



The Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of Canton Lutheran Church

And the sheep follow Jesus because they know his voice.

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What is it? It's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday

When is it? September 13th, 2015

What's it all about? It's an opportunity to join *together* to serve others;

Who is involved?

10,000 ELCA congregations all across the country AND *everyone* at CLC...kids, youth, adults, seniors; the Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday worshippers. **There's something you can do.**

Worship @ Canton Lutheran Church

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) 7:00 pm

Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 am

(Holy Communion offered at each service)

TV Worship Times

Daily at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Be Opened

Jesus walked among suffering people--those who were poor, grief-stricken, orphaned, diseased, shunned. Jesus walked among suffering people who, he saw, were often given up to hopelessness and despair, a sense that nothing could or would ever change. At times some believed their disease was caused by God's displeasure with them. Some felt that suffering was just their lot in life. Jesus awakened in these people, by his own trusting and faith-full presence, a sense of hope. And Jesus, by awakening hope in these people, made the seemingly impossible begin to happen. They were healed.



"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly," said Jesus (John 10:10). So he walked among the people, and out of compassion for them, awakened in them the sense that God is a loving God, a God who desires good for all people. Out of compassion Jesus healed lepers, ate with outcasts, exorcised demons. Out of compassion he opened people to the hope that trust in a loving God creates.

Jesus touched the deaf man in Sidon. He sighed and said, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Be opened to the loving kindness of God. Be opened to the truth that God desires more for you than suffering. Be opened to the trust that makes the seemingly impossible happen. Be opened to the abundant life God wishes for each person. Be opened to the miraculous love of God.

Christ sighs and says to us, "**Ephphatha**," that is: "**Be opened**," when despair and hopelessness become our daily breath.

- Be opened to trust.
- Be opened to hope.
- Be opened to the miraculous love of God.

And the seemingly impossible will begin to happen. "He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Your pastor in recovery!

Pastor Tim Thies

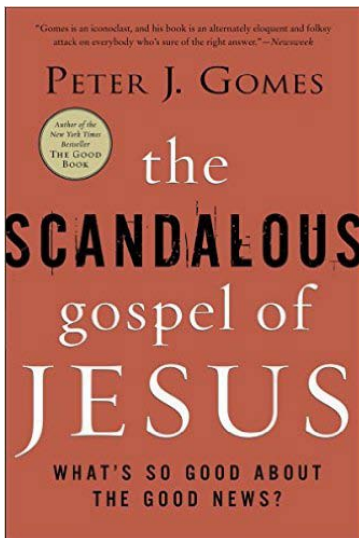


Lutheran Tidbit for September

YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

...requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, 'If it's not too much trouble then...'

What is Pastor Tim reading?



The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus: What's So Good About the Good News? ~ authored by Peter Gomes

About the author: Peter J. Gomes has been minister of Harvard University's Memorial Church since 1974, when he was appointed Pusey Minister of the church, and serves as Plummer Professor of Christian Morals. An American Baptist minister, he was named one of America's top preachers by Time magazine. He is the recipient of thirty-three honorary degrees and an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College, the University of Cambridge, England, where the Gomes Lectureship is established in his name.

This book is fantastically written, intelligently thought-out, and presented with grace. Gomes truly does have a bead on what Jesus was trying to convey, the truth about loving our neighbors, the truth about dogma and religious doctrine, and the truth about what it means to actually ask, "**what would Jesus do?**"

In one of my favorite quotes taken from the chapter entitled 'The Gospel and Fear' Gomes writes:

"The opposite of fear is not courage but compassion. We fear what we do not know, and the mother of fear is ignorance, but we cannot fear that which we love, for, as Jesus tell us, perfect love casts out fear. Compassion leaves no room for fear, we are too busy doing what we can, what we must, and what God wishes us to do, to take time to fear the consequences."

Dare we find our motivational grounding for living and breathing the gospel of Jesus in and through compassion? Indeed it is what Jesus did, does and will do and so we are called to do likewise! TB2G!

Come and get your SWAGG on!



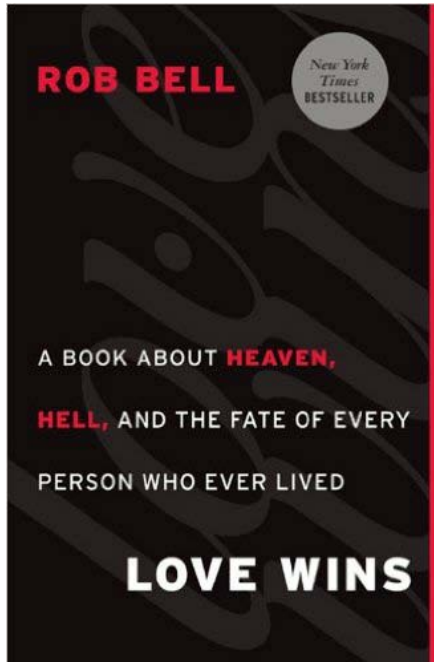
Each **Wednesday** come dressed in your "summer swag" and participate in our spirit-filled; **7:00 PM** service of worship. **SWAGG** is a **30-minute** (or less) time of lectionary based meditation, songs of praise, prayer, scripture reading, Kid's Talk and Holy Communion. This is a great opportunity to *pause* from your hectic schedules! Saturday (5 PM) and Sunday (9:30 AM) worship will remain as scheduled throughout the summer months! See you in worship! Reminder – SWAGG ends **Wednesday, September 2nd** with WOW beginning on Wednesday, September 9th.

Stewardship Quote for September

"The primary motivation for stewardship is gratitude."

--Anonymous

Fall Book Study

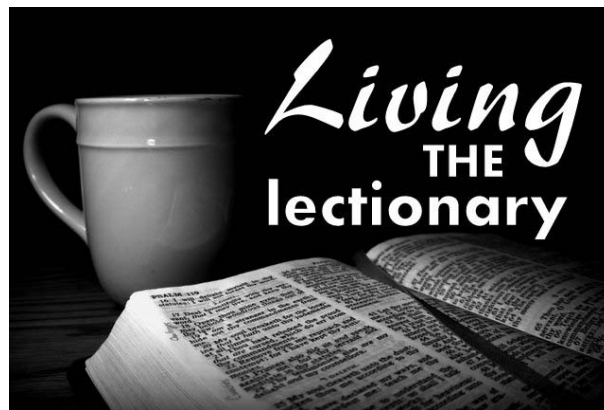


You are invited to join Pastor Tim to discuss and reflect upon insights garnered from **Love Wins**. Mark your calendars to meet at the home of Pastor Tim and Susan (1010 East Lynn) on *Sunday, October 11th* from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

In **Love Wins**, bestselling author, international teacher, and speaker Rob Bell (Velvet Elvis, Drops Like Stars) addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—hell and the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever?

Rob Bell is an electrifying, unconventional pastor whom Time magazine calls “a singular rock star in the church world,” with millions viewing his NOOMA videos.

With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial with a hopeful message—eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, *Love Wins*.



...resumes Tuesday, September 15th in the church library!

This weekly discussion is centered upon the upcoming lessons for worship. We meet at **7:00 AM** for 30-45 minutes, come and go as time permits! Coffee and a morning snack will be offered. Looking forward to sharing insights into the scripture and the always welcoming fellowship! Any questions – please contact Pastor Tim!





Sunday Morning Adult Study

...resumes Sunday, September 13th

This weekly discussion group meets in the Adult Education room from 10:45 – 11:30 AM. As a guide for each gathering we will be using the **Books of Faith Series** offered from Augsburg Fortress. This series explores individual books of the Bible through historical, literary, devotional, and Lutheran-theological perspectives.

Facilitated by Pastor Tim, the fall study begins with the book of **Jonah**. This Old Testament classic paints a picture of a God who pushes God's people to go beyond religious and ethnic boundaries to share the love and mercy of God with all of God's desire to save all people. This study explores how Jonah offers a vision in which God's love and mercy is not only available to the people of Israel, but to other peoples as well. *Come and join the discussion!*

Confirmation

Pastor Tim will be meeting with 7th **and** 8th grade youth **and** parents on **Wednesday, September 2nd** immediately following worship. The purpose of this 30 minute (or less) gathering is to review the confirmation program, important dates and how we will all “dance together!” Weekly confirmation will begin **Wednesday, September 9th** at 6:00 PM. We will Wednesdays in the Youth Room for the 30 - 45 minute session!



Ministry Boards Meeting

Ministry Boards are scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 2nd beginning at 8:00 pm.

Executive Council Meeting

Executive Council is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 9th beginning at 8:00 pm.



Dear Members of Canton Lutheran Church: The kitchen and fellowship hall are coming together. The cupboards and countertops have been installed, and the painting is completed. The kitchen appliances will be delivered the first week of September, although

the standalone freezer may not arrive until later.

Vanities have been purchased for the bathrooms, and hopefully will be installed shortly. However, the sinks and countertops will be added at a later date. There is some cleaning that needs to be done, and we need our electrician and plumber back to do a few more things. A decision on the doors should happen this week, and then they will be ordered. I'm happy to report that the project is moving forward and gaining momentum toward completion! Thank you to everyone who has helped with this huge project!

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday is September 13. Please mark your calendar now and come join in the fun as members of CLC go out into the community to help where needed. You will be hearing more about this event soon as the Mission and Ministry Board finalizes plans.

Sincerely,
Julie Verley, CLC President

Mission and Ministry Board

**“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday
September 13, 2015**



Mark your calendar!

**“God’s Work, Our Hands”
Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015!!**

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one special day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

At Canton Lutheran our special day of service will follow worship Sunday morning Sept. 13th. Wear your “God’s Work, Our Hands” T-shirts or the black “Live Generously” T-shirts (if you don’t have either – wear something yellow, gold or black?) We will gather for pictures before dividing into teams and heading out to do God’s work!

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world,” says ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. “You work every day to welcome your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let’s do it together as one body, using our hands to do God’s work in Jesus Christ’s name.”

“Imagine the nearly 10,000 congregations of our church, cleaning up neighborhoods, visiting nursing homes, taking treats & a smile to the sick or elderly, making quilts for refugees, feeding the hungry, working on projects for someone who needs help or simply visiting the neighbors who need us. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.”

“Our nationwide service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: That all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Watch service bulletins for more details about team projects or contact the church office with questions.

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

Cookies, We Need Cookies!

Can you bake cookies for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on Sept. 13th? Maybe a couple dozen or more? We will have teams delivering these treats to spread some sunshine in the community during this special ELCA/CLC day of service.

The cookies should be delivered to the CLC library on Saturday the 12th or before church on Sunday, Sept. 13th. You can sign up at the church to bring cookies or call Judy Stearns at 214-1552.

Thank you!



You can help to make visitors feel welcome at Canton Lutheran by:

- Looking around you for anyone you may not recognize and introduce yourself
- Extending your hand and a warm smile
- Personally welcoming them to Canton Lutheran Church
- Invite them to join Coffee & Fellowship in the library following worship on Sundays

W.E.L.C.A. September Opportunities

Thursday, Sept. 10 ~ Dorcas Circle, 2 pm, CLC Library Bible Study, September Gather Magazine, "Sabbath Keeping"

Thursday, Sept. 17 ~ Care & Share, 1 pm, room 101

Monday, Sept. 21 ~ WELCA Board Meeting, 6 pm, CLC Library (*note time change*)

Gather subscriptions of \$15 are due and can be paid at the circle meeting or given to Judy Stearns or Wendy Morgan.

Dorcas September Study Centers on Understanding Sabbath

Liv Larson Andrews, pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA, has written a three session study on speed and slowness, and how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet in our culture we are and have been asked to move with ever greater speed.

The September study, found in the *GATHER* magazine beginning on page 26 is titled "Sabbath Keeping" and is sure to lead to some interesting insights and discussion.

Women of all ages are invited and encouraged to join us on **Thursday, Sept. 10th in the church library at 2 p.m.** Please bring a friend! If you do not get the *GATHER* magazine, and wish to look at the lesson in advance, extra copies are available in the church office. (Advance study not required.)



Thrivent Members

Are you a Thrivent Member? If so, you have *ACTION TEAM DOLLARS* to spend! You are eligible to make use of TWO grants worth \$250 each to benefit the church or community. In the past CLC has benefited from *Action Team* grants adding up to \$1,000 for things like painting the basement, crafts for day-campers, Care and Share School Kits and the Tabernacle Soup Cook-Off. If you would like to sponsor a Thrivent *Action Team* that benefits CLC or the Canton community, but need help with ideas/planning, please speak with Janet. She will be happy to walk you through the process and help brainstorm the best way to use those dollars. The Thrivent *Action Team* program is separate from Thrivent Choice.

If you move – please don't keep it a secret.



Send us your change of address. It takes only a minute and saves us both time and money. The US Postal Service charges for each piece of mail returned. Thank you!



SONday School starts on Wednesday, September 9 at 6 pm! Parents should plan to accompany their children to their classrooms to meet the SONday School Staff! At this point, Preschoolers through Grade 3 classrooms are on the second floor of the Education Wing and Grade 4 through Grade 8 on the main floor. Kids will stay in their classroom area for 15-20 minutes and then be dismissed to attend the first WOW of the new school year. Parents of Preschoolers, Kindergarteners and First Graders should plan to pick up their children at their classrooms throughout the year for safety reasons. SONday School parents are invited on Wednesday, September 9 to come to the Church Library for a quick cup of coffee and some fellowship time while you wait for your kids!

Third Grade Bible Presentations
On Wednesday, September 2 our Third Grade Students will receive Bibles from their parents during the last S.W.A.G.G. of the summer beginning at 7 pm.

Family Service Night
SONday School will have a new special event this year! The last Wednesday of each month will be **Family Service Night**. For the fall semester, we will meet on Sept. 30 and Oct. 28

at 6 pm. Regular SONday School classes will not meet those nights so that your family can experience a time of serving together. Look for Constant Contact notifications to see what the project will be – sometimes you may need to wear your work clothes!



Faith
Family

Time
Sunday mornings at CLC will now include a family faith formation class that will be held Sundays from 10:40-11:10am beginning September 20. Faith Family Time is for parents/grandparents to learn **with** their children from babies up through age 10. Register on the Christian Education form in this VOICE and write Family Faith Time on the top. Call Janet with any questions. If you prefer Sundays for worship and education this option might be for you!



Tabernacle the youth group for 9-12 graders will kick off on September 9th at 8:30 pm in the youth room. Typically it runs from 8:30 until between 9:30 and 10 pm every Wednesday night through the school year. Hope to see you all there. We would like to rotate having treats available for the youth to enjoy, if anyone is interested in supplying treats please contact Cami at 941-2730

REGISTER NOW!

Canton Lutheran Church Christian Education ~ Registration Form for 2015-16

Name	Birthday	Age	M/F	Grade (on 9/01/15)	Allergies Learning Challenges Special Circumstances	Baptism Date

Parents/Guardians name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

_____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone #s

Mom _____ *Dad* _____ *Student* _____

Email address _____

Best way to contact family _____

Emergency Contact (other than parents/guardians locally)

Name _____ **Phone#** _____

Medical Release: I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby authorize emergency medical, dental, health or hospital services be rendered to my child(ren) upon consent of a Canton Lutheran Church, Canton, SD, staff member or designated volunteer. The purpose of this authorization is to permit my child(ren) to receive emergency medical attention when needed while involved in the activities connected with Canton Lutheran Church's Christian Education programs when I or my emergency contact is unavailable to give such consent. This authorization shall be effective from August 2015-May 2016.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Photo Release: May Canton Lutheran Church use names and/or pictures of your child(ren) in church publications, including, but not limited to; projector presentation, website, and promotional materials.

___ Yes ___ No **Signature of Parent/Guardian** _____ **Date** _____

Parents are their children's first teachers in all areas of life. Prayerfully consider being a spiritual leader for your child by helping with Christian Education classes in some way.

___ Classroom teacher/Co-teacher ___ Music Leader ___ Substitute teacher
 ___ Special events or projects ___ I'm not sure, I need more information.



Thank You from St. Dysmas of Springfield

After reading in the Synod News that the St. Dysmas congregation in Springfield was looking for green and white altar paraments, Canton Lutheran donated a set that had been used in the Bethlehem Chapel several years ago. An entire set of paraments were in usable condition but with recent gifts of new ones, these were no longer needed. They were boxed up and sent to the congregation in Springfield where the gift was greatly appreciated. CLC received a wonderful thank-you from our brothers in Christ at St. Dysmas for helping them to enhance their worship with appropriately colored paraments.

The following 'Thank You', included individual messages, and was mailed to us at CLC.

"God's blessing to you all and many thanks for the Altar Paraments donated to our St. Dysmas Church. May the Lord's blessings continue to rain down upon you" Sincerely, St. Dysmas

"God Bless Canton Lutheran; The love you have shown St. Dysmas and congregants by your gift"

"Thank you" A brother in Christ

"Thank you for all you have provided for us. They will be used in God's Service"

"Thank you for all you are providing for us, everything is much appreciated"

"Dear Brothers and Sisters at Canton Lutheran Church. Thank you"

"Thank you and God Bless"

"God Bless and thank you for all that you do for us"

"God Bless"

"Thank you and God Bless You"

"Thank you for your help and prayers"

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry"

"Thank you for all you've done. God Bless God bless and thank you for your gift"

"Thanks for your support"

"God Bless you All!!"

"Thank you for being so giving"

Zion Lutheran Church – Delmont, SD

Before



After






Another Thank You was mailed to CLC from Zion Lutheran Congregation

"Friends in Christ, Thank you so much for your prayers, concerns, thoughts and gifts to Zion Lutheran Church."

"Matthew 25:40 – as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it unto me."

Zion Lutheran Congregation

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 7:00 PM SWAGG Worship with Holy Communion/3 rd Grade receive Bibles 7:30 PM Meeting with 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation/Parents 8:00 PM Ministry Boards Meet	3	4	5 5:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion
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