

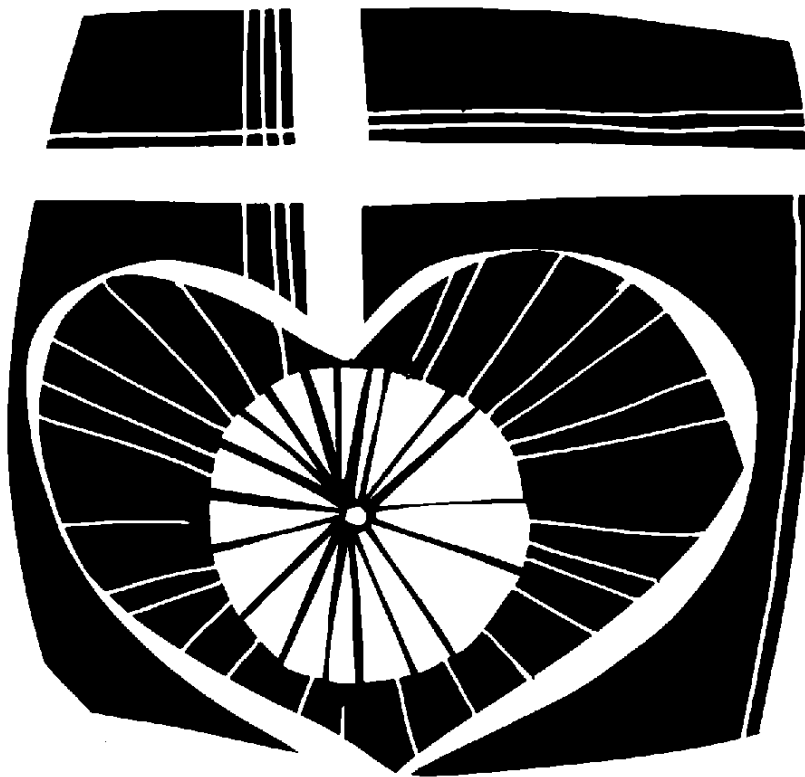


The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

And the sheep follow Jesus
because they know his voice.

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Saturdays 5:00 pm ✕ Sundays 9:30 am

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Sundays at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm ✕ Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

From the Pastor

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

– Colossians 3:4

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

April showers may bring May flowers but this April also

brings plenty of opportunity for thanksgiving and rejoicing. Our Wednesday WOW Worship was blended with mid-week Lenten worshipers as we learned and lived Marty Haugen's liturgy, **Holden Evening Prayer**. Centered around the theme of **Messy Spirituality** we learned more about scripture, ourselves and the good news of Jesus who works in the midst of the mess of our lives that we might have new life in Christ.

On Palm Sunday, as Jesus (played by Todd Larson) spoke to the CLC Children's Choir and told them he "would have to leave but would always be with them," little Jayrn Warejcka spoke the question we might all share when she asked "In our hearts?" "Yes," Jesus responded, "I will be with you in your hearts." Palm Sunday also brought the blessing of another great CLC Cantata, **All Glory, Laud and Honor** directed by Paul Konietzko.

Rhonda Haglund (my wonderfully talented wife) brought her creative gifts to bear with another great drama **Our Place at the Table** that she put together and directed and that guided our Maundy Thursday service including a very special celebration of Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday was also the first of a new three-day ministry, **Open Doors** that welcomed any and all into our sanctuary during the three Holy Days prior to Easter. Many joined us and were especially excited to use our new devotional guide **With Prayers and Thanksgiving** that guides a person through the symbols and images within our

sanctuary and especially our beautiful stained glass windows.

In addition to all these great ministries, we had nearly 30 people show up for our **Spring Clean Up Day** on Saturday, April 16th and welcomed new children and families to the Lord's Supper after our **Introduction to Holy Communion Workshop** on Wednesday, April 20th. As our programming year winds down and we prepare to celebrate with our high school graduates we can look back with joy and gratitude as we recognize the many and varied ways that God has been active in our congregation. It's as if there is a new spirit flowing through the halls of this grand old building giving new life to this ministry of over 140 years.

This summer we look forward to a congregational meeting where we will decide what to do with a benevolence gift of \$24,000 that we get to give away to make an impact somewhere. We will also begin a campaign to acquire a new projector for the sanctuary so we can incorporate that ministry more regularly beginning next fall. We have Day Camp, VBS and many of our kids heading off to one of our great **Lutheran's Outdoor's** camps. There will be weddings and baptisms and unfortunately, probably a funeral or two as well. But even at times like these we will be able to proclaim in word and deed that Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia! God's work continues in and through us at Canton Lutheran and for this grace, we give thanks.

Pastor Tony

ps On Friday, May 13th beginning at 7pm, Rhonda and I will be hosting a graduation open house for our sons Samuel and Justin. We invite you to join us. God is good!

FROM YOUR CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

My heart is filled with gratitude for the wonderful, meaningful worship experiences that we have been able to participate in this past Holy Week at Canton Lutheran. The service of music on Palm Sunday as led by the cantata choir was uplifting; the reenactment of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday drew us all into the story in a powerful way through the service of communion; the meditative service of Good Friday helped us focus; and Easter Sunday's service was an inspiring celebration of the open tomb. These services are meaningful for us because of the message that He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed. But we also know that these worship experiences are the result of many hours of work, planning, and rehearsal on the part of Pastor Tony, Rhonda, Paul, the entire church staff, and lay participants. THANK YOU! Our worship time together is a richer experience because of your efforts and for that we are grateful.

I would also like to express my gratitude for everyone that helped with the planning and implementing of our church being open for prayer and meditation during the latter part of Holy Week. I have heard from several people how meaningful it was to sit in the dimly lit sanctuary in the evening and listen to the soft music while praying and meditating. In our world where life can pass by at such a hectic pace, it is this time of praying and sitting quietly that can be some of the most important time in our lives. It is difficult to put the experience into words, but I did come away from my time of quiet in the sanctuary having no doubt that it was good for me and that I was strengthened as a result. We will continue to look for opportunities to have our church open again in the evening in the future. If you have not obtained a copy of the devotional that was put together by Pastor Tony called "With Prayers and Thanksgiving" that is based on the many beautiful

images within our sanctuary, I encourage you to do so. They will continue to be available at the church entrances.

We communicated to the community that our church was open to anyone who wants to come and pray through an ad in the Sioux Valley News. It also felt like the right time for us to send a letter of greeting from our Canton Lutheran Church family to those that have left our fellowship in the past year and a half. Following is an excerpt of that letter:

"As a former member or participant in the life of Canton Lutheran, you have been a part of the faith journey of this church, a part of the lives of its members. We fully understand that the church each person or family decides to be a part of is a very personal and individual decision and it is not our intent for this letter to have any underlying communication in that regard. We simply want to state that we desire God's blessing and peace in your life, wherever your faith journey has taken you in regards to church membership. And we want you to know that our doors and hearts are always open for you, whether you choose to spend some time here in prayer or meditation this week or join us for special events at the church in the future. We are grateful for the bond that we share in Christ." (April 20, 2011)

In closing let me say that your church council, boards, and committees have been hard at work. I come away from the meetings with a deep sense of gratitude for the privilege of working alongside so many wonderful people that are committed to the ministry of Canton Lutheran.

Grace & Peace to you,

Dave Amundson

FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL MISSION & MINISTRY BOARD

Ministry Anywhere, Anytime, by Anyone

Hello from the M & M Board. Teresa Nygaard, Chair; Paula Keyman, Vice-Chair; Shawn Jelsma, Secretary; Sharon Lunder, Vice-Secretary; Mark Hennies; Kris Schroedermeier; Becca Toso, Youth Rep.

We are truly committed to the idea that each and every one of us is ministers to the community of Christ. Our Board works to find avenues for ministry—within our church family, within our community, within our state, within our country, and within our world.

Our focus areas are education, youth & family ministry, discipleship & spirituality, and mission support & education. We focus each month on a specific ministry—Mission of the Month—to educate on the mission need and how individuals can participate.

In February, we focused on World Hunger with a Hands Together Sunday sponsored by the SD Synod of the ELCA. After an exciting Sunday service featuring Dakota Roads providing the music and an inspiring sermon by Bishop Dave Zellmer, we gathered in the church basement for congregational pot luck with donations going to World Hunger. During Lent, we promoted “Buy A Chick”. For \$1.00, a chick could be purchased to aid in hunger relief throughout the world. We have raised over \$200.00 for this worthy mission. In April we are focusing on our Care & Share group at CLC. They provide quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief to be delivered to those in need. A display in the east church entrance gives ideas on how individuals can provide \$, donate items, provide kits to add to the wonderful work of Care & Share.

Mission & Ministry board will continue to lift up missions to the congregation so that every individual can assist in promoting God’s abundant love and grace.

If you are wondering if you have a talent that can be used for God’s Work or if you feel a tug at your heart to become involved, just contact Teresa Nygaard 238-5822 or any of the Board members or the church office.

God’s Work Our Hands

Teresa Nygaard

HELP WANTED

Weekend Altar Guild

We are in need of people (men or women) who will help prepare Holy Communion, fill candles and get things ready when there is a baptism. Volunteer time is about ½ hour before and 15 minutes after each worship service and you are scheduled monthly, every 5th month. If you can help in this area, please contact Janet at janet@cantonlutheran.net or call.

Lawn Mowing

We are recruiting people to mow the church lawn for the spring and summer months. Please contact the church office (email lori@cantonlutheran.net or call 764-2429) if you are able to help. We will do like last year rotate so the same person doesn’t have to mow all the time and give people the ability to switch with someone if you are unable to mow your given week.

E-Mail, Cell Phones, and Change of Info

Does the church have your current contact info? Help us keep you connected by updating us from time to time regarding the best way to contact you.

May Prayer Families

The week of May 1 we pray for:

Bud Steensland
Jerilyn Sternhagen
Lori Stoltenburg, Tiffany, Andrea, Cassandra and
Mason Solem
Jammy, Kelly Jo and Keyvin Strand
Athena Strubbe

The week of May 8 we pray for:

Thelma Sullestad
Stella Sundling
John and Shirley Temple
Dorothy Ter Wee
Craig, Ronda, Erica and Lance Thompson

The week of May 15 we pray for:

Doug and Kay Thormodsgard
Vernon and Clarine Thorson
Donna and Ron Toay
Pam, Andy, Devin, Megan, and Hailey Toft
Ila Torkelson

The week of May 22 we pray for

Jonathan, Mary, Becca, Jacob, Matthew and
Elizabeth Toso
Richard Toso
Dorothy Trumm
Ann Tryon
Josh, Melissa and Tallen Tyrell

The week of May 29 we pray for

Leona Twedt
Vernon and Winnie Van Buskirk
Kathy Van Voorst
Jerald and Linda Van Woudenberg
Kent, Michelle, Taylor, and Marissa Van Wyhe

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

Worship Notes

On Saturday, May 14th there will be NO SATURDAY WORSHIP. This will allow Pastor Tony to celebrate graduation with his sons and with their friends. Thanks for understanding.

WOW Worship will take the summer off with the final WOW being held on Wednesday, May 4th. We will resume WOW in the fall. Don't worry though, we will be having WOW style worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays throughout the summer when possible.

Spring Clean-Up Thank You

Thank you to the over 2 dozen people who showed up on Saturday, April 16th to help us clean up the church building both inside and out. It was a fun morning of hard work and fellowship with all generations present. Thanks to CLC WELCA for providing lunch.

The church looks great and working together we were able to accomplish a lot in a short time while growing in faith and fellowship. Thanks again everyone.

Birthday Party for 85 and Older

CLC's Annual Birthday Party honoring our members that are 85 years old and older will be held Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at the Depot from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

W.E.L.C.A. would like to invite our congregation members to come and help celebrate the birthdays of these very special congregation members. Join us for entertainment and birthday cake. Help make this a special day for our long time members.

From Janet's Desk



Ministry Scheduler Pro!

Exciting news about the Ministry Scheduler Pro! If you choose to have a reminder of your ministry date and time sent to your cell phone by text message that is now available. You will need to sign up on your MSP profile since it is up to you if you want to get this additional reminder. When you are in your page of MSP, go to "My Profile" where you will see a box to check for getting text reminders. You can have the option of doing both email and text. The text would come to you approximately two hours before your service time (you could get breakfast and still make it to worship on time)! Automatic email reminders will continue to be sent but the text would be closer to your actual ministry time.

Remember to change or add to your availability for ministries during the summer months because the new schedule is just about ready to be finalized. Since we are not having WOW during the summer, please consider adding Saturdays or Sundays to your ministries. You will be able to change your preferences back to WOW again before Labor Day.

Preschool Vacation Bible School

We are busily planning the Preschool Vacation Bible School but are waiting for more registrations! The theme is "I Am a Friend of God" so we will be studying how we can help Jesus at home, our community and in the world. May 22-24 is just around the corner so get your preschooler registered today!

Day Camp

Day Camp 2011 registrations are beginning to come in so don't delay! We are going to Newton Hills State Park each day, July 11-14. Students that have finished Kindergarten through Fifth Grade need to get signed up for our four days of fun!

Sunday School – Last Day

Our last day of Sunday School is May 1 with a movie event including popcorn! Meet in the Youth Room at 10:30 am for the fun!

Wednesday School – Last Day

Wednesday School will have its last day on May 4 with a Cinco de Mayo celebration in the basement starting at 5:45 pm and including supper for families. Students will spend from 6:15-6:45 pm with their classes. Come to the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta!

"Blessing of the High School Seniors"

Sunday, May 8 we are having our "Blessing of High School Seniors" during the 9:30 am Service. It will be a celebration of the continuing journey in their faith life. We will be honoring our high school graduates at a dinner on Wednesday, May 11.

Remember

VBS, Day Camp and Summer Camp registrations are available now! Get a spot reserved for your child today!

Janet

janet@cantonlutheran.net

CLC Youth & Family News



Kari Elling;
Ministry Director

Kansas City Baseball & Fun Park Youth and Family Summer Adventure

Join your friends and family for this year's annual **CLC Summer Adventure**, Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. This year we will be heading to Kansas City to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Kansas City Royals in the newly remodeled Kauffman stadium.

In addition to great baseball, we will be visiting World/Oceans of Fun for a day of wild slides and rides. This is a family event so bring everyone. The more the merrier...we just need cars and drivers.

Cost for the event (\$80) includes a day at Worlds or Oceans of Fun (your choice), hotel room and the game.

Total cost is \$80 per person.
20 participants/chaperones required.

***Sign-ups need to be in by
May 7th. Please!!***

Kari kari@cantonlutheran.net

605-310-7315 (text or call ☺)



May Circle Day

Thursday, May 12th

Hope Circle – 9:30 am

Joy Circle – 12:00 pm

Faith Circle – 2:00 pm

May Opportunities

May 5 - WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 pm

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 12 - Circle Day

May 19 - Care & Share/hosted by Joy Circle

May 20 - Union Gospel Auxiliary Meeting

May 26 – 85 Plus Birthday Party, Depot Viking Room
(9:30 am – 11:30 am)

May Altar Guild

Mary Rath

Margaret Devick

Julie Crawford

WOW Altar Guild

Susan Beachler 987-3011

Paula Keyman 359-7160

Ronda Headrick 764-5267

Kris Schroedermeier 987-0072

Lynda Johnson 764-4462 (substitute)

Are you interested in learning more about Canton Lutheran's WELCA ministry. Judy Stearns is this year's president and she would be glad to share you with the many opportunities for Bible study, service projects and fellowship. Contact Judy at 605-214-1552 or e-mail at jstearns@iw.net

Summary and Recap of the Full Meeting of the CLC Church Council Sunday, April 3rd, 2011 11:30 am

Meeting began with a time of devotion and fellowship. During the opening time of sharing, many board members commented on the improvement of the fellowship hour following worship. Some commented it adds meaning to being part of a community of faith. Others said they were happy more people were sticking around for conversation.

Each of the Boards (Welcome & Witness, Mission & Ministry, Stewardship of Resources) made reports regarding the activities of their Boards. President Dave Amundson announced the Endowment Committee met and approved \$2,000 for camperships. This was the maximum they could give for camperships. Approximately \$1,500 will need to be additionally raised in order to meet needs that are expected to come up based on previous year's camping scholarship needs.

Four members of the congregation went to the Crossroads Conference meeting held on March 13, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Teresa Nygaard reported the members from the congregation agreed to give an additional \$100 from Canton Lutheran to the Crossroads Conference fund, pending approval from the full council. The Synod was going to take \$100 away from the mission ministries of Nicaragua and Columbia due to lower giving from congregations. The full council unanimously agreed with their decision. Other business at the Crossroads Conference meeting included Ron Nygaard being nominated for the Augustana Board.

A committee has been formed to look at Canton Lutheran Church's bylaws and constitution. The committee will be Brenda Ask, Luke Karel, and Jonathan Toso.

Discussion was held on a program called Simply Giving, which allows congregation members to have their offering automatically withdrawn from their bank account. This can be done through the bank or Thrivent Financial and only takes a couple minutes to fill out the form. This allows families to set an amount they give each month. Families can still give when they feel they want to give more in a given month or give to a specific ministry through their regular offering envelopes. Council members felt this was a great opportunity for giving to the congregation.

The council spent time discussing the congregational tithe that was originally discussed at the congregational meeting in January. The Executive Council wanted to hear feedback from the full council before bringing the option to the entire congregation. The full council voted unanimously to bring the idea of giving \$24,000 to Joy Ranch to the full congregation at an congregational meeting. This donation would be on behalf of Canton Lutheran Church from funds received through the sale of the parsonages. The executive council had discussed giving to a variety of ministries, but came up with the idea for Joy Ranch because the council felt it would make a bigger impact to donate the tithe to one place. Joy Ranch is a Lutherans Outdoors camp located near Watertown. All Lutherans Outdoors camps are owned by the ELCA congregations of South Dakota. Joy Ranch was started a few years ago. When they were having their state-wide campaign, Canton Lutheran Church did not contribute. Joy Ranch is a handicapped-accessible camp for church groups to enjoy.

Full Church Council voted to call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12th, 2011 following worship to vote on whether or not to designate our \$24,000 tithe to Joy Ranch. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th, 2011 following worship to provide information and answer questions and concerns.

Delegates for the SD Synod Assembly to be held June 10-11, 2011 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls were elected. They are Sharon Lunder, Dave Amundson and Ron and Teresa Nygaard. Pastor Tony will also be a delegate at Assembly.

Full Church Council approved the beginning of a Sanctuary Project whereby we will begin to raise funds to put a projector with a long-throw lens in the sanctuary. Cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$8,000. The project was given approximately \$2,200 in seed money by the CLC WELCA group last fall after the potato bake. It is hoped that the funds will be raised by mid-summer and that the projector can be installed before Fall 2011.

Full Church Council decided to approve the Open Door Ministry Project whereby the sanctuary would be open from 10 am – 10 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. It was decided that host and hostesses should be recruited to help secure the premises each evening from 7-10 pm.

Full Church Council adjourned. Next meeting will be Sunday, June 5th following the congregational information session on Joy Ranch that morning.

Unofficial Minutes of the Executive Council Wednesday, April 13, 2011

The Canton Lutheran Executive Council met Wednesday, April 13, with a short agenda. The board discussed the Full Church Council meeting and everyone felt these meetings are a good way to keep all boards involved and communicating with the Executive Council.

Welcome and Witness reported they are setting up volunteers for Name Tag Sunday's on the church's computer scheduler. They are continuing to plan the car show weekend service at Newton Hills. This service may be a joint service with the Methodist Church.

Mission and Ministry is working with Care and Share to help revive their group and help keep them moving forward. They have also set up missions of the month for the coming year. There will be four months for each of the following projects: church, community and world.

The Stewardship of Resources board is currently looking for volunteers to help with lawn work this summer. A spring clean up day was held April 16. They will also be looking at filling cracks in the parking lot.

This summer, services will only be held on Saturday evening and Sunday until school starts in the fall. The council encourages Wednesday worshippers to come to church on the weekends through the summer. Contemporary songs will be mixed in with regular worship songs during the summer to keep all members of the congregation inspired during worship.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th at 8:00 pm

Congregational Meeting Called

The CLC Church Council has called for a CLC Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 12th, 2011 following worship. It is anticipated that the meeting will begin at approximately 10:30 am. The purpose of the meeting shall be to vote on whether CLC should designate its \$24,000 parsonage tithe to Lutheran's Outdoor's Joy Ranch. An informational session shall be held about Joy Ranch on Sunday, June 5th, 2011 following worship and will be held in the chapel.

CLC Sanctuary Projector Project

We are inviting financial gifts from the congregation to support our CLC Sanctuary Projector Project. By installing a projector with a long-throw lens at the back of the sanctuary, we will be able to use the projector during any worship service including those services with Holy Communion at the Altar Rail without worrying about the projector getting in the way. Total cost of the project will be approximately \$8,000. To date, we have received gifts totaling approximately \$3,600. Gifts can be dropped off at the church offices or put in the offering plate with the designation **CLC Sanctuary Project** in the memo line. Questions or concerns can be directed to Pastor Tony or the Stewardship of Resources Board. Thank you in advance for your support.



Thanks from the SD Synod

CLC received a thank you from the South Dakota Synod for our 2010 benevolence gifts totaling \$14,500 for the work of our Synod and the ELCA. This represented 5.5% of our General Fund giving and was a 17% increase over 2009. Great job everyone and thanks for your support to CLC and to our church throughout the state, nation and world.

Open Doors Ministry a Big Success

Thanks to everyone who helped us put together our Holy Week Open Doors Ministry where we opened our sanctuary for prayer and meditation to the community. Many commented about what a meaningful experience it was. We still have copies of our sanctuary devotion ***With Thanksgiving and Prayers*** available for your prayer time in the future. If you would like your own copy for at home, we recommend a \$15 donation to help us cover replacement costs.

Joy Ranch

A New Camp of Lutherans Outdoors

In preparation for our June 12th, Congregational Meeting we have put together some information regarding Joy Ranch. If you would like to learn more, visit www.losd.org or if you're in the Watertown area, stop by for a visit.

From the Website:

Joy Ranch, currently under construction, is Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota's newest site. Although Joy Ranch is not fully complete, it is open and **scheduling day events, horse programs, buggy rides, picnics, weddings, and tours**. Joy Ranch is being built barrier free, providing full access for all people—not just for kids with special needs—to enjoy. Future programs will include: youth and family camps, therapeutic horseback riding, medical specialty camps, and year-round retreats. The vision of Joy Ranch is an 1880's prairie town, complete with "old west" facades that will contrast with the very modern, high comfort nature. **Accessible facilities, supportive staff and specialty programming will enable youth with special needs to participate in all programs at Joy Ranch.**

Look What's Coming to Joy Ranch

- Fully wheelchair accessible camp and retreat center open year-round
- 16 fully accessible retreat center rooms serving 36 – 68 youth and adults
- 4 cabin style rooms & accessible bathrooms serving up to 40 campers
- Open to individuals, families, groups, and congregations (all denominations)

- Attend a program or rent our facilities
 - Therapeutic horseback riding
 - Medical specialty camps
 - Youth and Family camps
 - Year-round retreats

Where is Joy Ranch?

Joy Ranch is located 7 miles northwest of Watertown on Highway 20.

Directions


- I-29 - take Exit 177 and travel west into Watertown. This is Highway 212.
- Take Highway 212, all the way west through Watertown.
- 6 miles west of Watertown, turn RIGHT (north) onto SD Highway 139 - at the brown sign, "Sandy Shore Recreation Area"
- Follow the curving road along the lake for 4 miles
- Turn LEFT onto 448th Ave. Travel NE for 4 miles.
- Turn LEFT into Joy Ranch



CLC Campership Gifts Needed

Canton Lutheran's Endowment Committee has generously offered to provide \$2,000 in camperships this summer. However, to meet typical needs that we have experienced in previous years, we will need an additional \$1,500. If you would like to provide a gift to help a young person attend camp, we invite you to drop off your gifts at the church office. In the memo line of the check, just note **Camperships**. Thanks.

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 AM Last Day of Sunday School 10:45 AM Faith & Fellowship Forum	2	3	4 1:00 PM W.E.L.C.A. Board 3:30 PM R.O.C.K. 5:45 PM Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 6:15 PM Last day of Wed. School 6:00 PM ReVive 78 6:00 PM Route 56 6:00 PM WOW Rehearsal 7:00 PM WOW Worship 7:45 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal / Chapel 7:45 PM Mission & Ministry Bo 7:45 PM Stewardship of Resources 7:45 PM Welcome & Witness 8:00 PM H.S. Youth Group	5 National Day of Prayer	6 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	7 4:00 PM Wedding - Kelly Ness & Eric Gaffer 5:00 PM Worship Chapel
8 Mother's Day High School Graduates Honored 9:30 AM Worship with Gospel Choir 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School	9	10	11 5:30 PM Seniors & Parents Graduation Supper 8:00 PM Executive Council	12 Circle Day 9:30 AM Hope Circle 12:00 PM Joy Circle 2:00 PM Faith Circle	13	14  1:00 PM CHS Graduation NO SATURDAY WORSHIP TODAY
15 NAMETAG SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School	16	17	18 7:00 PM Stewardship Taskforce Meeting	19 1:00 PM Care & Share	20 11:30 AM Union Gospel Mission Auxiliary	21 NAMETAG SATURDAY 5:00 PM Worship Chapel
22 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship 6:30 PM Preschool VBS	23 6:30 PM Preschool VBS	24 6:30 PM Preschool VBS	25 6:00 PM Preschool VBS Family Potluck	26	27 6:00 PM Kroger / Hourscht Wedding Rehearsal	28 4:00 PM Kroger / Hourscht Wedding 5:00 PM Worship
29 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship	30 Memorial Day Offices Closed	31	1 1:00 PM W.E.L.C.A. Board 6:00 PM Mission & Ministry 7:45 PM Stewardship of Resources	2	3	4 5:00 PM Worship Chapel

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 _____

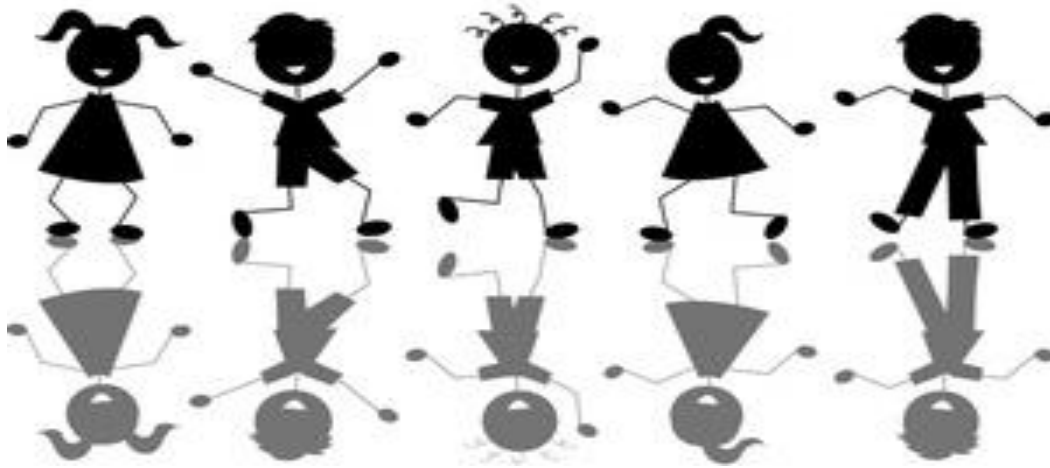
Yes! Our family can help with these things during VBS (please circle all that apply)

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!

----- RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT -----

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 Vision for Stewardship at Canton Lutheran Church

Stewardship is based on spiritual principles of the Bible and Jesus' teachings. It is a way to thank God for the many blessings we have received from His hand. It is a way to deepen our relationship with God and involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasures.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

- Stewardship is **INTENTIONAL** because it is a deliberate decision to live a Christian life.
- Stewardship is **PLANNED** because you include giving in your monthly budget and volunteer activities in your monthly calendar.
- Stewardship is **PROPORTIONATE** because you give a percentage of your time and income to the church and other charities.

As Christian stewards of Canton Lutheran Church, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them responsibly, and manage them with accountability. We share them in justice and love with others, and return them with an increase to the Lord.

WE LIVE STEWARDSHIP AS ACTS OF:

- **FAITH** – as we belong to God and acknowledge all we possess is God's
- **TRUST** – as we place our life in God's hands
- **WORSHIP** – as we love God, the giver of all
- **BELONGING** – as we unite our gives with the rest of the Canton Lutheran Church family

The spirituality of stewardship is based on being Christ-centered rather than self-centered. The focus is on God the giver of all, and bridges the material with spiritual world. It uses God's gifts for God's purposes. It teaches sacrificial giving to God; from substance rather than from excess. We give of ourselves in service to others just as Jesus did some 2,000 years ago.

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No navigator goes anywhere without a compass.
No sailor would set out to sea without a compass.
The compass is absolutely essential as you can get.
Without it, you can't expect to get anywhere.

Except lost.

God has given spiritual navigators a compass:
The scriptures. The scriptures point us to Christ.
They enable us to locate the North Star.
They are not Christ. They are not what we worship.
But the compass points us to our life work.

-Following Christ

Leonard Sweet *"Aqua Church"*

