30 AM Hope Circle 12:00 PM Joy Circle 2:00 PM Faith Circle	11	12 5:00 PM Worship
13 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Faith & Fellowship Forum	14	15	16 NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING NO WOW WORSHIP	17 NO SCHOOL / Spring Break St. Patrick's Day 1:00 PM Care & Share	18 NO SCHOOL / Spring Break 11:30 AM Union Gospel Mission Auxiliary	19 8:00 AM Trip leaves to see Jesus Christ Superstar 5:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion
20 NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship / Library 10:45 AM Faith & Fellowship Forum	21 NO SCHOOL / Spring Break	22	23 CAMP WEDNESDAY 3:30 PM R.O.C.K. 6:00 PM ReVive 78 6:00 PM Route 56 6:00 PM Wednesday School 6:00 PM WOW Rehearsal 7:00 PM WOW Worship 7:45 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM High School Youth Group	24	25	26 5:00 PM Worship
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EASTER FLOWERS

We are looking for colorful potted plants for Easter Sunday Church Service! We're inviting you to bring tulips, daffodils, lilies or other colorful plants or donate money towards plants we purchase. Anyone wishing to donate a plant should bring them to the **East Handicapped Entrance** by **11:00 AM - SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd**.

If you wish to give money to purchase a plant, **PLEASE** bring or send it to the church office **no later** than **TUESDAY APRIL 19th**.



_____ Furnish a plant

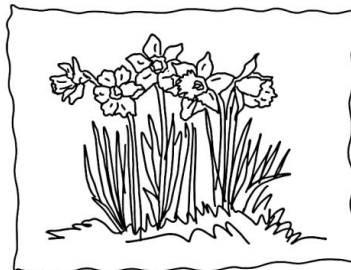
\$_____ Money to purchase a plant

In Honor of:

In Memory Of:

From:

Signed _____ Daytime Phone _____



We're Going to Preschool Vacation Bible School!



Come Join Us!
May 22-25, 2011

Kids ages 3-5 that have not attended Kindergarten.

Classes held Sunday, May 22 -- Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Family Potluck and Program: Wednesday, May 25 from 6:00 pm

----- *Return this portion.* -----

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Allergies _____

Names of Parents: _____

Home Address _____

email _____ phone _____

Yes! Our family can help with these things during VBS (please circle all that apply)

crafts storytelling snacks music teaching

preparation clean-up work at the potluck

Questions? Contact Janet at 764-2429 or janet@cantonlutheran.net

CLC Day Camp



July 10-14, 2011

Join your CLC friends for 4 days of fun, Bible study and outdoor activities at Newton Hills State Park! Children that have finished Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited. We meet at 8:30 am each morning to travel to the park and return at 3:00 pm each day. Cost is \$40/child (make checks payable to Canton Lutheran Church).

Bring a water bottle, lunch, Bible, and be ready for a faith-filled, Bible-centered, fabulous day!

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I wish to register these campers:

_____ Grade Completed _____

_____ Grade Completed _____

Address (include city): _____

Names of Parents _____ e-mail: _____

Phone #s _____

Our family will help with Day Camp (provide food, chaperone, help with crafts, etc...) _____

A Stewardship Moment

Housecleaning

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see everything has become new!” Romans 5:17

Lent has traditionally been a time for cleaning house; in fact the practice of “Spring Cleaning” may be related to the religious practice of clearing the kitchen of fat on Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is meant to be only the beginning of a time of taking stock in every part of our lives. In Lent we are called to consider not only the excesses of our material existence that need to be purged, but also anything in our spirits or minds that needs reassessment and clearing out.

Instead of understanding Lent as a grim and joyless period, we might remember Paul’s encouragement and see Lent as a time of becoming new. As a person who has moved from one house to another often in her life, I know that before you enter the new house, you need to clean out the old one, decide what is to be kept and what is to be discarded, and discern what new items you might need to acquire for a new situation in life.

This Lent, we are offered the cleansing opportunity of examining our lives on every level, both material and spiritual. Where are the excesses we need to clear out? What do we need to reassess about priorities, relationships, possessions and time management in order to be ready to live into a resurrection discipleship? On Easter, when the risen Christ calls us to new life, what might be weighing us down and keeping us from responding quickly, with joy, as stewards of the good news?

*This article inspired by: Rochelle A. Stackhouse
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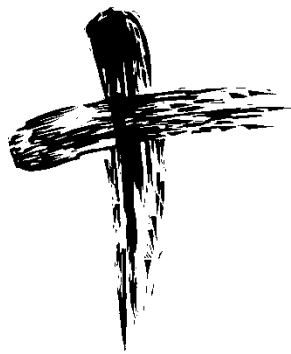
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Messy Spirituality

GOD'S ANNOYING LOVE FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE



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