

The Voice

January 2024

Canton Lutheran
Church
124 E 2nd Street
Canton SD 57013



Thank you from the Living Nativity Committee

Wow! This being my first year helping with the living nativity, that is about the only word I can think of. We are so amazed at all the people who stepped up to help with stable set up, hanging the star, lights, photos, fire pit, hay bales, food for the cast and the help getting it ready, costuming, lift for the angels, Dan Rath's wonderful goats, Linda Tuntland for helping with the cast notes, Eileen Bergerson for sewing and videotaping, Amanda Smith for her help with the angels, Denny Post's great donkey and camels, and the Pudenz's for boarding the animals overnight. Thank you to Pastor John and Robin Anderson for their wonderful narration.

Thank you also for the financial support of the congregation, W.E.L.C.A. and our local banks. Thanks to Josh, Kelly, and Neil for walking through this with me so I knew what to do! Our biggest thank you has to go to our 2023 cast, you were all amazing!

I personally want to thank Cheryl for helping me get through this first year. I couldn't have done any of it without your great leadership!
If we forgot anyone, know that you are appreciated!

We are wowed by all of you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
Patty and Cheryl

Faith Fest at Augustana University

Hey, 6th-8th graders! Faith Fest is a one day retreat opportunity for middle schoolers on Saturday, February 10th, 10:00AM-10:00PM on Augustana University's campus. Gather for fun games, worship with your peers, activities in the gym and across campus, two meals, and a concert with the band Tangled Blue. Cost is \$50 per student. Adult chaperones and drivers are needed as well, and attend at no cost. Sign up by January 20th with Pastor Jon, pastorjon.sl@gmail.com



From the Pastor's Desk

As I try to wean myself off the sugar rush of eating cookies *every* day during the Advent/Christmas season, I look to the year ahead serving with you all at Canton Lutheran Church. Thank you for the ways you support this shared ministry!

In recent years I've adopted a theme word to begin the year fresh, inspired by a friend of mine. My word this year was gifted to me through a book from my spouse, Pastor Renee. The book is titled *The Generosity Habit*, by Matthew Kelly. The book consists of short, one-page "devotions" (it is not specifically a book of faith, although Kelly is himself a person of faith and speaks of God) as well as quotes from notable folk over the years including John Steinbeck, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and...*drum roll*...Taylor Swift.

Generosity does not consist of just money, it is a way of living. It is a way of being in the world, and interacting with all around us. Some of the people I cherish most happen to be steeped in it: Generous with their time, generous with their choices, generous with their heart and love and words.

Kelly reflects on his own mother's words:

"When I was young, my mother would say things like, 'That color looks great on you,' or 'I really like that shirt on you.' I was raised on encouragement...Different things look good on different people, but some things look good on everyone—and generosity is at the top of the list. Generosity looks good on you."

Maybe you got some fun, new stuff as a Christmas gift. This can be the year we re-try on a set of clothing: Generosity. It looks good on you! It feels good to wear around town. And, our providing God calls us to this way of life:

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work...You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us."

-2 Corinthians 8:8, 11-12

In God's grace,
Pastor Jon

Welcome our new staff!

Happy New Year Canton Lutheran Church!!

My name is Jennie Hoefler, and I am so excited to be part of the Canton Lutheran Church family. I hail from the big city of Sioux Falls, where I was born and raised. I graduated from Washington High School. After high school, I joined the Lutherans Outdoors family by working at NeSoDak Lutheran Bible Camp for 3 summers. I am 2005 Augustana (College) University graduate, and I have a B.A in Elementary Education with Deafness Studies minor. I have taught in the Sioux Falls Catholic School Systems, and Lutheran Social Services, until most recently working at Sanford Health in the neurodiagnostic sleep lab. Throughout the time of being a teacher and working at Sanford, I have been the Youth Director at East Side Lutheran Church for 12.5 years.

As of this past August, I decided to attend Luther Seminary in St. Paul. I am currently a Master of Divinity Student, where I will be ordained as a pastor when I complete my studies. I am so excited to be following my dream that I have had since I was a young girl. When I am not studying or at the church, I love to go on walks or bike rides, scrapbooking, going to sporting events, and enjoying a good cup of coffee.

My family consists of my son, Kasen where he is a 8th grader at Patrick Henry Middle School here in Sioux Falls. He is active in Flag Football, bowling in league, playing golf and playing the cello. Also, I have my significant other, Brent and his daughter Norah. Brent works at Orthopedic Institute and at the Sanford Health Emergency Room. He enjoys photography and attending activities of the kids. Norah is a 2nd grader in Brandon Elementary. She has an extensive stuffed animal collection and LOVES to play soccer. We love to attend SDSU football and Augustana Football and Hockey games!

My family and I are very excited to be part of the Canton Lutheran Church family! I can't wait to meet each one of you! Please be sure to stop in the office and introduce yourselves to me.

Your Sister in Christ,



Jennie Hoefler



Mission of the Month

*January - Assistance for
Local Special Olympics Families*



Make a donation one of two ways. First option - use Tithe.ly and select Mission of the Month. Second option - using a Mission of the month envelope and placing in offering plate.

The Welcome & Witness board has chosen a Sunday each month to thank & recognize servant groups. On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 2024 the board would like to recognize and thank all Law Enforcement officers during worship. Please plan on attending.

February 11 – All Scouts

March 10 – All doctors



A Look Back at December

The month of December was amazing at Canton Lutheran Church! Three live nativity shows, two Cantata shows, Soup Supper & Basket Raffle, Children's Christmas Program, Christmas cookie trays fundraiser for the youth gathering, Christmas Parade, a first-place tree at the Festival of Trees, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, many poinsettia's, four Advent services, two Candlelight Christmas Eve services, a Coffee Stau, College Care packages mailed, new sound & video equipment operational. WOW!

Thank you to everyone who helped with everything in December.



Prayer Requests

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
Vanessa Anderson-Smith
Sharon Lunder ~ Arlene Markle

CLC Members, Family & Friends

Charles Kramer
(Father of Kim Wentz and Kris Goodroad)
Vanette Wagner
[Shawn Doty's Stepsister]
Nick Joslyn
(Friend of Rich & Teresa Beitzel)
Chris French
{Friend of Matt Ness}
Jarrod Hill (Nephew of
Brenda Heggen & Cheryl Johnson)
Jordan Hout
(Friend of Paul & Sherry Anderson)

Loss of Loved Ones

Charolyn "Chari" Hoogendoorn

New Cameras! New Speakers! New Sound Board!

Live worship is switching to **YouTube** video instead of **Facebook**. Please subscribe to the CLC YouTube channel for worship. You can connect through the link on Facebook or find several links on the CLC webpage. If you are having trouble connecting let us know and we'll do what we can to assist you.

Online:

www.youtube.com/@CantonLutheranChurch

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. So your input is very important to let us know what is working well and what we should work on improving.

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.

New Member Sunday in February.

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

CLC “The Voice” Monthly Newsletter

The newsletter is available monthly in many formats: US Mail, email, a link on the CLC webpage, or a link on the CLC Facebook page.

Please let the office know if you are not receiving a copy or if you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter in a different format.

Offering Envelopes

If you have received offering envelopes via postal mail and do not use them or prefer not to receive them, please let the office know to have your name removed from that mailing list.

Thank you to those who have submitted their name for removal. We are only able to update our list with the envelope company periodically so please be patient until your mailings stop.

Food Pantry

When donating food to the food pantry please consider donating sugar free or gluten free products. We occasionally get clients that have special dietary needs.



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January WECLA NEWS

Sun., Jan.7, WELCA hosts coffee hour after worship

Thurs., Jan. 18 – Care & Share 1:00 pm

On Sunday, February 4th the WELCA Board will be serving a Pancake-Sausage Breakfast after worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will be used for the Library Kitchen Updates. All are Welcome!



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 Budget	Dec. 31, 2023 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	

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 Facebook page (YouTube link) 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 9B 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

Volunteers Needed!

Canton Lutheran depends on congregation members to volunteer their time to help us operate. If you have a little time to donate, we would love to talk to you about your interests. Please contact the church office. 605.764.2429

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