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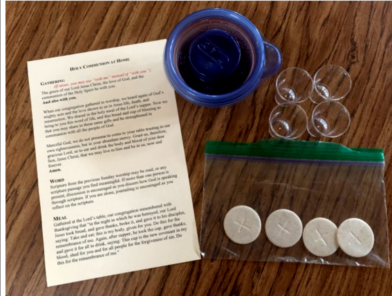
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## COMMUNION KITS FOR HOME...



Holy Communion is such an important part of our faith journey, and I know many of us are missing it during this time of COVID-19, including me! Because I don't feel it is safe yet to offer Communion in worship at this time, I have made up Communion Kits that you can pick up at church and take home with you. It is a gallon sized baggie with everything you need to have Communion at home. It has wafers, grape juice, disposable cups, and a sheet with the liturgy you can say alone, or with your family. All I ask is that you return the plastic container for the grape juice some time after you use it so that it can be re-used. And if you do not feel comfortable coming to church to pick up a kit, let me know and I can drop one off for you. I have always felt Holy Communion is so important in my faith life as a tangible reminder of God's love for me and for everyone. I am hoping we can all gain the comfort and hope revealed to us in this sacrament. Please call or email me with any questions. Blessings! Pastor Pam

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE CHANGES

Wednesday NightLife will certainly look different this Fall! The Church Council has decided that due to COVID-19, we will not have SPARK Kids or a meal in the Fall. We feel it would be too difficult – and risky – for our children to have them here for SPARK, and especially for a meal.

We will have worship on Wednesday evenings at **6:00 PM starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will also have **Confirmation and RAP Group at 6:30 PM** following worship. There will be no choir at this time as well. This was a difficult decision, and we know that it will be disappointing to many, but we feel it is important to continue to protect our children and all the staff and volunteers who help with these programs. We will continually re-evaluate, though, as we move through the Fall and will make changes if we feel it's appropriate to do so.

Thank you for your understanding! And see you in worship on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>!

## NEW! TECH TEAM



Pastor Pam is looking for tech savvy people to be on a new Tech Team. We will be looking at how to make CLF's online presence and community stronger and more vibrant. We will also be looking at potential equipment to improve our ministry. We are looking for those who are creative and able to help think of new ways to have online worship through more impactful videos, and other ways to connect with the community through social media.

We would love to have a variety of ages, too, so if you are in high school or college, we would love to have you on the team! Call or text 701-955-5282 or email [pam\\_clf@gwtc.net](mailto:pam_clf@gwtc.net) for more information and to be part of this ministry.

## WHO IS THE CHURCH?

Who is the Church? We are the church. The church is the people. Oh, how we miss our whole church worshipping and fellowshiping together. How do we keep our church family connected outside the building? Right now, while we cannot all gather, we need another way to be community....to continue being a caring community.

This unusual time of health risks and concerns continues to unfold; it even seems this could last longer than we anticipated. Custer Lutheran Fellowship continues to seek ways to provide worship and fellowship...even as things continue to change...and we learn more.

We are trying/working to develop a network beyond the present caring hands ministry—a church community beyond walls. We have so many caring people, and we also have those who would appreciate a caring contact; sometimes we are feeling both—the need to receive and the need to give.

Our wheels have been turning...what can be changed/done to connect our people more? We are the church. We care. We can do more. We know God is always at work and this seems important work as His hands and feet and now we are more aware...His ears and His shoulders here in His church.

Some ideas considered so far:

- ⇒ making telephone calls
- ⇒ mailing cards
- ⇒ providing something on a special day or event
- ⇒ sharing a scripture or the day's devotion
- ⇒ remembering a difficult day with someone
- ⇒ setting up an outdoor meeting connection
- ⇒ praying with or for someone
- ⇒ utilizing technology: Facetime visits, Zoom visits or Google Duo visits
- ⇒ sending email(s)
- ⇒ working to help someone worship who is without technology
- ⇒ making a plan to help someone with special needs
- ⇒ setting up a plan for a specific person's care
- ⇒ your ideas?

You can see, ideas come easily as we work to care for one another. We are asking each person to consider your best way or ways to be part of this church outside the walls...part of receiving and part of giving (not one or the other); we know we can be in need of both.

Should we have small groups? Should we consider connecting with neighbors? And, let's consider—who is our neighbor anyway? Are neighbors at a physical address? Are neighbors someone else not nearby? Who are neighbors in God's eyes? He will show us our neighbors in need, if we ask him.

Please consider these things, pray about them, and then contact us with your ideas for connecting with you so we can hear your ideas for how this "*church community beyond walls*" could best work. It seems we are called to use this unique time to be thoughtful and encourage God's people in a variety of ways. We are grateful for you.

We are ALL His people caring for ALL His people,

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I've been trying to get more physical activity lately, and I have loved going for walks in this beautiful area where we live. My son Matt will often go with me, but sometimes I go by myself. He and I recently went for a walk on the Mickelson Trail by the football field. That's where these pictures are from.

Sometimes these walks are more quiet and contemplative. Sometimes not. Especially when I'm with Matt! But that's OK, too, because we have great conversations on our walks. On this particular day, I had been feeling a lot of stress, as many of us are right now, from everything going on in our world, and all the division and anger that seems to be everywhere.

But as soon as I was surrounded by God's beautiful creation, I was able to let go of some of that stress and anxiety. Nature is an amazing healer, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. I know many of you know this deeply and enjoy the way nature rejuvenates and heals. It's so easy to be stuck in the anxiety of what is going on all around us that we forget to take a step back and realize that whatever is happening will not be forever. Everything changes, even creation. We see it throughout the year as leaves fall and snow comes, plants die or lose their leaves. But then Spring comes and everything flowers and grows back to life.



There have been many times in my life when I've felt like I was walking down an endless road with no end – and no hope – in sight. And it seemed like I would be stuck on it forever, with no way to get off. How many of us feel that way right now? Surrounded by COVID-19 and all the restrictions and worries that come with it, plus all the unrest and division in our country and around the world. Will there ever be an end to it? Will we ever live in a good, healthy, healed community and world?

God's answer is, "Yes, you will." But not only in the future, but you have it now. You and I might think, "Are you crazy! There is nothing good and healthy going on right now!" But God always sees the good and healthy and holy among us. Yes, it may seem like we are walking this endless path of anxiety and stress, but if we stop and look around, we will see the beauty and love surrounding us. Not only in nature, but in each other.

You and I are the ones who bring God's love and grace and beauty to each other. We are the ones God has called to point out God's love wherever and in whomever we meet. I am reminded of my favorite passage in the Bible, which we also heard in worship recently, where Paul says, "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (*Romans 8:39*) You and I are loved so much that nothing anywhere, anytime, anyplace will be able to separate us from God's love. That's pretty amazing!



I encourage all of us who are feeling weary from worry and feeling anxious about so many things, to do something to remind yourself that you are not alone. That this – whatever it is that is making you most anxious – will not last forever. And that you are surrounded by God's presence and God's love. An easy reminder is to look out your window at the beauty around you. Take a walk, go for a drive. Do it alone for some quiet time with God, or do it with someone and share what you are feeling, and encourage each other.

Be filled with the hope you have only in Jesus, our Lord, who is with you, who walks with you, and loves you more than you can imagine.

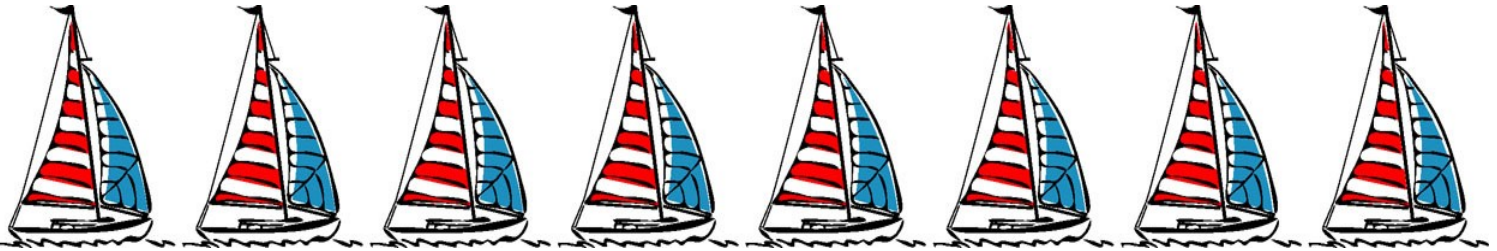
See you on the trails!  
Pastor Pam





## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will look differently this year, too! We will have **Orientation for youth and parents on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** after worship in the Sanctuary. Physical distancing and masks will be required. If you are not comfortable attending because of COVID-19, please let me know. I do not want anyone to do anything you are uncomfortable with. But if you want your youth to be involved in confirmation this year, I will need at least one parent or adult to come with them to orientation to learn what will be happening, and to fill out forms. Classes will not be split by grade as we usually do. We will all meet together in the Fellowship Hall for class beginning Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> with appropriate distancing and masks. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I want to make this confirmation year as fun and helpful as I can!



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

By now I'm sure I'm not the only one who is being affected by over 4 months of social distancing. Now I'm not saying I'm against it. I, along with a good number of people in our community are having issues with coping during this difficult time. We all long to get together with others and just be able to visit freely, without the fear of getting ill. Along with this, is the "social isolation" many of us are feeling. We have been trying to keep in touch with our Nursing Home residents and shut-ins, but what can we do to offer kindness, caring and the company of others? I know there has been some discussion about just that. Part of the problem is not knowing who we need to help through this difficult time and how to accomplish this. If anyone has ideas or who want to get involved in such an endeavor, let me know. This could be a very long winter, if it's true that we will still be fighting this virus for the rest of the year, until an effective vaccine is developed. We must all be strong for ourselves, our families and our community.

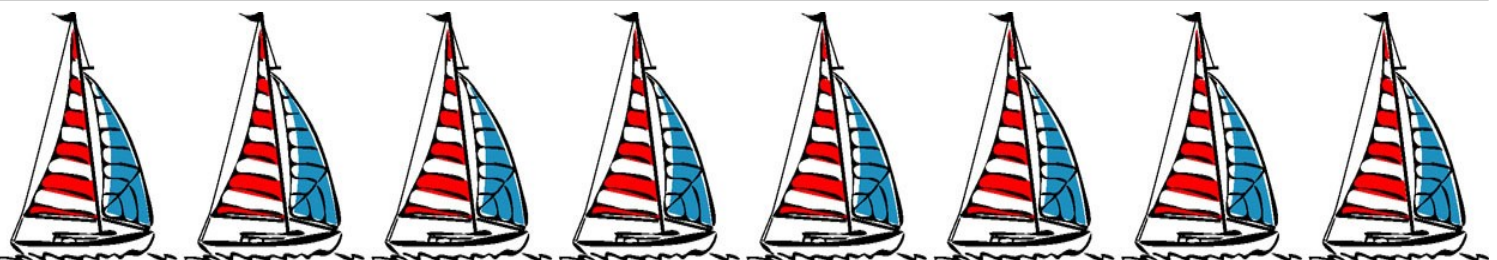
*Healthy body/ healthy soul*  
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



## MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

My husband & I recently replaced our old flooring in our 80 year old home. In the process of peeling off all the 7 decades of flooring, there was some newspaper stuffed in some areas. (Not sure why?) I found part of a Rapid City Journal, and learned and relived 1975. There were articles about the evacuation of Vietnam, Richard Nixon wiretapping, and other news of the day. On the last page was an article about Governor Kneip declaring May, Mental Health Month. I actually was quite surprised about the open discussion of the prevalence of Mental Illness and how to raise awareness. Fast forward to 2020 and we are still trying to raise awareness of the prevalence of Mental Illness. I will try to continue to discuss Mental Health in all of its forms, and look for ways to help those who live with Mental Illness every day.

*Healthy mind/ healthy life*  
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse





## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

*God's Work, Our Hands* (GWOH) Sunday may look a bit different this year as we continue to follow COVID-19 Guidelines. But there will be plenty of fun and meaningful ways for all of us to participate. The Social Ministry and Evangelism Teams are working on the following activities:



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

- ⇒ In the weeks leading up to GWOH Sunday, we will be assembling birthday bags for WEAVE residents. If you are interested in helping with this activity, let Barb Lewison know.
- ⇒ We will be doing our annual highway cleanup following the GWOH Sunday Service. Bring gloves and wear your masks!
- ⇒ Quilters will be focusing on GWOHs during their weekly (Tuesday morning) gatherings at the church. Much of their efforts will be towards making quilts that will eventually be donated to Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in helping with this activity, let Ginny Myers know.
- ⇒ Volunteers will be welcome to work at the Hospital Healing Garden during GWOH week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. Such volunteers would be asked to work independently with their own tools on their own schedule.
- ⇒ We will be writing cards to our military, nursing home members and anyone you feel could use a lift. Blank cards, if needed, will be provided in the Narthex in the weeks leading up to GWOH. Card writers are asked to complete this project at their homes. Cards are to be returned to CLF for a special blessing to occur on GWOH Sunday. On GWOH Sunday, we will be delivering fruit/veggie/snack trays (from Lynn's Dakotamart) and cards of appreciation to the Sheriff's Office, Monument Hospital, and Custer Ambulance. Cards of appreciation will also be sent to Search and Rescue and Volunteer Fire Dept.
- ⇒ On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will be delivering fruit/veggie/snack trays (from Lynn's) and cards of appreciation to the Custer schools.

### **Build-a-Mountain Lenten Offering Summary:**

As you might remember, Sunday services and our Build-a-Mountain, Lenten offerings were rudely interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, our congregation's generosity was NOT curtailed.

Your generous donations filled two classrooms! As COVID-19 parameters allowed, most of the offerings have been delivered to their respective destinations and have been received with much enthusiasm. Charitable organizations that we contributed to this year were: Battle Mountain Humane Society, Operation Black Hills Cabin, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive, W.E.A.V.E., and The Storehouse.

Your Social Ministry Team extends their appreciation to our caring congregation.

**CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..**

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

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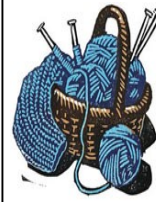
**OFFICE HOURS.....**

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

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

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have articles for the September Newsletter to the office by August 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 any time—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.

**"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS**

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **July to September issue** now here. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.

If you would like an issue, you can stop by the office to pick one up, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.

**PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:**

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

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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 673-4691 (church)

**2020 BUDGET THRU JUNE 30**

|                                 | June 2020      | Budget         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   |                |                |
| Offering Contributions          | 168,124        | 173,952        |
| Non-restricted Special Donation | 6,824          | 1,444          |
| Interest                        | 263            | 0              |
| <b>Total Income</b>             | <b>175,211</b> | <b>175,396</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                 |                |                |
| Pastoral Leadership             | 43,796         | 47,574         |
| Worship                         | 5,110          | 5,894          |
| Education                       | 3,349          | 7,233          |
| Mission Support                 | 20,220         | 20,883         |
| Support/Care                    | 69,727         | 92,703         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>           | <b>142,202</b> | <b>174,287</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>      | <b>33,009</b>  | <b>1,109</b>   |



## WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS...

As we return to indoor worship, we will keep following the format we have been using. We know our world has become a very different world but we pray for all of you that you know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

I keep remembering that God is gracious. Our trials and our blessings show us how much He loves us. Perhaps we can find some comfort in knowing that God is with us during this time. Music has helped me to worship God in both Spirit and truth. God created this whole music thing. It was His idea so therefore it was a good idea. He designed it to carry power and meaning to it. May it do the same for you, our dear friends. We continue to carry all of you who are going through sadness, sickness and grief and yes, joy also. You are not alone.

*Psalm 148:1, 2 and 5*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!*

*Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For He commanded and they were created*

We will keep you posted from month to month with changes that occur. In the meantime, please continue to pray for Pastor Pam and the Council as the adjustments and changes happen. Remember that God is everywhere and continue to join us either at church or on the broadcast.

If you have any music ideas please contact me at 673-2468 or 673-1470

Margaret Tretheway



## W/ELCA HAPPENINGS...

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**Hostesses:** E. J. Reid and Jackie Hartwick will serve a light dessert and coffee and iced tea.







Please take note that there will be no luncheon activity at the meeting.

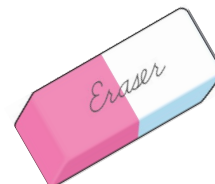
**Program:** We will discuss how to reconnect safely and responsibly as we look forward to and plan meetings and activities for the remainder of 2020.

- ⇒ Each meeting participant needs to wear a mask.
- ⇒ Please call or email Jackie Hartwick if you plan to attend the meeting. This will help us set up the proper number of tables and chairs. Phone: 673-2428. Email: [sdakotajackie@goldenwest.net](mailto:sdakotajackie@goldenwest.net)
- ⇒ We will look forward to seeing those of you who are comfortable attending the meeting. If you are not comfortable in group situations, please know that all that we discuss will be written in the September newsletter.
- ⇒ Remember to be safe and to count your blessings!! ~ Jackie

**QUILTING**—We will have Quilting in August. We feel the need to be together. It will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11AM. Bring your own snacks and beverage. We do take a break. See you then if you feel comfortable coming. Wear your mask. We do social distance. ~ Ginny

### August Mission Project: School Kits

-  notebooks of ruled paper
-  unsharpened pencils
-  Ruler with cm markings
-  pencil sharpener
-  Box of 24 crayons
-  2 ½ inch eraser



Your donations may be left in the Narthex.



## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK...

"Dear sibling in Christ of the SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! As we relish late summer, we are also reminded in various ways that colder temperatures are on its way. Usually that means we begin to settle in and look forward to fall and winter activities. This year will be different for us. Some of us, like my family, received already communication from the school district that the school year may look different than a year ago. For some this causes anxiety. Uncertainty is challenging. Even though I have never been a Boy Scout, I embrace the concept of always being prepared. It helps me to manage my anxiety, when I feel it coming on. I would like to use this opportunity to share with you how your synod staff prepares for the colder season ahead and how you in your ministry setting can prepare for Fall and Winter.

Realizing that many long to be back to in person worship, especially when temperatures begin to drop and outdoor worship is no longer a viable option, a task force prepared a contactless liturgy for congregational use. You can access the document by following the link at [sdsynod.org/covid19](https://sdsynod.org/covid19) under Worship Resources. Feel free to use it for Fall and Winter worship planning in your ministry setting. Please know that even though it is contactless, my primary recommendation is to not hold in-person worship. However, if your congregation is meeting in person, I continue to recommend wearing masks and maintaining at least 6-feet distance between non-household units. All other recommended and known preventive measures to prevent spreading the virus from one person to another are also recommended to be practiced.

These are trying times for all of us. Let us remember to be kind with each other, to create safe spaces where we respect and honor each other's needs and to model to the world around us that God's people are able to work together for the sake of community. As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns or if you would like me to join you and your leadership in discernment conversations of what God's up to in your community.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Constanze Hagmaier*  
*Bishop of the SD Synod*

## FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

It can be so easy for us to spend our energy on supporting the church, that we have nothing left over for the mission of the church. As Christians, we are called into discipleship, to follow Christ and invite others into that same journey. But as members or leaders of churches, we get tunnel vision about what is going to happen to "MY church." Have you ever gone through a church meeting, and realized you barely talked about the love of Jesus, or about what God wants us to do? That's what I'm talking about.

We need to constantly remind ourselves and our communities that the church is not ours, it is Christ's. In times of stress, we tend to turn inward, focusing on what WE need to keep going. But the Gospel does not need us, we need the Gospel. The whole point of the church is to tell us and the world that God loves us, no matter what.

I invite you as the South Dakota Synod, and as a congregation based on grace through Christ, to renew our focus on discipleship. Let's make sure we are making decisions out of faith and not fear, that we ground ourselves and our communities in scripture, that we are growing in relationship with God and inviting others to do the same. God is calling us, and thanks be to God that the Holy Spirit sweeps us into action!

## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic have thrust many of our neighbors into the sometimes confusing world of U.S. public assistance programs. ELCA World Hunger's newest set of one-page guides will help potential applicants in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., get started in applying for benefits they and their families may need:

- Unemployment insurance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Rental and housing resources from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Child care assistance (for most states)

Resources can be downloaded at <https://blogs.elca.org/worldhunger/covid-assistance/>.

## GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

### Building

- ♦ Worship space, bathrooms, door handles, etc. will be cleaned and disinfected between services
- ♦ Participants will enter the sanctuary through the right-hand door and go to their pew; exit worship through the left-hand door and then immediately out the double doors
- ♦ There will be no coffee, snacks, or fellowship time after worship
- ♦ Bathrooms – only two people may enter the bathrooms at a time
- ♦ All materials will be removed from the pews – Bibles, hymnals, envelopes, etc.
- ♦ No bulletins will be handed out
- ♦ Announcement and prayer sheets will be available to take as participants leave worship
- ♦ Hand sanitizer will be available at every entrance and outside the bathrooms

### Worship Service

- ♦ Everyone will sign up online at Eventbrite to let us know you will be coming to worship, and how many people will be with you; if you do not have access to the internet, call the church office
  - ◊ We will collect the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of all participants
- ♦ A church council member will verify this information as they enter worship
- ♦ This is done so we may contact anyone who may be exposed to COVID-19 at any point
- ♦ The Sign-In sheet must be returned to the church office after each worship service
  - ◊ It may be placed in the Office Manager's or Pastor's mailbox, or slipped under the door if there is no one in the office.
- ♦ All participants must wear a mask at all times while on the church property
- ♦ All participants must maintain a minimum 6 foot physical distance from each other / family group, and be mindful of the pews that are taped off
- ♦ Family groups may sit together if they have come to worship together
- ♦ There will be no handshaking, hugging, or any other physical contact
- ♦ There will be no "Passing of the Peace" during worship
- ♦ No communal singing
- ♦ Offering plates will be placed in the Narthex; participants will place offering in the plates as they exit worship
- ♦ Visitors will be welcomed as space is available, but they will be held to the same guidelines with masks and distancing
  - ◊ If the sanctuary is full, chairs will be set in the narthex at an appropriate physical distance
- ♦ The church council will be responsible for ensuring that these guidelines are followed for each worship service

### Volunteers working on the drainage problem in front of the church



Finished project!

## COVID-19 HASN'T STOPPED US!! ST DYSMAS MINISTRY ALIVE AND WELL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the ministry of St Dysmas of South Dakota continues to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ inside the walls of the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD and at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD. The SD Department of Corrections has very wisely stopped visitors and volunteers from entering the prisons but that has not stopped our ministry.

Pastor David and I produce a video worship service that is taken to each prison on a DVD every week which is then played on the prison's internal TV system. Inmates are not able to gather together in the chapel but they are able to watch the service on their TV in their cells.

Since we are not able to meet with inmates in person when they have had deaths in their families, we now visit with them by telephone. The men are very grateful for that.

I want you to know that although we are not allowed inside of the prison we are doing all we can from the outside to serve the men and your financial support is needed and greatly appreciated. My wife and I now worship together in our living room via Facebook Live with the congregation we belong to and we support them financially although we are not in the building. I know that many of you may be facing trying times but know that any amount you could send to support the powerful ministry happening in the midst of the pandemic is greatly appreciated. Despite of COVID-19 our ministry continues to touch the lives of men inside the prison walls. We may actually be reaching more men since the worship services are played on the inside TV systems. I'm asking that you prayerfully consider a financial gift and I thank all of you who have so faithfully supported St Dysmas over the years.

Peace,

Pastor Wayne Gallipo



Bill and Margaret Tretheway will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 1, 2020.

The children of the couple:

Michelle (Mike) Anderson of Rapid City, SD,  
and

Tania (Steve) Richmond of Marion, Iowa,  
along with their families, extend this invitation.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, there will be no celebratory get-together in person.

However, they encourage you to participate in a "drive -by" celebration at

Custer Lutheran Fellowship\*,

**Sunday afternoon, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5 PM.**

to extend your "Happy Anniversary!" wishes.

Those who cannot participate in the drive-by may send a card to  
Bill & Margaret Tretheway  
25115 Harbach Lane  
Custer, SD 57730



Fennell's working on the stairs outside the emergency exit on the south side of the Sanctuary.



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### 9 Pentecost

Saturday, August, 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5; Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday, August 2: Psalm 146:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 3: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday, August 4: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday, August 5: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35; Matthew 15:32-39

### 10 Pentecost

Thursday, August 6: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:1-16; Acts 17:10-15

Friday, August 7: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28

Saturday, August 8: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 16:1-4

Sunday, August 9: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Monday, August 10: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11—8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, August 11: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, August 12: Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27

### 11 Pentecost

Thursday, August 13: Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, August 14: Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, August 15: Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1-5; Matthew 14:34-36

Sunday, August 16: Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Monday, August 17: Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, August 18: Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, August 19: Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13

### 12 Pentecost

Thursday, August 20: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, August 21: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, August 22: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12

Sunday, August 23: Psalm 138; Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, August 24: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; 1 Samuel 7:3-13; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, August 25: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39; Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday, August 26: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Isaiah 28:14-22; Matthew 26:6-13

### 13 Pentecost

Thursday, August 27: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 14:13-18; Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday, August 28: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday, August 29: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:10-14; Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday, August 30: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Monday, August 31: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6

Tuesday, September 1: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15; Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday, September 2: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32



## OUTLAW RANCH SUMMER COUCH SERIES

THURSDAYS @ 7 PM (MDT)

### Bringing Camp to You

This summer we're bringing a little piece of family camp to your home. We'll be featuring an Outlaw artist-in-residence in concert on Facebook Live every Thursday. We know it's not the same as singing together around a campfire or in the Barn, but we hope these concerts bring you hope and joy.

### Series Schedule—August

August 6 | Kevin & Mara Stillson

August 13 | [James Hersch](#)

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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 **serving** 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 Sellevoid  
Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky  
SPARK Kids: Wendi Rusch

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**