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From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a great privilege to serve at Canton Lutheran Church these four months. And, during that time, by far the practice I've received the most positive feedback about is the short, weekly videos I post on our CLC Facebook page. By far! People love them, and I'm glad. They are not difficult to make, and it is a quick way of communicating to both members and other friends of our congregation. For all the negatives of social media (of which there are multiple), it is a valuable tool for ministry and life.

So, why do people like these short videos? I've pondered this question. A few things: They are generally positive in tone and content. People like to be "in the know." They have a personal feel. They are short. And, so forth...

On a deeper level I believe people's appreciation for these videos show two things:

#1 – People like communication; Clear, concise, easily accessible communication.

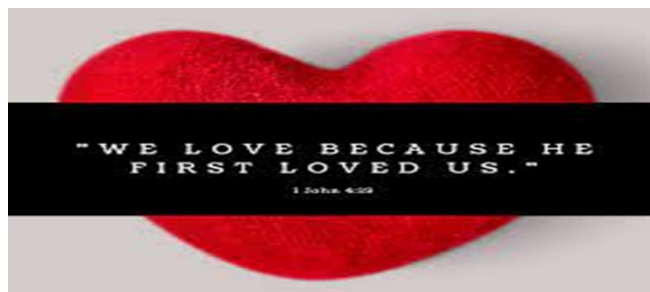
And #2...[I sure hope] – People still find value in their connection to a faith community like Canton Lutheran Church, wanting to hear an update, a reflection, and a word of hope.

The videos have been an important (and fun!) tool as I've began my time serving at CLC. And, I am wondering: How else can we connect and reconnect with our dear friends of CLC?

I have some ideas, and I'd love to hear your ideas as well...together working to live out our CLC mission statement of "Connecting all generations to Christ and community." That statement was an important reason I was drawn to CLC. Let's live it out together!

In Christ,

Pastor Jon



Lent - "Lives of Faith"



Ash Wednesday (February 14th) begins the journey of the season of Lent. Join us on Wednesday evenings for Lenten, midweek worship at 7:00PM, as a CLC member shares each week about their own faith and how God has been present for them. A meal will be served by CLC groups/committees each Wednesday evening during Lent (not including Ash Wednesday) from 5:30-6:45PM in the Fellowship Hall: Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20.

Also during Lent, Pastor Jon will be sharing brief, weekly video devotionals using Lenten Talk Cards from Vibrant Faith, an organization dedicated to building connections through faith conversation. Tune in on CLC social media pages.

Lenten Suppers

Wed. Feb. 21: Welcome and Witness

Soups and Cookies

Wed. Feb. 28: W.E.L.C.A

Pork Loin Sandwiches, Coleslaw, chips and bars.

Wed. Mar. 6:

Wed. Mar. 13: National Youth Gathering Youth

Enchiladas

Wed. Mar. 20: Mission and Ministry



Shawn, our wonderful Keeper of the House would like to give a HUGE shout out to those wonderful individuals that helped clean the church during the busy holiday season! It takes a team to keep the church beautiful for all to enjoy. Thank you so much to each one of you that took time to help during this joyous season!!! THANK YOU!!!

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You are WELCOME Here

For Worship, Education Classes and Activities

If you are unable to join us in person for worship, please join us for Sunday worship on the Canton Lutheran Church Youtube Channel for live worship.

The Sunday service is also broadcast daily on your local cable channels:

Midco Channel 19 at 1pm & 7pm, VAST Channel 302 or 98 at 7am, 1pm and 5:50pm.

If you aren't receiving the service on cable, or the sound or picture isn't what it should be,

please contact the church office for assistance. 605.764.2429



Giving on phones and tablets can be frustrating. Nobody likes poking at their screens to type long card numbers. Tithely enables you to save your details and give with a few taps using the free online giving app. Once you have an account set up you can give and tithe through the mobile app, on your website, or through a text message. You can set up regular automated giving too.



Give to CLC

General Fund	December		
	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Monthly Change From Budget
Income	\$ 30,012.00	\$ 51,325.72	\$ 21,313.72
Expenses	\$ 30,012.00	\$ 26,219.02	\$ 3,792.98
Over/(short)	\$ -	\$ 25,106.70	\$ 25,106.70
Yearly	Dec. 31, 2023		
	Budget	Actual	Change From Budget
Income	\$ 360,144.00	\$ 344,813.25	\$ (15,330.75)
Expenses	\$ 360,144.00	\$ 357,912.74	\$ 2,231.26
Over/(short)	\$ -	\$ (13,099.49)	\$ (13,099.49)
			End of year 2023

Bread of Life - Year End 2023	
11/30/2023 Balance	\$ 134,702.07
December Giving	\$ -
December Expenses	\$ -
12/31/23 Balance	\$ 134,702.07
Total Pledged	\$ 568,042.00
BOL Building Balance	\$ 62,400.84
BOL Missions Balance	\$ 72,301.23
BOL Campaign to Date Giving	\$ 604,378.03
BOL Campaign to Date Expenses	\$ 469,675.96

New Cameras! New Speakers! New Sound Board!

Live worship has switched to **YouTube**. Please, subscribe to the CLC YouTube channel for worship. There will be a YouTube link on Facebook and the website for your convenience.

With the change over to the new system, the screen slides can now be included as a picture in picture on the streaming video. This allows you to follow along with the church service without needing a full bulletin that has everything printed. If you would like a regular Sunday bulletin emailed to you, please call or email the church office.

We also welcome your input from those that are watching from home. We are learning to work with the new equipment and continue to try to improve your watching experience. Your input is very important to let us know what is working well and what we should work on improving.

THANK YOU!



CLC family this is a bit late, but we wanted to Thank YOU for the support in December with the Soup Supper and the cookie trays. Your support means so much to the youth and me. With every fundraiser you prove your dedication to growing the foundation of faith in our youth. ~Blessings Tabernacle

ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraisers

The youth are about halfway to their fundraising goal for New Orleans, but we have a lot of fundraising to come. We will be serving the Lenten supper March 13th, authentic enchiladas. Future dates to buy a full pan will be announced, don't miss out so you can taste the product before we make it fresh, and you can bake it at home.

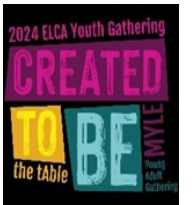
You can also be on the lookout for our envelope prayer partners fundraiser. We need 100 CLC members to commit to praying for youth and adults that are attending the ELCA youth gathering. Pick an envelope with a number on the outside from 1-100 and donate that monetary amount (or more if you like) towards the trip. The envelope will contain a brief bio and the name of your prayer partner for the journey. We will come together for a kickoff to meet and greet your prayer partner. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for a date.

The hog raffle will also be back, we anticipate launching this in March and ending it in April (when the hog goes to Market).

Don't forget Easter Breakfast between sunrise and the normal service. Easter Egging is back the Saturday before Easter. Watch for details in the bulletin and March newsletter.

What is going on with the Youth??

We kicked off the new year with a Christmas party where fun was had by all decorating Christmas cookies and a gift exchange. We are joining Bethany Reformed on Wednesday nights for a 3-part Mental Health series throughout January. At the time of this writing, we have seen one of the speakers, Jon Setzer, he shared his faith story and really connected with the youth. We had a time of worship with song and a truly moving time of prayer where the youth could come to the front and be prayed over by a leader. We are looking forward to seeing Trenton Bass and Tony Boer at the next two. God is working in the youth of Canton, and I cannot wait to see the fruits of his labor.





Prayer Concerns

All active duty and retired military, firefighters, EMT's, police officers, first responders, and all others risking their lives to save others.

CLC Members w/ Health Concerns:

Dan March ~ Mike Hoffman

Sharon Lunder ~ Arlene Markle

CLC Members, Family & Friends

Charles Kramer

(Father of Kim Wentz & Kris Goodroad)

Nick Joslyn

(Friend of Rich & Teresa Beitzel)

Chris French

(Friend of Matt Ness)

Jarrood Hill (Nephew of

Brenda Heggen & Cheryl Johnson)

Jordan Hout

(Friend of Paul & Sherry Anderson)

Lance

(Family Friend of John & Peg Anderson)

Alan Hammerstrom

(Brother of Lynda Johnson)

Loss of Loved Ones

Justis Bartling

The Welcome & Witness board has chosen a Sunday each month to thank & recognize servant groups. On Sunday, February 11th, the board would like to recognize all those who are in scouts. Please plan on attending.

February 11 – All Scouts

March 10 – All doctors



Mission of the Month

February - CLC Youth Trips



Make a donation one of two ways. First option - use Tithely and select Mission of the Month.

Second option - using a Mission of the month envelope and placing in offering plate.

New Member Sunday in March

If you would like more information or know someone who is interested in joining Canton Lutheran Church, please refer them to Pastor Jon.



February WELCA NEWS

Sunday, February 4, WELCA Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, February 8, WELCA serving treats at Pastor's Crossroad Conference 1:30pm

Sunday, February 11, WELCA delivering Valentines to Good Sam and Hiawatha Heights

Monday, February 12, Bible Study, 2pm Library "The Chosen"

Thursday, February 15, Care & Share, 1pm

