



# *Custer Lutheran Fellowship, ELCA*

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Dear CLF Member,

Please note several items enclosed with this issue of **Crossroads**.

**(1) A Box of Talents form. You can circle items inside the box of talents in order to offer yourself in/through one of the areas of ministry that are now established at CLF. And, you can think "outside the box," writing down new ways you would like to offer your talents, to help your church envision new ministries not listed on the sheet. We are a creative and gifted people: we hope this form helps us to offer our gifts faithfully and practically. If you need help understanding the various ministries and tasks listed inside the box, please consult the **Directory of Time and Talents booklet** which will be updated and placed on a table in the narthex.**

**(2) A second form with two parts.**

- a. The top section is a **Personal Reminder Form**. It allows you to make a commitment before God to worship faithfully, spend time with God in devotions and prayer, and/or undertake a Bible Study. After filling out this form, you should tear it off and put it someplace where you will see it: on your desk, nightstand, or refrigerator. It is between you and God. It is for you.
- b. The bottom section is the **Care and Serve Form**. We have struggled a bit to keep this ministry of Hospitality and worship leadership going strong. By telling us what tasks you are willing to perform and when you would prefer to perform them, you can help the church office immeasurably.

We ask you to review these resources and offer your box of talents and Care and Serve forms during worship on either Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, or Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be boxes marked Box of Talents and Care and Serve on the baptismal font those days. Place your form in the box before or during the worship service: they will be brought forward with the offering and blessed at the altar.

If you forget your forms, others will be available on a display table in the narthex.

Later, the stewardship team will collate the forms and make a **serious and honest effort** to utilize the talents of all who offer them in and through the ministry of CLF.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of the gospel at Custer Lutheran Fellowship!

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave and Pastor Kent

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AND SCATTER THE SEEDS OF JOY AND FAITH IN A DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

**PERSONAL REMINDER: TEAR OFF THIS FORM FOR YOUR DESK, REFRIGERATOR, OR BIBLE.**

As I think of how I might be faithful in my response to God for the gift of abundant love and abundant life, I know that it begins with relationship. To that end, I promise before God to:

**Worship faithfully:**

\_\_\_\_\_ weekly

\_\_\_\_\_ almost weekly

\_\_\_\_\_ approximately every other week

\_\_\_\_\_ approximately monthly

Other commitment, as stated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spend time with God in devotions and/or prayer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ daily

\_\_\_\_\_ almost daily

\_\_\_\_\_ every week

Other commitment, as stated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commit myself to a group Bible or Book study during 2008:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CARE AND SERVE PREFERENCES: RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR BOX OF TALENTS SHEET**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd be willing/able to offer my gifts to the hospitality and worship ministry of CLF as a:

Reader \_\_\_\_\_ Usher/Greeter \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee/Snack Host \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ Communion Bread-Maker \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery \_\_\_\_\_

Our monthly assignment preferences are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_; 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

I would be open to being scheduled some Sundays for:

Only one of these months: \_\_\_\_\_ two of the months: \_\_\_\_\_ all three months: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Box of Talents

We need to think both inside and outside of the box! ☺

Circle the ways you are serving or would like to serve God through Custer Lutheran Fellowship inside the box. If you need explanations of the different ministries, there are booklets explaining them on the Stewardship Table in the Narthex. For each family member, write either their initials or first name next to their choices. Please challenge yourself to pick at least one! Then, write those ways you could see yourself serving in new ways or in new ministries outside the box!

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome & Outreach Team	Music Leader	Reader
Greeter/Usher	Stewardship Team	Men's Activities
Wednesday Night Teacher	4 X 4 Fellowship	PA Tech
"Crossroads" Newsletter Collation Group		Sunday School Teacher
Offering Counter	Friendship Ministry – Visitation	Quilting
Office Volunteer	Food Pantry	Maintenance
Youth House	Community Select-A-Gift	XYZ Group
Care Packages	Nursery	Quest/ExCel Leader
High School Youth/Rap Group	"Crossroads" Newsletter Reporter	
Play the piano	Shut-in Support	Meals on Wheels
Provide Special Music	Youth Ministry Support Team	Photography
Social Ministry Team	Adult Choir	Women of the ELCA
Confirmation Mentor	Health Ministry Team	Children's Choir
Vacation Bible School	Pine Ridge	Worship & Music Team
Community Christmas Food Baskets	Women's Prayer/Bible Study	
Young Adult Group	Telephone Caller	Confirmation Guide
Wednesday Night Meal Coordinator	Habitat for Humanity	
Adult Education Team	Congregation Council	
Confirmation Teacher	Community Christmas Dinner	Prayer Circle
Visit with a New Member	Web Support	