



The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

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

February 2019

Canton Lutheran Church



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8:00-12:00 & 1:00-5:00*

*These times are approximations.

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Winter Schedule

**Wednesdays: Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm,
SONday School and 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00pm**

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) begins at 7:00pm

Saturday Worship 5:00pm in the Chapel

Sunday Worship 9:30am in the Sanctuary

(all Worship services offer Holy Communion)

TV Worship Times

Daily at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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Pastors Corner

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Making Peace

***"The Lord bless you and keep you
... and give you peace."***

We can imagine what a peaceable kingdom would look like: lion and calf, wolf and lamb grazing together, with a little child to lead them; swords beaten into plowshares, and the human family unafraid of violence or war.

We have known glimpses of such a realm. When we are at peace, we are physically and emotionally safe. Inevitable disputes are openly acknowledged, creatively resolved, and thereby defused. We learn that peace is not just a tense absence of overt friction, but an atmosphere graced with love that is both kind and just.

When at peace, we are both light of conscience and solid in commitment. Even when surrounded by chaos we are able, detaching from neither our emotions nor our circumstances, to draw from a well of sustaining calm.

God works tirelessly to effect reconciliation, to bring peace to the world and to our hearts. Therefore the peacemakers--who share in God's work--are called children of God. Peacemakers are named by Jesus in the midst of many others among the blessed: the pure, the merciful, the active, the meek. In the midst of such diversity is where peacemakers, negotiators, belong.

God gives us peace that the world cannot give; God also gives peace to us through one another. It is the vocation of all the baptized, the children of God, to lead by joining in this sacred work. We can begin by simply turning to one another in forgiving acceptance to offer and receive the greeting of the risen Christ.

***"The peace of the Lord be with you always."
"And also with you."***

Yours in Christ!
Pastor Tim Thies ☺



THANK YOU members and friends of Canton Lutheran church for the **BEAUTIFUL** blue (Advent) stole and financial gift for Pastor Appreciation observed in December! We are so blessed to call CLC home and to minister among you! PT and Susan!

Lutheran Tidbit for February

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...



***...requests you
hear are preceded
or followed by the
phrase,***

***'If it's not too much
trouble then...'***

Kairos



On **Sunday, January 6th** Pastor Jeff our Kairos consultant briefed CLC members regarding the results of the congregation survey and his one on one interviews. To say the least he offered some wonderful insights as to who we are as a congregation desiring to move forward in mission and ministry along with some honest observations of the challenges we face.

I felt it was a very informative experience that elicited wonderful questions within a healthy dialogue among CLC members. If by chance you weren't at the meeting and would like to know more about what transpired please connect with me or a member of the Executive Team. Additionally, there are copies of Pastor Jeff's report in the church office.

The next step we as a congregation will be taking in our work with Kairos is to discover anew what is **"unique"** to Canton Lutheran church and how that **"uniqueness"** informs our mission. Or said another way: *"Why do we do what we do?"*

The process by which we will explore and create a 2019 narrative for CLC mission and ministry will take place on **Saturday, February 2nd**. Pastor Jeff will be returning to Canton to lead us in a workshop from **9 AM – 2 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. I have asked a cross section of CLC members to be participants in this workshop. The results of this event will be shared with you in a timely fashion and will ultimately help shape our upcoming late spring or early fall Capital Campaign!

These are exciting times for CLC!

Pastor Tim ☺

So how can we pray for you?

The purpose of **Prayer Ministry Team** at CLC is not to keep people informed about what is happening in the church, but rather to pray for needs and concerns, and also to give praises for answered prayers. All prayer requests submitted to the **Prayer Ministry Team** are kept confidential by those who receive the name or situation for which to pray. However, if you wish to add your prayer to the **Prayers of the People** section of our weekly worship bulletin please let us know when you submit your prayer request for the prayer team **and / or** bulletin by calling the church office (605) 764-2429 (8-4 M-F) or by email at clc@cantonlutheran.net

Note: Because of privacy laws, we can only pass on names to the prayer team and/or publicly pray for someone if asked by a family member or friend **and** requested by the person themselves.

Also, if interested in being a part of the **CLC Prayer Ministry Team** please let us know using the same contact information listed above or connect with me personally!

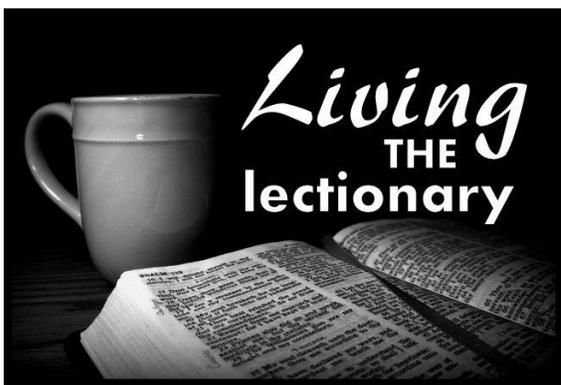
Let us pray, Let us pray, Let us pray!
Pastor Tim Thies ☺





Many households struggle to **plan** their financial health. Some people have discovered the secret of giving the first and best to God. Their faith and experience encourages the practice of 10% to God, 10% to savings, live on 80%. The simplicity of this method of fiscal responsibility combined with a budget to guide us in our day to day spending is a solid plan for achieving financial peace.

How does Canton Lutheran **plan**? As a church family, we have expenses too. Whether for ongoing ministry, building, repairs, or new ministries, every congregation prepares some form of financial plan. *What is your commitment and contribution to this plan?* Your church family is your partner in ministry and is (*anticipating*) - looking for to- your participation and support in **2019!**



Tuesday Morning Lectionary Bible Study

This conversation facilitated by Pastor Tim is centered upon the assigned lectionary texts for worship each week. We meet most Tuesdays at **7:00 AM** for 45 minutes.

Join us at **Laura's Lattes** (1006 W 5th St) for a great cup of coffee in a wonderful atmosphere. Looking forward to sharing insights into the scripture and the always welcoming fellowship! Any questions –please contact Pastor Tim!



Sunday Morning Adult Study

The focus of our discussion each week will be the lectionary lessons from scripture for the upcoming week.

Participation in this discussion will give you a “heads up” as to the focus of worship the following week.

This Sunday morning discussion group meets most Sundays in the Adult Education room ~ bottom floor, north hallway of the education wing! We meet from 10:45 – 11:30 AM. Stop by the library and pick up a “treat” and a cup of coffee! Hope to see ya!

CONFIRMATION CONTINUES

Confirmation

...each Wednesday

at 6 PM in the Youth Room!

Our **26** confirmands (7th and 8th graders) will be continuing our study of the Apostle Paul and the theology of his letters to the early church. Our focus over the next few weeks will be **Theological Themes in Paul's Letters.**

Reminder ~ Parents of confirmation youth are needed to help facilitate weekly discussion. Please contact **Janet** to sign up to help (**no preparation needed** 😊)



New Member Orientation!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 am** for a 45 minute orientation to the mission and ministry of Canton Lutheran Church. This will be an awesome time to become greater acquainted with the staff, our shared history and how we connect with the greater church. Please contact Pastor Tim or Lori in the church office (764-2429) if you plan to attend. Looking forward to this exciting gathering! **New Members will be received on Sunday, February 10th during the 9:30 worship service.**

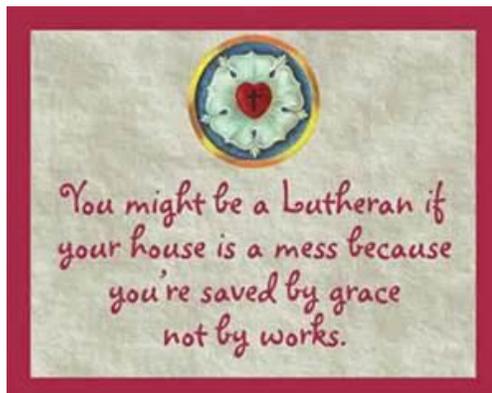
DID YOU KNOW?

CLC has a reconstructed...



...go to www.cantonlutheran.net

Now, we **STILL** need help keeping the site up to date and maintained! Are you, or do you know someone whose gifted in this area and could share their time and talents with CLC? This is a volunteer position but you get to help out some pretty cool people! Please talk with "technologically challenged" Pastor Tim at thies1959@gmail.com give him a call at 605-376-5019

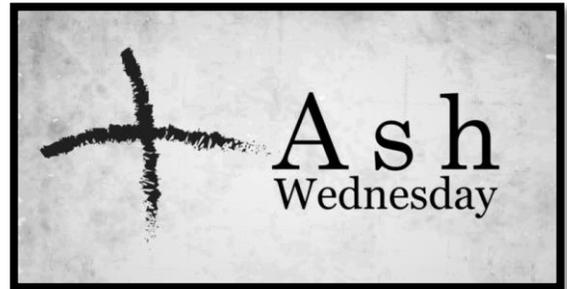


SAVE THE DATES



ANNUAL MEETING

CLC ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for ...**Sunday, February 10th** immediately following worship!



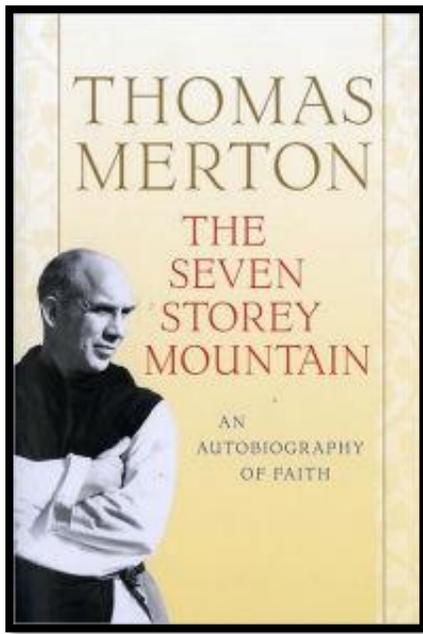
**Ash Wednesday with
Imposition of Ashes
...and Holy Communion
March 6th, 2019 @ 7 PM**



**The 2019 Season of Lent begins...
Sunday, March 10th, 2019**



What is Pastor Tim reading?



The Seven Storey Mountain

~ by Thomas Merton

This unique spiritual autobiography is the account of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man whose search for peace and faith eventually led him to one of the most demanding religious orders, the Trappists. I enjoyed walking with Thomas Merton through his journey from the darkness of an empty life to the light of fullness. This is a very honest (sometimes too honest) account of his perspectives and realities. I recommend this book to anyone interested in learning about an everyday individual doing extraordinary things through faith and love.

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all Newsletter articles to the office, via email

lori@cantonlutheran.net,

no later than **Monday**

February 18th.



Loss of Loved Ones

- Family and friends of Jack Zylstra (father of Janet (Jeff) Crawford)
- Family and friends of Marty Overby (son of Sigvor Overby)
- Family and friends of Carolyn Guenther
- Family and friends of DuWayne Olseth (brother of Barb Kroger and Doug (Paulette)Olseth)

CLC Members with health concerns

- Lance Roseland (husband of Abby (Carpenter) and son of Amy Roseland)
- Jackie Luikart
- Paul Hohman
- Caroline Deinema

Prayer Concerns

- All active duty and retired Military
- Firefighters, first responders, Police officers, EMTs, medical staff and all others risking their lives to save others

Family & Friends prayer concerns

- Jan Nicolay (friend of Paul and Marlys Hohman)
- Sandy Severson (Bill and Wendy Morgan's niece)
- Corey Forsberg
- Tim Rock (grandson of Shirley Temple)
- Doug Olseth (father of Sarah (Brian) Bentz, Wade Olseth, Blaine Olseth and brother of Barb Kroger)
- Laura Waters (sister of Dahrl (Lisa) Wright)

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 764-2429 or email at

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**YOU
matter
to
GOD**

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February WELCA Calendar

MONDAY ~ February 11, Dorcas Circle, 2p.m. Library (**Note the date change**) Bible Study-February Gather Magazine Meetings with Jesus-by night and day: Coming to Faith in Jesus, John 3-6

THURSDAY ~ February 21, Care & Share, 1 p.m., room 101

SUNDAY ~ February 24th Bold Women's Day



Women of the ELCA celebrate bold women on the 4th Sunday of February every year on Bold Women's Day and this year on February 24 we celebrate bold women within our congregation and community. The woman at the well, the persistent widow, or the women at the tomb were all acting boldly in their faith.

CLC women act boldly by helping at Good Sam, at Love, Inc, the Banquet, by quietly giving someone a ride to church or appointments or putting together our newsletter. They are all acting boldly on their faith, so we celebrate them on Bold Women's Day.

DORCAS CIRCLE

February Bible Study

Note: Change of Dates

Dorcas Circle has changed the date of their Bible Study/Fellowship meetings for at least February through April. **Mark your calendars**

for the new time: the 2nd MONDAY of the month at 2 pm in the Library.



During this time we will continue the study based on the Gospel of John titled "Meetings with Jesus".

We hope that the change of date will make it possible for more people to join us. Everybody is welcome.

The February study is sub-titled "By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus." Readings will be from John chapters 3 to 6. In this session we meet Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, two people seeking healing and a hungry crowd.

Copies of the study (from Gather magazine) are available in the church office if you wish to look it over in advance. No homework required!

There is always coffee and a snack with time to visit after the study. **Please join us.**

Theme: "Come ~ Everything is Ready

CLC Women to Host Annual World Day of Prayer



Saturday, March 2nd Canton Lutheran's WELCA will host the annual WDP service for the Canton community and area.

The program and worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

and will be followed by a free luncheon. The WELCA Board invites and encourages women of all ages in our congregation and community to save this date and plan to attend. We will be looking for people to participate through readings and music, as well as preparation and serving the luncheon.

WDP is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action the first Friday or weekend in March.

Each year a different country serves as writer of the worship service lifting issues of mission,

justice and peace. This year the program was prepared by young women of Slovenia (formerly part of Yugoslavia). We will learn a little about them and their country and see how the issues they face relate to us here in the USA. And we will join our voices in song and prayer.

A free will offering is taken during the service and 100% will be sent to WDP-USA to help support the humanitarian grants they make worldwide.

If you have any questions or can volunteer to help with the program or luncheon, please call or text Judy Stearns at 214-1552 or Wendy Morgan at 360-1693.

**YOUTH
GROUP**



Here is an update from International Justice Mission. We used their materials for Freedom Sunday in September. This is your donations and prayers at work in the real world. Please continue to pray and seek the Lord's call on the blessing he bestows upon you.

Freedom Sunday may be over, but God is just beginning to answer the prayers we prayed on September 23rd. We regularly get field updates that we can't share publicly, but when I found out this one was approved, I wanted to share it with you. **Your prayers and your generosity made this possible.**

Last May our team in Ghana conducted an operation and rescued a young boy who said he knew other children who were enslaved on Lake Volta. After months of preparation, IJM and local authorities launched a rescue

operation to free them.

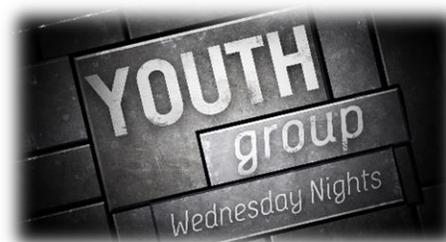
When the police arrived, the suspects commanded the slaves to hide under beds and in the brush. Rather than hide, one brave boy waited until he was out of his master's view and began shouting for the police. Afterwards, he explained why he boldly defied his captor: **"Why should we hide when it was our opportunity to be free?"**

In total, **twelve people were rescued from slavery.** Eight young boys and two young girls between 9 and 17 were freed, along with one 18-year-old and the infant daughter of one of the girls.

This is what you were praying for. When your church prayed, you didn't have this boy in mind, but God did. He knew each of these children by name and heard your prayers for their deliverance. Thank you for praying and giving during Freedom Sunday. We give praise for what He has done.
Until All Are Free,

Chris Tatum | International Justice Mission
God's work our hands come to life through hard work and prayer. Keep the prayers coming, Until All Are Free.

YOUTH GROUP



Tabernacle has just started a series on Jesus and Relationships and look forward to completing that in February. The one relationship that bridges all others is your relationship with Jesus. Understanding Jesus extends grace and understanding to us, can help shape our relationship with others. Using that mold we can see others through Jesus' eyes and extend grace to others. We are digging deeper to join our faith, friends and family to form stronger more fulfilling relationships.



The annual soup contest will be on February 10th after the annual meeting. We are in need of soups for the contest. This will be a free will donation to try the soups and vote for your favorite, all proceeds will go to the Youth fundraising efforts to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021. We are changing it up a little bit and combining it with a good old fashion potluck. Instead of casseroles we are requesting soups, breads and desserts to be shared. Please bring a soup in a crock pot and one other item (bread or dessert to share). Let Melissa Swier or Cami Van Wyhe know you are planning on bringing a soup. Melissa 605-940-1261 or Cami 605-941-2730 or email pcwcnvw@sio.midco.net. Let's fill the basement with food and fellowship, with a bonus Favorite Soup winner and Pastor Tim's Favorite. See Sunday February 10th after the annual meeting.
Blessings Cami

February SONday School Schedule

February 13 – Elijah and the Widow from 1 Kings 17:8-16
Preschool Classes will sing during WOW at 7:00 pm

February 20 – No Classes

February 27 – Jonah and the Big Fish from Jonah 1-4
Grades 1-4 will sing during WOW at 7:00 pm



Mark your calendars for these summer events!

Day Camp - June 9-14 Grades 1-6
NeSoDak

Confirmation Camp - August 4-9 Grade 7



February 6 – Family Service Night “Valentines for Vets” 6:00 pm Pizza for families, free
6:15 pm Susan Beachler will speak about **Military Service** and we will make **Valentine cards for veterans**.



"I know we're trying not to be stuffy around here, but let's not refer to 'A Mighty Fortress' as 'Martin Luther's Greatest Hit.'"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Kairos Workshop 5:00 PM Saturday Worship with Holy Communion
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10 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion/Baptism Drake Anderson Smith /Receive New Members 10:30 AM Annual Meeting 11:30 AM Annual Soup Contest/ Basement Fellowship Hall	11 2:00 PM Dorcas Circle and Bible Study	12 7:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study/Laura's Lattes/All Are Welcome	13 Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal/Library 6:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 PM SONday School 7:00 PM WOW Worship with Holy Communion/ Preschool Kids Sing 7:45 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal/Chapel 8:00 PM Executive Council Meets 8:30 PM Tabernacle (Youth Group)	14  Valentines Day	15	16 5:00 PM Saturday Worship with Holy Communion
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