

Miscellaneous

You are invited to a Community Celebration honoring Elder's wisdom. Our community elders that will be honored through song are:

**Charlene Hartman, Gary Kuchar,
Tommie Leenknecht & Verl Scheibe**

The fourth and fifth grade students will be performing the songs written about these elders.

Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM
High School Theater
Free Admission

Feeling that it is time for us to be nearer our family, we are moving to Watertown, SD.

We have made many special memories during the 32 years that we have been members. We will miss our CLF family.

You will always be in our hearts and Prayers.

Our new address is:
170 Meadow Circle NE
Watertown, SD 57201
~ Gordon & Joyce Stolp

CLF,
Thank you very much for the thoughtful care package during finals week. Being away from home is a lot easier with a support system and CLF does a great job with letting people know they are loved. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family!
Thank you, Victoria Dahlstrom

Dear CLF,
Oh my goodness, your package is a life saver! I was all out of money and food heading into finals week and I am so grateful to have gotten the care package. It really helps alleviate some stress!
I miss you guys! Wish I could have you all here with me!
Thank you so so much!
Hope you're having a great year! ~ Sierra Davies

Dear CLF,
Thank you for the 2 care packages. I misplaced the first thank you letter but hope this will do. Thank you for all you have done for me over the last 18 years of my life.
Thanks again, Brennan Witt

Please help....

In an effort to conserve energy and to keep our electric bill down, the CLF church council is inviting you to be mindful of energy use around the church building. One thing that you can do is keep an eye out for empty, lighted rooms. When you leave a room, please switch off the light when you leave. At the end of meetings and especially at the end of the day, it is helpful if we have many people thinking about shutting off the lights.

One of the nice things about being part of a congregation is that the facility belongs to all of us, so please remember to turn off the lights.



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A prayer shawl is a simple crocheted or knitted shawl, created with love and prayer to be given to someone who is ill or in need of comfort or encouragement. A shawl can be given to a student beginning college, or to a new baby. When recipients use the shawl, it envelops them in warmth and the prayers from our community of Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

Completed shawls are brought to the church to be blessed by the Pastors. The shawl can then be given to one who needs comfort by the pastor or by anyone of us who see a need. If anyone has completed shawls, they can be brought to the office at any time.

If you would like to be involved with this ministry, please speak with either Karen Schleining or Donna McConnell. We can provide you with either crochet or knit shawl patterns.

Annual Meeting Highlights

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- **Good food, fellowship and meeting! Thanks to all who attended!**

Elections and Appointments:

- Congregation Council—Reed Haug, Camille Riner & Sam Mertz
- President—Jon Dahlstrom
- Vice-President—Michelle Lehman
- Synod Assembly—Allen & Kim Canete, Duane Martinz & one more to be appointed by Council
- Nominating—Carol Laverick & Dave Thom
- Finance—Gene Fennell, Lonnie Hosman & Dean Suelflow
- Endowment Fund—Russ Bailey & Tammy Wicks

2015 Budget—The 2015 Budget was presented by Lonnie Hosman. He explained that the budget supports our missions. Our offerings were lower than expected. We were a little over optimistic so they have been reduced for 2015. Wages, insurance & benefits are a \$10,000 increase in the budget. Loan amortization has been changed to 15 years which reduces the amount of the monthly payment, but can pay the higher amount if we have the funds. We have a negative budget with expenses being about \$10,000 more than projected income. **MSC** to approve the 2015 Budget. Pastor Tom will ask for a raise in 2016—has not had one for 2 years.

Old Business:

-] Constitution Changes—In Section 5.02 “and bylaws” was omitted. **MSC** to re-add these two words back in.
-] New Website—New web page started last year by Pastor Kent is going well.
-] FaceBook Page—Yvonne spoke about CLF’s Facebook page. 246 people have liked the page. The highest viewing was 540 on Tuesday, January 18th.

New Business:

-] Endowment Policy Changes—Gary Chappell explained the 3 major changes to the Endowment Policy found on pages 24-26. **MSC** to approve the changes.
-] 50-Year Anniversary—2015 marks the 50 year anniversary of CLF. Steve Baldwin has agreed to chair the committee which will come up with a plan for a celebration to happen sometime during the year.
-] Stained Glass in Building—was brought up to see if there is any interest. Council will discuss.
-] Changing Second Service to 10:30—looking at this possibility. Would start in the fall if we did change the time.

Installation of new council members, officers and committee personnel was held.

2015 Approved Mission Plan & Budget

	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	
Income			
Offering Contributions	\$ 396,544	\$ 415,000	The detailed budget can be found in the annual report.
From 990-T Health Insurance Credit	\$ 17,727	\$ 0	
Special Offerings & Special/Unbudg	\$ 2,476	\$ 2,400	Copies are available in the Narthex.
Additional Debt Retirement	\$ 940	\$ 2,000	
Set-Aside Funds from 2012	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	
Endowment Funds for YH	\$ 4,580	\$ 8,000	
Endowment Funds for VBS	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	
Endowment Funds for Spark Kids	\$ 4,639	\$ 0	
From Youth House Sales	\$ 24,977	\$ 20,301	
Total Income	\$ 468,384	\$ 447,701	
Expense			
Pastoral Leadership	\$ 151,587	\$ 115,200	
Worship	\$ 8,327	\$ 11,448	
Education	\$ 5,078	\$ 5,425	
Mission Support	\$ 72,532	\$ 76,704	
Stewardship/Care	\$ 118,716	\$ 129,423	
Facility	\$ 117,013	\$ 119,472	
Total Expense	\$ 473,253	\$ 457,672	