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LYNN'S RECEIPTS

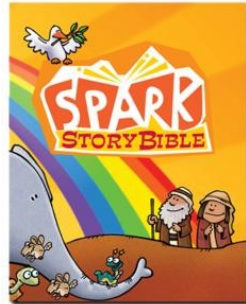
We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We wanted everyone to be aware that we do not collect the gas discount receipts, though. We want you to keep those to get your gas discount!

Does it really pay to collect the receipts? Yes, we have brought in about \$600 since January of 2021. Every bit helps CLF! We are projecting \$1,000 by years end.

Where does the money go? In the past, it has gone to purchase office equipment. Now there is a line item for that. Council is now the current decision maker of the funds. But continue to drop off your receipts in the office or in the can at the Welcome Center.

Thank you!

SPARK KIDS DIRECTOR



Do you enjoy working with children? Would you love to be able to help children grow in their faith? Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are in need of a new Spark Kids Director this year. This is a paid 10-hour a week position to coordinate the Spark Kids program on Wednesdays after school. The Director uses the current curriculum to provide an hour of Bible stories, crafts, discussion, snacks, and most of all – fun! We are planning on starting Spark Kids on September 15th. Please talk to Pastor Pam with questions, or if you are interested in this position.

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 16 – 20th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. We will examine different places in our lives where we can cultivate compassion using Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and more. Contact the church office to register your children from grades K-5 for this fun experience.

HELP NEEDED:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 16-20

Helpers needed for jobs during Vacation Bible School:

- *Crafts
- *Kitchen Help
- *Provide Snacks
- *Daily Clean-Up
- *Group Helpers-Can be high school students



Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please consider helping.

FALL PLANNING—

As we make plans for the fall, we need more folks to volunteer and help make ministry for children, youth and their families happen at CLF. Please consider how you can give of your time...

- * SPARK Kids drivers and adult assistants
- * Wednesday Night Life—folks to set up at 4:00 PM, person (s) to cook meals
- * Confirmation teachers

If you have an idea of how you would like to share your gifts with our children and youth — let us know. Contact Mary Moe or Pastor Pam!



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood Pressure Checks are back! Our Parish Nurse, Mary Klein, will be checking blood pressures after worship on the 3rd Sunday of every month beginning with August 15th. Come, make sure your blood pressure is in a healthy range and chat with Mary about any concerns.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION



Mark your calendars for Confirmation Orientation on **Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. This is a mandatory gathering for all parents and students.** We will be back to our full Wednesday Night Life activities this year, including a meal, so you don't want to miss out! You will be receiving a letter in August from Pastor Pam with an invitation to be part of Confirmation this school year. If you have a child entering 6th to 8th Grades and you do not receive a letter, please let the office know. We are excited to be in ministry with the youth of our community and look forward to seeing you at Orientation!

SPARK KIDS



We are so excited to begin Spark Kids again this year! We have missed everyone so much! All of our Wednesday Night Life activities will begin on September 15th, including Spark Kids. Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to be part of this ministry on Wednesday afternoons after school. Please contact the church office for registration forms and with any questions. Welcome back!

2022 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Congratulations on your role to bring a group from your congregation to the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. This is an incredible opportunity for you and all who will be involved. Perhaps you feel excited and/or overwhelmed, wondering where to start, especially if you have never been to the Gathering before.

Be assured, you can do this! You can't and shouldn't try to do it alone. Under your leadership, adults, parents, and youth in your congregation can work together to intentionally prepare. The Gathering staff and teams will share valuable information and resources now and through the Gathering that will equip groups for a thoughtful experience.

To begin, remember that you don't need to know all the details right now, just the basic ones. Gathering leadership can be trusted to be on the top of all details and considerations that go into planning for a Gathering. Don't get stuck on the questions that can't be answered yet. They will get answered eventually. Share an attitude of possibility and openness and graciously calm expressions of anxiety or fear. You can engage your congregation's group in learning together.

Schedule info meetings in person, on Zoom or the way that works best for your congregation. Make personal contact as much as possible with youth and families, inviting them to be part of this "once-in-a-lifetime experience," perhaps starting with "We want you to be a part of the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN next July!"

Your Synod, along with the other 64 synods, has a Gathering Synod Coordinator (GSC) who will be an invaluable resource for your questions along with the Gathering website. You can contact South Dakota's Gathering Synod Coordinator at gathering@sdsynod.org.

May you remember God's boundless love for you as you start to prepare your group. Peace. Learn more at elca.org/youthgathering.



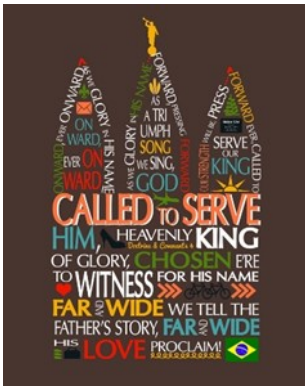
HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU?

We have so many exciting things coming up at CLF this month, and especially in September!

- **Aug. 16-20** Vacation Bible School with the theme “Compassion Camp.”
- **Sept. 12** – God’s Work. Our Hands – We will be hosting a meal for first responders and medical personnel to thank them for all they do, especially during the pandemic.
- **Sept. 15** – Wednesday Night Life begins again!
 - ◇ 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm Spark Kids
 - ◇ 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm Meal
 - ◇ 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm Worship
 - ◇ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 - Confirmation
 - RAP Group
 - Choir

We are all so excited especially for Wednesday Night Life to begin again! I know I have missed all the children and youth filling our church – all the laughter, talking, playing. Make sure to invite any children and youth you know to be part of these ministries.

To have all of these ministries be successful and fun, all of us need to use our gifts wherever we can. We always need lots of people to help with Spark Kids and the meal. I can certainly use help with confirmation, and the RAP Group needs some adults to help lead the group, especially to help plan for the 2022 National Youth Gathering. And we will need lots of help during VBS to make that a wonderful and fun experience for the children.



What gifts can you use in these ministries? How is God calling you to be part of these children’s lives as they grow in their faith? None of these vital ministries can happen without the dedication of many people. Could this be how God is calling you to live out your faith and discipleship?

We have honestly been struggling a bit with people helping in a variety of ways lately at CLF. We have so many ways you can use your gifts in the different ministries here, including at worship. We always need people to greet and usher, read scripture, help serve communion, and run the PowerPoint slides on Sundays.

We can always have more people sharing their musical gifts, too, whether playing an instrument or singing as special music or doing all the music on a Sunday.

Coming up in September we will need many of these things on Wednesdays, too. We don’t want to wear out the same few people who continually serve in these ways. We would love to add new people to these ministries!

I was reading a commentary on one of the gospels recently talking about this. The author states, “How do we grow from consuming disciples to contributing apostles? The word “disciple” means “learner, where the word “apostle” means “those sent out.” We do have to be consumers to an extent – consuming Jesus in worship and especially in Holy Communion. But at some point we also need to see ourselves as active parts of the body, doing ministry in Christ’s name, seeing the church not only as a place to get something, but also as a vehicle where one’s gifts and abilities can be used for others. Church membership is more than a voluntary association – it is a call from God.”

Please prayerfully consider where the Holy Spirit is calling you to use the gifts you have been given to serve God at CLF and in the wider community. Jump in and try something new that you haven’t tried before. You may love it, you never know! And if not, try something else!

Each of you are such an important part of God’s plan here in Custer and at CLF. Who is God calling you to be and where is God calling you to serve?

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WHO PUT THE BOMP, IN THE BOMP, BOMP, BOMP?
WHO PUT THE RANG , IN THE RANG, A RANG, A RANG?

These were words of a some that many of us learned in the 50's and early 60's. Now that I think of those words, what did they really mean? I still don't know?

But I do know what my heavenly father's words mean. It is so loud and so clear—no guessing.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that who so ever believes in him, shall have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Words that have been used so easily and have drawn us to hear them spoken and sung over and over again. The message is clear. We feel so blessed to see so many people filling the pews, singing and praising our Lord, who has died for us and yet His words are so easy to understand and yet, at times, forgotten.

As we have faced the sadness of losing a loved one, or saw a joyous moment of the birth of a new child. One way we can rest in the knowledge and presence of God is to surround ourselves with music that sings out who God is. Continue to help us participate in our church music. I appreciate all of you, whether we sing in church, home or various places.

Pastor Pam has chosen to do the “Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy for the first and third Sunday's in August. We have not done this music for quite a while . But as you hear them, you will remember some of the songs.

May the Lord bless and keep you. Thank you for all of your support.

Margaret Tretheway

LUMIN:THEHILLS

God is at work through LuMin:TheHills at South Dakota School of Mines and Black Hills State University as we build community, deepen faith, expand minds and inspire service. There are a couple aspects of this ministry in which we could use your help:

- 1. Spreading the word and 2. Giving support



Please tell the students in your lives who will attend BHSU and the School of Mines that there is a welcoming community eager to connect. Tell them about our awesome director, Rachel Nelson, our Gatherings for meals and worship, service opportunities, and community engagement. If you want some More info so you know what you are talking about, check out our website: <https://www.luminthehills.org/>

Please support us! Pray for us. We have an amazing opportunity to share the good news of Christ with these students and would love your prayers as we take it. We could also use some help feeding these hungry college students. It costs~\$162 per student per semester and these meals are one of our greatest vehicles for building strong relationships. The website is also a great place to make a financial contribution. <https://www.luminthehills.org/>

With thanks,
LuMin:TheHills Board and Rachel Nelson

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**PARISH NURSE UPDATE**

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse



*How do we create happiness? I read an interesting article on the Mayo Clinic Health site. It may be hard to believe, but there is a lot of truth behind the idea that happiness is a choice. Of course it is unrealistic to snap our fingers and decide to be happy. But if you bring consciousness, gratitude and even frivolity to your day you'll likely feel more joyful. How can we do that?*

*Take a few minutes to reflect on these questions to find ways to boost your happiness.*

- \*What are some things that you might be able to reconnect with that bring you joy?*
- \*How might you stay focused or engaged on tasks at hand when life continues around you?*
- \*How might you find novelty in everyday life?*
- \*What would it look like if you put yourself first instead of making everyone else a priority?*
- \*When was the last time you spent time in nature?*

*Use this list to get started finding happiness in each day.*

- Make a list of activities you used to enjoy but have given up in recent years. Choose one to reconnect with and dedicate at least 2 weeks to it. See if this makes you happier and then consider making time for it.*
- Spend at least 10 minutes a day outside. Pay close attention to the trees, water, grass, breeze or whatever else is surrounding you.*
- Consider things that have made you happy and unhappy in the past. Make a list and let it guide your path to happiness.*

**MENTAL HEALTH NEWS**

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

Dealing with an anxiety disorder can make life difficult. Having occasional feelings of anxiety is a normal part of life. They become unhealthy if they affect your quality of life and prevent you from functioning normally.

11 tips for coping with an anxiety disorder:

- \*Keep physically active. Develop a routine so your physically active most days of the week. Exercise is a powerful stress reducer. It can improve your mood and help you stay healthy. Start slow and gradually increase the amount and intensity of your activities.*
- \*Avoid alcohol & recreational drugs. These substances can actually cause or worsen anxiety.*
- \*Quit or cut back on smoking and caffeinated beverages. These also can cause or worsen anxiety.*
- \*Use stress management and relaxation techniques. Visualization methods, yoga and meditation are examples.*
- \*Make sleep a priority.*
- \*Eat healthy foods*
- \*Learn about your disorder. Discuss with your care provider what might be causing it and what treatments might be best. Involve your family and friends and ask for their support.*
- \*Stick to your treatment plan. Consistency in taking care of yourself is key.*
- \*Identify triggers. Learn what situations or actions cause stress or increase your anxiety. Practice strategies you have developed so you are ready to deal with these situations.*
- \*Keep a journal. Keep track can help you identify what is causing you stress and what seems to make you feel better.*
- \*Socialize. Don't let worries isolate you from loved ones or activities.*

**SOCIAL MINISTRY'S GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**



The Social Ministry Team is in the early stages of preparing for this year's annual *God's Work, Our Hands*. event. Our primary focus will be to host a luncheon honoring first-responders and healthcare workers.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information in the days and weeks ahead



## 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  
 Main address— clf@gwtc.net

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office **by August 18th**. Thank you!



## OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.

## 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.



## ALTAR GUILD HELPERS NEEDED

Our Altar Guild needs new members to serve: One needed for July/August, September/October and November/December 2021. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. Duties include: filling the candles with liquid wax and changing the banners to match the church season. If you have questions, please talk to the office staff. HINT: Confirmation families—this is a great way for you to help...these items can be done while your child is in Confirmation Class!

## 2021 BUDGET THRU JUNE 2021

|                            | Non-Restricted |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                            | Actual         | Budget         |
| <b>Income</b>              |                |                |
| Offering Contributions     | 156,619        | 135,000        |
| Special Offerings/Inc      | 28,624         | 26,667         |
| Interest                   | 204            | 200            |
| <b>Total Income</b>        | <b>185,447</b> | <b>161,867</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>            |                |                |
| Pastoral Leadership        | 44,276         | 45,933         |
| Worship                    | 3,921          | 4,328          |
| Education                  | 650            | 1,141          |
| Mission Support            | 21,531         | 21,719         |
| Support/Care*              | 57,702         | 56,235         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>128,080</b> | <b>129,356</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b> | <b>57,367</b>  | <b>32,511</b>  |

\*One time Support/Care Expenses budgeted for later in year.

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Prepay Mortgage (Dec)                 | 12,000        |
| Propane Pre-Buy (Aug)                 | 9,148         |
| <b>Subtotal Delayed Expenditures:</b> | <b>21,148</b> |

## MISSING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have noticed that your birthday or anniversary has been missing from our birthday and anniversary list, please do not be offended! We are not omitting you on purpose! It is because we do not have the information sheet we need that has birthdays, updated phone numbers, and email addresses. This is true even if you have filled out information for your children through the confirmation or SPARK Kids program. We may have children's birthdays, but not the parents. Please stop by the office and fill out a form so we may update our lists to include your very important dates! You can also give us your birthday without providing the year! Thank you!





### “CHRIST IN OUR HOME” DEVOTIONALS

The “Christ in Our Home” daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **July — September** issue is 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.



### MORE PICS



**Friends are the sunshine in our life!**

### SUMMER 2021 WEDNESDAY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

Have you ever attended the Wednesday Campfire Worship @6:30PM? It is a very moving experience, especially when you are out in what God has given us to enjoy nature. It isn't a long service, but we start with a campfire burning, along with the Word of God to touch our hearts. When the service is over, we enjoy s'more's or Root Beer Floats depending on the weather.



## From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,  
Grace and peace to you!

*Is your tank full or empty these days? Many among us had thought that the Covid vaccine and summer would bring relief to our chronic state of exhaustion. But as I listen to folks across the state and across the church, I frequently hear that, that is not the case. Exhaustion is still lingering in our bones. Going back to normal doesn't seem to come as readily as we had hoped. You have heard me say it many times, but I'll say it again, while we may return to normal what meets the eye, no mask-wearing, and social events, etc., COVID has altered who we are as individuals and as communities. We all ran a mental, emotional, and physical marathon, and we need to understand that we need to recover.*

*I am a runner, and I know that after each long run I have to allow my body to rest. Rest is essential for my tired bones and overworked muscles to rejuvenate so that I am able to run again. Resting doesn't mean vegging out on the couch doing nothing, in fact, that kind of behavior would be counter productive to restoring my energy and running capacity. Resting means to slow down and gently begin moving forward through mindful stretches and movement.*

*As we plan for fall activities with the hope that we will return to normal and go at full speed, please be mindful that your "church muscles" just emerged from running a marathon and will need gentle but disciplined movement in order to recover. I recommend that you utilize the revitalization tools we offer to slowly ease into fall. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Jonathan Steiner at [jsteiner@sdsynod.org](mailto:jsteiner@sdsynod.org). Be gracious with each, readiness to restart ministry is different for everyone.*

*Please, always remember that this is God's Church, that it is not through our own works that we are saved and beloved, but solemnly by and through the grace and mercy of God. Be patient with yourself and your neighbor and begin everything you do with some deep breaths and prayer.*

Journeying together in Christ,  
Bishop Constanze



**The**  
**Rev. Johnathon Steiner**

**Cornerstone**

In one of our readings last month, Ephesians 2, we were told that Jesus is the cornerstone. This strikes me as a particularly important message, especially as we continue to wrestle with division in our communities. The cornerstone is placed where the sides of a building meet, where walls going in different directions end up leaning on one another for support. Jesus pulls us together, even when we have trouble getting along.

In your community, how is Christ the cornerstone where people disagree are brought together? How is the dividing wall brought down, so that the new building that God is raising rests on Jesus? These are not easy questions to ask, but we are invited to dream with his image.





**W/ELCA HAPPENING**

**Next meeting: Monday, August 23rd at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room**

**Hostesses: Potluck Luncheon—each person is asked to bring a dish to share. Ginny Myers will make coffee and set up for our meal.**

**Program: Taylor Wiese from Outlaw Ranch.** She will share highlights of events that occurred at Outlaw Ranch during the summer.

The W/ELCA Auction of Talents took place on Sunday, June 27th. Thanks to the support from our wonderful congregation and for the talent of our auctioneer, Paul Heinert, the auction was a total success. With the help of Rex Jorgenson, who made certain all bidders were given the opportunity to see each item and our dedicated spotters, Paul was able to keep the bidding lively and the audience laughing. Thanks to all who donated items and those who bid on those items. We made a total of \$1651 that day. It will be nice to be able to put that to use in helping folks with special needs in our church, our community and throughout the world.

Seventy of the lunches that were made during the week of July 12th were distributed to children in Custer through the Summer Sack Lunch program. It is a joy to support this program.

We would like to thank Diana Edwards again for her presentation at our June meeting. Diana provided us with some sobering information concerning the labor camps and concentration camps that were located in Poland during WWII. Both of Diana's parents were in these camps. The treatment that they received and the after affects of that treatment brought to life what many of us have read about or seen in movies. This was not fiction. It was real life! We appreciate Diana being able to bring that information to us.



**QUILTING....**

We have reached a crossroad in quilting for our Summer Schedule. **Quilting will be changing dates to the first and second Tuesdays of the month at 9am for July and August.** We can always use mattress pads & flat sheets of any color. Come join us at 9am on Tuesday morning. We have lots of fun. ~ "The Joyful Quilters"

**July and August Mission Project: School Items**

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Notebooks of ruled paper                         | Unsharpened pencils |
| Ruler with cm                                    | Pencil sharpeners   |
| Box of 24 colors                                 | 2 1/2 inch eraser   |
| Items can be left on the Ox Cart in the Narthex. |                     |



**GENTLE YOGA CLASSES**

Gentle yoga with Jackie **will not be held until August 26th** due to the Sturgis Bike Rally. Classes will be held on August 26th at 10:30 AM in the Narthex. Masks will be optional. A six foot distance between participants will be practiced.

**AMAZONSMILE**

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return or start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. CLF is registered as one of the charitable Organizations....any donations we receive will go towards additional mission support.

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## COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 20TH<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 MEETING

Members Present: Christie Behlings, Jackie Hartwick, Liz Kleffner, Carol Niemann, David Pickford, Pastor Pam and Treasurer Joy Smolinsky.

Not Present: Samuel Ainsley, Emily Hiatt, Scot Hoscheid

### Treasurer's and Finance Committee Reports:

The year to date offering is 16% over budget. June expenditures were under the monthly budget and are 83% of budget year to date.

Mid-year giving letter was mailed 7/19/2021.

Capital Fund Drive letter was final edited by the finance committee and is being mailed to members. The letter will include a Pay-Down-the-Debt Fund Drive pledge card to return to CLF. It will also be explained as a Temple Talk on the subject by Joy Smolinsky during service on 07/25/2021.

### Unfinished Business:

Review of Worship and Activities-Sunday worship attendance has been holding steady at 95 people.

### New Business:

A CLF "deep clean" cleaning day of the inside and outside of the church is planned for October 2-3, 2021 and will be posted in the September and October CLF newsletter.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

-Endowment, Liz Kleffner-Nothing to Report.

-Evangelism, Pastor Pam-Nothing to Report.

-Health Ministry, Carol Niemann-Nothing to Report.

-Property Committee, Samuel Ainsley, and Dave Pickford: Replacement decking ramp on north side of CLF has been completed by volunteers Dave Thom and Wayne Boots with help as well from Elmer Smolinsky and Dave Pickford. Staining of Log accents of CLF entrance has been completed by volunteer, Larry Noem. All projects look great and a big thank you is extended to all those involved.

-Social Ministry, Scot Hoscheid-No Report,

-W/ELCA, Jacki Hartwick- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM.

- Worship & Music, Emily Hiatt-Nothing to Report.

### Next Meeting: August 17, 2021.

Treats: Samuel Ainsley. Devotions: Samuel Ainsley. Care & Share: Jackie Hartwick.

### Lord's Prayer Adjournment

David Pickford, for Scot Hoscheid, Council Secretary.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND HOPE:** Linda Fennell; Sonja Hogg; Gary & Carol Roberts; Mike Janson; Tressa, Dave Smith's aunt; Patty Couch; Dee Scraggs' grandson, Gavin; Mary Klein's brother-in-law, Don; Neil Witt; Terry & Arle Reetz; Heather Thompson; Don Kraus; Sue Studt; people who live with violence & abuse.

\*\*\*Because of the growing length of the list, names will be removed each month from the prayers. If you wish to have a person taken off, remain, or to be put on the list, call the church office 673-4691.

**PRAYERS FOR NURSING HOMES AND STAFF:** We pray for nursing home residents everywhere; we pray for nursing home staff everywhere; we pray for our CLF friends in nursing homes: Darlene Kainz at Fountain Springs in Rapid City and Rose Marie Scott, Sharon Linde, Janet Wellington, at Custer Sr Care Center.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE:** Gary & Carol Roberts, son Matt; Sharee Johnson's daughter, Kim; Clarinne Koeppe's brother, Delno Gunnerson; Vick Pohribnak; Ted Lingen, friend of Dwight & Mary Klein; Colleen Eriksson; Dave & Sharon Smith on the loss of Dave's mother, Ruth; LaVonne Horn, Janeane (Baldwin) Henn; Don & Karen Rogers; Jerry Manlove.

\*\*\*After 3 months, names will be removed from this list, though grief lingers. If you wish to have a name remain or to be put on the list, please call the church office at 673-4691. Thank you very much.

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## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 10

Sunday, August 1: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24  
 Monday, August 2: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31;  
 Wednesday, August 3: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 8:1-10

### Pentecost 11

Thursday, August 5: Psalm 34:1-8, 1 Samuel 28:20-25, Romans 15:1-6  
 Friday, August 6: Psalm 34:1-8, 2 Samuel 17:15-29, Galatians 6:1-10  
 Saturday, August 7: Psalm 34:1-8, 1 Kings 2:1-9, Matthew 7:7-11  
 Sunday, August 8: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6:35, 41-51  
 Monday, August 9: Psalm 81, 1 Kings 17:1-16, Ephesians 5:1-14  
 Tuesday, August 10: Psalm 81, Ruth 2:1-23, 2 Peter 3:14-18  
 Wednesday, August 11: Psalm 81, Jeremiah 31:1-6, John 6:35-40

### Pentecost 12

Thursday, August 12: Psalm 34:9-14, Job 11:1-20, Acts 6:8-15  
 Friday, August 13, Psalm 34:9-14, Job 12:1-25, Romans 16:17-20  
 Saturday, August 14, Psalm 34:9-14, Job 13:1-19, John 4:7-26  
 Sunday, August 15, Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58  
 Monday, August 16, Psalm 36, Genesis 43:1-15, Acts 6:1-7  
 Tuesday, August 17, Psalm 36, Genesis 45:1-15, Acts 7:9-16  
 Wednesday, August 18, Psalm 36, Genesis 47:13-26, Mark 8:14-21

### Pentecost 13

Thursday, August 19, Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Friday, August 20, Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:10-20, Romans 13:11-14  
 Saturday, August 21, Psalm 34:15-22, Joshua 22:21-34, Luke 11:5-13  
 Sunday, August 22, Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69  
 Monday, August 23, Psalm 119:97-104, Nehemiah 9:1-15, Ephesians 5:21—6:9  
 Tuesday, August 24, Psalm 119:97-104, Nehemiah 9:16-31, Ephesians 6:21-24  
 Wednesday, August 25, Psalm 119:97-104, Isaiah 33:10-16, John 15:16-25

### Pentecost 14

Thursday, August 26, Psalm 15, Exodus 32:1-14, James 1:1-8  
 Friday, August 27, Psalm 15, Exodus 32:15-35, James 1:9-16  
 Saturday, August 28, Psalm 15, Exodus 34:8-28, John 18:28-32  
 Sunday, August 29, Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
 Monday, August 30, Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 1 Timothy 4:6-16  
 Tuesday, August 31, Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48, Deuteronomy 4:15-20, 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 Wednesday, September 1, Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48, Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23



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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*



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