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CHURCH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Due to continuing concerns over the COVID-19 virus, and in consultation with the Bishop's office, the CLF Church Council has voted to continue the postponement of all activities at the church through April 30th. This includes all worship services, meetings, Bible studies, and youth activities.

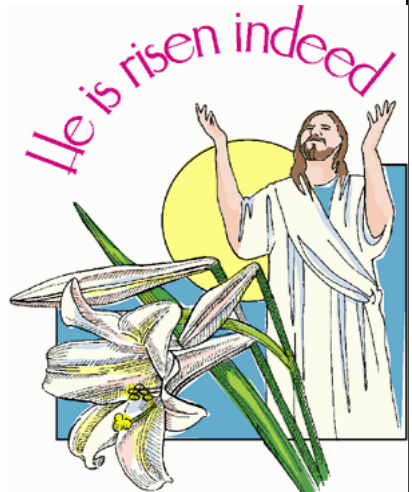
Please know this has not been an easy decision. We are heartbroken that we cannot gather for worship during Holy Week and celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is because of faith in our risen Savior, and our love for each other, that our concern for the most vulnerable among us leads us to make this decision.

We will re-evaluate the virus situation through April and make decisions through the month as the situation changes. The COVID-19 virus has not arrived in Custer at this point, but we are preparing for it to affect us here. We encourage everyone to be safe, wash your hands often, and practice social distancing. By doing these things, we will minimize the virus's effects here in our community.

We will continue to offer worship on Sundays online as we are able. I will also be offering videos on Wednesdays with the Lenten themes. Worship will be offered online for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well. Wednesday videos will continue after Easter. Check Facebook and YouTube for worship and videos. Search for Custer Lutheran on YouTube. Subscribe to our channel to be updated when new videos are added.

Keep each other in prayer as we continue this unexpected journey together. Continue to reach out to each other to check in. And let me know if you or someone else in the congregation is in need of care.

Blessings and peace, Pastor Pam



EASTER



LENTEN SEASON OFFERING—HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN

“On the **mountain** of the Lord it will be provided.” Genesis 22:14

Even though we are not currently having services, we can continue to build a “mountain” at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God’s work in our community, will be collected. The items may not be distributed until after any quarantine periods are over, but you can continue to donate if you wish. Here are some suggested items needed:

- **The Storehouse** – peanut butter, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, food with protein, and toilet paper.
- **W.E.A.V.E.** – toilet paper, paper towels, canned food, personal hygiene items.
- **Pine Ridge Diaper Drive** – disposable diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6 (and some 4s).
- **Battle Mountain Humane Society** – Purina dog chow, Purina indoor cat chow, Pine Sol, bleach, monetary donations for vet bills, and old towels and blankets (without stuffing).
- **Operation Black Hills Cabin** – inexpensive small items for gift bags that will be given to women, men, girls and boys visiting the Cabin. Examples include: patriotic themed items, Black Hills themed items, ball caps, small toys and activity books for children, and bandanas. Donated items are stored in an outdoor shed—please avoid anything subject to heat damage. Also avoid sized items, like t-shirts, as volunteers putting gift bags together won’t know family sizes; also avoid markers and stickers.

EARTH DAY 2020 IS APRIL 22

We will be recognizing Earth Day at some time this spring or summer. Something to consider is, Americans use over 100 billion plastic bags each year. More than 500 billion are used worldwide. Of that amount, approximately 4 billion plastic bags become litter. The average reusable bag has a lifespan of more than 700 plastic bags and the average person uses between 350 to 500 plastic bags a year.

The Social Ministry Team has a surprise for us that you’ll hear about when we can celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.
Stay tuned!



POSTPONED EVENTS AT CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

The following have been postponed for all of April:

All Worship Services
Yoga classes
W/ELCA Events, including Quilting
SPARK Kids
Soup Suppers
Confirmation
Choir Practice
RAP Group
Thursday Men’s Breakfast
Thursday Christian Book Study
Thursday Women’s Bible Study
Saturday Men’s Breakfast

PINE RIDGE DONATION

Pastor Karen Ressel, director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, received a check for \$333.50 designated for the work of the Lutheran Lakota Job Corps. Thanks to all for this wonderful donation from the Pancake Breakfast held in February.





Romans 8:31-35, 38-39 is my favorite passage in the entire Bible.



³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Any time in my life when I've struggled, faced uncertainty, or was afraid, this is where I turned. It is a constant reminder that no matter what is going on, Jesus is walking through it with me. It's a reminder that I never have to walk through any of life's turbulent times alone.

Right now, I think we all need a reminder that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, not even the COVID-19 virus. Not even all the social distancing we are practicing. Not even the anxiety and isolation and fear surrounding this time of uncertainty.

Our lives feel like they've been turned upside down in many ways. Some of us are even having a hard time keeping track of what day of the week it is! With children at home from school, many people having to work from home, and all the "normal" things that we do every day put on hold, many of us are feeling unsettled.

The good news even in this time is that Jesus is risen! Easter is at hand! The tomb is empty! Even though we cannot physically gather together in the church sanctuary to worship on Easter morning, we will gather online. We will gather in different ways to celebrate our risen Savior, but we will celebrate.

This Easter and the next weeks and even months will be different. But even in the midst of this time of anxiety and uncertainty, Jesus is still our risen Savior. Nothing can change that. Not death, nor life, nor viruses, nor social isolation. Nothing. Jesus is and always will be our Lord. And nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Continue to support and pray for each other. Continue to join us online for worship. And continue to trust and hope in our risen Savior. Together, and with Christ's presence, we will get through this unsettling time.

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. 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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WHEN THIS IS OVER . . .

When this is over,
may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with Neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

CUSTER MEET & EAT

Custer Community Meet & Eat has been **CANCELLED** until further notice. We will let you know when the suppers are starting up again.

BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE SPRING ASSEMBLY

This yearly conference, originally scheduled for March 29 at Woyatan Lutheran Church, has been **CANCELLED**.

CLF ENDOWMENT

The CLF Endowment Committee is grateful to announce an anonymous donation of \$10,000 in February towards developing the CLF General Mission Endowment Fund. Distributions from the General Mission Endowment Fund, once funded to \$50,000, support scholarships, leadership training, and programs that enable the congregation to grow in Christian faith and service; outreach to the larger community and missions of the ELCA at home or overseas. For endowment information, or to help develop this fund, contact the Endowment Committee.



WENDI'S MISSION TRIP

The day before I was to begin my mission trip to work at the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Jamaica, it was called off due to the concerns of traveling with the Coronavirus. I was very disappointed not to have this experience after so much planning and fundraising. Words cannot express how much love and support I felt from you as a church family rallying to send me. It has been so wonderful to be lifted up in this way. The group is planning to reschedule the mission trip, but they do not have a lot of details at this time. So much of life right now cannot be planned as we all wait and see what will unfold in the future. It is a reminder that we may not know what tomorrow holds, but we do know Who holds tomorrow. So we will leave it in God's hands.

Blessed by you! — Wendi Rusch



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!



THERE IS NO SCHEDULED MEETING AT THIS TIME.



All of us women want to say "Hi" and bring greetings from W/ELCA. We thought our lovely hats might bring a smile to your face!

We will let you know when programs will begin again.

Future events for W/ELCA include the following:

- The Bear Butte Conference W/ELCA Spring Gathering, previously scheduled for Saturday, April 25, has been **CANCELLED**.
- The **W/ELCA Auction of Talents** is **POSTPONED**. We look forward to all the fun at another time!
- **Quilting** is **ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**.

Bingo at Custer Senior Care This gathering at Custer Senior Care is **ON HOLD FOR NOW**. We will let you know when it resumes. Any questions, please call Arbutus Winter, 673-5283.

**April—June Mission Project:
W.E.A.V.E.**



- *Paper products (tissues, toilet paper)
- *Shampoo, soaps, lotions
- *Feminine products
- *Laundry soap



You may drop items off at the church.





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

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the May Newsletter to the office by April 18th. Thank you!

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.



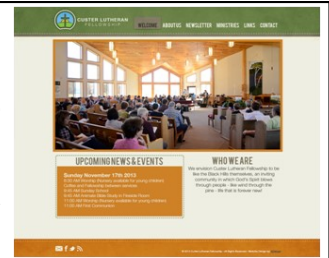
OFFICE HOURS.....

In April, the church office is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

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

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

On Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s website, 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.



LET’S GET NOISY!

The January through March “*Noisy Offering*” totaled \$275. January through April 2020 offerings will be sent to Lutheran World Relief designated for Syrian/Middle Eastern refugee children to support Syrian families fleeing conflict. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!



2020 BUDGET THRU FEB. 29

	Feb 29, 2020	Budget
Income		
Offering Contributions	71,185	57,984
Non-restricted Special Donation	4,090	578
Interest	141	0
Total Income	75,416	58,562
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	14,589	17,458
Worship	2,249	2,707
Education	1,411	2,046
Mission Support	6,415	6,415
Support/Care	24,914	28,626
Total Expenses	49,578	57,252
Net Ordinary Income	25,838	1,310

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that brought the delicious meals to our home. The cards that were sent and personal phone calls made this surgery journey much easier. We feel that these visits from CLF members we can now call our friends, have truly become a blessing to us.

Sincerely, Steve and Susan Wood

YARN FOR ST. DYSMAS



The knitters in the South Dakota State Penitentiary are in need of yarn. They knit hats that are distributed to various shelters and places that serve people in need. If you have yarn to donate, you can drop it off at CLF. Thank you for your generosity!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE!

All Wednesday activities will not take place during the month of April.

SPARK KIDS— IS NOT HELD WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

At SPARK this winter, we have enjoyed our time learning and growing together! Each week, we talk about a different Bible Story and apply the lesson to our lives. The kids make great connections to loving others as well as bullying, divorce, and death. The snack is always a highlight and they look forward to the crafts and games. Check out CLF's Facebook page for more pictures.



We will miss you this month.

We hope to see you in May!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Many things have changed in our church and community and by the time you read this, I expect even more changes. What we can best do is, as the CDC and other outlets say, **wash your hands and give yourself space**. When I worked in the hospital, I can't even count how many times a day we washed our hands. **It is your best defense!**

February 29th our **Health Ministry Team had a demonstration of the use of our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)**. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to appreciate the information shared by the Custer Ambulance crew. They were very helpful, running the machine through several times, so everyone could see that it is **very easy to use. The machine gives step-by-step instructions and will only discharge the defibrillator if it is necessary.** It will not work if the heart rhythm does not call for defibrillation. The AED is kept near the coat rack on the wall near the kitchen. I also am leaving my blood pressure kit by it, in case it may be necessary. It works like a blood pressure machine you can get for home use. Please put back after use. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Healthy body, healthy soul,
Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse



AED & CPR TRAINING

If you missed the AED training in February, and are interested in learning about using an AED, note that CPR and AED classes are offered periodically by the Custer Ambulance Service. Contact them at 673-3334. Also, Cozy Dorton took a video of the presentation of how to use an AED and some of the questions and answers. If you would like to see the video that Cozy recorded, contact Cozy at 673-4974.

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

I believe during this time of less socializing and perhaps having no church services, we do need to remember, **we are social beings**. Do not lose touch with friends, neighbors and families. If you are feeling isolated, they probably are as well. **Keep an eye out for your neighbors**, especially the elderly, who will probably be afraid to venture out. Keeping in contact with several people you feel close to, even joining for a meal or visit, is okay. Be sure you know they haven't had contact with anyone infected or have traveled. **Being conscious of your personal space is still prudent, and use good hygiene.** We also need to keep ourselves busy with hobbies we love, get out for exercise and eat well. **We all pray for our community to get through this in the best possible way.**

Healthy spirit, healthy life,
Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

WHY DO WE CONFIRM OUR YOUTH?

I believe it's important for everyone in a faith community to understand why we confirm our youth, even if you don't have anyone in your family who is involved in the confirmation ministry. That is because confirmation involves the entire faith community, not just an individual or a family.

Confirmation is for youth in Grades 6 to 8. It is a time when youth are really beginning to question everything – especially the things that their parents tell them! They are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe apart from what their parents and grandparents have told them they should believe. So, confirmation classes are not so much about learning Bible stories. They're about digging deeper into some of those stories and how they apply to our lives today. We struggle with some of the questions that those in the Bible struggled with – “Who is God?” “Does God even exist?” “What does it mean to believe?”

On May 10th, ten of our 8th graders will be confirmed (barring any delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic!). In 8th grade, students dig even further into deeper questions of faith, such as “What is evil?” “Does God need my help in the world?” “What is the point of prayer?” We spend time talking about what is going on in their lives, too, and where God and faith fits into all of those things.

In baptism, our parents, sponsors, and the congregation make promises for us: to help us live among God's faithful people, to bring us to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach us the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in our hands the Holy Scriptures, and to nurture us in faith and prayer, so that we may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

During the confirmation rite on May 10th, the youth will claim these promise for themselves. The three years of confirmation began to prepare them to begin to live out these baptismal promises. Confirmation is not graduation, though! We work to live out these promises throughout our entire lives.

There are times, though, when a young person is not ready to be confirmed. They may not be ready to make those promises, or are still working through what they truly believe. And that's ok! I tell the youth that their confirmation is about standing in front of the congregation and promising to continue to work on their faith and try to live out all those promises. We will never do them perfectly, but we will try. If a student does not feel ready, I will not force them. I assure them that God still loves them, we as a faith community still love them, they are still part of our community and we want them to be part of worship and RAP group and continue to be part of our church family.

Keep all of our youth in your prayers as they continue to live and grow and question their faith. Let us be examples of what it means to question and grow, yet still live as part of our community of faith. We are all in this faith journey together!

If you ever have questions about confirmation, please contact me.

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

RAP GROUP

Neiman Lumber donated a load of logs to us and delivered it on March 12. They have told me to make this an annual arrangement and to call them at the beginning of each year for future deliveries. Consequently, we have a lot of logs that need to be cut before we can split them. Anyone with a desire to dust off their chainsaw and test it out, is welcome to cut some wood.

I was hoping we would have news regarding a joint summer trip at the end of July with Calvary Lutheran Church, but they were forced to cancel the trip due to lack of interest. Tammy and I will work on a trip for this summer.

At our last RAP Group meeting several weeks ago, we decided to sit outside by the fire where we hold our outdoor services. This is something we will continue when we have nice weather.



COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2020

Treasurer's Report—Joy reviewed the offering/attendance trends. By pro-rating a few full-year contributions to an annual basis, she determined that CLF year-to-date contributions have been \$54,519, which is 6% under budget year-to-date. This is an improvement over last year's 17% under budget. Insurance will be put up for bids, which should be available by the April meeting. There was council discussion about keeping an eye on the congregation's finances at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—\$134 received in February, \$410 received in March—YTD \$544.
- ✦ **Amazon Smile**—\$8.66 received for 4th quarter 2019.
- ✦ **Sanctuary Exit Door**—Gene Fennell and Elmer Smolnisky are currently working on this.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Robert & Kathy Hales transferred in from St. John American Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Seven people have signed up for the new membership class.
- ✦ **Confirmation**—Eleven students are in the class. Ten have decided to be confirmed. They are currently working on confirmation projects.
- ✦ **Coronavirus plan**—After discussion of the impact of the virus, Scot moved, Sam seconded, that “All services on March 22, 25, 29, and April 1 and church-related activities will be cancelled.” This motion was approved by the council with regrouping and determination of further action around March 31. Pastor Pam anticipated that some service parts could be videoed and added to Facebook and YouTube. Lysol has been used on commonly touched areas. All pews will be disinfected. Any funerals will be held without meals and with guidelines for number attending. Pastor Pam introduced the concept of developing a pandemic preparedness team. Office staff hours were discussed and it was determined that the current hours should be continued.
- ✦ **Renew CLF policies on Background Checks and Sexual Harassment**—Laura moved, Scot seconded that “the CLF Council has reviewed and re-approved the Employment and Volunteer Policy for Custer Lutheran Fellowship for 2020. Dave moved that “the CLF Volunteer Application be required annually”, and to add to the application “if conditions change, notify the pastor.” This motion passed.
- ✦ **Prison Congregations of America**—It is not currently possible to contact this organization. Following Pastor Pam's recommendation, Liz moved, Jackie seconded that St. Dymas, the Lutheran penitentiary congregation in Sioux Falls, be given the allocation previously given to PCA. This motion was approved.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Changes in ministry practices and ways of connecting with people were discussed.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Endowment**—A newsletter article regarding how endowments assist the congregation is in the works.
- ✦ **Evangelism**—Group is developing a number of items for congregational usage.
- ✦ **Property**—No major mold has been discovered in the repairing of areas of concern. The burn pile was burnt up 50% and the rest will be dispersed. Consideration of adding gravel to the road to the Outdoor Worship site was noted.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**—Building a Mountain for Lent is currently on hold with the virus precautions.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**—Cancellation of events has included not meeting with the members at the nursing home.
- ✦ **Worship & Music**—is working on online worship options.

The next council meeting is April 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

NEWS FROM LUTHERANS OUTDOORS

The Covid-19 pandemic has created uncertain times for our beloved outdoor ministry organization. We've made the tough decision to close our doors for the time being, and we are following local, state, and federal guidelines in order to make our best effort to do what we can to prevent the spread of this illness to our beloved guests and friends.

Lutherans Outdoors is a life-changing place filled with many called and committed staff who continue to plan and care for the ministry that happens each and every day. And we need your help.

Here's a unique way to do so, if you are able, and we are incredibly grateful for the support:

From now through June 30, 2020, Thrivent Financial will be providing an extra \$1 for every \$2 donated for the first \$1 million in donations made through www.LiveGenerously.com

Lutherans Outdoors is an eligible organization for this match. Please contact the LO Administrative Office at 605-274-5326 if you need assistance in making a donation through Thrivent Financial.

These dollars will be critical to help us sustain this ministry and to care for the place, the people, the animals, and ultimately, the programs that will continue to change and shape lives in the near future. We thank you for any amount of consideration.

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

5 Lent

Thursday, March 26: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
 Friday, March 27: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
 Saturday, March 28: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
 Sunday, March 29: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
 Monday, March 30: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
 Tuesday, March 31: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
 Wednesday, April 1: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33



Passion/Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
 Friday, April 3: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
 Saturday, April 4: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34
 Sunday, April 5: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
 Monday, April 6: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11
 Tuesday, April 7: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17
 Wednesday, April 8: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday

Thursday, April 9: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-4[5-10] 11-14; Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 Friday, April 10: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrew 10:16-25 or Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42
 Saturday, April 11: Romans 6:3-11; Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18
 Sunday, April 12: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43;
 Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18
 Monday, April 13: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11
 Tuesday, April 14: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17
 Wednesday, April 15: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10

2 Easter

Thursday, April 16: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5
 Friday, April 17: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9—6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Saturday, April 18: Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20
 Sunday, April 19: Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
 Monday, April 20: Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Tuesday, April 21: Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
 Wednesday, April 22: Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42

3 Easter

Thursday, April 23: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12
 Friday, April 24: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16
 Saturday, April 25: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14
 Sunday, April 26: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
 Monday, April 27: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25
 Tuesday, April 28: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32—9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3
 Wednesday, April 29: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

4 Easter

Thursday, April 30: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12
 Friday, May 1: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17
 Saturday, May 2: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7
 Sunday, May 3: Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
 Monday, May 4: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
 Tuesday, May 5: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
 Wednesday, May 6: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28





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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

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 Custodian: Augie Heyne
 Music: Margaret Tretheway
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