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GROWING ROOTS PRESCHOOL



Coming soon to the Down Under/Spark Kids room: Growing Roots Preschool! We are excited to once again be able to use our beautiful facility to help families and children from our community! The Growing Roots Board of Directors will be hosting Coffee Hour on Aug. 6th and will be glad to visit with you and answer any of your questions. If you want to learn more about this preschool, you can check out their website: growingrootssd.com

PARSONAGE SIDING PROJECT → AN ACT OF PROPERTY STEWARDSHIP (COMPLETED)

On July 19, a crew of workers (in baseball terms, the "closers") were delighted to complete the final steps of the parsonage exterior siding project. They leveled soil, placed landscape fabric, installed 74 edger blocks, loaded and spread 3 tons of decorative rock, replaced fencing, and fixed a garage door seal. Thirty (30) volunteers contributed over 640 hours of labor to replace the siding, trim, painting and the landscaping (exterior) portion of the parsonage project.

Joy Smolnisky, Treasurer, reported that interior and exterior renovations totaled \$31,439 for materials (82% from the capital account and 18% donation). Volunteer labor for the entire project totaled 1,240 hours with an estimated value of \$43,000. She noted "...this is an incredible example of time and talent pooled together as a unit of God's hands.

Coordinator Dave Thom quipped, "...why should all the quilter and WELCA ladies get to have all the fun doing service work; us guys can get work done and have conversations, too!" Pastor Shannon added, "Darryn and I truly appreciate all the work that went into the parsonage." Bonnie Thompson offered, "a HUGE thank you to everyone who sacrificed their time to work on the parsonage project. You are servants of God and the best role models for others. "God's Work Our Hands"!!

The interior renovations started in December concluding in March 2023. Siding replacement started in April. The parsonage was constructed largely with volunteers in 1991.



Hello August!

SAVE THE DATE! NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Have you recently joined the membership of Custer Lutheran Fellowship? Are you considering joining the membership of Custer Lutheran Fellowship? Have you been a member for a long time but really don't know what it means to be a voting member of CLF? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class might be for you! Please join Pastor Shannon and a few members of our church council for an informational New Member Class on Sunday, August 20th immediately following worship (after you get your coffee of course!) The class will last approximately one hour. If you are unable to attend this class, but would like to, please let Pastor Shannon know and she will schedule another one in September. Then in September, together we will select a date to have a formal Welcome to Custer Lutheran Fellowship and a blessing during the worship service and a reception for the new members during our coffee and fellowship time.

New
Members
Class

PARSONAGE CREW PARTY AT THE PARSONAGE!!

After several long months of hard work, the remodel of the parsonage is complete! And it is amazing! After expressing some feelings of guilt of all the time, money, energy put into this project I was reminded that no-one was doing this for Darryn and for me but was started for whomever the new Pastor would be and because CLF is proud of and wants to take good care of their property. While that made me feel a little better, the truth is that Darryn and I have the privilege of living in this beautiful home. We are beyond grateful and so comfortable in our new home, and best of all, there is room for our children, grandchildren, family and friends to visit. We want to acknowledge and thank all the people who put any amount of time into the parsonage "project" with a party. If you helped in any way, through your time, talents, or treasures, you are invited to the party! This will include an open house so you can finally see the fruits of your labor. The party will begin at 5:30 PM Thursday, August 3rd. We will be grilling some brats and hot dogs, have some fruit and salads and chips, and of course some dessert. There will also be lemonade and ice water. You can come for any or all of it, or if you just want to come see the house, you're welcome to do that, too. To answer the question, what can we bring, the answer is NO (ask Dave, Craig, or Denny how it goes if you argue about this. I do ask that you RSVP by Tuesday, August 1st so we have enough food! Thank you to all of you who worked so very hard, and an extra thank you to Dave Thom for all of the coordination, communication, motivation, and leadership that he provided to the crew from start to finish! With much love and gratitude, Shannon and Darryn



LAST SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

It is sure hard to believe that I am placing this item in the newsletter already. The last summer Campfire Worship will be held on August 23rd at 6:30 PM. Thank you so much to the musicians, Pastor Shannon for her words, and to all that attended to help make this a success. Hoping to see all of you again next year!



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the tradition of the ELCA participating in a nationwide Work Day. Over the years CLF has had many projects that we have done together as a sign of our commitment to many of the ministries that are important to us and to come together as the Body of Christ!

This year our work projects will take place at Outlaw Ranch. Matt Rusch and Shannon & Jean Pulscher will come up with some projects around the camp that we can help with. Then we will also have table projects set up in one of the rooms. These projects will include making care packages or writing cards for our college students, military personnel, friends in care centers or nursing homes, etc.

On Sunday, September 10th there will NOT be worship at the church. Instead, we will gather for an abbreviated worship service in the Pavilion at Outlaw ranch at 9:40 AM. At 10 AM we will get our "work" assignments and work until noon. We will then gather for lunch under the pavilion at noon. At 12:30 those who are willing will return to the work projects until 3:30 PM. At that time, we will wrap up the fun Sunday with ice cream Sundaes and a closing prayer service.

Some of you may have the gold t-shirts from years past, but many of us do not. If you would like a t-shirt that says "God's Work. Our Hands." on the front and Custer Lutheran Fellowship on the back, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The shirts will cost \$20 each and for us to have them by September 10th, they need to be ordered by August 15th.

Have you ever wondered why or how the specific Bible passages are chosen for the bulletin each week for Sunday worship? Admittedly, it wasn't until I went to seminary that I realized the Pastor didn't just chose the Bible readings. Since the early 1990's the ELCA has been using a 3-year rotation of selected passages which typically include a reading Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), a Psalm, a reading from one of the Letters (Epistles) and a reading from one of the Gospels. Since there are four Gospel Books, the cycle was Matthew, Mark, and Luke with some of John sprinkled into each year. This collection of suggested readings in this cycle is called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). Pastors then choose one of the readings, typically the Gospel Reading (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John), as the basis of the Sermon for the day.



There is another Lectionary (selection of Bible readings) that was created by a team of professors and pastors at Luther Seminary in 2010 that began as somewhat of an experiment. Within a few years it became a new option for congregations to use with many resources available including music, prayers, liturgies, etc. This is called the Narrative Lectionary. It is a four-year cycle that begins each September with readings from Genesis and each of the four years focuses on only one Gospel. For each service there will typically be only one Bible reading, but never more than two. The fall is all from Books from the Old Testament, then at Christmas we begin to add some of the Gospel, so we get the Christmas story. Between Christmas and Easter, we get the rest of the Story of Jesus according to one of the Gospels. After Easter, we turn to the Book of Acts until Pentecost. After that, we move onto the Letters that will take us through the summer. With this Lectionary, we get a more complete look at the whole Bible.

Beginning on September 10th I will start using the Narrative Lectionary. I'm excited for the new preaching challenge, as I honestly have not done a lot of preaching from the Old Testament! Beginning in September, the readings will be included in the Crossroads Newsletter. I would be thrilled to know that you would be reading through the Bible with me prior to Each Sunday. My plan is to host some adult forums on Sundays to discuss the readings together!

This is not a big change, but for those of you familiar with the RCL it will be a change. As we know, growth comes from change? I'm excited to try something new! This will not affect the church calendar, so all of the Liturgical colors and practices will remain the same. If you are interested in learning more about this change, please don't hesitate to ask—I may not know the answer because this will be new for me, too, but I will do my best to find an answer.

Excited to worship with you every single Sunday!
Your sister in Christ, Pastor Shannon

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON 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.

Pastor Shannon Witt
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673-4691 (church)

WELCOME DEYA!



If you see Deya and Amore at the church during the week, please say hello and introduce yourself. Deya speaks Spanish, but she is learning English quite well! Deya will be working with Augie a few hours a week doing custodial work. When he is out of town, she will be taking care of many of his duties. We are grateful for her hard work and excited to have her join our staff!

Welcome to CLF, Deya & Amore'!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE STARTING SEPTEMBER 6TH



4:00 PM SPARK Kids
5:15 PM Meal
6:00 PM Worship
6:30 PM Confirmation, Choir, and
RAP Youth Group

SPARK KIDS



We are so excited to begin Spark Kids in September! During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. Pick up is 5:00-5:15. We have had so much fun learning about Bible stories with games, crafts, and snacks that tie into the Bible story.

There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/guardians in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the office.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

RAP YOUTH GROUP



The RAP Youth group has been busy splitting and selling firewood as a fundraiser. We have raised \$2,593.63 in July. We are looking forward to meetings starting again in September. This fall we will be registering for the youth gathering that will take place in July 2024. Excited to see you! For ideas and ways to get involved contact Wendi Rusch #509-594-4336.

GOD DISCOVERY DAYS 2023



SPARK KIDS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Summer is coming to a close and we are excited to start thinking about our afterschool programming and Wednesday NightLife activities. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to assist with Spark Kids activity assistance and driving children from the school to the church. We will also need volunteers to help prepare and serve our Wednesday evening meals. If you love seeing our youth and family ministry grow, please call the church office and let us know how you would like to be involved!

PARISH NURSE UPDATE

Prostate Cancer FAQs as read on Mayo Clinic website from Urologist Mitchell Humphreys, MD.



How do you know how fast my cancer is growing?

If you have low to intermediate risk for prostate cancer, there are genomic tests that can better inform on the risk of developing a more aggressive cancer. This test looks at the DNA of your cancer cells to come up with your risk profile. None is 100%.

Is prostate cancer sexually transmitted?

No, the cancer is internal and will not spread through contact.

Is prostate cancer hereditary?

Some prostate cancers are hereditary. If you have prostate cancer, all of your first-degree relatives- parent, child or sibling- are at an elevated risk of developing prostate cancer. If you are diagnosed in your 40's and develop prostate cancer, you may want to consider a genetic consultation to see if there are known genetic risk factors that you and your family may have.

What can I do to prevent or slow prostate cancer?

There is no one thing. A healthy lifestyle including 30 minutes of exercise daily along with a diet limiting red meat and eating fresh fruits and vegetables, low in sugar and carbohydrates. A "Heart Healthy" diet has been shown to also be healthy for the prostate.

Is there a risk of cancer spreading if I have a biopsy?

No, prostate cancer will not spread that way.

When should I stop screening for prostate cancer?

Not all prostate cancer is lethal and not all prostate cancer requires treatment. As a general rule of thumb, if your life expectancy is 10 years or less, you probably will not have to worry about it affecting you in your lifetime. However, you should discuss this with your health care provider.

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

988 at one—1 year after the start-up of 988 as the Suicide and Crisis Helpline, follow-up has been done on the progress. Following years of advocacy and law making, 988 was made available July 2022. Since it began, contacts made to the Suicide & Crisis Helpline (988) soared by 40% and there was a huge leap in the number of contacts by texts. There was Federal funding set aside to support 988 and most states assist with funding. Since then Congress has increased funding to support the rollout and to fund crisis support services. When asked, only 1 in 5 adults knew what 988 was for. Once informed, most adults support fully funding our mental health crisis response system. In fact most also support funding mental health care overall. What more can we do to help? Support and advocate for more mental health care.

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

SURVIVE AND THRIVE

YOU MATTER • YOU ARE NOT ALONE • HELP IS AVAILABLE

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:
 Pastor Shannon — pastor_clf@gwtc.net
 Main address— clf@gwtc.net

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the September Newsletter to the office **by noon August 23rd**. 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 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.

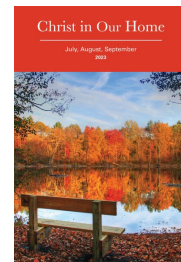


Financials

“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.



CLF Non-Restricted Income & Expenses Jan-June 2023	Non-restricted	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
40000 · Offering Contributions	155,608	145,104
Total 40014 · Non-restricted Special Donation	2,853	0
40300 · Interest	850	150
Total Income	159,311	145,254
Expense		
Total 61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	31,843	34,045
Total 62000 · WORSHIP	6,343	6,807
Total 63000 · EDUCATION	10,208	12,161
Total 64000 · MISSION SUPPORT	19,898	16,207
Total 65300 · Facility Expense	34,642	33,002
Total 65000 · SUPPORT/CARE	29,329	30,944
Total Expense	132,263	133,167
Net Ordinary Income	27,048	12,087

Come join the CLF Choir!

We would love to have your voice join us in praising the Lord. We typically practice two Wednesday evenings and sing special music one Sunday a month. Come when it fits into your schedule. All are welcome!

September

Practices:
 Wednesday, September 6th @ 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
 Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Special Music:
 Sunday, September 17th @ 9:30 a.m. church

POOL PARTY



Horace Mann Pool --818 Anamosa St, Rapid City ,SD
Saturday August 5 9:30-11:30am

FUN! For all ages.

There's shade and chairs if you just want to come and enjoy
OR

Water that sprays, water that dumps, water you can fall into from a climbing wall, water you can shoot into while racing a friend on side by side slides, water currents, squirting up water – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

We are ONE CHURCH...let's get to know each other. Admission is FREE but donations are accepted and encouraged to go to Journey On (Normal cost for the pool is \$6 per person...)
Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church funded by Thrivent \$ contact Trinity @ 605-342-9302



Thank You!



The Social Ministry Team would like to thank all those that volunteered to staff the CLF "God Discovery Days" booth and sow God's seeds this past weekend. We couldn't have done it without you.

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU for sending your rostered leaders and voting members to the 2023 synod assembly. Almost 400 people gathered under the theme of "Cultivate" with a focus on rural ministry. Our two keynote speakers, Rev. Mark Yackel-Juleen from Wartburg Seminary and Rev. Jon Anderson from Luther Seminary, shared hard facts and data as well as hope and future vision. Did you know that Region 3, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, are the largest region in the ELCA? Did you know that 75% of the members of the ELCA live in rural communities? And did you know that the average worship attendance across the ELCA is 50-75 people?

When I travel and visit congregations across our synod, I either hear directly or in between the lines that ministry can feel lonesome as a rostered leader as well as a congregation. I hope you heard at the synod assembly that you are not alone, but that you have partners that care and are standing by to accompany you. Rev. Phil Hirsch was our churchwide representative at the Synod Assembly. While I give thanks for his report, what I want to share with you, that you do not know, is that you have left an impression on him. Once the synod assembly concluded on Saturday, he took off with our Rural Ministry Liaison, Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, and Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity to experience rural South Dakota. I know that he enjoyed his experience, both at the assembly as well as the tutoring from the synod, because he said so. It has sharpened his understanding of rural ministry and our place in the life and ministry of the ELCA. Thank you, South Dakota Synod, for The hospitality, your welcome, and for your ministry.

I pray for adequate moisture, farm and ranch safety, energy as you plan for fall ministry, and fun and growth during your summer ministry programming. Please know that I am always happy to come and visit. Crystal McCormick at the synod office will be delighted to schedule a visit with you; just reach out to her via email cmccormick@sdsynod.org and she'll get us together.

Journeying in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

**From the Director of Evangelical Mission**

Beloved partners in Christ,

As I write this, my time with you in South Dakota grows short. I cannot help but think on Paul's words in Philippians 1, "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of y prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (v 3-5).

Just as Paul was thankful in prayer for he church in Philippi, so I am thankful for all the ministries I have witnessed across South Dakota. I have seen deep relationships where people care for one another. I have experienced the welcome and hospitality of so many communities. I have celebrated the generosity we have toward one another, making incredible ministry possible. And I know all of this is rooted in our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and propelled forward by the Holy Spirit.

I will continue to pray for you, and for the work that is shared in the South Dakota Synod. Know that it has been a blessing to me to Journey Together in Christ with you, and I am thankful for he work we have accomplished through our partnership.

Peace and blessings to you!

Rev. Jonathan Steiner
Director of Evangelical Mission and Associate to
The Bishop for Stewardship & Outreach

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:

The next W/ELCA meeting will take place on **Monday, August 21st at 11:30 AM** in the Fireside Room. Ladies attending the meeting are asked to pack a lunch for themselves. Coffee and water will be provided.

Ladies, you are asked to bring any ideas for speakers and remember what we did this summer or past summers and get organized to start for the coming year. See you then!

QUILTING

The summer schedule continues with quilting on August 1st and 8th at 9 AM.

We are busy with cutting fabric and sorting gifts received. Thrivent funds have provided us with some backing and padding for the quilts.

Thanks Augie for hanging up the quilts in the fellowship hall. It sure helps to reduce the noise level.

Coffee time is at 10 AM with some great treats, good conversation and much laughter.

ALL ARE WELCOME. "THE JOYOUS QUILTERS"

JULY & AUGUST MISSION PROJECT: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Items needed are as follows:

Notebooks of ruled paper

Unsharpened pencils

30 cm rulers

Boxes of 24 Crayons

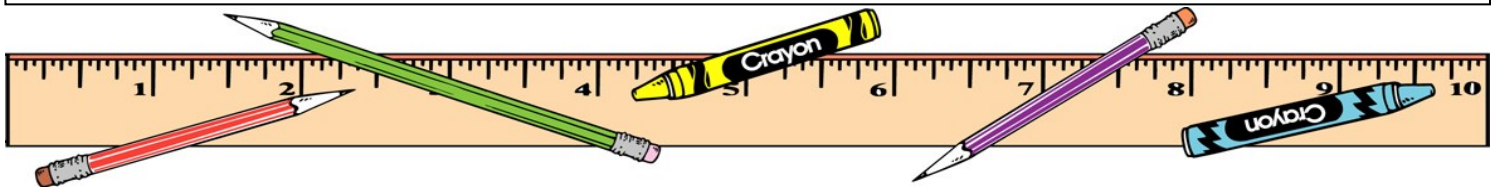
Pencil sharpeners

2 1/2 inch eraser

Boxes of 12 Twistable Crayons

4-Pack Highlighters (Usually yellow, blue, orange and green)

In the past these items have been shared with LWR, Pine Ridge, WEAVE and children at Custer Elementary.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

What a wonderful month of music and singing. God has sent His blessings to our congregation and I have so enjoyed working on the music for church. The celebration in Custer, also celebrated through all of us. So many families visiting and participating in the activities of celebration. Our church was blessed with visitors and familiar faces who we loved seeing. Bill and I were so blessed by visiting with former students as well as families that we have known. We are so thankful for that time together.

We have had special music that has rang out through the church this past month, praising our Lord and reminding us of the gift of His love. As I visit with many talented people who are willing to share their gifts, I am in awe of the many congregational gifts of music in our church. Please contact me if you know of some people in our congregation that would like to be a part of special music. We value the many wonderful music lovers who are helping us to praise our King.

We must remember that God is in our congregation, spreading His love and joy.

One of my favorite songs with gentleness is: "I Love You, Lord"

I Love You Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!

Take Joy, my King, in what you hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS THAT ARE SO GOOD TO GIVE OF THEIR BEAUTIFUL TIME AND LOVE TO HELP US.

IN HIM,
Margaret and Bill Tretheway

Custer Lutheran Fellowship Council Minutes – July 18, 2023

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. There was consensus and the minutes for the June meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru June were 84% (-\$3,846) of budget but YTD remains above budget by \$10,504 (107%) and expenses were 98% of budget. Joy discussed projected finances for the remainder of 2023 and for 2024.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Helena to increase the Youth & Family Coordinator position to a 36 hour contract position thru January, 2024. Motion passed.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ▲ **Thrivent Choice** – July \$ YTD - \$ 417.00
- ▲ **Amazon Smile** – July \$ YTD - \$ 18.44
- ▲ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – July \$ 200.00 YTD - \$ 600.00
- ▲ **Firewood** – \$1,300 has been received so far. Will continue selling firewood until supply is gone.
- ▲ **Christian Education Committee** – has not met yet, will do so soon.
- ▲ **Preschool** – Nora Smolnisky with the Growing Roots committee spoke about their progress with getting the preschool started again.
- ▲ **Sprinkler System** – money is budgeted in 2023 to perform the full maintenance on the system.
- ▲ **Other** – None

New Business:

- ▲ **Membership changes:** None
- ▲ **Rain Gutters** – were not replaced in 2020 when shingles were replaced although received money from the insurance company to do so. Will follow up on this.
- ▲ **Clergy Stuff Narrative Lectionary Purchase** – Pastor Shannon explained what a narrative lectionary is and that she would like to use it at CLF. Blaine moved, Mark seconded to purchase the Clergy Stuff Narrative Lectionary for \$309 for one year. Motion approved.
- ▲ **Simplify Coffee Hosts & Fellowship** – discussed the difficulty sometimes of having people sign up for coffee hosts. Decision was made that if no one signs up to bring treats then there would only be coffee served.
- ▲ **Other** –
 - ◇ **Hardwiring wi-fi to Sanctuary** – Pastor Shannon will get estimate of cost from Marcus at Vector. Hardwiring will make wi-fi more stable.
 - ◇ **Handicapped Spots** – there have been requests for more handicapped parking spots. Will add two more by the door on the west side of the church.

Pastor's Report

- ▲ **Review worship & activities** – baptism scheduled for July 9th was postponed. Led the service for Miranda Jaure.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

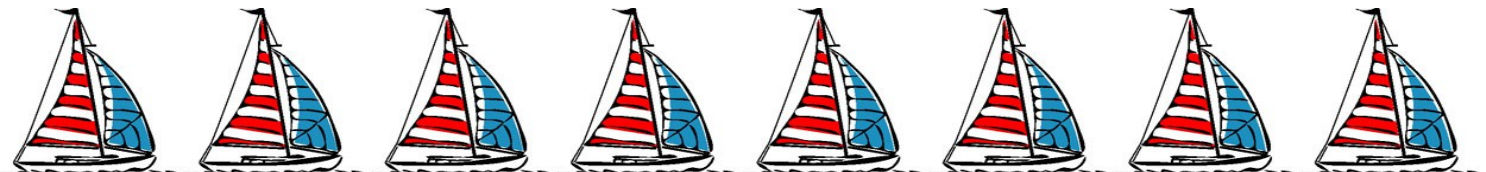
Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ▲ **Property**, Mark Thompson – Doing landscaping around parsonage. Need to look at replacing benches at outdoor worship. Shannon Pulscher has offered to build a shelter by the wood piles to store the log splitters if CLF pays for the materials. Mark to get an estimate.
- ▲ **Social Ministry**, Christie Behlings – Reviewed committee activity – ready for God Discovery Booth.
- ▲ **Other Committees:** Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2023:

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



Pentecost 10

Thursday, Aug. 3: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

Friday, Aug. 4: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13

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

Sunday, Aug. 6: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, Aug. 7: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Romans 1:8-15

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

Wednesday, Aug. 9: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35; Matthew 15:32-39

Pentecost 11

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

Friday, Aug. 11: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28

Saturday, Aug. 12: Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 16:1-4

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

Monday, Aug. 14: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11—8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10;

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27

Pentecost 12

Thursday, Aug. 17: Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, Aug. 18: Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, Aug. 19: Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1-5; Matthew 14:34-36

Sunday, Aug. 20: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Monday, Aug. 21: Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, Aug. 22: Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, Aug. 23: Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13

Pentecost 13

Thursday, Aug. 24: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, Aug. 25: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, Aug. 26: Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12;

Sunday, Aug. 27: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, Aug. 28: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; 1 Samuel 7:3-13; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, Aug. 29: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39; Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday, Aug. 30: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Isaiah 28:14-22; Matthew 26:6-13

Pentecost 14

Thursday, Aug. 31: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 14:13-18; Ephesians 5:1-6

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

Saturday, Sept. 2: Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:10-14; Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday, Sept. 3: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Monday, Sept. 4: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6;

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15; Revelation 3:7-13;

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32



CARING HANDS MINISTRY AT CLF

The Caring Hands Ministry at CLF continues seeking ways to help others in need for transportation, meals, and/or prayers.

One area of that could be more effective and serve more people is the Meals Team. It would help me if I had one person to contact and then that person could call on some of his or her team members to provide one or two meals to show our concern for someone or some family in need of encouragement or help.

Please let me know if you could be the contact person for me and I would help you get your team list assembled.

Thank you to all who continually use your caring hands to reach out to others.

Most sincerely,

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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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Custodian: Augie Heyne
Music: Margaret Tretheway
Choir Director: Jennifer Doyle
Financial Secretary: Janice Albers
Steve Baldwin

Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky
Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch

Ministers: All Members of CLF!