

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Evangelical  
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in America

# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year we have continued to experience changes in the world around us. Even as our church finds ways to adapt to this changing world, we find hope in the unchanging and always present promise of God's love through Jesus Christ. We change and adapt not to conform to the world but because we believe that the gift of God's Son is for the world, and that our congregations and worshiping communities are places to gather and be sent into the world, where we will tell the story of God's love in word and deed.

The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the churchwide organization provide ways for the church to move beyond the boundaries of structures and geography and to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, our cities, our country and beyond. We engage in this ministry knowing that our church walks by faith, trusting in God's promise in the gospel, and that we exist by and for the proclamation of this gospel word. In John 15:5, Jesus reminds us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." We are connected by the promise that we do all through Christ and can do nothing apart from him.

God gives the Holy Spirit, who uses gospel proclamation — in preaching and sacraments, in forgiveness and in healing conversations — to create and sustain this faith. Just as we rely on God to sustain our faith, we rely on each other to sustain the ministries that offer God's love to the world. Through your generosity to each expression

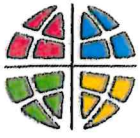
of this church — your congregation, your synod and your churchwide organization — you add to our collective voice proclaiming God's love for all.

I am grateful for your generosity over this last year. My gratitude spreads far beyond your generous financial gifts. You've shared your gifts of time through countless hours of volunteering, serving and accompanying. You've shared the gifts of your voices as we've tried to discover and learn how God is calling us to be the church now and into the future. And, finally, dear church, you have shared the gift of the realness of God's love with the world around you. Be well, dear church, and stand steadfast in the promise of God's love and grace as you take that promise with you into the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton".

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” —John 15:5



Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Triune God!

On behalf of your close to 200 partners across the South Dakota Synod I come to you to say *thank you*. *Thank you* for your generosity! Your benevolence to the ministry of the South Dakota Synod doesn't just keep the lights on and pays salaries, but mainly supports ministry on the ground. Please take a look at the "2023 South Dakota Synod Ministry Celebrations" insert included in this annual report. You will notice that YOU showed up in many and various spaces. Sometimes your presence was felt close to home through a grant you may have received or a synod staff that came to visit. At other times your presence impacted ministry in other parts of the world, such as our companion partners in the Lutheran churches in Nicaragua and Cameroon. *Thank you* also for your generosity above and beyond your benevolence. Our partners in Cameroon appreciated the synod's \$52,000 gift to support putting roofs on churches. The generosity of the congregations in the synod never ceases to amaze me, and I give thanks for your continued generosity as we journey together in Christ!



While many places celebrated an abundant year of ministry, I also want to acknowledge that for other ministry sites 2023 has not been as hoped for. Our mission statement commits us to "Journeying Together in Christ" and is based on Luke 24:13-34. Two disciples are on the road post resurrection and ponder in disbelief all the things that have happened before their eyes. They were overwhelmed and didn't know what to make of it all. I have heard from many ministry sites a similar account about 2023. "Bishop, things in 2023 were not as we had expected and hoped for. What do we do now?" In Luke's story Jesus, unrecognized by them, joins them and walks alongside to listen and remind them of the promises in scripture. But it isn't until they sit down at the table, and Jesus breaks bread that their eyes are opened. They recognize who he is and that the 'holy heartburn' they had experienced along the way was a sign that their love for Jesus and the way he calls them to live has changed them forever.

How about your community of faith? Where do you hear the promises of scripture assure you that God's got a plan for you and your ministry? Where are you called to follow the 'holy heartburn' God's Spirit ignites in you as you are fed at the table of love? I pray that your annual meeting will be an experience where you can voice what you had wished for as well as lament the unmaterialized hopes. And at the same time, you can hear where God promises new life and renewed faith in your very own midst.

Your South Dakota Synod staff and partners across the church are committed to accompany you in your ministry ventures, whether it means to take small courageous steps or giant leaps of faith. We are here to journey with you in Christ. Therefore, it is with great joy and delight that I am announcing to you that we, the South Dakota Synod, are a recipient of a \$1,137,384 grant Endowment Inc. through its Thriving Congregations Initiative. Details about the grant can be accessed through the synod's website [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org) as well as through the synod office. The STAR (Small Town and Rural) Table also offers two types of grants, which are only possible

through the generosity of the people and congregations of the SD Synod when we gather for rural ministry fundraisers. Again, details about the grant opportunities, and how you can apply for a grant are found on the synod's website [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org).

Last but not least, I would like to invite you to the 2024 Synod Assembly on May 31st and June 1st at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls, SD. We will gather under the theme of "(Re)Connect." It will be a celebration of the partnerships we share across the synod and the wider ELCA. Stay tuned for more information about the business coming before the assembly and the fun opportunities. I hope to be able to welcome you to the assembly in person, be in conversation with you and hear about ministry in your world and how you might best be accompanied as well as accompany your fellow members of the SD Synod and the ELCA.

Journeying with you in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Hagmaier".

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

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Canton Lutheran Church

Congregational Annual Meeting

2/26/2023

1. Roll Call Executive Council

Tim Thies	Pastor	Present
Josh Smith	President	Present
Julie Crawford	President – Elect	Present
Beth Petterson	Treasurer	Present
Mary Watson	Secretary	Present
Jason Heikkila	Bookkeeper	Present
Pastor David Zellmer	Visitor-Interim Pastor	Present

2. Meeting called to order by Josh Smith, outgoing president CLC
3. Gathering Liturgy found on last page of the 2022 Annual Report
4. 2022 Annual Meeting minutes reviewed; Motion Julie Crawford, second by Ron Larson to approve the minutes. Vote – motion passed.
5. Presentation of the 2022 Annual Report by Josh Smith
6. Bread of Life Campaign Update – Chuck Smith, project manager
  1. Building fund--Approx \$50,000 remaining in the building part of the fund
    - a. Tuck pointing
    - b. Roofing (fortunately the materials were bought before the cost went up)
    - c. Electrical—replaced all knob and tube wiring and many more projects
      - i. Ron Carlon played a HUGE role in getting the electrical changes made
      - ii. He volunteered a lot of his time.
      - iii. Because of his contribution, the project was completed without being way over budget.
    - d. Stained Glass Windows—nothing has been done as of today. Needed to complete the above projects before it made sense to start on the window repairs
      - i. Concern for congregation members about “what happened to the money that was specifically donated for the “stained glass windows?”
      - ii. Discussion was had about the need to repair all other things first.
      - iii. Congregation member ok with this as “money went to repair the structure”
      - iv. This does raise the issue of needing to do another fund raising campaign to repair the windows.
    - e. Other issues
      - i. Paraput walls, on the northside tower need to be examined by structural engineer and make repairs.
        1. Once this is done, roofers will return and replace the gutters
      - ii. Bell tower—roof replaced but there is some dry rot under area supporting bells

2. BOL Mission fund—approx \$71,000 remaining
  - a. Funds have been donated to the following as of today:
    - i. Beaver Valley Church for use after tornado destroyed part of the church
    - ii. Love Inc
    - iii. Meals for those in need
    - iv. Toys for Tots
  - b. The executive council has been taking request for funds as they come and making sound judgements on where the money is dispersed. The council also requests that if anyone in the congregation has an idea for mission fund—outside of CLC walls—they should get those to the council.
7. Nominating Committee Report—Chuck Smith, chair
  - a. Motion by Janet Henke, seconded by Kari Elling to accept the nominations. Motion carried
  - b. Nominating committee needs 2 more people to join the committee
    - lack of nominees, tabled until full council meeting in a few weeks.
8. Crossroads Synod Assembly Nominations from the floor (2 plus Pastor David)
  - a. Josh Smith
  - b. Patty Kroger
  - c. Pastor David
  - d. Youth +/---discuss with Cami
  - e. Need 1 additional person \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by Mary W. 2nd by Julie C to accept these nominations; Motion carried.
9. Message from Outgoing President Josh Smith
  - a. Thankful for the opportunity to serve as CLC president. “Learned on the fly at times”
  - b. 2023 began with feelings of loss and anxiety over the future with Pastor Tim’s sudden retirement
  - c. Philippians 4:6-7 ---Unity, we will stand together, and be strong
  - d. Josh will be Chairperson of the CLC Call Committee
  - e. 2Corth 13:11
10. Introduction of Julie Crawford, 2023 CLC Council President
  - a. Thankful for the honor
  - b. Raised in Canton, lived here for 73 years. Baptized Methodist, transferred from Redeemer Free Luth and “have never looked back”
11. Presentation of the 2023 CLC budget---Jason Heikkila, bookkeeper
  - a. Made increases based on current income and expenses
  - b. Other increase expenses expected for Call Committee work and interviews; Supply Pastor costs when Pastor Zellmer is away.
  - c. Building maintenance cost---Air conditioners are old and may need to be replaced soon; Utility costs have gone up; more snow removal cost this year due to quantity of snow.

Motion by Mary W, Second by Patty Kroger to pass the budget; motion carried.
12. Call committee has been formed and members include Josh Smith, chairperson; Val Andersen-Boudaka

(CLC vice president); Mary Toso, Melinda Larson, Richard Beitzel, Dahrl Wright; Sherry Kurtz-Andersen; Janet Henke; Amber Van Dam.

13. After 6 years of being CLC bookkeeper, Jason Heikilla is stepping down. Josh Smith will be CLC new bookkeeper starting March 2023.
14. Brief Description of the Call Process by Pastor David
  - a. SD synod contact person—Pastor Renae
  - b. Ministry Site Profile (MSP) will be filled out by the Call committee; congregation will be asked to fill out a survey to get their input on what qualities we feel our new pastor should have.
  - c. Congregational meeting will be held to review/vote on the MSP.
  - d. The SD synod will match CLC MSP with available candidates and those names will be given to the Call Committee

Pastor David's thoughts on CLC Call process

1. Benefit of being close to Sioux Falls for spouses employment
  2. Need a "Generalist"--Education, music, worship
  3. Someone with 5-10 yrs of experience
  4. Problem in Canton---lack of housing availability
  5. The Call Committee's purpose—to be "discerning" which means to "cut away" those who aren't proper fit.
  6. Job of the congregation during this call process---to be non-anxious! and discern.
15. Motion by Julie Crawford to adjourn 2023 CLC Annual Meeting; second by Mary. Motion carried.
  16. Prayer by Pastor David Zellmer.

Respectively submitted by Mary Watson, CLC Secretary

Attendees to this 2/26/2023 Annual Meeting were asked to sign in before the meeting started. Roster of attendees can be found in the church office



Canton Lutheran Church

Leadership Team

Executive Council, Ministry Boards & Committees

2023-2024

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President: Val Anderson Boudaka

President Elect:

Treasurer:

Secretary: Mary Watson

MINISTRY BOARDS

Welcome & Witness

Linda Herman  
Vanessa Baldwin  
Connie Kitrell  
Carey Richardson  
Sherry Kurtz Anderson  
Robin Anderson

Mission and Ministry

Leah Peterson  
Emily Stiegel  
Sara Lindgren  
Sarah Carlson  
**OPEN POSITION**  
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Time, Talents and Treasures

Matt Van Dam  
Galen Jansen  
Eileen Bergerson  
Paula Keyman  
Jill Peltier  
**OPEN POSITION**

COMMITTEES

Archive

Jackie Luikart  
Judy Stearns  
Mike Pederson

Audit

Peggy Beard  
Nancy Bitterman  
Deb Pederson

Building

Ron Carlon  
Russ Doty  
Dan Rath  
Russ Heggen  
**OPEN POSITION**  
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Endowment

Shirley Temple  
Dahrl Wright  
Eric Hohman  
Dave Amundson  
Drew Anderson  
**OPEN POSITION**

Nominations

Chuck Smith  
Josh Smith  
Brenda Ask  
Brenda Heggen  
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Mutual Ministry

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Keeper of the Books:  
Keeper of the House:  
Music Minister:  
Choir Director:

Jon Splichal Larson  
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Baptisms 2023	
Levi James Clay	June 25, 2023
Burdell Keith Voegeli	July 30, 2023

Weddings 2023	
Michael Garry & Kayley Maas	6/17/23
Kellyn March & Ella Nelson	8/5/23

Deaths 2023	(Funerals & Grave Site Services)
Becky Earll	1/7/23
Ardell Johnson	2/13/23
Richard Toso	2/25/23
Harriet Behring	5/4/23
Dennis Kessel	5/12/23
Reid Mathison	6/5/23
Keith Teel	7/25/23
Marie Heeren	10/5/23
Deloris Stengal	10/13/23
Chuck Mullinix	10/26/23
Darlene Kuehl	11/15/23
Don Potratz	12/1/23
Bev Coleman	12/8/23

New Members 2023	

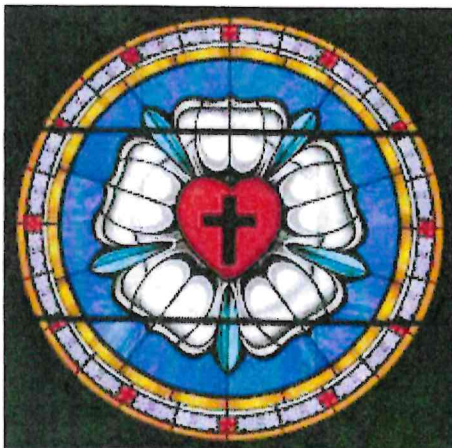
Transfer Out 2023	
7 – By Death	
5 – By Transfer	
18 – For other reasons	

**Confirmands 2023**

Emma Bockelman	Ashlyn Herting
Jase Kroger	Olivia Lund
Isaiah Martin	Rylan JaSiya Bull Bear Richardson
Camryn Skiles	BriAnna Smith
Keyvin Strand	Wyatt Tuntaland
	Kambree Wentz

**Membership Totals**

Total Members Baptized:	863
Total Members Confirmed:	11
Total Members Active:	504





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2023 Annual Report  
Canton Lutheran Church  
Pastor Jon Splichal Larson

Thank you! Thank you for your support of our shared ministry. Thank you for extending the pastoral call to me, as I feel exceedingly grateful to serve with you, dear Canton Lutheran Church; for your steadfastness of faith throughout our 150+ years of ministry and into the future.

I am particularly grateful for the members of the CLC staff, Executive Council, Call Committee, boards and committees, SONday School teachers, and the many other volunteers; as well as for Pastor Tim Thies's faithful work, and Pastor Dave Zellmer's guidance in the interim time. Times of transition are not easy, but the message we hear again and again through the scriptures is that God remains faithful no matter what happens. Your steadfastness and generosity flow from God's faithfulness.

*"O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever."*  
-Psalm 136

The final three months of the calendar year are a full time in the ministry of this congregation, and were a wonderful (and busy) time to begin this new pastoral call. From confirmation Sunday on Reformation Sunday to All Saints Day, recognizing the faith shared with all ages...God's steadfast love endures. From SONday School to the weekly men's breakfast group...God's steadfast love endures. As we have gathered in worship, heard the Word of God, prayed for those near and far, sung our praises and prayers, and received God's own life-giving body and blood...God's steadfast love endures. As we have commended to God's care eight individuals who have died...God's steadfast love endures. And, as we gathered in the Advent and Christmas seasons...God's steadfast love endures.

God remains faithful, dear siblings in Christ.

I have genuine hope as we look ahead to 2024! We have hope in God's continued provision, and we have hope in the people of this congregation, Canton Lutheran Church. Thank you! May we continue in CLC's faithful mission of "Connecting generations to Christ and community."

In Christ,  
Pastor Jon Splichal Larson

What an eventful and progressive year for CLC. After a successful interim with Pastor Dave Zellmer, the executive council was happy to announce a successful call process this past summer. We welcomed Pastor Jon to Canton Lutheran Church in October 2023. Among other staffing changes, we are honored to have Jennie Hoefer to serve as congregational coordinator. I'd like to personally thank Linda Herman, Lori Pudenz and Janet Henke for their time of volunteering in the office. Another important item from 2023 to note is that the audio video received a much needed major upgrade.

The executive council worked closely with the chairs of the following boards: Welcome and Witness, Mission and Ministry, Time, Treasure, and Talent, and Building. Thank you to each of these boards, and most importantly to the chairs of these boards who made it a priority to work closely with the Executive Council.

As we look forward into 2024, we see much advancement and enthusiasm from our Council, the church staff, Pastor Jon, and the congregation. Some of these projects include capital improvements to our building, a stewardship campaign, and plans to continue to get our youth involved in Canton Lutheran Church.

President Julie

## Youth Director End of Year Report 2023

As I pondered what to write the Lord quickly brought my focus to the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans; 21 youth and 5 adults are signed up to attend July 16-20. We will explore their theme of **Created to Be**. Created to be is based on *Psalm 139:14- I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know you very well.* We know we have been called his masterpiece and the deep dive we will take as we decipher his words and works for us will bring focus to our mission in New Orleans and beyond, but most of all in our hearts.

We are *created to be **brave***, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. We are *created to be **authentic***, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are *created to be **free***, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are *created to be **disruptive***, to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are *created to be **disciples***, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

Tabernacle continued its tradition of fundraising with the soup supper and cookies in December and we will have the Easter Brunch, Hog Raffle, and the Flamingoes again. Back by popular demand will be the Egging of houses (the Saturday before Easter). We will also be serving authentic Mexican enchiladas for a Lenten supper; you will not want to miss this one. This will provide you with the opportunity to taste the goodness and purchase a pan in the future when we make pans for sale. We will also have a twist on the prayer partners, be watching for this one. One less year to fundraise has us about halfway to our goal so we have some work ahead of us, but the Lord will provide.

The youth and their families chose to adopt a young family through Sharing Christmas, again. This family of five had children ages 1,2, and 7. Mom and Dad sent this thank you to our group "We thank everyone that helped make our Christmas much better and that blessed us so much".

Campfires, discussions, games, and seeing Joseph Alexander speak were filled our Wednesday nights. Questions from the bowl is a favorite of the youth and really does bring deep discussion topics out. Seeing faith blossom and grow is a remarkable sight that I will never tire seeing. Texts after they leave explaining or questioning show their hunger for the word.

As always, our CLC family has shown us the love they have for their youth, and I want to say an extra special thank you for all YOU do to support us. I thank you for allowing me to walk alongside you in teaching the youth the word, I could not do it without. I am truly blessed to be a member of Canton Lutheran Church and to have the opportunity to share my faith.

Blessings

Cami Van Wyhe

## Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry Program has been busy. The children have been learning about stories from the Bible and studying about prayer. They have made place mats for Good Sam's along with cards, made/tied a blanket for a Canton family and under the direction of Linda Herman created beautiful ornaments to place on the Christmas tree displayed at the Performing Arts Center. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys have helped organize in the Food Pantry and the older girls have worked with younger classes on projects.

"Uncovering the Truth of who God is and who we are" was the theme of our Bible camp this year. June saw a team from Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp leading the children in fun Bible activities. Grand Valley Lutheran Church children were guests and joined in on the fun. Kari Elrod designed shirts for our camp.

Canton Lutheran has a wonderful staff to help teach/work with the children. Our staff includes:

Connie Kitrell	Jackie Sterns
Amanda Smith	Taylor Kroger
Ellery Jansen	Melissa Tyrrell
Carey Richardson	Rich Beitzel

Linda Herman

Students have shared their musical talents during church services and at the Christmas program. Music directors are Nicole Thedens, Amber Beatty and Emily Stiegal.

A huge shout out to the parents who are supporting our program and also to the Mission and Ministry Board for all of their help organizing activities such as the May hot dog supper and the Kick Off in September with the inflatables. Thank you!

## Welcome and Witness Annual Report 2023

The committee meet monthly and discussed previous and new ideas/activities that focused on evangelism and community communication.

We welcomed three new board members this year: Robin Anderson, Sherry Kurtz-Anderson, and Carey Richardson.

Beginning in March we started recognizing a different servant group each month during worship. The first group was doctors, April – Administrative professional and hairstylist, May – Mother’s Day, June – Father’s Day, July – Veterans & military, August – educators, September – grandparents, October – front line workers & ministerial, November – volunteers, December – Jesus’ birthday. In September we baked cookies and delivered cookie trays to the three schools for the teachers and staff members as a thank you for all they do. Then in December we served Jesus Birthday cupcakes after the church service on the Sunday of the Children’s Christmas program.



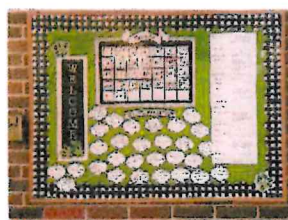
We have tried several different options to welcome visitors. We have used a purple welcome bag full of information and gifts to give to visitors. We have tried using the black welcome/friendship pads to pass and sign. We are now in the process of designing a card which will be placed in the with the extra offering envelopes on the backside of the pews. Visitors could then fill it out and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code on it.

Several other activities kept us busy throughout the year. We planned supper for one of the Wednesday evening lent meals. Two kinds of soup were served with bread, butter and cookies for dessert. We participated in two parades: the Celebrate Canton parade in July and the Christmas parade in December. For the summer parade we constructed a replica of the church out of Cardboard boxes. We handed out candy, information about the church and Fall SONday school start up information. For the Christmas parade we used two donkeys and had church members walking and



passing out candy along with information about Christmas events at Canton Lutheran. Sherry designed and ordered new vinyl banners that we used in the parades and are available anytime there is a church function somewhere. For the Festival of Trees at the PAC, the SONday school students painted stained glass looking ornaments made from recycled plastic. We used these to decorate the Canton Lutheran Church tree and won first place. Welcome and Witness maintains two of the church bulletin boards –the birthday board and a new one this year, “Look Who’s in the News”. Both are located in the office/library hallway.

Chair-Linda Herman  
Secretary – Vanessa Baldwin  
Robin Anderson  
Sherry Kurtz-Anderson  
Connie Kitrell  
Carey Richardson



## Time, Talent, and Treasures

### Annual Meeting Report

The Time, Talent, and Treasures board discussed the importance of people volunteering with things at Canton Lutheran Church. We involved Cami VanWyhe and encouraged the youth to volunteer during worship and outside of church as well. It was suggested that each youth member spend 1 hour volunteering per month.

We talked about our current church software with Janet Henke and Pastor Dave. We are hoping that the new administrative assistant will help communicate with members regarding volunteer opportunities.

Pastor Jon and Matt VanDam recorded their video chat with a representative from Stewardship for All Seasons. Our committee members were able to watch the video to help us learn more about the program. We are hoping that the church council will consider being a part of this program as we begin the new year.

We also discussed the idea of forming groups to get together to share talents and make connections with other members of our congregation. This is something we will pursue in the new year.



## Mission and Ministry Annual Report 2023

This year has been a revitalization year for Canton Lutheran's Mission and Ministry Committee. The members of the committee were Kristin Hilt, Kim Wentz, Emily Stiegel, Sara Lindgren, Sarah Carlson and Leah Peterson. We worked very closely with Linda Tuntland to assist with meeting the needs of the CLC's children education program.

Regular monthly meetings along with additional meetings allowed us to expand our mission of the month program and we explored new ways to serve our faith community within CLC as well as throughout the whole community of Canton.

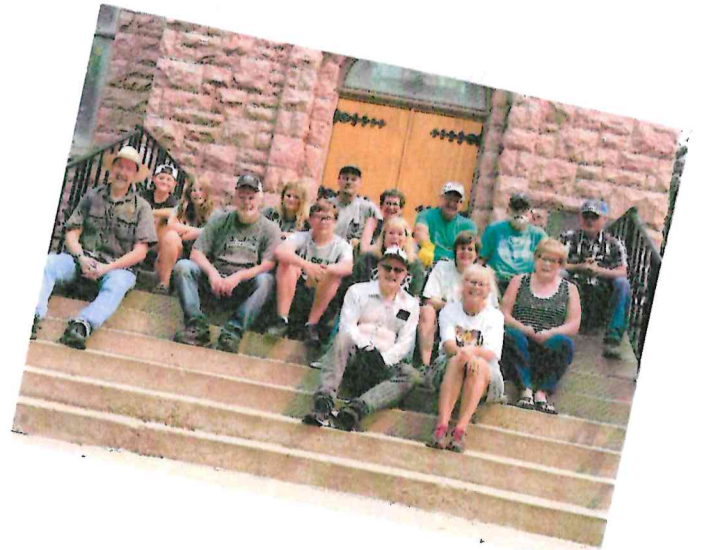
The Mission of the month projects included: Jan- Special Olympics Feb-youth trip, March- church on street, April- Care & Share quilts, May- The Banquet, June- confirmation camp, July- community outreach to the senior center, Aug- Friday backpacks through Love Inc, Sept- Christmas cantata & Live Nativity, Oct- Thanksgiving meals provided to community members in need through Love Inc, Nov- Student in Need Program supporting local high school students, Dec- Keystone clothing drive for patients in need.

Other events that the committee was very involved in and spearheaded were the SONday school wrap up picnic in May and the Kick off event in September. We strive to show support and appreciation to our SONday school teachers by providing a Christmas gift and an end of the year gift. We served a Wednesday Lent soup supper during Lent. Supporting and working with our confirmation program allowed us to provide a confirmation breakfast and a confirmation gift of a towel embroidered with CLC. In support of our college students we stayed connected through providing college student care packages at the end of the spring and fall semesters.

This year was a year of transition for CLC and the Mission and Ministry Committee was engaged and excited to be the hands and feet of Christ during this time of growth and change. We are striving to meet the needs of this wonderful faith community and family and look forward to 2024.

## Building Committee

Throughout 2023, the building committee successfully worked to maintain our church by completing the following projects. Last spring, the water damage that had accumulated in the southeastern and southwestern balcony ceiling was repaired. The damage had been caused by a leak in the bell tower roof, which was replaced in 2022. To repair the ceiling, loose plaster was removed and replaced with new drywall. In addition, damaged plaster was patched where needed throughout the sanctuary. Our committee would like to extend a special thank you to Brenda Heggen for painting the balcony's ceiling and other repaired work. In the summer, the church's landscaping was updated. Hedges and bushes were trimmed, and weeds were pulled from the landscaped beds which were topped with 1,200 pounds of wood mulch. The building committee would like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of our projects. We have been blessed with the opportunity to use our talents to help preserve the integrity of the church. The building committee would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in volunteering – your support would be greatly appreciated.



## Audit Committee Annual Report

Members of the audit committee are Peggy Beard, Nancy Bitterman and Deb Pederson

We met on April 19, May 24, June 11, October 16, 2023 and again on January 9, 2024.

The audit committee met with Josh and reconciled the bank statements and reviewed the bills.

We met with Erin Beyke and went over the insurance coverage for the church. Found that the coverage is adequate based on the premium being paid.

The next meeting is planned for February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00. To go over the end of the year statements.

All audit committee members will be staying for at least 1 more year.

## The Endowment Fund Committee Canton Lutheran Church

### 2023 Grants Summary:

The committee decided at the winter 2022 meeting that the 2023 distribution pool should be based on 4% of the average ending fund balance of the previous 12 quarters. This fell within the 3-5% Endowment Fund Committee guidelines. The ending balances used in the calculation are listed below. Note, the record of the Q3 2021 statement is missing so the average of the adjoining quarters was used as an estimate.

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2020	332,527.62	368,355.78	383,850.15	413,527.83
2021	417,663.57	440,370.18	(est)442,898.81	445,427.44
2022	412,352.61	368,523.75	347,884.71	375,911.64

The average balance of the previous quarters from 2020 to 2022 is \$395,774.51. This figure multiplied by 4% results in a calculated grant pool of \$15,831. This was rounded down to \$15,000.

The following is a breakdown of the 2023 grants approved totaling \$15,000:

Youth Trip	\$5,000	(\$15,000 X 33%)
Building/Facility	\$3,750	(\$15,000 x 25%)
*Lutheran College Scholarship	\$1,000	(\$500 match, each)
Live Nativity	\$1,500	
Care & Share	\$500	
Love Inc.	\$500	
Canton Ministerial	\$500	
<sup>^</sup> SD Lutheran Synod	\$2,250	(Pastor Scholarships, Haiti)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	

\* estimate

<sup>^</sup> any deviation from college scholarship estimate will be adjusted in the grant amount to the Synod

The grants approved comply with the Endowment Committee grant restrictions. \$15,000 in cash was generated pro-rata from the stock and bond fund balances in the Vanguard investment portfolio and transferred to the S-T Reserves account to fund the grants. Checks are being distributed in the first quarter of 2024.

### 2024 Grant Preliminary Information

2023 was a volatile year for stocks and bonds. The Federal Open Market Committee raised rates several times during the year and this initially hurt bond values. Economic uncertainty caused significant changes in stock values during the year, however the market rallied in the fourth quarter. Year-end 2022 and the first, second and third quarterly Vanguard statements in 2023 are summarized below. The 2023 year-end figures were not available at the time this report was written.

Balance 12-31-22	\$355,797.49
Balance 3-31-23	\$372,008.15
Balance 6-30-23	\$385,727.52
Balance 9-30-22	\$371,339.60
With Stocks (59.1%)	\$219,311.78
Bonds (39.4%)	\$146,168.65
S-T Reserves (1.5%)	\$5,859.17

The Endowment Committee will meet in the first quarter of 2024 to determine the amount of grant money to be distributed based on the quarterly average of the years from 2021 to 2023. The distribution to various areas will comply with the restrictions outlined in the Endowment Committee by-laws and amounts will be based on CLC's mission, needs, thoughtful discussion and the final, approved 2024 CLC annual budget.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Hohman, Chair

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**CANTON LUTHRAN WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA)**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To mobilize women to act **boldly** in their faith in Jesus Christ.*  
**2023 WELCA ANNUAL REPORT**

**The WELCA Board:**

Board meetings are held every other month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 5:30 pm in the church library. The Board met in January and set the plans for the year. The annual February Love Gift Letter was mailed to the the women of Canton Lutheran Church.

**Fundraising:** The WELCA Board has held several fundraising events this year. First Sundays of the month the board served breakfast in the library after worship, serving, egg bake, rolls, coffee cake, sausage, pancakes, fruit, juice,& coffee. They also served rolls and coffee on Garage sale weekend. The proceeds of these fundraisers are being used for updating the Library and Library kitchen.

**Bible Study:**

Our Bible study was held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the library at 2 pm. We have been watching “The Chosen” and Janet Kramer leads the discussion after the video.

**Care and Share:**

Members met this year continuing to make quilts for LWR. We made 34 quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

The Board met in November and discussed the disbursement of our funds. Benevolence gifts were sent to our Synod for Nicaragua Mission Support, Campus Ministry and Lutherans Outdoors; and to Children's Inn, St. Dymas, Family Connection, St. Francis House, The Heartland House, Lutheran Social Services, Love, Inc., Union Gospel Mission, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, and Church on the Street and for Canton Lutheran Tabernacle Youth, Live Nativity, the Banquet designated fund and the Canton Ministerial Association.

**Financial Report:**

General Account	\$ 109.84
Fundraising Account	<u>16,778.49</u> (Balance beginning of the year plus
	16,888.33 Love gifts, garage sale weekend
	Breakfasts, funeral donations etc.
	-2700.00 Benevolence gifts
	-670.00 Library Stove
	-80.00 Crossroads Conference
	-1,378.33 misc. exp- plates, napkins, cups,
	plastic flatware, creamer, sugar, items for
	special occasions, etc.(coffee was
	donated)
	<u>-2,949.22</u> tables for the Library
	\$9,210.78 Balance General & Fundraiser Accts

Submitted by:

Wendy Morgan, Chairman,

Members: Deb Harris, Jeanie Jacobsen, Treasurer,

Deb Jansen, Barb Kroger, Shirley Temple,

Joan Saathoff, Lisa Wright

**Care and Share 2023 Financial Report  
Canton Lutheran Church**

Balance @ 12/31/2022 **\$ 785.33**

Income:

Donations/Memorials	200.00
CLC Endowment Fund	500.00
Mission of the Month Donations	<u>124.45</u>
Total Income Received	1609.78

Expenses:

Material-QUILTS & Backing	389.00	
School Kit Supplies	312.21	
Total Expenses		<b><u>\$ 701.21</u></b>

Balance @ 12/31/2023 **\$ 908.57**  
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## Live Nativity Report

The major change this year was Patty Kroger replacing Dorothy Trumm. We thank Dorothy for all her years of directing the live nativity. Also new this year were the narrators, Pastor Jon and Robin Anderson. The 2023 event went so well. We were very pleased with each and every one who participated this year. We again are so blessed to have such wonderful support from CLC and the community. God's blessing to each of you in the new year.

Beginning Balance 1-1-2023 \$1842.02

Income:

Mission of the Month & Flowers	\$570.00
WELCA	\$200.00
First Bank & Trust	\$200.00
Famers State Bank	\$300.00
CLC General Budget	\$1374.00
Endowment Fund	\$1500.00
Misc. Reimbursement	\$168.00

Total Income \$ 4,312.00

Total Funds available \$ 6,154.02

Expenses:

City-Deliver Bleachers	\$60.00
Food-Cast	\$99.69
Dakota Entertainment – Sounds/Lights	\$1437.75
Denny Post – camels/donkey	\$1600.00
Gratuity Gifts	\$300.00
Supplies	\$127.03
Posters	\$186.26

Total Expense \$ 3810.73

Ending Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 2,343.29

Respectfully submitted  
Patty Kroger  
Cheryl Johnson  
Co-Chair this event..





## **Church on the Street**

Annual Report 2023

ChurchontheStreetsf.org

Church on the Street continues to show up with the good news of Jesus, especially where folks are experiencing homelessness and poverty. You'll find us on the streets, visiting folks in shelters, cars, hospitals, laundry mats, and jails. This year, our offices moved to 515 N. Main. Ave inside the Multi-Cultural Center and are accessible through the Minnehaha County building, so more people are stopping by since they're already in the building for other things. Skylar Allen, Director of Organization, oversees record growth in food requests, with 242 families accessing the pantry during the year's first quarter and 885 families in the fourth quarter.

Also, this year, we and several of our partners worked with Sioux Falls Thrive to get the Eat Well Sioux Falls Mobile Market into food deserts in our town. Luke Senst is the Market Manager in addition to being our Director of Media Ministries. The mobile market is one example of how partnerships and collaborations are how we help share God's love in tangible ways.

Finally, it is a blessing to be Church together, sharing the best and worst of life and leaning on the promises of our Savior. Harriet Monson, Director of Laundry with Love, said it best: "One of the best moments for me this year was when the young single mom who moved into a place with a washer and dryer (so she doesn't need our services anymore) but she came back to visit."

Thank you for all the ways you are part of Church on the Street through your prayers, financial donations, in-kind donations, visits, and sharing our story. You are a blessing!

It's great to be Church together!

Rev. Chris Matson, Pastor & Mission Developer

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Program Director – Lexie Blaschko

Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

This summer we served 770 total campers, which includes our youth campers, cross-generational campers and our SOS campers. We are close to serving as many campers as before the pandemic. 2023 was a 24% increase in camper numbers over 2022 and about 94% of the campers we had in 2019. One of our greatest challenges continues to be finding young adults who are willing to serve for the summer. Our summer ministry team of 20 young adults served faithfully this summer and grew in their faith and in their leadership skills. We were blessed with 7 international counselors this past summer from the United Kingdom, Jamaica, Zambia, Mexico, Zimbabwe and two from South Africa. Shetek will be inviting several international counselors in 2024 also.

Our “Building on the Foundation” capital campaign continues with primarily the congregational phase. Several congregations have run successful campaigns in their congregations so far. We will be contacting all our 100 member congregations to give them the opportunity to participate. We continue to visit with prospective major donors, those who give or pledge \$5,000 or more for the campaign. We have met our phase 1 goal of \$1,500,000 and our total so far in cash and pledges is about \$1,613,000 as we work towards our challenge goal of \$2,000,000. The new lodge is done and is being used by a variety of different groups from scrapbooking groups, Scout groups, family gatherings and college students. The Property Committee and Board are working on plans for the first new cabin and we hope to begin construction in the spring.

Some improvements in 2023 – we upgraded the sound system in the chapel, replaced the reverse osmosis system in the Dining Hall, had to replace the motor on the pontoon, repaired the east wall of the chapel and painted it, painted 3 cabins along with the office, and removed several trees.

I am thankful for our year round staff who continue to work as a team to serve our guests and campers and provide great hospitality. Shetek welcomed Gaelyn Gernentz in March to our Housekeeping team, Deb Ness in June to our Summer Food Service, Joe Koenigs in June to our Maintenance team, and Alexandra Cowell began in September on our Housekeeping team.

We are so grateful for the many campers and guests that came this year. Shetek has impacted so many lives over the years. One of our Counselors in Training (CIT) had this to say about last summer.

*"I feel closest to God when I am at camp. I consider camp to be my second home during the summer. This summer, I felt called and was able to have the opportunity to spend about 6 weeks volunteering at camp and I learned a lot. I learned how to respond to stressful situations better, I was able to make, renew, and grow friendships, and I strengthened my leadership skills by helping lead activities like games, worship, reading scripture, and more. I feel that I grow in my faith on a deeper level and grow closer to God everyday there."*

Shetek continues to receive estate gifts periodically, which we are very thankful for. Over the years, these thoughtful gifts have really benefitted the ministry at Shetek. If you're interested in finding out more about how to support Shetek in this way, please let us know. We have access to a gift planner at no cost to our donors.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

Shetek's Board of Directors in 2023 – Ashley Benson, Lindsey Cartwright, Tyler Egge, Pastor Bailey Landa, Logan Gooch, Sarah Kirchner, Pastor Jeanette McCormick, Leon Mortland, Pastor Elizabeth Pagnotta, Pastor Juanita Parker, Pastor Michael Stangeland.

Shetek's staff in Dec. 2023 – Lexie Blaschko, Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Alexandra Cowell, Nora Dahlhoff, Michelle Flanagan, Gaelyn Gernentz, Sharon Haugen, Mike Kastner, Joe Koenigs, Jean Larson, Deb Ness, Marv Nysetvold, Jessica Van Dam, Jane Wahl.

# LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



# 2023

## CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you, to all of the individuals and congregations that supported the ministry of Lutherans Outdoors(LO) with financial gifts. Also, thank you to all of the individuals who attended summer camps, retreats, and travel experiences. LO cannot be the ministry that welcomes all to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation without you!

## REIMAGINING LUTHERANS OUTDOORS

The Board of Lutherans Outdoors emphasis in 2023 was the **REIMAGINING** of Lutherans Outdoors. Eight Task Forces have met, and continue to meet, diving into eight audits of the ministry. These eight areas are Philosophy, Finance, Financial Development, Marketing, Governance, Facility, Program, and Staffing. Results so far include the development of new Core Values where we promise to **EXPLORE FAITH, WELCOME ALL, BUILD LEADERS, and CARE FOR ALL CREATION.**

There are nearly 100 recommendations that have resulted from these eight audits. The recommendations will provide guidance for the Strategic process LO will develop for the next several years. The final results of the **REIMAGINING** will be presented to the Board of Directors at their January meeting, with a presentation to the voting members at the LO 2023 Annual Meeting in June 2024.

## STAFF UPDATES

During 2023, Lutherans Outdoors said goodbye to Teri Gayer, who served many roles with LO during the past 30-plus years, most recently as the Director of Klein Ranch. During the celebration of 50 years of ministry at Klein Ranch last July, Teri was recognized for her ministry.

In May, LO said hello to Skylar Schwab, who assumed the Program Director position at Outlaw Ranch. Klaire Hudson resigned earlier in the spring from this position after serving in this role. Skylar jumped right into a busy summer and we are very excited she has joined the LO family!

## SUMMER 2023 | SUMMER 2024

Our summer camper attendance increased by 15% as a whole in 2023. Outlaw Ranch saw a 22% increase boosted by nearly 100 more Family Campers. Klein Ranch saw a 19% increase. NeSoDak saw a 4% decrease in campers. The total camper number was nearly 1,350.

Our Adult Travel Experiences had over 60 participants to our two destinations: Holden Village and Branson. In 2024, Experiences will be to Minneapolis for a theatre event in April, to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in September, to the Smokie Mountains and Dollywood in October, and a return to Branson in November.

The new Horse Corral at Outlaw Ranch was completed in 2023. This great addition provides a wonderful place to care for the horses and a safe place for campers to begin their horse care education and rides each week.

**Join Lutherans Outdoors for Summer 2024 "Created To Be!" Register at [losd.org](https://losd.org).  
"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well" Psalm 139:14**

**In the Hills. On the Prairie. At the Water.**



all healthy  
all safe  
all accepted



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## 2023 Annual Report to Congregations

### All With Your Partnership in Healing Outreach

Runaway & Homeless Youth have brighter futures. 93% returned to their family or transitioned to a safe living environment and 100% enrolled in school or a GED program at discharge.

Children & teens are healing from trauma. 89% of youth in Foster Care and 91% of youth in Residential Treatment showed reduced trauma symptoms over the course of their time with LSS.

Mentors are making a difference. 97% of high school mentees are on track to graduate with their class in May and 92% indicate they have improved self-esteem.

Families are safer. 65% of individuals in family violence intervention demonstrate a reduction in criminal thinking. This is a staggering increase of 29% from when the program was transitioned to LSS.

### LSS Strategic Plan In Action

This year marked the first year of our new strategic plan in action. Our board of directors, executive team and leadership developed a four-year strategic plan and line of sight that guides our work toward making the greatest contribution to accomplishing our vision that all people in South Dakota will be healthy, safe and accepted.



Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen  
President/CEO

We continue to identify areas for positive impact through listening to unmet community needs, collaboration and strategic priorities that are family-centered and ensure equitable access for those we serve.

Our operational strategies prioritize workforce & inclusivity within our organization and communities, financial viability of the agency and our services, and sharing the positive impact our work makes in the community through storytelling.

### This Year At A Glance

Expanded Mentoring Services to serve youth in more communities throughout the state

Strengthened efforts to prioritize family role in an individual's success by elevating youth & family voice

Implemented Strengthening Families, a curriculum that helps build strong communication between parents and their children and helps families navigate conflict

Resettled 197 refugees through traditional resettlement and 290 Ukrainian refugees through Uniting for Ukraine pathways. We are expecting an additional 400 traditional and 50 U4U.

## "How Much Is Enough?"

That's a bold question to open an annual report to all of those congregations whose generous mission support is an essential reason that planned giving ministry recognized its **40th anniversary** in the South Dakota Synod this year. We celebrated all of those who have been a part of Lutheran Planned Generosity and its predecessor organizations at the 2023 Synod Assembly, and issued a challenge to identify **40 gift plans to honor 40 years of generosity**. It's not too late for you to be a part of the celebration--just contact us and let us know that you have made a gift in your will or through a beneficiary designation, or would like to do so. For all of those who are a part of this history and continue to generously support ministry in the Synod and around the world, **thank you!** You are making a difference!



Back to that opening question. Relax and breathe a sigh of relief. We're not going to give you rules or scripture verses to calculate the expected size of your gifts. Rather, it's an invitation to each of us to better understand "**How much is enough FOR ME?**" In a world that tells us we should constantly strive for a bigger bank account, a larger home, a newer car, a longer vacation and the next promotion, it's easy to get lost and overwhelmed in the striving and never know when we've reached the point that we have enough. Because God entrusts us as stewards and caretakers, not owners, of all that we have, maybe an understanding of what that number is would be helpful for each of us. **What if** God continues to place more resources under our management to allow us to **simplify our lives by supporting ministry and serving our neighbors** instead of adding another zero to the balance sheet?

If you've never thought about your "enough" and how God might be calling you to make a difference through generosity, **we're inviting you to the conversation**. LPGSD is here to help you think about how your life can make a difference for your loved ones, your church, your community and all of those in need around the world.

It might be a gift in your will, or as a beneficiary designation from your IRA or investment account or life insurance policy. Or maybe using a tool that creates tax savings and income for you today AND a gift to ministry later.

In addition to this work with individuals and families, LPGSD also walks alongside congregations hoping to create or revitalize their own legacy through an **endowment fund**, offering members the opportunity to share in the ministry and outreach of their Christian family. Did you know that **more than \$650,000** was distributed to ministry from South Dakota endowment funds held at the ELCA Foundation in 2023? Your personal legacy plan might even include a family endowment or a gift to establish an endowment at your own congregation.

**How much is your ENOUGH?** If you discover that God is calling you to generosity beyond that number, LPGSD would be honored to explore the options and help you design a plan that takes advantage of the right tools to benefit your family and support God's work.

Contact Kathy McHenry at **605.274.5030** or **kmchenry@sdsynod.org**.  
Visit our website at **www.lpgsd.org** or find us on Facebook.

*your life can make a difference*

# 2023 MINISTRY CELEBRATION



Our Synod's vision of Journeying Together in Christ has continued to focus our work. We invite you to take a few moments to review the list below which celebrates some of the ministry we shared together in 2023. **Journeying together in Christ as the South Dakota Synod, in 2023 we:**

- Applied for and received a grant of **\$1,137,384** from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Thriving Congregations Initiative for new initiatives that are not included the Synod's Mission Plan. Please reach out to Synod Staff for **more information!**
- Completed explorations for two new potential church plants, with plans to start a worshipping community in **Box Elder** and **Shepherd's Table in Sioux Falls**.
- Walked with the **40** people in various stages of **Candidacy** and have **4** new entrance interviews scheduled in 2024!
- Received **3 new first call candidates**.
- Completed **23 Ministry Site Studies** and extended **28 calls!**
- Ensured that nearly every congregation has a called pastor, interim pastor, Synod Authorized Minister, or lay leader to care for God's people (thank you to all of you who are helping out with area congregations and filling in!).
- Distributed **\$77,137** to date through the Seminary Debt Reduction Program.
- Granted **\$123,000** in scholarship funds to seminary students, **\$11,400** in internship site assistance, and **\$82,990** to Luther and Wartburg Seminaries, for a total of **\$217,390** in support of seminary education.
- Created a **pilot rural J-term** program with Wartburg Theological Seminary, which will begin in January 2024.
- Received **\$113,635** in grants from ELCA Christian Community & Leadership.
- Held a **Synod Assembly**, where we gathered again as a community to conduct the business of the synod.
- Hosted **Spring** and **Fall Theological Conferences**, where we continued to support the continuing education of our Rostered Ministers either online or in-person.
- Supported the congregations and ministries of the synod through **visits** by synod staff, both **digital** and in-person.
- Hosted a "**Lay Leader Night**" to support congregational lay leaders and supported rostered leaders with regular **in-person and virtual meetings**, such as monthly rostered minister virtual check-ins, Synodically Authorized Minister, Senior Pastor, and Interim Pastor check-ins, and a First Call and Senior Pastor Retreat.
- Pr. Alan Blankenfeld, Synod **Rural Ministry Liaison** continued to journey with our rural ministry sites. In the past year, Pr. Alan has worked directly with **34 communities and congregations in transition**.
- Continued the work of the Rural Ministry Table, which is currently working on **Small Town and Rural (STAR) grants**, grants funded by the generous donations to rural ministry in the Synod.
- Partnered with **Bergen Lutheran** to hold a **Threshing Bee** which resulted in gifts of **\$51,324** to support rural ministry in South Dakota.

**Thank you for all the ways you have supported the ministry of the South Dakota Synod this past year! God has called us to be the body of Christ together, and this is an active and healthy body. We look forward to continuing our journey with you in 2024 and beyond!**

## Restricted Accounts for 2023

Account	Starting Balance	YTD Receipt	YTD Expenses	Ending Balance
Altar Painting Restoration	\$ 2,686.15			\$ 2,686.15
Building Fund	\$ 823.15	\$ 22,039.76		\$ 22,862.91
<b>BOL Campaign</b>	\$ 46,637.81	\$ 22,963.03	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 62,400.84
<b>BOL Campaign-Missions</b>	\$ 70,648.24	\$ 4,620.30	\$ 2,967.31	\$ 72,301.23
Audio Equipment	\$ -	\$ 40,120.00	\$ 40,120.00	\$ -
Windows Restoration	\$ -	\$ 13,290.29		\$ 13,290.29
College Packages	\$ 494.07		\$ 136.80	\$ 357.27
Legacy Fund (Pastor Pics)	\$ 468.04			\$ 468.04
Blessing Meals	\$ 1,360.33			\$ 1,360.33
Pastor Appreciation	\$ 127.00			\$ 127.00
Refridgerator Credit - Reynolds Memorial	\$ 1,126.63			\$ 1,126.63
Pointsetia/Easter Flowers	\$ 2,316.96	\$ 915.00	\$ 877.56	\$ 2,354.40
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 22,238.78	\$ 345.00	\$ 5,544.68	\$ 17,039.10
Undesignated Memorials - Boyce	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 6,203.59	\$ 18,796.41
Albert Lien closed CD	\$ 1,146.91	\$ 28,433.79	\$ 28,580.70	\$ 1,000.00
Parsonage Sale Funds (Building Maintenance)	\$ 90,821.14			\$ 90,821.14
Mission Project Funds (Parsonage Sale)	\$ 42,169.28			\$ 42,169.28
M/M January 23 - Special Olympics	\$ -	\$ 840.42	\$ 840.42	\$ -
M/M February 23 - Youth Trip	\$ -	\$ 1,304.64	\$ 1,304.64	\$ -
M/M March 23 - Church on Street	\$ -	\$ 342.59		\$ 342.59
M/M April 23 - Care & Share	\$ -	\$ 124.45	\$ 124.45	\$ -
M/M May 23 - Banquet	\$ -	\$ 358.65		\$ 358.65
M/M June 23 - Confirmation Camp	\$ -	\$ 264.25		\$ 264.25
M/M July 23 - Community Outreach	\$ -	\$ 239.45	\$ 239.45	\$ -
M/M August 23 - School Backpacks(Love Inc)	\$ -	\$ 576.25	\$ 576.25	\$ -
M/M Sept 23 - Cantata and Nativity	\$ -	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,060.00	\$ -
M/M Oct 23 - Thanksgiving Meals - Love Inc	\$ -	\$ 482.93	\$ 482.93	\$ -
M/M Nov 23 - Students in Need in Canton	\$ -	\$ 749.83		\$ 749.83
M/M Dec 23 - Keystone Clothing Drive	\$ -	\$ 584.90		\$ 584.90
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 308,064.49	\$ 139,655.53	\$ 96,258.78	\$ 351,461.24

**Canton Lutheran Church  
Balance Sheet**

Jan 01, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023

Account (*=Inactive)	Balance as of 2023-01-01	Balance as of 2023-12-31	Debits	Credits	Change +/-	Change %
<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,945,891.34</b>	<b>\$ 2,192,491.03</b>	<b>\$ 330,831.96</b>	<b>\$ 84,232.27</b>	<b>\$ 246,599.69</b>	<b>12.67%</b>
<b>BUILDING/FIXTURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,779,605.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,779,605.75</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
CHURCH BUILDINGS (011-00)	\$ 1,456,978.28	\$ 1,456,978.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
FURNITURE & FIXTURES (011)	\$ 222,627.47	\$ 222,627.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
CHURCH ORGAN (011-00-20)	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>FARMERS STATE BANK</b>	<b>\$ 166,285.59</b>	<b>\$ 412,885.28</b>	<b>\$ 330,831.96</b>	<b>\$ 84,232.27</b>	<b>\$ 246,599.69</b>	<b>148.30%</b>
Unrestricted (CHECKING A)	\$ 19,670.08	\$ 61,424.04	\$ 125,986.23	\$ 84,232.27	\$ 41,753.96	212.27%
CASH-SAVINGS ACCT (011-00)	\$ 146,615.51	\$ 351,461.24	\$ 204,845.73	\$ -	\$ 204,845.73	139.72%
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,993.07</b>	<b>\$ 781.80</b>	<b>\$ 7,061.99</b>	<b>\$ 5,850.72</b>	<b>\$ (1,211.27)</b>	<b>-60.77%</b>
<b>PAYROLL TAXES/DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,993.07</b>	<b>\$ 781.80</b>	<b>\$ 7,061.99</b>	<b>\$ 5,850.72</b>	<b>\$ (1,211.27)</b>	<b>-60.77%</b>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (012-00)	\$ 1,025.00	\$ -	\$ 1,025.00	\$ -	\$ (1,025.00)	-100.00%
FED INCOME TAX W/H (012-00)	\$ 439.60	\$ 441.47	\$ 1,766.49	\$ 1,768.36	\$ 1.87	0.43%
FED FICA TAX PAYABLE (012-00)	\$ 404.83	\$ 275.82	\$ 1,579.43	\$ 1,450.42	\$ (129.01)	-31.87%
MED. TAX PAYABLE (012-00-00)	\$ 123.64	\$ 64.51	\$ 398.35	\$ 339.22	\$ (59.13)	-47.82%
PASTOR - LIFE INSURANCE (012-00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	0.00%
PASTOR - FSA CONTRIBUTION (012-00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,023.35	\$ 1,023.35	\$ -	0.00%
PASTOR - RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION (012-00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,070.07	\$ 1,070.07	\$ -	0.00%
Miscellaneous Deductions (012-00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 154.30	\$ 154.30	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Assets less Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,943,898.27</b>	<b>\$ 2,191,709.23</b>			<b>\$ 247,810.96</b>	<b>12.75%</b>



## CLC Proposed 2024 Budget

Income	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	Increase/Decrease from 2023
General Envelope	\$ 335,644.00	\$ 354,000.00	
General Loose	\$ 23,000.00		
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	
Rentals & Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 360,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,500.00</b>	-1.31%
<b>Synod Expenses</b>			
SD Synod	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 25,800.00	
St. Dysmas	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,600.00</b>	0.00%
<b>Program Staff - Salaries</b>			
Pastor Salary	\$ -	\$ 53,500.00	
Interim Salary	\$ 45,230.00	\$ -	
Education Director	\$ 5,463.00	\$ 5,632.00	3.00%
Youth Director	\$ 7,730.00	\$ 7,969.00	3.00%
Choir Director	\$ -	\$ 1,730.00	
Pianist	\$ 12,604.00	\$ 10,542.00	
Supply Pastors	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	-150.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 76,027.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,373.00</b>	6.57%
<b>Support Staff - Salaries</b>			
Office Admin	\$ 29,994.00	\$ 31,200.00	3.87%
Office Admin Stipend		\$ 1,000.00	
Custodian	\$ 19,096.00	\$ 19,686.00	3.00%
Bookkeeper	\$ 8,441.00	\$ 8,704.00	3.02%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 57,531.00</b>	<b>\$ 60,590.00</b>	5.05%
<b>Committee's</b>			
Mission and Ministry	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00	10.00%
Welcome and Witness	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	60.00%
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Call Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	-10.00%
<b>Education/Youth</b>			
Educational Expense	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,500.00	1.54%
Youth Director Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	1.43%
<b>Worship</b>			
Altar Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	50.00%

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Music Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Worship Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Devotional Materials	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Live Nativity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,900.00</b>	<b>10.87%</b>
<b>Pastoral</b>			
Pension & Health Ins	\$ 28,541.00	\$ 24,000.00	-18.92%
Social Security Offset	\$ -	\$ 6,105.00	
Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ 800.00	
Housing Allowance	\$ 47,971.00	\$ 26,000.00	-84.50%
Professional Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00	-400.00%
Phone Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 432.00	
Mileage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	14.29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 81,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 61,137.00</b>	<b>-32.51%</b>
<b>Office</b>			
Sub Secretary	\$ 750.00	\$ -	
Office Supplies/Printing	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	-41.67%
Printer Lease and Printing		\$ 3,000.00	
Software/Computer Licenses		\$ 4,500.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	40.00%
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Adv/Hospitality/Misc	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Office Equip - Repairs	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00	70.00%
Stewardship Envelopes	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,500.00	1.92%
Synod Assembly	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Work Comp Insurance	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	
Building Insurance	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 13,000.00	3.08%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	
Mileage - Interim	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,400.00</b>	<b>14.56%</b>
<b>Janitorial and Building</b>			
Organ-Piano-Bells	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Custodial Supplies	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	-187.88%
Building Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	40.00%
Structural Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,700.00</b>	<b>-0.59%</b>
<b>Utilities</b>			
Electricity	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	

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Natural Gas	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Water & Sewer	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	
Garbage Removal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	25.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,800.00</b>	<b>1.57%</b>
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 359,945.00	\$ 355,500.00	-1.25%

**Income less Expense**



# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## OPENING LITURGY

### Son of God, Eternal Savior

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

**And also with you.**

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

**Amen.**

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 655

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