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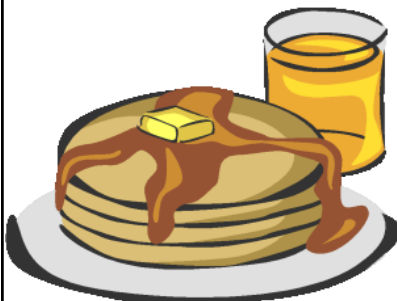
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## RAP GROUP TO SERVE EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST...

The RAP Group will carry on the annual tradition of serving a pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 7:30 until 9:15. There will be a free will offering taken with the proceeds being used for their trips and service activities.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



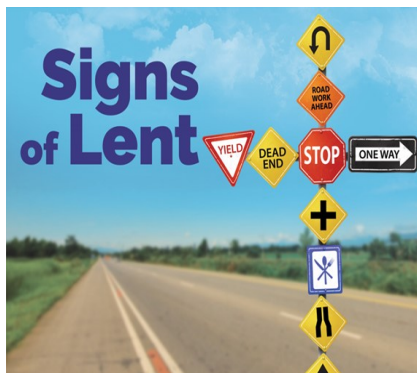
At the center of our faith as Christians is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here are the dates and times of services and activities at Custer Lutheran Fellowship for Holy Week:

- ✠ **Palm/Passion Sunday Worship – April 14<sup>th</sup>:** At the regular Sunday worship times (8:30 & 10:30 AM), the congregation gathers with a procession of palms to reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and mark the beginning of this holiest of weeks.
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday Worship – April 18<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM):** As we recall Jesus' last meal with his disciples, we hear the story of the Last Supper and we follow Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" as we celebrate Holy Communion. As part of our Maundy Thursday worship, we will have the opportunity to participate in foot washing, similar to Jesus washing the disciples feet. Pastor Pam will have a foot washing station at the front of the sanctuary where all are invited to come forward and have their feet washed. It is a simple rite, simply pouring water over your feet, but it is such a powerful message of service and love for each other. The service concludes with a dramatic stripping of the altar.
- ✠ **Good Friday CROSSWALK & BREAKFAST – April 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30 AM):** One of the favorite traditions at Custer Lutheran Fellowship is the "Crosswalk" around Stockade Lake. We gather at 6:30 AM to carry the cross together in remembrance of Jesus' journey through the streets of Jerusalem. The pace is not fast and we stop several times to hear the words of Jesus from the cross and to pray for those who suffer near and far. We will have a car with us for the Crosswalk this year for anyone who needs a lift to attend, or needs a ride back to church after we walk around the lake. Back at CLF, we celebrate the beginning of this best and worst of all days with a hearty potluck breakfast. There are signup sheets at the Welcome Center for people to carry the cross and pray as well as to bring breakfast items.
- ✠ **Good Friday Worship – April 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM):** This service, called "This Jesus Must Die," will be a powerful experience of light and darkness where we will hear dramatic readings along with scripture. Through this service, we will journey with Jesus to the cross, ending in darkness as we wait for the resurrection on Easter Sunday.
- ✠ **Easter Morning Worship & Breakfast – April 21<sup>st</sup> (6:30 & 9:30 AM):** We begin life anew as we gather with the women at the tomb to hear and proclaim together that "Christ is risen!" Please note the change in "usual" Sunday worship times to the earlier sunrise service at 6:30 AM and the second service at 9:30 AM.

All are welcome to attend any or all of these services. However, the more services we attend, the more meaningful they are as we allow the *whole story* of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to sink into our hearts and minds.

If you would like to provide lilies for our Easter worship services, see article on page 2.

## LENT SERMON SERIES FOR WEDNESDAYS



Join us at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays during Lent for a worship series, "Signs of Lent," based on the concept of road signs and how their messages apply to our life in Christ during the season of Lent. Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. Wednesday services continue on April 3rd & 10th.

## EVANGELISM TEAM

Are you creative? Do you love coming up with new ideas to spread the Gospel? Then you need to be part of the Evangelism Team! We are looking for people who have a passion for sharing God's word and will help us create new ways to help the Custer community know who we are as CLF. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the large Sunday School room. Come join us as we dream about ways to help the Custer community know about us and about Christ. In April, we will meet on the 23rd.

## LENTEN SEASON OFFERINGS - HELP US BUILD THE MOUNTAIN!

Items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God's Work in our community, will be collected during Lent. Each Sunday and Wednesday, in addition to our usual offering, you will be asked to bring up to the altar your offering for that particular non-profit, which can include a monetary offering. It has been fun watching the mountain of gifts at the altar grow!

- March 31: Battle Mountain Humane Society. BMHS is a no-kill nonprofit animal shelter serving Custer County and beyond. They operate on donations. Suggested offerings are **Purina Dog Chow, Purina Cat Chow (outdoor cat type), used towels and blankets (without stuffing), money to be applied to their monthly vet bill which averages \$3,500/month.**
- April 7: Operation Black Hills Cabin. Their mission is to provide a comfortable, peaceful and supportive respite to qualified, combat-injured veterans and their families. Each veteran gets a gift bag of small, inexpensive items for each family member. Needed items include **gifts for girls, especially toddler to 5-year-olds and 10-to-16-year-olds, and for the veteran and their spouse, gifts to remind them of their Black Hills visit or patriotic gifts.**

## AUCTION OF TALENTS—APRIL 7TH—9:30 AM

Donations collected from the W/ELCA Auction of Talents are used to support local W/ELCA missions as well as national and international concerns that might need special funds during the year. Donated talents do not need to be tangible items. Be creative and add to the fun with an item or service to offer, or just come to watch our talented auctioneers! (See more information in the W/ELCA article on page 5.)

## EASTER LILIES...



If you would like to provide lilies to help decorate the church for Easter, please bring them to the church by Thursday, April 18. If given in

honor of or in memory of someone, please let Mary know by Monday, April 15th, so the name will be listed in the bulletin. Email [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net) or call 673-4691.

## HELP NEEDED FOR SOUP SUPPERS....APRIL 3 & 10

**SOUP SUPPERS** continue through April 10th. We gather from 5:15 — 6:00 PM each Wednesday for a simple, but hearty meal of soup and bread. Please consider signing up to bring a batch of soup or bread one of these weeks! Sign up at the Welcome Center.





I'm guessing you are all just as ready for Spring as I am! We've all had quite enough snow and cold, right? I can't wait to see those green shoots and leaves bursting forth from the ground.



But then again, I've been told there has been snow in May in previous years! I guess I may have to wait for the beautiful, warm Spring that I want.

But even in the midst of cold, ice, and snow, I know that some day I will see that new growth. There will be life. Even when everything looks lifeless, there is life, and there is hope.

To me, that's a lot of what Lent is about. We have darkness and hopelessness as we approach Good Friday and Jesus' death on the cross. We face uncertainty and fear on that cross. How much of our lives are reflected in that hopelessness and uncertainty and fear? Sometimes we look at our lives or our community or the world and feel some of this darkness creep in.

But the good news is that the cross is not the end. Death is not the end. Darkness is not the end. Hopelessness is not the end. With Jesus' resurrection, we have light and hope and new life. In the darkness of winter, we look forward to those new green leaves of Spring. During the long, dark days of Lent, we look forward to the joy and celebration of our salvation and new life through Jesus' resurrection.

This new life that we are promised through Jesus is ours always. Whenever I feel any of that darkness or uncertainty creeping in, I remember this amazing gift we have been given. We never have to feel hopeless because we always have hope and new life through Jesus. Life may throw horrible things at us but we never have to face them alone, and we have the hope and new life that Jesus promised us.

I wish you all so many blessings as we approach the joy of the resurrection. Cling to Jesus' love and hope in your times of darkness, for Jesus' light will conquer all of our fears and uncertainty. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,  
Pastor Pam

### **PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:**

- \*There is a hospitalization in your family
- \*You would like a pastoral visit
- \*Someone becomes homebound
- \*There is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy
- \*There is a death in your family
- \*There is a birth or adoption
- \*Someone becomes unemployed

Hospitals don't notify the pastor that a member is in the hospital, even if they ask your church membership when you arrive. So please let the pastor know if you or a family member is in the hospital. Custer Lutheran Fellowship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

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### **TRANSFORMATION—THAT'S A POWERFUL WORD**

Where do we begin? The Transformational Ministry Team has chosen Prayer. As our members gather together for events throughout the week, we have an opportunity to unite in prayer. There will be a mobile white board upon which members can write down requests. Then, as the week proceeds, the white board will be moved to the next gathering within the church. Each group is asked to spend 5 minutes at the beginning of the gathering to pray and update the whiteboard. When the gathering is completed, please move the whiteboard to the next meeting. The schedule will be on the back of the board.

## THURSDAY CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY GROUP...

The Christian Book Study group meets weekly on Thursday mornings. The group gathers in the Fireside Room from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Coffee and treats are provided by group members. We read aloud from the book we have selected, so you do not have to read or prepare ahead of time! The reading is interrupted regularly with questions, laughter, challenging thoughts and reflections, faith and life stories. It is a fun, free-flowing discussion. We are starting Radical Integrity: the Story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, by Michael Van Dyke. Hope to see you there!

## ART AUCTION FOR DAVE HANSEN'S ART—APRIL 27

Art Expressions Gallery will hold an auction to sell items created by Dave Hansen. The auction will be held Saturday, April 27, at 1:00 PM at Art Expressions Gallery. Please come and take home a beautiful pieces of Dave's work. Some of the proceeds will go to support the Custer Senior Center.

## SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST/BOOK STUDY...

meets the **second Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 10:00 AM** in the Fireside Room at CLF. Our next session will be on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Breakfast is served, then we will watch and discuss a NOOMA DVD. Come to one, or come to all...no book required! If you have any questions, contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.

## LET'S GET NOISY!

The *"Noisy Offering"* continues on the second Sunday of each month. This month it will be on April 14th. The noisy offerings from September thru May will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Our offerings from January through March totaled **\$259**. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!



## Custer Meet & Eat ...April 9

This gathering is a time to meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday of every month at the Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on April 9th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

## Thursday Men's Breakfast 7:00 AM — "Our Place"

Come join us for breakfast. There's always good conversation and good food! Open to all! Bring a friend!

## ELDER'S WISDOM, CHILDREN'S SONG



Congratulations to two from our congregation that were recognized at Elder's Wisdom, Children's Song on March 19th. We all enjoyed a delightful program of song and story.



*Glenn Sellevoid*

*Joanne Witt*



## LSS DINNER.— HOPE GROWS IN THE BLACK HILLS

**Save the Date—Sunday, May 5, 2019—Silent Auction begins at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 5:30 PM**  
LSS is hosting an annual fund-raising dinner at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn on May 5th. Your help is needed to care for, support and strengthen lives in the Black Hills. Join together with others. Try hosting a table! Email [Tonya.Jackson@LssSD.org](mailto:Tonya.Jackson@LssSD.org) or call 800-568-2401, ext. 7507. RSVP required by April 24th.

**W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:**

W/ELCA at CLF is an active group of women who get together once a month for a meal, fellowship and programs of interest in the church and community. We invite all women to join us!



**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 15**, at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room

**HOSTESSES:** To be announced

**PROGRAM:** Pastor Pam will lead a Bible Study on chapters from the book of Acts and how they relate to us and our congregation today.

We held our March W/ELCA meeting at the Regional Senior Care Center. It was a treat to be able to meet with some of our members of W/ELCA who are now residents of the Senior Care Center. We had discussions concerning prayer and childhood memories, and we all benefited from our time together. We are blessed to have so many special women in our group.

The W/ELCA Auction of Talents will be held on Sunday, April 7th between services. Money collected from the auction is used to support local W/ELCA missions as well as national and international concerns that might need special funds during the year. Get a cup of coffee and a treat, have a seat at one of the tables, and prepare to have some fun!! We are looking forward to all that will be donated and also to the creative ways that our auctioneers will work to make those donated items a wonderful form of entertainment as people bid for treasures that they did not even know they needed!

Remember that each of us has talents. If you choose to donate yours, it will be greatly appreciated. If you choose to come to the auction to see what others have donated, it will be greatly appreciated. If you choose to come to bid, of course, that will be greatly appreciated!! If nothing else, please plan to attend to have fun! The more the merrier!! Looking forward to seeing you for the Auction of Talents at 9:30 AM on Sunday, April 7!

A reminder that **Quilting** takes place every Tuesday morning at 9:00. Our quilters provide a valuable outreach and are greatly appreciated. Anyone is welcome to attend quilting—there are jobs for every level of talent—even those who do not know how to quilt.

**Bingo at Custer Senior Care**—The first Friday of each month, four to five people gather to call and help residents enjoy an hour of Bingo from 2:00—3:00 PM. We welcome new people to join us for a fun afternoon! Any questions, please call Arbutus Winter, 673-5283.



**April Mission Project:  
W.E.A.V.E.—Women Escaping a Violent Environment**

- ◇ Paper products—tissue, toilet paper
- ◇ Shampoo, soaps, lotions
- ◇ Feminine products
- ◇ Laundry soap



**BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE  
W/ELCA SPRING GATHERING**

**“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”**

**Jesus said “You are the Light of the World”**

All women of the Bear Butte Conference are invited to attend our Spring Gathering to be held Saturday, April 27, at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. The fun and inspirational day will begin with registration and coffee from 9:00—9:30 AM. Registration is \$6 per person, including lunch. Offerings will be taken for synodical and conference W/ELCA and for the Sturgis Disaster Simulation Program.

**CORNERSTONE BLANKETS**



Thank you!! Thank you!! The plea for quilts and blankets went out in early March. By the end of the ‘very cold’ week, two full car loads had been delivered to the Cornerstone Mission. Your response was immediate and overwhelming. Many thanks, Ginny Myers



**CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..**

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:

- Pam — pam\_clf@gwtc.net
- Mary — clf@gwtc.net
- Sara — sara\_clf@gwtc.net



**OFFICE HOURS.....**

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

- Mary: in office Monday to Thursday
- Sara: in office Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...**



If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office.

Everyone is welcome to do so at anytime—just let someone in the office know when you do, as we keep a journal of all activity.

**CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...**

On Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s website, [www.custerlutheran.com](http://www.custerlutheran.com) you will find the option to support Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s mission and ministry through the “ONLINE GIVING” link. Whether you’d like to make a one-time donation or set-up regularly scheduled donations, you can do this easily through a secure server by following the instructions. At this time, CLF accepts bank account (ACH) transactions only. You can set up your own login/password and make changes with your giving at any time.



**MEMORIAL FUND...** *Please remember Custer Lutheran Fellowship when deciding where to donate memorial funds.* **Memorial Fund Ideas:** Bibles (NRSV & Spark Bibles), Outdoor Landscaping, Discretionary Fund to help local people in need, Tinting/covering for sanctuary windows, Hand Bells. **Recent Memorials** have been given for John Mooney, Sherri Timperley, and Wanda McClanahan.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Nursery and Sound System on Sunday mornings. Both positions involve one Sunday a month at either the early or late service. In addition to managing the sound board, the sound system includes running the PowerPoint and recording the sermon. Don’t worry . . . we will train you!! If you are interested in helping with these two areas or have questions, please contact the church office.

**2019 BUDGET THRU FEBRUARY 2019**

	Jan-Feb 2019	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offering Contributions	50,694	61,000
Special Offerings	1,761	767
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>52,455</u>	<u>61,767</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Pastoral Leadership	15,591	15,743
Worship	2,619	2,685
Education	1,628	1,982
Mission Support	6,398	6,398
Support/Care	<u>29,877</u>	<u>29,728</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>56,113</u>	<u>56,536</u>

**Rent-A-RAP Work Force...**

An eager work force consists of teens from our youth group. We are available to help with work such as babysitting, light yard or house work, moving furniture, errands, dog walking, or pet sitting. We are willing to help you for a donation in the amount of your choice to go towards our trips and activities. We appreciate your support and hope we can help you out!

If you would like to talk to us about doing one of these jobs or something similar, contact Tim or Tammy Wicks at 673-1223 or 673-5180.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE...**

This program is a mid-week faith recharge for your family. Our weekly schedule:

**SPARK Kids** from 4:00 to 5:15 PM  
**Family Meal** from 5:15 to 6:00 PM  
**Worship** from 6:00 to 6:30 PM  
**Confirmation** from 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
**Choir Practice** at 6:30 or 7:00 PM  
**RAP Group** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

**Wednesday meals for April are:**

**April 3rd** — Soup Supper  
**April 10th** — Soup Supper  
**April 17th** — Holy Week—No Wednesday Night Life  
**April 24th** — Potluck Supper

**Wednesday Worship for the month of April:**

**April 3rd** — Evening Prayer  
**April 10th** — Evening Prayer  
**April 17th** — Holy Week—No Wednesday Night Life  
**April 24th** — Worship

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!

**RAP GROUP NEWS...**

RAP Group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We are making plans for this spring on our way to summer, with a couple of fun activities between our wood splitting dates. A trip to Watiki in March was fantastic! A pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held on Easter Sunday. We are not planning a big trip this year, but will do local service projects, trips, and perhaps an overnight activity.

We are interested again in beginning our Rent-a-RAP program. If you are interested in having some chores done for a reasonable price, we will be glad to help. (See article on page 6.)

Our biggest fund raiser is providing wood for campfires. We have a lot of splitting to do and are asking for some help. If you are interested in lending us a wood splitter, with or without an operator, let us know. The more wood splitters we have, the better.

Please contact Tim or Tammy Wicks at 673-1223 or 673-5180.

**SPARK KIDS...**

In our Fifth Year of SPARK Kids, we have over 40 children registered! Wow! Every Wednesday afternoon, children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at school and transported to church. Our time together goes fast! We have a wide variety of learning activities including snacks, Bible stories, games, arts and crafts, and more. This spring, we will explore Bible stories using a new curriculum based on The SPARK Kids multi-age classroom. The program concludes each Wednesday at 5:15 PM. The children and their families are invited to join us for a meal followed by worship. We are done by 6:30 PM.

There is NO cost for this program. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome. All children need to be registered by their parents in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the church office. It is never too late to register! The themes and Bible stories for April are as follows:

- ✦ April 3 — *"The Last Supper"* -Matthew 26:17-30
- ✦ April 10 — *"Christ the King"* - Matthew 27, Mark 15
- ✦ April 17 — Holy Week—No Wednesday Night Life
- ✦ April 24 — *"The Great Commission"* - Matthew 28:16-20

With this many children registered, we could use more adult assistants and drivers. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact the church office.

## CONFIRMATION DURING LENT

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Pastor Pam will be meeting with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class after the 10:30 AM worship on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a quick lunch at noon, then review your Faith Statements and Summaries. We will also be talking about your Faith Boards. *This is a mandatory meeting.* Please talk to Pastor Pam if you have questions.

All 8th grade students are required to meet individually with Pastor Pam for a brief 15-minute discussion prior to May 1st. Email, call, or text her to schedule.

**Holy Week Journal** – A reminder that ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS must complete a Holy Week Journal at least once during the three-year confirmation program. The journal may be completed at any church, not only at CLF. It includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The journals will be available on March 31<sup>st</sup> so that you can take one with you if you will be traveling during Holy Week. Please talk to Pastor Pam with questions.

## SAVE THE DATE—RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Confirmation will be on May 5th at a combined service at 10:00 AM. Come celebrate with our class of 12 confirmands.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—CONTACT US!

A special Graduation Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 18, for all 2019 high school graduates who are members of CLF. We want to celebrate with your graduate and your family. We want to be sure we are aware of all who are graduating and that we have their names spelled correctly. Please let the office know if your child will be graduating this year. Email [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net).



## PARISH NURSE NEWS...

I was very happy this past month that so many took an interest in monitoring their blood pressures. While visiting with those who stopped by, there were a number of questions on what is “normal blood pressure”. **Let’s all learn the scoop on Blood Pressure control.** Recent changes lowered the level of what is considered “High Blood Pressure”. In the past you were considered to have high BP if the reading was over 140/90. It has now been found **that reducing the standard to 130/80** will result in addressing the dangers of high blood pressure sooner to get an earlier start in treatment.

I know that many of us do not want to have to take a medication. There are steps that can and should be initiated first. How can we have some control over our blood pressure? First, if it’s possible, work on trying to lose weight. Even 10 lbs. can make a difference! Also, while trying to lose weight, increase your activity in a slow, steady manner, if it’s okay with your doctor. Second, watch what you eat. Salt is well known to increase blood pressure. Put the salt shaker away and start looking at labels. Many processed, boxed & frozen foods have high levels of salt. Also, when dining out there are higher levels of salt. Some restaurants now give this information on the menu. Of course, the best diet always stresses vegetables, especially green and other deep-colored vegetables, whole grains and lean meats.

Something doctors are encouraging is to purchase a personal blood pressure monitoring device. There are several different types, so find what will be easiest for you. Make sure you are using it correctly. Keep a log of your results (most will store this information) to share with your doctor. Often times when blood pressure is taken at a doctor’s visit, our blood pressure may be abnormally high, simply because we usually have some amount of stress being there. You probably have heard of “White Coat Syndrome”. Another one of the easiest ways to monitor your blood pressure is to visit with me on the third Sunday each month and I will keep track of it as well. I can also answer more questions you may have.

Healthy Body, Healthy Life,  
Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse



## SNOWBIRDS

This photo was taken on March 12, when 17 of the CLF group gathered at the home of DeMaris and Erv Nesheim in Mesa, Arizona.



## SUMMER CAMP—LUTHERANS OUTDOORS 2ND EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS APRIL 15

Come—enjoy a week of fun, faith-growth, and making new friends at camp this summer. Register soon to make sure you get into the week you want. We hope to see you at NeSoDak, Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, or Joy Ranch soon! Week-long programs for 3rd through high school: try Youth camp for 3rd—6th, Adventures, Servant Camps, Peer Ministry for high school, or Family Camp. Register at [www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org). For more information, talk to Pastor Pam or Mary.



## OUTLAW RANCH RETREATS IN APRIL & MAY

### WOMEN'S RETREAT—APRIL 5-7, 2019

Friday 7:00 PM to Sunday 11:00 AM

Come to Outlaw for a weekend to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and explore ideas and conversation together. Pastor Heidi Binstock, from Westside Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, will be the Resource Leader. Give yourself the gift of time and renewal in this holy place.

Call Outlaw Ranch at 673-4040 for more information. Register at <https://www.losd.org/events-and-retreats>

### ELEMENTARY ADVENTURE DAY—SUNDAY, APRIL 28—1:30 TO 6:30 PM

For Kindergarten to 6th grade plus adults. Bring yourself and a friend to an afternoon of fun at camp. Games, worship, singing, crafts, hiking, hayrides, campfire, s'mores, and supper will provide you with a fun introduction to Outlaw Ranch and some ideas about what kind of camp you would like to go to in the summer. Youth \$17, adults \$13. Register by April 22.

**PASSIONATE QUILTERS—MAY 3-6, 2019**—Friday 2:00 PM to Sunday or Monday 2:00 PM.

## COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2019

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report**—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. The current income is at 83% of budget. Given the extenuating circumstances, Christie moved that the council delay one-time budgeted expenditures until cash flow warrants expenditure as defined by finance committee. This was seconded and approved. (M/S/A) The Finance Review Committee had not met during the previous month. The council recommended that the office manager provide follow-up on the recommended changes to the long distance plan.

### Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—\$1,457 received in March—\$1,651 for the year to date.
- ✦ **Amazon Smile**—Received in February for Oct.-Dec. 2018: \$9.94
- ✦ **Background Checks**—Background checks are nearly complete.
- ✦ **Ice Dams**—Church and Parsonage—A permanent solution to the ice dam on the east side of the church is needed and may include some re-roofing. Removal of the accumulated moisture is needed in the meantime. Gene Fennell and Property Committee will deal with this. David Pickford was able to eliminate an ice dam in the parsonage, which has not reoccurred.

### New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Three deaths have occurred recently—John Mooney, Sherri Timperley, and Elaine Alt.
- ✦ **Synod Covenant of Conduct**— The SD Synod provided a guideline to the Council members to assist in the communications between congregation and council in a democratic fashion.
- ✦ **Transformation Ministry Team Action**—Laura reported the introduction of a prayer board to be used throughout the week during the various CLF gatherings as a means of uniting the spirit of the congregation.

**Reflections on Mission and Ministry**—Pastor Pam reported she has been quite busy lately as there have been 5 deaths, 4 funerals, and a wedding. She has also proceeded with the Acts Bible studies which pursues the concept of the Holy Spirit working through our daily lives.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Endowment**—Liz K. reported that funding has been provided to the Lifeways program — a program for youth counseling.
- ✦ **Health Ministry**—Dave P. reported a new display focusing on healthy exercise programs, etc., will be put up in the narthex by April.
- ✦ **Property**—Gene F. noted that the acoustic tiles for the Down Under will be installed soon.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**—The next meeting will be held at the nursing home on March 25.

The next council meeting will be April 23, 2019, at 7:00 PM.



## THANK YOU TO MUSICIANS...

I would like to thank those who serve as accompanists with me. Thank you to Becky Black, Cozy Dorton, Jennifer Doyle and Carol Torgerson, who help make our services complete. I could not do this myself. I do so appreciate and thank you .

I also thank the people who play other instruments: Anna Riner, Bob Timperley, Keith Burden, Casey Trandem, Anna Pickford, Richard Tucker, Camille Riner, Matt Rusch, MacKenzie Laverick, Anna Marie Riner, Bill Tretheway, Mary Stutz, and Outlaw Ranch musicians. We are very fortunate to have special music by the choir and all the people who bring their music to our services. How blessed we are that all give their talents in praise to our Lord.

THANK YOU! — Margaret Tretheway

## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### 4 Lent

Thursday, March 28: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5  
 Friday, March 29: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15  
 Saturday, March 30: Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10  
 Sunday, March 31: Psalm 32; Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
 Monday, April 1 : Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8  
 Tuesday, April 2 : Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10  
 Wednesday, April 3 : Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17

### 5 Lent

Thursday, April 4: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24  
 Friday, April 5: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25—3:1  
 Saturday, April 6: Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57  
 Sunday, April 7: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8  
 Monday, April 8: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25  
 Tuesday, April 8: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28  
 Wednesday, April 10: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34

### Passion/Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 11: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9  
 Friday, April 12: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18  
 Saturday, April 13: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13  
 Sunday, April 14: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56  
 Monday, April 15: Psalm 36:5-11; Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11  
 Tuesday, April 16: Psalm 71:1-14; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36  
 Wednesday, April 17: Psalm 70; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

### Easter

Thursday, April 18: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
 Friday, April 19: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42  
 Saturday, April 20: Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18  
 Sunday, April 21: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-15; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
 Or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18  
 Monday, April 22: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
 Tuesday, April 23: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a  
 Wednesday, April 24: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12

### 2 Easter

Thursday, April 25: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16  
 Friday, April 26: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26  
 Saturday, April 27: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40  
 Sunday, April 28: Psalm 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31  
 Monday, April 29: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20  
 Tuesday, April 30: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11  
 Wednesday, May 1 :



## SOCIAL MINISTRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST DONATIONS

Thank you to all who came to visit and enjoy the pancake breakfast provided by the Social Ministry Team on February 24th. Your donations are very much appreciated. We were able to provide \$352.50 to Pine Ridge Hail Damage Recovery and \$352.50 to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. What loving support you have provided for those in need!





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## **Custer Lutheran Fellowship**

**Our Mission ...** is to plant the word of God, nurture growth in children and adults, and scatter the seeds of joy and faith in a diverse community.

**We envision Custer Lutheran Fellowship** to be like the Black Hills themselves, an inviting community in which God's Spirit blows through people – like wind through the pine – life that is forever new! God's spirit inspires us to be:

A **worshipping** community, hearing the life-giving Word of God receiving Christ's very presence in the Sacraments, and raising our voices in joyful songs of praise and prayer;

A **growing** community, with building and grounds spacious enough for all;

An **intergenerational** community, nurturing children and youth, young adults, people in mid-life, and older people as one family of God;

A **learning** community, in which people of all ages take advantage of multiple opportunities to deepen their understanding of the grace and justice of God;

A **giving** community, generously offering our time, talent and treasure to support each other and share in Christ's ministry;

A **servicing** community, reaching beyond ourselves to stand with the poor, the sick, the hungry and the oppressed;

A **witnessing** community, eager to share with everyone the joy we have received from Christ.

***We believe in the Cross and our risen Lord and that through Christ we have eternal life***

### **Our Bedrock Beliefs are...**

We grow in faith through worship and sacraments

The Word of God is our hope, Support comes from within our family of believers who see and serve Jesus in others

Through prayer we evoke God's love and power as the Spirit intercedes for us "with sighs too deep for words to express"

In crisis God is our strength. He is all loving and accepting and He helps us through these times.

We have faith only through God's grace.

### **Our Core Values are:**

*Faith, Family, Mission,  
 Service, Worship*



### **Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship**

Pastor: Pamela Power  
 Office Manager: Mary Stutz  
 Office Assistant: Sara Janson  
 Parish Nurse: Mary Klein  
 Custodian: Augie Heyne  
 Music: Margaret Tretheway  
 Choir Director: Marlene Sellevold  
 Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**