

# Canton Lutheran Church

## Report of the Congregation

*Submitted January of 2010*

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# Senior Pastor's Annual Report

January 2010

We were joking around the office this past year about Christmas letters that we receive from acquaintances that tell glowing tales of wealth, success and prosperity. We imagined writing our own, more truthful Christmas letter telling of disappointments, struggles and failures and laughed about how they might be received. *"Dear Friends; my knees ache, I don't sleep well and my kids continue to be average and apathetic...but, on the bright side, at least I'm one year closer to death."*

There are many positive things about 2009 for Canton Lutheran Church and many reasons to be hopeful about the future of our congregation. However, before getting to those things, I think it's important to be honest and acknowledge that this year has had its difficulties. Certainly, we are all too aware of the September congregational vote, called to decide if we should end our affiliation with the ELCA due to August actions by Churchwide Assembly regarding sexuality issues. However, conflict was brewing at CLC long before this and was often, not about sexuality but instead a combination of many other things. For example, there was concern that the wording of the Apostle's Creed had been changed to reflect the new hymnal and ecumenical practices by Christians worldwide. There were concerns about new songs being sung from the new ELW hymnal or that we were offering too much contemporary music or too many dramas in worship. There were concerns about changes in curriculum for adult Sunday School and some were concerned about the adding of a Wednesday night worship service. Unfortunately there were even concerns that we had taken the Bible off of the altar when in fact, there has never been a Bible on the altar. In short, there were lots of concerns way before the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis, it's just that those actions seemed to be the straw that broke the proverbial camel's back.

The point I want to make is this...whenever a new pastor comes, inevitably, what comes with that person and that new chapter of ministry, are new ideas and new ways of doing things...in short, what comes, is CHANGE. I don't mean to minimize people's biblical concerns around new understandings in sexuality, it's just that we ought to be honest in recognizing, that there was plenty of anxiety brewing in our midst, long before August. When we recognize this fact, we can then ask ourselves, as an organization, how well equipped are we to handle change? Not just, how well are we equipped to handle the change that some new pastor might thrust upon us, but, how well are we equipped to handle the real change and chaos that is present in our world, in our society and in our everyday life? This is the true grounding of faith - claiming our identity as baptized children of God, and knowing that this identity, rather than doing things the way we've always done them, provides the grounding and foundation for our life together.

As your pastor, I too have had my share of difficulties this past year and have learned much about myself through these struggles. I recognize that there were many times that I made mistakes and missteps. Too often, I was quick to anger or reacted inappropriately to my anxiety. Yet, through the help of God's grace and forgiveness (as well as the grace and forgiveness that so many of you have offered to me) I too, believe that I have grown as a child of God (and as a pastor) and believe that this past year will make our community of faith stronger, closer and better able to move forward into whatever future God has in store for us. In addition, this has been a challenging year for our family. But, we, like many of you, have spent more time in

scripture and in prayer then ever before and have been blessed to be reminded of God's faithfulness and providence.

So, now that we have named some of the pains and struggles we've gone through, it is even more important to lift up those things we can celebrate while offering thanks for the many people that make it such a joy to live out our lives of faith in the midst of a Christian congregation.

**PREACHERS vs. TEACHERS:** Canton has a great ministerial and how fun it was to come together last January for a basketball exhibition that raised lots of money and awareness for the great work of Love In the Name of Christ. I am so honored that they have asked me to serve on their board and am proud to represent the ministerial and our congregation.

**UPDATED SOUND SYSTEM:** Once again, I have to give thanks to Bud Steensland who provided a generous gift in memory of his late wife, Lorraine, so that we were able to purchase a new sound board, wireless microphones, bass speakers, monitors, amplifiers, a portable sound system and update our wiring and connections vastly improving our ability to provide quality sound amplification for worship and special events. What a great gift in memory of someone who loved to worship in our beautiful sanctuary.

**HOLY COMMUNION CHANGES:** I have been so excited to see the congregation begin celebrating Holy Communion on a more regular basis as well as allowing families to decide when is the appropriate time for their children to begin receiving this gift. Currently, we celebrate the sacrament, on the first and third weekends of each month as well as every Wednesday evening. Our open-table communion policy is a reflection of the warm and inviting welcome we offer to all in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**PARSONAGES SOLD:** After much discussion, the congregation decided at last year's Annual Meeting to sell the two parsonages which our Trustees have done. I believe this is a positive move forward into a quickly changing housing situation for congregations and provides us with some valuable liquid resources for future ministry needs.

**NEW eCONNECT MINISTRY & UPDATED WEBSITE:** Communications have greatly improved at CLC with the addition of our weekly eConnect devotion and newsletter. In addition, we have updated the format of our monthly newsletter as well as our website to provide our members with the most up-to-date, accurate and relevant information we can. While there is always room for improvement, how exciting it's been to see growth in this area.

**CONFIRMATION CAMP:** Lutheran's Outdoors provided us with some very generous scholarships in order to bring our 6<sup>th</sup> grade, incoming Confirmation students to Nesodak, this past June for a great week of camping and Bible study. It was a great way to kick off their confirmation students as well as a way for me to start building relationships with these young adolescents as they begin their journey of affirming their faith. Unfortunately, it appears that our budget won't allow for us to repeat the camp this summer, perhaps in a year or two, we can resume, what I think, could become a great tradition of annual summer Confirmation camp with the pastor.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS:** Nearly \$20,000 was raised by the senior high youth of CLC them to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Kari Elling is doing a

great job and is already making plans to bring our youth to inner-city Brooklyn, NY this summer, to do mission work with young kids in difficult circumstances.

**NEW MUSIC COORDINATOR:** With changes in music staff, I was so excited to be able to recruit a world class musician like Paul Konietzko to serve at Canton Lutheran Church. He not only brings extraordinary musical gifts to our church but also creativity, leadership and a plain and simple ability to get things done. Welcome aboard Paul. We are so thankful that God has called you into our midst.

**WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING AND WORSHIP:** Wednesdays have become quite a “church day” around CLC beginning after school with R.O.C.K. (radically outrageous Christian kids), continuing with homework time, pizza suppers, Wednesday School, Confirmation classes, WOW (worship on Wednesdays) and finally, sr. high youth group. We have discovered that for many families, we are better able to serve their spiritual needs during mid-week offerings rather than weekends. The world sure is changing, but thanks be to God, that we have been given the resources and talents to respond so that the good news of Jesus, continues to be shared.

**NEW HYMNALS AND BIBLES:** A generous gift from Leland Helgerson in memory of his father, Kermit Helgerson, gave us the seed money and encouragement to conduct a campaign to purchase new hymnals and Bibles for our worship spaces. Recently, we received 220 hymnals and 100 Bibles and we hope to add to both of those amounts in the coming year until we are able to replace all our old hymnals and provide Bibles for all people worshiping with us, as well as be able to offer Bibles to visitors and new Christians, who might not have one at home. Personally, I am so excited that we will soon have Bibles in our pews so that as we read and study the Word of God, we will do so from a book, rather than a worship bulletin.

**MILK’S CAMP:** This year was my first trip to Milk’s Camp and what a wonderful trip it was. With over 30 people and thousands of dollars in gifts and food, we traveled west, to connect with friends from many decades and to share the story of God’s love in word and deed. I can’t wait for next year as we continue this great tradition of generosity and hope.

**LIVING NATIVITY and THE CANTATA:** Our December Living Nativity and the Cantata “Holy Night of Miracles” were well received by the Canton community and we hope to be able to make this an annual tradition, inviting all to remember the true reason for the season of Christmas. What a great new ministry.

This list of ministry celebrations could go on and on but the point isn’t to list everything we’re doing but rather to help us realize that even in the midst of what has seemed a troubling year, we have still engaged in powerful and life-changing ministry.

In addition, the list of names that ought to be mentioned is too long to be listed here but I do need to offer public thanks to two people in particular. The first is Pastor Jan, who has been such a delightful partner in ministry this past year. At this, her time of retirement, I want to affirm her gifts, thanking her for the good work she has done at Canton Lutheran and offering my personal gratitude for her friendship and partnership in the gospel. The second person to be mentioned is my wife Rhonda, who has been my rock during our 23+ years of marriage and especially during these beginning months of ministry here in Canton. She is a continual source of hope, faith and

love and continually calls me to trust in God's goodness and providence, even when the way forward seems unclear.

And so we conclude the year of ministry in 2009 with gratitude, looking forward to whatever the future might hold for us. We seek God's leading and God's blessing, offering our lives and our gifts for the sake of the kingdom. And, if we get some time, maybe we can start working on our Christmas letter for next year. ☺

Peace & Hope,

*Pastor Tony*

## **Associate Pastor's Annual Report**

*January 2010*

This year was a year of discernment. So much happened both locally and nationally. Our ELCA church body took bold steps in a direction that encouraged some and disappointed others. Some aren't sure what to think. In the midst of this uncertainty and change we have been called to continue to minister to one another and share the grace of God with the world around us. I thank you for rising to the challenge.

So many good things happened at CLC this year. I'd like to highlight just a few and thank a few people for their dedication. Several of the big changes were the addition of Wednesday School, Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) and Radically Outrageous Christian Kids (ROCK). Again, it was the process of discernment that led to the change. Our Sunday school rooms were overflowing (which is a good thing). And the Board of Education addressed the overcrowding by adding Wednesday School. One thing led to another and we added ROCK, our after school program, and we culminated the day's activities with a family friendly worship service (WOW). Wednesdays are busy days at CLC; I'm so grateful for the dedicated leadership that made that happen. Pastor Tony and Janet Henke, our parish education association, worked long and hard to organize our Weds. activities. We can always use more adult participation in ROCK, especially with one-on-one homework help; so, come, get involved.

Another good thing that is happening at CLC is our youth program. Kari Elling, our youth coordinator, is committed to our youth and their families and is constantly providing activities and events for not only the youth, but their families. Last year there were family outings to a hockey game, a Twins game, a Canaries game, and a Vikings game. This year there will be an outing to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater and other events as well. There are 20 youth going on the mission trip this summer to Brooklyn, NY. These youth are learning about the "light" that came into the world to save it, as well as letting that "light" shine through them as they minister to others and form healthy family relationships. Thank you, Kari, for loving our kids and leading them. And thank you to all the parents who are also dedicated to our youth and helping with the many youth activities.

The process of discernment led us to hire a Coordinator of Music, Paul Konietzko. He has a great deal of talent, creativity, and enthusiasm which he gracefully shares with us. He directed a

cantata this Christmas which culminated our Living Nativity weekend. He organizes the organist and pianist schedule and he provides cantors and worship leaders as needed. He also plays with the worship team that leads worship on Wednesdays and meets with us to discuss music and worship. Thank you, Paul, for your faithfulness.

We began a new ministry this spring for our shut-ins. Our Home Communion Ministry program offers lay persons the opportunity to meet monthly with one or two member(s) of our congregation who are no longer able to attend worship because of health reasons. They are able to forge a relationship because their visits are on a regular basis. We currently have 12 home communion ministers bringing the sacrament to 16 of our shut-ins. I've heard from many sources that both the home communion ministers as well as their recipients gain much from the program. Thank you all for your dedication.

With the resignation of Bev Pederson as head of the Prayer Chain, it prompted us to seek ways to involve as many parishioners as possible in the prayer ministry at CLC. We developed Prayer Connections, which will list those persons whom need our prayers. It will be distributed on a regular basis to all those interested. We are also organizing three prayer chains, one electronic and two via phone. We want to become even more of a praying congregation than we are, and will be offering opportunities to come together in prayer. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

As you may also know, the discernment process also led me to offer my resignation and begin my retirement. I enjoyed my years at CLC; we have been family. I thank you for your love and support. I know that God has great things in store for you. You have a wonderful staff and enthusiastic leadership. You have dedicated volunteers who truly love God and want to share that love with the world around.

How is God leading you? What is He calling you to be involved in? What seed has he planted that needs to be watered and nourished? You each have your own calling and God has great plans for you. I pray for God's leading in your lives and in the ministry of this congregation. I pray that this year of 2010 will be a great year for you, that you will follow God's call knowing that He equips you for whatever ministry he is calling you to.

***Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Jan*

# Congregational President's Annual Report

*January 2010*

The year 2009 was a challenging year for Canton Lutheran Church. Following the recession of 2008 and the controversy surrounding the ELCA statement on human sexuality, the members of Canton Lutheran Church responded to meet those challenges and our church has emerged as a congregation that is more united, more welcoming, more energized, and more committed to expanding the ministry of Canton Lutheran Church. I look forward to witnessing how our church will evolve in the future incorporating a new governance structure and how our ministry to our members and our community will become more meaningful and relevant in our daily lives.

I would like to thank the members of Canton Lutheran Church for all that they have done to make this organization successful. Our staff has done a tremendous job this year and the volunteers that assist with our services, serve for funerals and special events, and assist with other programs, make the ministry of our church possible. So many times this year, individuals have stepped forward to make events and programs of our church more successful than ever. Due to the energy, talent, and creativity of our members, we were able to hold two new events during the Christmas season, the Living Nativity and the Christmas Cantata. These were wonderful events which made the Christmas season come alive for our members and the entire community. These events demonstrated the resolve of our members to make Canton Lutheran Church better than ever.

I want to thank the members of Canton Lutheran Church for the opportunity to serve as president this year. I truly appreciate the support that I was given, the willingness of volunteers to serve, and the many messages of support that I received. God bless you all in 2010 as we strive to do God's Work, Our Hands.

Yours in Christ,

*John Devick*

## **New Members Received - 2009**

Kalen & Leah Biord

Robert (Bob) Hilt

Kurt Hinsch

Marlys Hohman

Bradey & Nichole Klarenbeek

Alyssa Nolte

Theresa Roberts & January Mae Gergen

Janet Sorum & Clayton Sorum

Stella Sundling

Richard Toso

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Pastor Anthony (Tony) Haglund - [pastortony@knology.net](mailto:pastortony@knology.net)

Pastor Jan Zoss – retired Jan. 2010

Kari Elling – Ministry Director: Youth & Family - [youthkari@sio.midco.net](mailto:youthkari@sio.midco.net)

Rhonda Haglund – Ministry Director: Worship, Hospitality & Pastoral Care\*

\*proposed position for 2010

Janet Henke – Ministry Director: Education & Equipping - [parisheduc@iw.net](mailto:parisheduc@iw.net)

Paul Konietzko – Ministry Director: Music

Don Pottratz – Ministry Director: Keeper of the House of the Lord

Lori Pudenz – Ministry Director: Administration & Support - [cantonluth@iw.net](mailto:cantonluth@iw.net)

Colin Conner- Gospel Choir Director

Kristi Feucht-Youth Bell Choir Director - [klfeucht@juno.com](mailto:klfeucht@juno.com)

Angie Larson - pianist

Patti Ramse - organist/pianist

Kathy VanVoorst - organist/pianist / accompanist for Gospel Choir

Jeanie Jacobsen – wedding coordinator

**All Members are Ministers**

## Membership Information - End of 2009

|                         |             |              |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total Baptized Members: | 2008 – 1426 | 2009 – 1142* |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|

\*We have lost approx. 90 members since the September vote. The remainder of the number discrepancy comes from cleaning up the membership rolls

|                          |             |            |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Total Confirmed Members: | 2008 – 1071 | 2009 - 930 |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|

|                            |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance: | 2008 – 333 | 2009 - 343 |
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| Average Weekly Offering | 2008 - \$6,668 | 2009 - \$6,426 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|

# Canton Lutheran Church Council & Board Members

January 2009

## Office

|                 |               | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| President       | John Devick   | January 2010        |
| President-Elect | Tracy Johnson | January 2010        |
| Secretary       | JoAnn Fossum  | January 2010        |
| Treasurer       | Leon Eich     | January 2010        |

## Board Members

### Board of Deacons

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sharon Lunder (Chairperson)         | January 2010 |
| Vern Dunnick                        | January 2010 |
| Jan Pudenz                          | January 2011 |
| Theresa Nygaard                     | January 2011 |
| Brenda Heggen                       | January 2012 |
| Julie Crawford                      | January 2012 |
| Kristin Rath (Youth Representative) | January 2010 |

### Board of Trustees

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| LeAnn Anderson                   | January 2010 |
| Joan Lier                        | January 2010 |
| Keith Beachler (Chairperson)     | January 2011 |
| Larry Niebuhr                    | January 2012 |
| Nick Sehr (Youth Representative) | January 2010 |

### Board of Parish Education

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Kari Elling                          | January 2010 |
| Dan Rath                             | January 2010 |
| Kristi Feucht                        | January 2011 |
| Mary Toso                            | January 2011 |
| Mark Hennies                         | January 2012 |
| Kaitlin Hodne (Youth Representative) | January 2010 |

### Nominating Committee

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Caroline Deinema (Chairperson) | Vern Dunnick |
| Joan Lier                      | Jeff White   |

### Endowment Committee

|   |
|---|
| Dave Jacobs (terms expires 1/2010)      |
| Dave Earll (term expires (1/2010)       |
| Gerrit VanDenTop (term expires (1/2011) |
| Doug Verley term expires (1/2011)       |

## **Baptisms - 2009**

01/11/09 Taylor Louise Pierce daughter of Patricia "Patti" Trumm (adult)  
01/11/09 Benjamin J. Reichenberg son of Russ & Elke Reichenberg (adult)  
01/11/09 Jalanni Jean Poppenga daughter of Ray & Darla Boren & Bruce Poppenga  
01/11/09 Emily Rose Poppenga daughter of Ray & Darla Boren & Bruce Poppenga  
01/25/09 Tate Patrick Russell Heggen son of Evan Heggen & Jessica Dreyer  
02/08/09 BriAnna Lynn Smith daughter of Jonathon & Jamie Smith  
02/22/09 Kollin James Boland son of Walter Boland & Dyan Kumlien  
03/29/09 Rylee Joannette Lottman daughter of Dennis & Candace Lottman  
04/26/09 Ashlyn LynNae Herting daughter of Anthony "Tony" & Gail Herting  
05/09/09 Slayton Gary Swenson son of Jeremy & Caron Swenson  
05/17/09 Kiera Brianna Ernst-Schoeberl daughter of Ryhlen Schoeberl & Elizabeth Ernst  
07/04/09 Emily Raelei Smith daughter of Clint Smith & Amy Beebe  
07/19/09 Kambree Ann Wentz daughter of Russell & Kimberly Wentz  
07/26/09 Jase Douglas Kroger son of Jesse & Stephanie Kroger  
08/09/09 Noah Michael Beatty son of Ryan & Amber Beatty  
08/09/09 Cedric Joseph Horst son of Benjamin & Tialissa Horst  
08/23/09 Tayten Reid Aasheim son of LeRoy Aasheim & Aurora Navarrete  
08/23/09 Bentley Rogan Aasheim son of LeRoy Aasheim & Aurora Navarrete  
09/20/09 Brooke Ranae Warejcka daughter of Tony & Carla Warejcka  
10/11/09 Violet Hope Huyser daughter of Brent & Gina Huyser  
11/22/09 Jordan Adeline Rhead daughter of Mark & Elizabeth Rhead  
12/13/09 RyLee JoLynn Young daughter of Neil Young & Theresa Cameron

## **Weddings - 2009**

05/30/09 Kurt Hinsch & Emily Poppenga  
06/06/09 Ben Smith & Mary Cornelius (non-church wedding)  
06/13/09 Jason Kroger & Chandra Krejci (non-church wedding)  
09/26/09 Kalen Biord & Leah White  
10/03/09 Daniel Brown & Stacy Winter (non-member)  
10/24/09 Keith Behl & Rebecca Ramse

## **Funerals - 2009**

02/28/09 Donald W. Stubsten (non-member)  
03/14/09 John Oldenkamp  
03/23/09 Alma Hudson  
05/01/09 Gale Erwin Esche, Jr.  
05/08/09 Elna Harriet Hanson  
06/27/09 Loney "Scooter" Knute Gronskei (non-member)  
07/02/09 Gary Ellingson (non-member)  
08/01/09 Ethel Alness  
08/14/09 Marlyn Kay "Jake" Jacobsen (graveside service)  
09/02/09 Russell "Russ" H. Miller (non-member)  
09/19/09 Harold M. Olson  
10/23/09 Marcellette Marie Lier  
11/28/09 Wendy Jean Williams (non-member)

## Confirmation Class - Fall 2009

### Confirmand

| Baptismal Date                                  | Parents                                    | Mentor          | Sponsors  |
|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Alexis J. Abbott<br>1997                        | Jennifer Hamran<br>Greg Abbott             | Traci Johnson   | Mitch & Tracy Johnson   |
| Conrad Dahl<br>03/05/1995                       | Kirt & Kim Dahl                            | Gordon Grimsrud | Buz & Carol Dahl<br>Doug & Dianne Grimsrud                          |
| Zachary William DeJong<br>07/02/1995            | Tim & Kelli DeJong                         | Jim Jacobsen    | Leon Eich & Clary Lewis   |
| Austin Fossum<br>11/12/1995                     | Alan & Mary Fossum                         | Terry Gerber    | Bob & Carol Bucholz   |
| Tyler David Halverson<br>11/19/1994             | Robert & Jolene Halverson                  | Arlene Gylfe    | Michelle Lasley, Arlene Gylfe<br>Helene Carlson                     |
| Barbara Gene Olivia<br>Rose Henke<br>08/20/1995 | Bruce & Janet Henke                        | Becky Heikkila  | Jim Wegner, Scott Hults,<br>Bill Hansen, Kari Nornes                |
| Raven Hill<br>02/19/1995                        | Ronda Headrick<br>James Carda              | Kathy Hill      | Ron & Kathy Hill<br>Sara (Hill) Sipple                              |
| Sawyer Hill<br>10/16/1995                       | Jeff & Suzie Kurtz<br>Jarrod Hill          | Gary Headrick   | Tracy Steensland,<br>Jill (Steensland) Hansen<br>Sara (Hill) Sipple |
| Kase Jacobs<br>01/22/1995                       | Jason & Donna Jacobs                       | O.J. Sorlie     | O.J. & Jana Sorlie  |
| Dylan Krejci<br>02/02/1995                      | Glenn & Karla Krejci                       | James Halverson | Kelly & Pam Cawthorne   |
| Alison Ludwig<br>02/01/1996                     | Scott & Kristi Ludwig                      | Claudia Rezac   | John Thormodsgard,<br>Jill Plucker, Vicki Servold                   |
| Seth Aaron Lundstrom<br>05/22/1994              | Arnie & Tami Lundstrom                     | Rich Beitzel    | Rich & Teresa Beitzel   |
| Kelby James Nelson<br>05/14/1995                | Gale & Steph Nelson                        | John Ostraat    | Kelly Eilers & Jeanne Harms   |
| Austin Michael Pederson<br>05/28/1995           | Michael & Deb Pederson                     | Marcia Burgess  | Layne & Marcia Burgess  |
| Marcus Pierce<br>08/07/1994                     | Patti Trumm<br>Tracy Pierce                | Richard Beitzel | Timothy H. Brown<br>Carrie Duttenhoffer                             |
| Gage Plueger<br>02/10/2001                      | Todd & Dawn Larson<br>Brett & Steph Becker | Brenda Heggen   | Stacie Olseth,<br>Brad Casanova<br>Don & Vicki Servold              |
| Joseph Christian Rath<br>09/04/1994             | Dan & Mary Rath                            | Kari Elling     | Phil & Kris Spitz<br>Paul Watson                                    |
| Kale Robert Smith<br>03/19/1995                 | Chuck & Dianne Smith                       | Dave Koopsma    | Dave & Julie Koopsma<br>Craig & Ronda Thompson                      |
| Rebecca Jean<br>McConahie Toso<br>02/05/1995    | Jonathan & Mary Toso                       | Beth Boyens     | Scott & Beth Boyens   |
| Caleb Daniel VanWyhe<br>08/18/1994              | Pete & Cami VanWyhe                        | Keith Beachler  | Fred & Alicia Van Bockern   |
| Develyn Angel Vetos<br>12/07/1997               | Jason & Cheri Vetos                        | Karen Hood      | Chris & Sandra Hogan  |

## **Board of Deacons Report**

*January 2010*

'God's work; Our hands'. Keeping this motto in front of us as a guide in 2009, we moved forward and with it came many changes. We implemented home communion with church members, after training, bringing communion to our homebound members. It is no longer just the deacons, but all church members were welcomed. Also communion assisting was extended to all members.

Mission of the month was emphasized. And with that, our church served the banquet; went to Milk's camp; supported John Peter and our Nicaragua and Camaroon missions. We supported world hunger and those close to home; et al the backpack program; school supplies, Love, Inc; St Dymas congregation; and the scouting program.

The deacons supported our new web page with funds. It is up and running. Check our new web site. Our church will soon be using the new hymnals. These are the two items that we supported with our vision money.

Wait and see our 'new and improved' prayer chain. Many of us have seen the blessings as our congregation prayed. Thanks to those who are supporting our troops with mailings and care packages. Also those who did the same for our college students.

With prayer we moved forward; trusting in God to lead us into new opportunities. We would like to thank the pastors and the whole congregation for all the support and service this past year.

Sharon Lunder, chairperson  
Vern Dunnick                      Jan Pudenz  
Julie Crawford                      Brenda Hagen  
Teresa Nygaard                      Kristin Rath

## **Board of Trustees Report**

*January 2009*

In 2009, the Board of Trustees continued its focus on the Church's facilities, grounds and finances. We started off the year with the spring cleanup of the Church and its grounds. Landscaping was completed on the South (front) of our Church. The cracks were sealed in the parking lot. The pianos and organ were tuned this year. Working closely with a group of volunteers, we prepared for the sale of both the East and West Parsonages. Lastly, we maintained the Church's finances by overseeing the monthly bills and monitoring funds for daily operations.

We would like to thank the Congregation for all of your giving and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Beachler, Chairperson  
LeAnn Anderson                      Joan Lier  
Larry Neibur

# **Board of Parish Education Annual Report**

*January 2009*

## **NEW IN 2009!**

The implementation of a Wednesday after school program and education hour has been the biggest change for the education board in 2009. The ROCK program (Radically Outrageous Christian Kids) has provided a wonderful outreach to the Canton community and CLC children. On Wednesday afternoons, 45 children come to the church to participate in recreation, crafts, study time, music and bell choirs with 8 adults supervising their activities. A ROCK logo has been created with t-shirts offered for purchase to participating kids. Families can also have dinner at the church on Wednesdays as pizza by the slice is offered before the education hour.

## **Sunday School/Wednesday School**

160 students from our youngest at 3 years old to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are enrolled in education classes at CLC. Over 60 volunteers assist. 12- 15 adults participate in the adult study class offered by our pastors, "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" on Sunday mornings.

Our Wednesday education program came in response to overcrowding of the education wing on Sunday mornings. Currently 80 children participate in the Wednesday education hour which takes place from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and 40 students are enrolled on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The same curriculum is used on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Our beginners class uses the "God and Me" curriculum, while pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten through grade 6 uses a new curriculum from Augsburg Fortress called "Spark". We continue to use the workshop rotation model where students are assigned a shepherd who consistently stays with the children, while the lesson is taught by a teacher who rotates to different grade levels each week.

## **Christmas Programs**

Two Christmas programs were presented this year. The grade school program was presented on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. while the pre-school/kindergarten program was presented during worship on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Summer Programs**

Preschool vacation Bible school with a camping theme was held in June for children age 3-4. There were 20 children who participated with the help of many adult and high school volunteers. We had fellowship time at a family supper each night before classes. Day camp was led by camp counselors from Lutheran Outdoors this year in July. 60 kindergarten through Grade 5 children participated in the camp at Newton Hills State Park. Our congregation supported the day campers with snacks, meals, busing, and housing for counselors and adult volunteers during the week. The closing program was held in the basement following a family potluck.

## **Faith Milestones**

Nurturing God's Child – Newly baptized infant members and their parents are supported by Deb Stahlecker's contact with them through the Splash curriculum. It contains information on parenting, child development, and faith growth. Other faith milestones that we celebrated included the 3 year old blessing, the backpack blessing, presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders,

fleece blankets to first time campers, and the graduation blessing and dinner for seniors. First communion classes for families are scheduled periodically throughout the year.

### **Confirmation**

22 ninth graders affirmed their baptism promises on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying from a new curriculum written by Pastor Tony and Kari Elling called "I am a Friend of God". 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin working with an adult mentor following their studies to discuss their faith and continue their progress toward their Confirmation Day.

### **Outreach**

CLC students also learn from service projects. Younger students made and sent cards to our service people, college students and prisoners. The children supported the Canton Back Pack ministry, Feed My Starving Children, and Lutheran World Hunger through their stewardship during worship.

Board of Parish Education for 2009

Mary Toso      Kari Elling

Kristi Feucht      Mark Hennies

Dan Rath      Cathy Mastalir

Caitlyn Hodne – youth representative

## **Director of Education Report**

*January 2010*

Kids are having fun and learning more about their faith journey every week at Canton Lutheran. I am so excited that the changes the Board of Parish Education implemented this year have led to kids being eager to get to church school. The new Wednesday School program is filled with students and adults that are faithfully attending and teaching the rotation workshop model. Sunday School is smaller than past years but students are able to connect with each other and leaders more closely. Both learning sessions are fitting the needs of busy families to include Christian education in their lives.

**Radically Outrageous Christian Kids** is the new Wednesday afterschool program here at Canton Lutheran. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 come on Wednesdays to sing, play bells, eat snacks, do homework and generally have fun! After starting with about 25 participants we now have 40+ every week. Our adult helpers are spending time playing and connecting with kids to let them know they are loved at CLC.

Our adult education opportunities have included the women's circle Bible studies for many years and these groups continue to support and encourage one another. The Adult Sunday School meeting on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am has been studying the "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" videos and guides to enhance their faith journeys.

*Janet Henke*

# Youth Director's Report.

January 2010

## **"Connecting Youth to Christ and Community"**

In a year of growth, challenges, diversity, blessings and even some pain, the youth of CLC came together to be witnesses of Jesus to others through faith and fellowship.

The highlight of the year, of course was the New Orleans trip where 20 youth and 3 adult chaperones, spent over 40 hours on a bus (round trip) to spend time with 36,000 other ELCA Lutheran Youth for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. This was the trip of a lifetime for many of the youth as well as me, and it was incredible to be able to witness the students as they grew closer to Jesus as well as each other on this trip. So many stories were shared both on the trip and at the Thank You dinner upon our return, but one story stood out. I apologize to the girls who were able to witness this experience if I don't do it justice:

*In one of the learning sessions, a group of students shared their work day experiences with a small group. Although our students didn't personally witness this event, it was one that touched them deeply. The group was selected to hand out food to those in need. It was a very busy morning, and unfortunately before noon, the pantry was empty and there was no more food to distribute. The sad part of the story is that there was still a line of folks in need. One of the students quickly came forward and offered to pitch in \$10 of their own money to go to the nearby grocery store and suggested they pass a hat. Expecting to raise around \$100.00 they did just that. Before long, the students were using their own money had gathered over \$700.00. Several got together and filled carts full of groceries and quickly returned and were back in business. The very last customer of the day was a young lady who had come to obtain one of the food boxes. As she was leaving, she quietly thanked the student who helped her carry the box to her car. The student asked if she would care to step on the bus and thank the rest of the group. She happily agreed and as she got on the bus, she also shared her story. She spoke of how grateful she was and how hard it had been for her to come and ask for help. She had a job as a nurse, but had recently lost her young husband who was a police officer who had been killed in the line of duty. She shared how she never expected to be in those circumstances and how truly grateful she was for what the Lutherans were doing in New Orleans. Getting to know someone's personal story was so inspiring to the group on the bus, that they felt a need to continue to share her story in the learning sessions and have made commitments to become involved in supporting similar work back home.*

Our work project involved working with elementary age students in the classroom as we helped them write a book about their personal experiences. Many left the classroom with wonderful stories shared by the kids they worked with. In addition to working with the kids, we ended the day by painting their school. The teamwork and camaraderie was inspirational to witness amongst our group.

Nightly guest speakers, dances, the interaction center and lots of miles in the heat were all a part of the experience, but my personal favorite part of the day was at 10:50 when we all gathered in the chaperone room to regroup, digest and talk through our journey. The nightly devotion time was a perfect ending to the chaos of the day. It was touching to witness the students as they shared their passion for the events of the day and their hunger to do more in the name of Jesus.

If you have a chance, go to the Canton Lutheran Church Youth page in Facebook and check out the pictures from the entire week as well as other youth events from 2009.

All that being said, we wouldn't have made it to New Orleans, without the tremendous support of the congregation and the dedicated work of the parent teams who really busted it to help us raise money. The Schendle's Concert, the dessert gala, the Holiday Fun Fest, raffling an entire pig, all brought the community together and demonstrated a passionate commitment to the faith development of our youth. I and the students are indebted to the parents and the entire congregation for the support of our youth programs.

For fun and fellowship, we kicked off the year with a Ski trip to Mt. Kato. Several fun events for the entire family were also held throughout the year. Kari's favorite football team got "Favred" in the last seconds of the game as the Metrodome literally erupted. But the good news is, the Red Sox beat the Twins despite a 2 run homer in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> by Matt Maurer.

We packed over 11,000 meals for children in Haiti with our annual Renaissance Festival/Feed My Starving Children event. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands packed over 2400 backpacks for Sioux Falls students and all age groups served at the banquet.

We will continue to seek new ways to serve and connect with Christ and Community in 2010.

If you haven't heard, the High School students are gearing up for their next adventure in Brooklyn, New York next July. "No Sleep 'Til Brooklyn" is their theme, but I think that title really belongs to those parents (and the entire Living Nativity crew) who have already put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to fundraising and helping the students prepare for their journey. One of the highlights of preparing for a mission trip is the opportunity to gather together with the congregation and the community of Canton in our events. The Christmas Spirit filled the bleachers and warmed our hearts as we gathered to witness the birth of Christ through the Living Nativity. The amount of work that went into that event cannot be repaid, but the rewards in being able to experience its magic with so many of you, are immense. Thank you for coming out, spreading the word and being a part of that beautiful weekend.

I am truly blessed to be serving God through your youth and although I sometimes wonder what God saw in me that led me down this path, I am grateful to Him and am honored to serve Him through Canton Lutheran Church. Thank you to the parents for trusting their children to this ministry. Nothing is more inspiring than to see students light up in their passion for Christ. Our work is challenging but our partnership with each other and most importantly with God's guidance will help us persevere.

*Kari Elling*

| LYFT Balance Spreadsheet | Description                             | In             | Out         |               |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                          | Beginning Balance                       | 744.38         |             |               |
|                          | Canaries Outing                         |                | 250         |               |
|                          | FYLO Subscription                       |                | 335         |               |
|                          | Pump N Pak                              | 768            |             |               |
|                          | Movie Ministry Subscription             |                | 109         |               |
|                          | Lifelight Food, Camping fees,           |                | 200         |               |
|                          | Payments not received from Vikings Trip |                | 115         |               |
|                          | Deposit for Chanhassen                  |                | 100         |               |
|                          |   | <b>1512.38</b> | <b>1109</b> |               |
|                          | <b>Ending Balance LYFT Account</b>      |                |             | <b>403.38</b> |

| Mission Trip Account | Description  | In             | Out      |                |
|----------------------|--|----------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>New Orleans</b>   | Beginning Balance                                  | <b>1677.00</b> |          |                |
|                      | Brunch   | 1258.38        |          |                |
|                      | Babysitting  | 162.00         |          |                |
|                      | Pop Cans, Corn, Crafts                             | 640.00         |          |                |
|                      | Mission of the Month                               | 2994.00        |          |                |
|                      | Spaghetti Dinner                                   | 2039.96        |          |                |
|                      | Bake Sale  | 308.00         |          |                |
|                      | Pig Raffle   | 1105           |          |                |
|                      | Thrivent   | 1214           |          |                |
|                      | Dance  | 534.94         |          |                |
|                      | Easter Brunch                                      | 159.92         |          |                |
|                      | Sons Of Norway                                     | 75             |          |                |
|                      | Carnival   | 197.92         |          |                |
|                      | Dessert Gala                                       | 534.97         |          |                |
|                      | Cookie Dough                                       | 660            |          |                |
|                      | Car Wash   | 249            |          |                |
|                      | Mission of the Month                               | 969            |          |                |
|                      | Flamingos  | 937            |          |                |
|                      | Additional Student Payments                        | 850            |          |                |
|                      | Budget Payments                                    | 3000           |          |                |
|                      | Supplies (Flamingoes, groceries etc)               |                | 267.58   |                |
|                      | Conference Balance                                 |                | 4785     |                |
|                      | Bus  |                | 4961.43  |                |
|                      | Hotel  |                | 4716.45  |                |
|                      | Food   |                | 4800     |                |
|                      |  |                |          |                |
| <b>Totals</b>        |  |                |          |                |
| <b>Brooklyn</b>      | Deposits   | 2000           |          |                |
|                      | Youthworks   |                | 1560     |                |
|                      | Harvest Festival                                   | 851            |          |                |
|                      | Nativity   | 2542.75        |          |                |
|                      | Raffle   | 450            |          |                |
|                      | Thrivent   | 875            |          |                |
|                      | Supplies (groceries for Harvest Festival and Soup) |                | 117.83   |                |
|                      |  |                |          |                |
|                      |  | 26284.84       | 21208.29 |                |
|                      |  |                |          |                |
|                      | <b>Ending Balance Mission Trip Account</b>         |                |          | <b>5076.55</b> |

# **Endowment Committee Annual Report**

*January 2009*

The mission of the Endowment Committee is to oversee the Endowment Fund. The Fund functions as a source of financial assistance for both internal and external projects and organizations that would otherwise have no line item funding through the CLC general budget. The Committee attempts to provide financial support in the general categories of Missions, Outreach, Scholarships and Capital Improvements. The source of funds for this support is the annual earnings from the invested principal of the fund.

During the last half of 2008 and the first half of 2009, the Fund was negatively affected by the downturn in the financial markets, upon which the Fund is based. In an effort to provide proper stewardship and protect the future viability of the Fund, the Committee saw the need to temporarily curtail all expenditures which were not previously committed to in prior years. The Committee has also decided to reinvest the dividends earned until the Fund regains its original balance, an effort intended to assure that the Fund will be able to fulfill its intended purpose in the years to come. The balance of the Fund on 1/1/09 was \$181,271.72. We are pleased to report that as of 12/31/09, the balance has increased to \$216,348.75.

Since 1998, the Fund has disbursed financial assistance in the amount of \$126,574.00. This year the Fund disbursed \$1,021.00 in the following manner:

1. Scholarship Category - Total disbursed = \$ 800.00
  - a. Lutheran Student College Fund (PACT)
2. Outreach Category - Total disbursed = \$ 221.00
  - a. Canton "Good Samaritan" fund

Submitted on 12/31/2009 by Dave Earll, Chairman

# **Stephen Ministry Annual Report**

*January 2010*

The Stephen Ministry Program currently has seventeen Stephen Ministers. Six have asked to be put on the inactive list, two are available for placement, and nine are active caring for ten care receivers. Curt and Myrene Hepner and Kathy Gardner have all resigned as Stephen Leaders and Pastor Jan is retiring. Needless to say, the program is in flux.

Please pray for the Stephen Ministry Program, as well as the Stephen Ministers and their care receivers as we discern the direction for 2010.

# **Evangelism Committee Annual Report**

*January 2010*

The Evangelism Committee was not active this past year. The Deacons continued with many of the activities that were previously organized by the evangelism committee.

Eight new members were welcomed into the congregation in March of 2009. Membership classes have not been offered since as we begin the process of addressing how new members are helped to become not only members, but active members.

Cards continue to be sent to visitors, welcome packs are delivered to visitors, and welcome visits continue to be made to those who indicate interest in joining the CLC family.

College student care packages were again sent this year. Twenty-eight were sent in late April and twenty-eight were sent again in late November. The students should have received them as they began the week of finals. Thank you, Leann Anderson, for your leadership in that ministry. And thanks to WELCA who offered to pay postage for the fall mailing.

The video ministry took a giant leap forward this summer when Tim Longstaff and Caroline Deinema spear-headed the purchase and set-up of new video equipment. New videographers were trained so currently there are five who record Sunday worship services and bring the DVD to CHS to be played on both Midcontinent and Knology. Thank you, Tim and Caroline and all the videographers, for bringing our worship services into our homes.

Jim, Lori, and Eli Ripley took over the Remembering our Military Ministry this fall. Previous to that Maureen VanDenTop and LeeAnne Narum were responsible for sending packages and cards to our military on a regular basis. Thank you all for your leadership and thank you families for keeping the committee informed of address changes.

The Fifth Annual Church in the Park was held in August. It was a beautiful summer morning on which members and guests worshipped together and had a time of fellowship following the service.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pastor Jan Zoss*

# **Volunteer & Cong. Life Report**

*January 2010*

In medieval times, Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
No hands but yours, no feet but yours,  
Yours are the eyes through which to look out  
Christ's compassion to the world;*

*Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good;  
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless men now.*

This has been a year of change but our hands, feet and bodies are still busy doing Christ's work at Canton Lutheran and in the world. Our hands have helped feed the hungry through our efforts with Love, INC's Friday Backpacks, the Canton Community Food Pantry, and The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Many hands made quilts to send overseas through Lutheran World Relief. Our feet have taken us to the Cropwalk, to serve at Milk's Camp, to help at the Sioux Falls Backpack Program, and Union Gospel Mission's work. Our bodies have gone to visit and work at the St. Dysmus Congregation, Milk's Camp, New Orleans, and Nicaragua. Our blessings, cards, and gifts have gone to college students, prisoners, and military personnel.

Canton Lutheran volunteers have also supported one another through our Prayer Chain, Stephen Ministries, and personal contacts. Our Christmas season was blessed by the portrayal of the Living Nativity and Cantata. Worship is enhanced by servants that welcome, serve communion, usher and attend the nursery guests.

Christ has given blessing upon blessing to Canton Lutheran's family this past year. What are the blessings He wants us to pass on for Him next year?

*Janet Henke*

## **Milk's Camp Annual Report - 2009**

Once again the faithful support of the CLC congregation, Grand Valley Church, and the Grace Lutheran Church made a successful mission trip to the Native American families of Milk's Camp. Our committee is truly blessed with all of the support we receive towards this mission.

This year we had a great advantage in that we did not have lots of snow & ice to contend with! Many families made the trip to Bonesteel on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> which helped to keep things running smoothly. While one group got the lunch line ready another was carrying in all of the presents, blankets, hams etc. Another group formed to get all of the children & teen gifts, hats/mittens, candy sacks & school kits put together. Children three and under receive sleeper pajamas in place of a school kit. We put the men in charge of getting the family blankets, hams & laundry baskets together- -with so many extra hands this year it was wonderful!

After a lunch of taverns, chips, oranges and baked goods (all coordinated by Gerri Day-she also made the 40lbs of tavern meat) we had a prayer & songs by all of the workers. We always do the children first as they are so excited - -what a joy to see their smiles! Once again many of the families put away their gifts for Christmas rather than letting the children open them that day but you do not here crying or tempers –amazing.

Thanks to other donations we set up a table with stuffed animals, books & underwear which were greatly received by the children & families; it's easy to forget that not all people have the means for these types of items. With the generosity of the congregations we were also able to bring along 13 new electric heaters which will be distributed by Marilyn Marshall, Pierre LaPoint &

Todd Bearshield. With another large donation of books received before Christmas hopefully another trip can be made with some of the books and more heaters yet this winter.

Jodi Hernes shared with me the words of a young boy around 10 years old. He was just so amazed by what we brought for all of them and couldn't believe "how far" we came just for them. He said; "You came all that way just for us? How do you do it – how can you afford all of this nice stuff for us?" He was just so sincerely thankful - -so thanks to all of you for helping us bring the love and meaning of Jesus Birth to our friends at Milk's Camp.

Michelle Short, for the Committee

## Live Nativity Report

### January 2010

On December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Canton Lutheran Church held its first annual Live Nativity. It was everything the committee set out to accomplish and more including six very impressive 15 minute performances of Christ's birth complete with a donkey, a cow, sheep, goats and camels. It was narrated by Pastors Tony and Jan with beautiful background music.

There was not a single day in the planning of the event that was not filled with excitement and thankfulness for all the people wanting to be involved. The youth of the congregation provided a soup supper, a basket raffle, bake sale and ticket sales for a nativity set. Sunday performance culminated with a Cantata, "Holy Night of Miracles" by the Canton Lutheran Choir.

### Financial Report:

| <b>Donations:</b>    |    |                    |
|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| Home Federal         | \$ | 100.00             |
| First Bank & Trust   |    | 100.00             |
| Farmers State Bank   |    | 300.00             |
| State Farm Insurance |    | 400.00             |
| Altar Guild          |    | 734.40             |
| Misc. Donations      |    | 50.00              |
| <b>Total</b>         |    | <b>\$ 1,684.40</b> |

| <b>Expenses:</b>         |  |                    |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Camels, Goats, Sheep     |  | 500.00             |
| Dakota Entertainment     |  | 572.40             |
| Nativity Sign            |  | 49.51              |
| Angel Wings              |  | 162.00             |
| Food-Rehearsals/Pre Show |  | 87.81              |
| Advertising, Photos      |  | 166.06             |
| <b>Total</b>             |  | <b>\$ 1,537.78</b> |

**Fund Balance**  **146.62**

Thank you to everyone who had anything to do with the success of this event especially the magnificent, dedicated cast.

Committee:  
Rhonda Haglund, Dorothy Trumm, Cheryl Johnson

# The W.E.L.C.A Annual Report

January 2009

**Our Purpose:** *As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world.*

We are grateful to have the opportunity to continue to maintain our part as an arm of the ministry of Canton Lutheran Church. In 2009 we completed the Bible study of Romans and in September began a new study of Ephesians with four circles of approximately 75 members who meet monthly and have responsibilities of three birthday parties at The Good Samaritan Nursing Home and provide for monthly needs of the Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls.

This past year gave several opportunities to host events which were: The Lenten Suppers, the Crossroads Women's Spring Gathering, a pastoral gathering the 85 plus year old Birthday party in May, and the Cameroon speaker we hosted from the synod office, the annual potato bake October 23. The net proceeds from the potato bake were given to Love INC., the Ministerial Association, and the Food Pantry. Each fund received \$935.79. Our member's cooperative efforts were greatly appreciated to make this a success.

The traditional Kaffe Stua' was varied to combine the coffee hour following worship with a display of 25 Nativity scenes that the invited congregation could view and read the stories and then fellowship over coffee and Christmas goodies with approximately 70 in attendance.

The prison fudge was made by five members and then taken to the Sioux Falls Penitentiary by Bev and John Frislie to be given to the prisoners. This is one of the only homemade gifts that may of the prisoners receive.

Our Care and Share ministry, headed by Carol Olson, to Lutheran World Relief has less than 10 members who are dedicated to the needs of others. 48 quilts were made with 9 going to the Indian reservation in the fall, and 4 given locally along with 24 Linus blankets being made as well. 110 layettes, 141 school kits, 110 health kits. These are gathered and delivered by Kirk and Cheryl Rikansrud whose help is greatly appreciated.

We thank God for having given us opportunities to reach out to serve others and trust that God will continue to guide us and give us wisdom in all areas of the organization as we look forward to serving our Lord with new opportunities in 2010. Please note the areas served on the treasurer's report.

Gratefully serving our Lord,

*Ella Grimsrud*

Ella Mae Grimsrud President

# Canton Lutheran W.E.L.C.A. Year End Report

## January 2010

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**Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2009** **\$4775.69**

**Income:**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| ELCA SD (circle offering)   | \$530.55 |
| ELCA Chicago (World Hunger) | 683.30   |
| Funerals                    | 2483.42  |
| Crossroads Conference       | 508.00   |
| Lenten Suppers              | 1104.00  |
| Love Gift                   | 2578.00  |
| Bible Study Books           | 294.00   |
| Potato Bake/Bake Sale       | 3677.00  |
| Thank Offering              | 172.00   |
| Misc. (donations/refunds)   | 43.18    |

**Total Income** **\$12,073.45**

**Total Cash Available** **\$16,849.14**

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**Expenses:**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Supplies (paper, coffee, pickle dishes, etc)                                     | \$ 545.48 |
| ELCA SD  | 437.47    |
| ELCA Chicago (World Hunger)  | 596.60    |
| Funerals   | 1659.08   |
| Lenten Suppers   | 420.08    |
| Crossroads/Pastors Conference  | 467.13    |
| Bible Study Books  | 483.36    |
| Thank Offering (ELCA Chicago)  | 172.00    |
| Potato Bake  | 869.63    |
| Refund Pall  | 500.00    |
| Entry Updates  | 728.80    |
| Misc.(gratuities, B-Day Expense, Chapel Plaque, Kaffe Stua, Cards Postage, etc.) | 416.52    |

**Total Expenses:** **\$7296.15**

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## Canton Women of the ELCA Donations:

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Joy Ranch                           | 200.00  |
| John Peter                          | 400.00  |
| Employee gratuity                   | 800.00  |
| CLC camperships                     | 500.00  |
| SDSU, USD, Augie                    | 150.00  |
| Shetek Ministries                   | 150.00  |
| Food pantry (1/3 Potato Bake)       | 935.79  |
| Ministerial Assoc (1/3 Potato Bake) | 935.79  |
| Love INC. (1/3 Potato Bake)         | 935.79  |
| Children's Inn                      | 100.00  |
| St. Dysmas                          | 100.00  |
| Union Gospel Mission                | 200.00  |
| St. Francis House                   | 75.00   |
| College pkg postage                 | 157.03  |
| ELCA SD Synod                       | 200.00  |
| Cameroon Roofs                      | 1000.00 |
| Family Connection                   | 100.00  |
| Heartland House                     | 100.00  |
| Hymnbook Fund 2009                  | 125.00  |
| Deceased Members                    | 225.00  |

**Total** **7164.40**

**Total of expenses and donations:** **\$14,460.55**

**Ending Balance December 31, 2009:** **\$2,388.59**

# 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

*January 25, 2009*

The annual meeting of the congregation of Canton Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 in the church sanctuary. The meeting was called to order by President Farrell Anderson with the reading of the Mission Statement. Pastor Tony Haglund led devotions.

The 2008 annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Caroline Deinema made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Ron Larson. Motion carried.

Jason Heikkila gave the Financial Report. Total assets as of December 31, 2008 were \$2,093,010.34.

A motion was made by Burdell Coplan and a second by Murray Rowe to accept the annual report. Motion carried.

There was no old business brought before the congregation.

Pastor Tony Haglund presented the state of the congregation report. He urged everyone to read all of the reports later as they are an important part of the functions of the church. He noted church attendance and giving has been down in 2008. A possible reason for that could have been the lack of a senior pastor. The vision for the direction of the church will be a central theme for the coming year. He thanked the staff for their faithful and hard working dedication.

New business: John Devick, 2009 President presiding. He thanked all of the board members and staff, with a special thank you to Farrell for his extra work on the preservation project and the call committee.

The ballot for the selection of officers and council members for 2009 was presented:

Two additional members nominated from the congregation to be on next years nominating committee were Julie Verley and Rob Halvorson. A motion was made by Marsha Eliason and seconded by Helen Rowe to accept these nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for those so nominated. Motion carried.

Budget Report: The proposed budget for 2009 is \$405,873.00. A motion to accept the budget report was made by Arne Anderson with a second by Julie Verley. Motion carried.

The issue to sell one parsonage, sell both parsonages or keep both parsonages was discussed. The estimation of cost for utilities and maintenance for both parsonages is approximately \$11,000.00 per year. The west parsonage has been appraised at \$100,000.00 and the east parsonage at \$150,000.00. Gordon Bourne made a motion to amend the ballot to make the issue one vote to either sell both parsonages or keep both parsonages. Paul Hohman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A motion to call the question was made by Burdell Coplan and Terry Gerber seconded. Motion passed. The motion to amend the ballot to vote to sell both or keep both parsonages failed. As he felt it would be hard to obtain a majority percentage for passage of any of the options on the ballot as printed, Todd Gannon made a motion to amend the ballot to read vote 0 for keeping both parsonages, 1 for selling one parsonage and 2 for selling both parsonages. (The issue for which parsonage to sell would be voted on again if the vote was to sell one parsonage). Kari Elling seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Todd Gannon made a motion to call the question and Terry Gerber seconded. Motion carried. The motion to amend the ballot was then voted upon and the motion carried. A paper ballot was taken to determine if the congregation would approve selling one parsonage, both parsonages, or neither parsonage.

A paper ballot was taken:

57 votes for selling both parsonages  
57 votes for selling both parsonages  
4 votes for keeping both parsonages

A second paper vote was taken to break the tie, with no option for keeping both parsonages:

57 votes for selling one parsonage  
60 votes for selling both parsonages

Gerrit VanDenTop made a motion that proceeds from the sale of the parsonages be placed in an interest bearing restricted account for a minimum of two years from the time of the sale. Jerry Keiser seconded. Curt Hepner made a motion to amend the motion to include that the disposition of the funds will require a congregational vote. Connie Bogue seconded. Drew Anderson called the question to amend the motion and Ron Nygaard seconded. Motion carried. The vote on the amendment carried. The vote on the amended motion carried.

Pastor Tony requested that everyone complete the Ministry Priority Survey and return it to the church office.

The meeting closed with the Lord`s Prayer.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and passed that we adjourn.

Joann Fossum  
Secretary

### *Special Congregational Meeting - September 27, 2009*

A Canton Lutheran Church congregational meeting was held on Sunday September 27, 2009 at 10:30 p.m. President John Devick opened the meeting with prayer. He explained that the meeting was in response to a petition that was presented to the council on September 9, 2009 calling for a meeting to vote on whether Canton Lutheran Church should remain or leave the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The petition was presented by parishioners concerned because of the passing on August 21, 2009, by the Church Wide Assembly of the ELCA, a resolution approving the Human Sexuality Statement.

After opening statements were presented by both sides, anyone who wished to address the congregation was given two minutes to express their opinions, with alternating sides taking turns. Closing statements were then made by each side.

|   |                       |     |
|---|-----------------------|-----|
| A paper ballot was taken with results of: | To stay with the ELCA | 228 |
|   | To leave the ELCA     | 136 |

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Joann Fossum, Secretary

## Sale of West Parsonage

| Date          | Revenue            | Expense           | From / To         |   |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| 9/22/2009     | \$10,000.00        |                   | Rachel Cox        | Contract for Deed Downpayment - West Parsonage  |
| 9/22/2009     | \$200.00           |                   | Rachel Cox        | Bat proofing expense - West Parsonage           |
| 9/22/2009     |                    | \$750.00          | D&D Pest Control  | Bat proofing expense - West Parsonage           |
| 10/8/2009     |                    | \$372.30          | Jeff Crawford     | Sheetrocking house/garage wall - West Parsonage |
| 10/20/2009    |                    | \$39.21           | Jerry's Appliance | Sink repair - West Parsonage                    |
| 10/22/2009    |                    | \$1,303.05        | Sioux Valley News | Advertising - Both Parsonages                   |
| 10/27/2009    | \$650.00           |                   | Rachel Cox        | November payment - West Parsonage               |
| 10/27/2009    |                    | \$840.00          | D&D Pest Control  | Bat proofing expense - West Parsonage           |
| 12/2/2009     | \$650.00           |                   | Rachel Cox        | December payment - West Parsonage               |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$11,500.00</b> | <b>\$3,304.56</b> |                   |   |
| <b>Net</b>    | <b>\$8,195.44</b>  |                   |                   | <i>Deposited to Savings Account</i>             |

## Sale of East Parsonage

| Date          | Revenue             | Expense            | From / To               |                                     |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10/30/2009    |                     | \$1,177.75         | B&E Seamless<br>Gutters | Repairs - East Parsonage            |
| 11/9/2009     | \$166,000.00        |                    | Nicole Nelson           | Sale - East Parsonage               |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$12,000.00        | Nicole Nelson           | Repairs - East Parsonage            |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$159.00           | Lincoln County Title    | 1/2 Closing Fee                     |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$37.10            | Lincoln County Title    | Document Prep Fee                   |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$331.75           | Lincoln County Title    | 1/2 Title Insurance                 |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$166.00           | Lincoln County          | County Sales Tax                    |
| 11/9/2009     |                     | \$765.00           | Homespect               | Radon Mitigation System             |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$166,000.00</b> | <b>\$14,636.60</b> |                         |                                     |
| <b>Net</b>    | <b>\$151,363.40</b> |                    |                         | <i>Deposited to Savings Account</i> |

# Canton Lutheran Church

## Balance Sheet

|   | Balance<br>12-31-2008<br>----- | Balance<br>12-31-2009<br>----- |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                              |                                |                                |
| Cash – General Fund                         | \$ 39,959.09                   | \$ 13,131.50                   |
| Cash – Savings (sale of parsonages)         | 0.00                           | 159,742.06                     |
| Cash – Restricted Funds                     | 22,705.24                      | 22,772.72                      |
| Cash – CD’s Restricted Funds                | 5,000.00                       | 5,000.00                       |
| CFD – Rachel Cox (parsonage sale due)       | 0.00                           | 84,551.26                      |
| <br>  |                                |                                |
| Church Buildings                            | 1,456,978.28                   | 1,456,978.28                   |
| Furniture/Fixtures                          | 222,627.47                     | 222,627.47                     |
| Church Organ                                | 100,000.00                     | 100,000.00                     |
| Parsonages                                  | 245,740.26                     | 0.00                           |
|   | -----                          | -----                          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         | <b>\$2,093,010.34</b><br>===== | <b>\$2,064,803.29</b><br>===== |
| <br>  |                                |                                |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                         |                                |                                |
| Accounts Payable                            | \$ 475.00                      | \$ 375.00                      |
| FIT Payable                                 | 243.00                         | 288.70                         |
| FICA Tax Payable                            | 990.54                         | 1,013.13                       |
| Med. Tax Payable                            | 231.66                         | 236.94                         |
|   | -----                          | -----                          |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | <b>\$ 1,940.29</b><br>=====    | <b>\$ 1,913.77</b><br>=====    |
| <br>  |                                |                                |
| <b>FUND BALANCE:</b>                        |                                |                                |
| Equity (Assets – Liabilities)               | \$2,091,070.14<br>-----        | \$2,062,889.52<br>-----        |
| <b>Total Fund Balance &amp; Liabilities</b> | <b>\$2,093,010.34</b><br>===== | <b>\$2,064,083.29</b><br>===== |

## 2010 Proposed Budget

|                                   | 2009 Budget    | 2009 Actual             | 2010 Proposed  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Financial Gifts Rec.</b>       |                |                         |                |
| General Fund Offerings            | 379,723        | 316,298                 | 306,300        |
| Loose Offerings                   | 15,500         | 10,423                  | 10,000         |
| Sunday School & Misc.             | 5,150          | 7,445                   | 4,400          |
| Interest from Parsonage (west)    |                |                         | 5,848          |
| <b>Total Financial Gifts Rec.</b> | <b>405,873</b> | <b>334,166</b>          | <b>326,548</b> |
| <b>Ministry Expenses</b>          |                |                         |                |
| SD Synod Benevolence              | 18,000         | 15,089                  | 14,000         |
| <b>percentage of GF offerings</b> | <b>4.7%</b>    | <b>4.8%</b>             | <b>4.6%</b>    |
| Worship Supplies                  | 2,550          | 2,499                   | 2,125          |
| Youth & Family Ministry           | 12,000         | 9,366                   | 8,575          |
| Camperships                       | 2,500          | 2,325                   | 0              |
| Interpreter                       | 2,250          | 172                     | 500            |
| Chaperone Support                 | 1,500          | 1,500                   | 1,500          |
| Office Supplies & Expenses        | 15,000         | 15,166                  | 14,500         |
| Stewardship Envelopes             | 2,750          | 2,052                   | 2,000          |
| Hospitality & Promotion           | 2,500          | 2,310                   | 2,500          |
| Bookkeeping                       | 6,000          | 6,000                   | 7,200          |
| Liability & Workers Comp Ins.     | 7,100          | 7,295                   | 6,323          |
| Synod Convention Expenses         | 1,000          | 720                     | 750            |
| Lawn Care                         | 3,000          | 2,733                   | 0              |
| Mntnce & Upkeep of Prop.          | 9,450          | 3,872                   | 3,850          |
| Utilities                         | 37,500         | 26,631                  | 26,350         |
| <b>TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>    | <b>102,600</b> | <b>82,641</b>           | <b>76,173</b>  |
| Pastoral Salaries                 | 76,065         | 72,065                  | 42,550         |
| Staff Salaries                    | 95,665         | 94,778                  | 120,550        |
| Mileage                           | 5,500          | 4,077                   | 4,000          |
| Pastoral Pension & Benefits       | 49,666         | 50,040                  | 34,000         |
| Pastoral Housing Allowances       | 27,397         | 30,266                  | 20,500         |
| Other Staff & Pastoral Exp.       | 3,950          | 1,778                   | 2,200          |
| Employee Benefits                 | 3,010          | 3,012                   | 3,200          |
| Payroll Taxes                     | 7,320          | 7,221                   | 9,375          |
| <b>TOTAL SALARIES &amp; OTHER</b> | <b>268,573</b> | <b>263,237</b>          | <b>236,375</b> |
| Capital Improvement Fund          | 9,000          | 0                       | 0              |
| <b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>    | <b>405,873</b> | <b>360,967</b>          | <b>326,548</b> |
|                                   |                | <i>Shortage -26,801</i> |                |

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## 2009 Restricted Accounts

| <b>Fund Accounts</b>         | <b>Balance<br/>12/31/08</b>      | <b>Total<br/>Receipts</b>          | <b>Total<br/>Expenses</b>          | <b>Balance<br/>12/31/09</b>        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Altar Supply Fund            | 295.79                           | 83.00                              | 0                                  | 378.79                             |
| Audio/Video                  | 2213.28                          | 605.79                             | 1067.38                            | 1751.69                            |
| Bible Camp Fund              | 244.28                           | 525.00                             | 240.00                             | 529.28                             |
| Building Repair & Pres. Fund | 9030.24                          | 1875.59                            | 5570.43                            | 5335.39                            |
| College Student Fund         | 400.00                           | 800.00                             | 1200.00                            | 0                                  |
| Computer Fund                | 1500.00                          | 0                                  | 1106.06                            | 393.94                             |
| Endowment                    | 5.00                             | 0                                  | 0                                  | 5.00                               |
| Hymnbook / Bible Fund        | 0                                | 6479.18                            | 0                                  | 6479.18                            |
| Library Fund                 | 381.85                           | 0                                  | 0                                  | 381.85                             |
| Milks Camp                   | 1389.22                          | 0                                  | 0                                  | 1,389.22                           |
| Music Fund                   | 1290.91                          | 12600                              | 11666.65                           | 2224.26                            |
| Live Nativity Fund           | 0                                | 1522.40                            | 1218.78                            | 303.62                             |
| Organ/Piano Fund             | 768.18                           | 0                                  | 397.50                             | 370.68                             |
| Pass Through Projects        | 0                                | 5250.00                            | 5250.00                            | 0                                  |
| Pass Through Benevolence     |                                  | 10817.70                           | 10817.70                           | 0                                  |
| Pastor Chair Upholstery      | 140.00                           | 0                                  | 0                                  | 140.00                             |
| Pastor Cont. Ed.             | 857.53                           | 0                                  | 0                                  | 857.53                             |
| Peer Ministry                | 141.75                           | 0                                  | 0                                  | 141.75                             |
| SS Teacher Training          | 1384.37                          | 0                                  | 0                                  | 1,384.37                           |
| Stephens Ministry            | 325.10                           | 0                                  | 253.76                             | 71.34                              |
| Sunday School                | 0                                | 897.89                             | 761.23                             | 136.66                             |
| Undesig. Mem. & Interest     | 4018.50                          | 2997.77                            | 2597.871                           | 4418.40                            |
| Vision Deacons               | 3154.18                          | 0                                  | 3154.18                            | 0                                  |
| Canton Women of the ELCA     | 0                                | 309.44                             | 309.44                             | 0                                  |
| <b>MISSION OF MONTH</b>      |                                  |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| M/M Amaizing Gr              | 0                                | 1250.00                            | 1250.00                            | 0                                  |
| M/M Banquet                  | 165.06                           | 1128.00                            | 925.68                             | 367.38                             |
| M/M Cameroon &<br>Nicaragua  | 0                                | 1491.00                            | 1491.00                            | 0                                  |
| M/M Campus Ministry          | 0                                | 479.00                             | 479.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M Care N Share             | 0                                | 805.00                             | 805.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M ELCA World Hunger        | 0                                | 464.00                             | 464.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M Lutheran Social Serv.    | 0                                | 607.00                             | 607.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M Love INC                 | 0                                | 498.00                             | 498.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M Milks Camp               | 0                                | 1245.00                            | 676.42                             | 568.58                             |
| M/M Scouts                   | 0                                | 489.00                             | 489.00                             | 0                                  |
| M/M Pacodes Library          | 0                                | 2691.00                            | 2691.00                            | 0                                  |
| M/M Youth Trip               | 0                                | 1436.00                            | 1436.00                            | 0                                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>2008 Balance<br/>27705.24</b> | <b>Total Receipts<br/>59762.58</b> | <b>Total Expenses<br/>59695.10</b> | <b>2009 End Bal.<br/>27,772.72</b> |

*Insert Bishop's Letter on this page.*

## CLC Benevolence Gifts - 2009

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| SD Synod & ELCA Mission Support | 15,319 |
| Lutheran Social Services        | 607    |
| SD Campus Ministry              | 779    |

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Sudan Student Fund | 6,850 |
| Milk's Camp        | 1,245 |

### Youth & Camping Ministries

|   |       |              |
|---|-------|--------------|
| Shetek Bible Camp                           | 1,871 |              |
| Lutherans Outdoors                          | 1,721 |              |
| Joy Ranch                                   | 200   |              |
| Camperships                                 | 2,825 |              |
| Sr. High Youth Mission Trip                 | 2,936 |              |
| <b>TOTAL YOUTH &amp; CAMPING MINISTRIES</b> |       | <b>9,553</b> |

### World Missions

|   |       |              |
|---|-------|--------------|
| Companion Synods (Nicaragua & Cameroon) | 2,506 |              |
| Pacodes Library Project                 | 2,691 |              |
| Missionary John Peter (India)           | 760   |              |
| Care and Share                          | 805   |              |
| <b>TOTAL WORLD MISSIONS</b>             |       | <b>6,762</b> |

### Local Needs

|  |       |              |
|--|-------|--------------|
| Scouting                                     | 489   |              |
| Love, INC & Canton Ministerial & Food Pantry | 3,740 |              |
| Children's Inn                               | 100   |              |
| Union Gospel Mission                         | 100   |              |
| <b>TOTAL LOCAL NEEDS</b>                     |       | <b>4,429</b> |

### Hunger Ministries

|                                |       |              |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| A-Maizing Grace                | 1,250 |              |
| ELCA World Hunger              | 464   |              |
| CROP Walk                      | 1,987 |              |
| The Banquet                    | 926   |              |
| <b>TOTAL HUNGER MINISTRIES</b> |       | <b>4,627</b> |

### Prison Ministries

|                                |     |            |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Family Connection              | 100 |            |
| Heartland House                | 100 |            |
| St. Francis House              | 75  |            |
| St. Dysmas                     | 100 |            |
| <b>TOTAL PRISON MINISTRIES</b> |     | <b>375</b> |

**ESTIMATED TOTAL BENEVOLENCE FOR CLC FOR 2009**

**\$50,546**