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From the Pastor's Desk

For being the shortest month of the calendar year, February was a full month of ministry at Canton Lutheran Church!

From fundraising for this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering, to kids from Lawrence Elementary School doing a huge food drive for the Lincoln County Food Shelf at CLC, to a group of 17 middle school youth attending the Faith Fest retreat at Augustana University, to learning new sung liturgy music in worship, to gathering in our CLC annual meeting, and beginning the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Full and good ministry!

Thank you for the ways you have connected to Christ's church through this congregation!

We continue in the season of Lent in the month of March, leading to Holy Week beginning on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** with Palm Sunday, and culminating on Easter **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. We invite you to join in these faithful steps in this powerful season of the church year.

We also give thanks for the new members joining our congregation, being recognized in worship on **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

I enjoyed visiting the CLC "Care and Share" group this past month. (They also gave me treats, which is always nice!) By creating amazing quilts and spreading God's love through their work this group helps connects CLC to the broader, global community through Lutheran World Relief.

This March marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ELCA and predecessor bodies of quilts being made by caring hands, and delivered to warm the bodies and hearts of people throughout the world. And, guess how many quilts have been made in those 75 years? Over 28 MILLION QUILTS! Truly an amazing, God-sized project of thousands of hands through decades of work, to the glory of God. Go to the website [www.lwr.org/quilts](http://www.lwr.org/quilts) for more information about LWR.

May God bless you in this season of Lent with warmth of body and love in your hearts. God bless the work of the faithful!



## New Member Sunday in March

New Member recognition will be on

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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



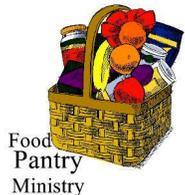
## Lenten Suppers

**5:30-6:45pm Wednesdays**

**Wed. Mar. 6:** Time and Talent

**Wed. Mar. 13:** National Youth Gathering Youth  
Enchiladas

**Wed. Mar. 20:** Mission and Ministry



Shirley Temple and the Lincoln County Food Shelf want to thank all those who have helped in the Food Pantry! Takes many hands for light work! Thank you so much who have donated their time.

## Looking for Volunteers!!!

Canton Lutheran will be volunteering at The Banquet in Sioux Falls, on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** for the evening meal. Please call the church office for more details. Either sign up in the church office or on sign up by the office. We will need volunteers for the following times:

6 prep volunteers from 2-5pm

30 serve volunteers from 5:15-8pm

For more information about The Banquet, please visit their website, [www.thebanquetsf.org](http://www.thebanquetsf.org)



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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



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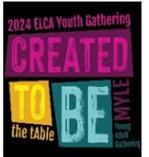


We continue our journey to New Orleans and fundraising for our trip, but I wanted to give you a glimpse of what the youth and parents hope to get out of the trip.

This is a sampling of the hopes of the parents a stronger relationship or connection with God, growing friendships with other youth in Christ, learning about the culture and food of New Orleans, and serving others in a time of need.

The youth hope to grow closer to God and each other, learn to help and serve others on a different level, and to learn a new culture and see how they serve God.

This is just a taste of what we hope to accomplish in New Orleans, and we are ever grateful our church family helps support us on this mission.



**General Fund**

	January Budget	Actual	Change From Budget
Income	\$ 29,520.84	\$ 17,617.11	\$ (11,903.73)
Expenses	\$ 29,520.98	\$ 23,632.15	\$ 5,888.83
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## 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.

### You've Been Egged

IT'S BACK!!!! The "You've been Egged" fundraiser. The night before Easter the Tabernacle Bunnies will hide a dozen Eggs in your yard. Fill out the form (located in this newsletter) and return to the church office by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$20 per dozen all proceeds support our journey to New Orleans.

### Easter Breakfast

Between church services on Easter Sunday the youth will be serving Easter breakfast. Free will offering with all proceeds supporting the journey to New Orleans.

Don't miss out on March 13<sup>th</sup> the youth are serving enchiladas for the Lenten Supper at 5:15 free will offering supporting our journey to New Orleans.

### What have we been learning?

We finished the mental health series with Bethany Reformed with a counselor on the final day. Bringing the focus that it is okay to ask for help to heal, just like going to a medical doctor. Our first night back in the youth room we did youth questions some fun ones and some serious ones. When is the last time you sat and discussed some religious topics with someone? Think about who you could share your faith with. Last week with the kickoff of Lent on Valentine's Day we focused on Bible verses that speak to love and what that means to you, we found a common theme in our answers and now we are exploring 1 John in the New Testament.



### 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  
Arlene Markle ~ Steven Monen  
Davin Richardson

### Loss of Loved Ones

Lori McCormick  
Sharon Lunder

### CLC Members, Family & Friends

Charles Kramer (Father of Kim Wentz & Kris Goodroad)	Alan Hammerstrom (Brother of Lynda Johnson)
Nick Joslyn (Friend of Rich & Teresa Beitzel)	Chris Trandal (Nephew of Kay Haisch)
Chris French (Friend of Matt Ness)	
Jarrold Hill (Nephew of Brenda Heggen & Cheryl Johnson)	
Jordan Hout (Friend of Paul & Sherry Anderson)	
Lance (Family Friend of John & Peg Anderson)	

The Welcome & Witness board has chosen a Sunday each month to thank & recognize servant groups. On **Sunday, March 10**, the board would like to recognize all those who are doctors. Please plan on attending.

March 10 – All doctors (Dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, etc)



April 14—Administrative Assistants, Hairdressers, Beauticians, estheticians, etc

### Mission of the Month

*March— The Banquet of Sioux Falls*



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.



### March W.E.L.C.A News

**Monday, March 11**, Bible Study at 2pm in the Library “The Chosen”

**Monday, March 11**, W.E.L.C.A Board Meeting at 5:30pm in the Library

**Saturday, March 16**, National Quilting Day!

**Thursday, March 21**, Care and Share at 1pm (Making quilts)

**Did you Know?**

That on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** is National Quilting Day for W.E.L.C.A! For more than 75 years caring people have made nearly 28 million quilts for LWR. These gifts of love make life more comfortable, brighter and softer for people around the world struggling with poverty, illness, natural disasters and conflict.



A HUGE THANK YOU to the students at Lawrence Elementary for the generous donation in honor of Becky Earll. Over 3,500 items were donated. Way to go!!!



17 Youth and adults with Pastor Jon attended Faith Fest on Saturday, February 11th on the campus of Augustana University. The day was surrounded by other middle school youth from around the area. They participated in Bible Study, Worship, Community Service, Meals and of course fun! Thank you to Kelly and Sarah who helped chaperone the event with Pastor Jon. The CLC Youth want to thank all those who helped contribute for them to attend Faith Fest 2024.

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

### Holy Week Information

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday Worship at 9:45am with Holy Communion, Adult Choir, and SONday School children singing.

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm with Holy Communion, stripping of the altar.

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday Worship at 7pm with the Adult Choir singing.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Sunrise Service at 7:30am

Easter Breakfast served by Youth at 8:30-9:30am

Easter Service at 9:45am with Holy Communion



*Please join us!!*

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be having interactive Lenten Prayer stations during our Lenten Service at 7pm.



Join us on **Wednesday, March 6** and **Sunday, March 10** for worship with Paul Hanson from

Lutherans Outdoors of South Dakota. Paul is the Executive Director of Lutherans Outdoors.



Thank you to all for making our Pancake Breakfast a huge success! Thank you for eating pancakes, fellowship and supporting W.E.L.C.A. We appreciate it!