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MEET PASTOR SHANNON WITT!

Hello! I'm excited to meet the members of CLF and to discover the wonderful ministry you have been doing for the last several years. I am a 2007 Graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary and was ordained here at CLF. Prior to becoming an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA, I was a middle school Math and Science teacher. My first teaching job was here in Custer! My husband, Darryn, and I have had the wonderful opportunity to live in many beautiful places in the Midwest. We settled in Iowa after taking my first call near the town of Bellevue, Iowa, where our children were enrolled in school. We now have three grown children and two amazing grandchildren.



As a Pastor, I am passionate about finding ways to bring hope to the world not only through preaching Grace and Good News, but by living out what I believe. Discovering what people's stories are and connecting those stories to God's story through Jesus is what makes us a Church. I enjoy learning as much as I do teaching. The more we learn the more we discover we have so much more to learn about God and about each other and about the world we live in. Being the Church in a post-pandemic world creates so many opportunities to grow as individuals and as a community. One of the most important things I learned during the last few years is how much we need each other as well as how much we have to offer to the world when we follow Jesus.

When I'm not working, I love to play! I enjoy hiking, gardening, painting, reading, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Coming full circle back to the Black Hills is an exciting opportunity for me. I am beyond grateful to God for the gift of creation and for the possibility to perhaps serve the people of CLF and the community of Custer.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5th right after worship for the purpose of extending a call to Pastor Shannon for the position of CLF Pastor. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

Happy Valentine's Day



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS START ON FEBRUARY 22ND



Soup Suppers begin starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. We gather for a simple, yet hearty meal of soup and bread from 5:15 — 6:00 PM on Wednesdays. Lenten Soup Suppers go from February 22nd through March 29th. Please consider signing up to bring a batch of soup one of these weeks! Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center.



OPEN HOUSE

After the Congregation Meeting (around 11:00 AM) there will be an Open House at the parsonage for those who would like to see all the renovations.

FUNERAL GROUPS TO BE REORGANIZED...

One of the things we do here at CLF is serve lunches after funerals. We provide salads, sandwiches, bars and cookies. If a family wants something else, they provide it and we serve it.

It's been several years since the three funeral groups have been reorganized. During this time people have moved, aged out and passed away. We have had several new people join CLF. It's time to reorganize!

While W/ELCA purchases the funeral serving supplies, serving funeral lunches involves the entire congregation. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please consider adding your name to help with funeral lunches. This is a way that we can all continue God's Work, Our Hands all year long.

~ Barb Lewison

CARING HANDS MINISTRY...

It is a new year and maybe you are looking for a new or additional way to serve God at Custer Lutheran Fellowship. I would encourage you to consider the Caring Hands ministry. We offer rides for people who need them and Custer or to Rapid City or Hot Springs. We also take a meal in a needed or a special recognition situation. And we have a prayer team which is an email ministry to pray for others and keep us aware of the needs around us.

Please contact me if this sounds like a good fit for you in 2023. In God's service,

Cozy Dorton

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dididirector@goldenwest.net

CLEAN SIDEWALK CLUB

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"

It's already showing up, isn't it. And we need volunteer sidewalk shovelers for the Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and you can sign up for whatever days work for you. (If you can't make a week long commitment, that's fine. Sign up for two or three days.)

If you need to be shown how to operate the John Deere snow blower, contact Brad McKinney at 308-641-1741 or any number of "experienced" snow shovelers. Thanks!

"A clean sidewalk reflects a clean heart." ~ Expectations 24:7



PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

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

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

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673-4691 (church)

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!

LENTEN SEASON OFFERING - HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN

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

Your Social Ministry Team is once again planning an exciting way for us to participate in a Lenten Season Offering. As in recent years, we will be building a mountain at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God’s work in our community will be collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for five weeks beginning February 26th. We will focus on the following organizations: W.E.A.V.E., Operation Black Hills Cabin, The Storehouse, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive and Humane Society—Custer.

Listed below is a list of items needed by each of these non-profit organizations:

W.E.A.V.E.— Women Escaping a Violent Environment

A very special organization in our community that has been helping women and children in need for over 20 years.

- ✦ Toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo & conditioner, new or gently used baby sleepers sizes 6—24 months, gently used jeans for teen boys

The Storehouse —

Their mission is serve people in Custer County by receiving and distributing with respect and compassion donated food and household items.

- ✦ Canned fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, canned meat, soups

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive —

Diapers are as essential to a child’s basic needs as food and shelter—yet state and federal programs do not offer special funding for those in need.

- ✦ Disposable diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6 (some 1s, 2s & 4s as well).

Humane Society — Custer

a no-kill, animal shelter serving Custer County. At present they are caring for 35 dogs, 25 cats, a blind horse, a cow with a broken hip, a donkey, birds and even a squirrel with seizures. Most of the animals are older or have health issues and will live out their lives at the shelter.

- ✦ Dry cat food, monetary donations to over costs of medicine and veterinary bills

Operation Black Hills Cabin —

Their mission is to provide a comfortable, peaceful and support respite to qualified, combat-injured veterans and their families. Small, inexpensive items are given to each family member visiting the cabin. The cabin can host 17 families each year.

- ✦ The children’s book, “Who Pooped in the Black Hills” to be given to boys
- ✦ Locking journals/diaries to be given to girls
- ✦ Family-oriented games, puzzles and simple toys that will remain in the cabin library. Items would need to be appropriate for toddler to teenage.
- ✦ There are also 7 games that need to be replaced at the cabin: Operation, Chutes and Ladders, Littlest Pet Shop Monopoly, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon and Chinese Checkers. And there are 2 card games that need replacing: Uno and Old Maid.

If you're planning on offering one of these replacement games, please contact Connie at bradmckinney@gmail.com to avoid duplication.

- ✦ The cabin has about a dozen puzzles appropriate for small children, 2 decks of regular playing cards, and the following games that are in good condition (so OBHC does NOT need these): Connect 4, Sequence, The All American Trivia Board Game, Challenge Yahtzee, Horse Sense, Disney Edition Memory Game, Dominoes, Such a Thing?, Outburst II, Monopoly, Candy Land, Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?, and Scrabble.
- ✦ Any kind of Black Hills souvenir, gender neutral and without sizes, would also be appreciated - small things that can be put into the gift bags each family receives. Volunteers do not know the sizes of guests.

You are welcome to bring any and all donations to the altar (or church office) during the first 5 weeks of Lent. You are also welcome to bring in a special monetary offering for the non-profit to the altar (or church office) as well.

~~~~~ PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

PLEASE JOIN US for a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, February 26th, at about 10:30 AM after service. The Social Ministry Team will be hosting this annual fundraiser and will be cooking up not only pancakes but our “famous” biscuits and sausage gravy, along with mixed fruit cups and juice. This year’s freewill offering will be going to support Woyaton/Wambli Ska mission work.

SPARK KIDS...

It's not too late to join us for SPARK Kids! 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. Parent Pickup is 5:00-5:15. With Jesus being born at Christmas time, we have transitioned to New Testament stories. The kids are learning about Jesus and his disciples along with the Lord's prayer. We will discuss the woman at the well and how Jesus calmed the storm, which are great examples of how Jesus showed love for others. It reminds us to love our neighbors too. We have had so much fun using games, crafts, and snacks that go with 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 to join the 25 signed up so far! All are welcome! Contact Wendi Rusch (509-494-3236) for more info!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE SCHEDULE

Meal at 5:15 PM

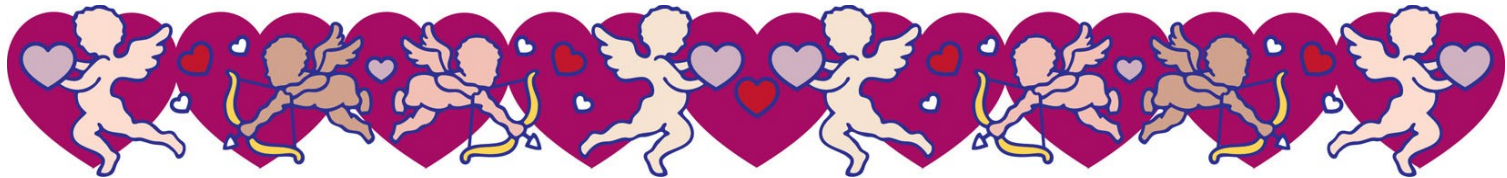
- Feb. 1st** Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
- Feb. 8th** Jackie's Surprise
- Feb. 15th** Potluck & Chicken (bring a dish to share)
- Feb. 22nd** Soup Suppers begin

Worship at 6:00 PM

- First Week Service
- Holden Evening Prayer
- Holy Communion
- Ash Wednesday Service

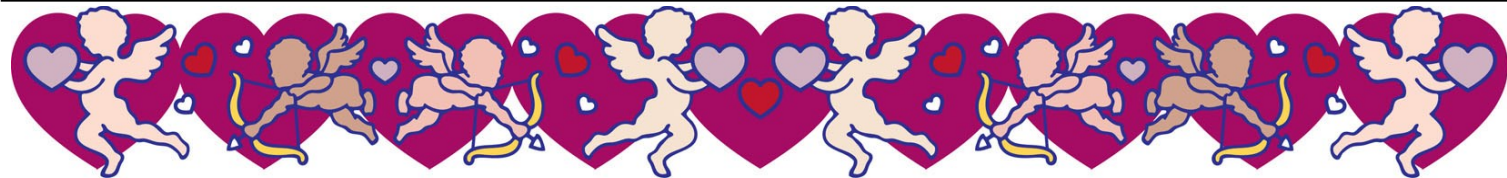
Confirmation at 6:30 PM

- Feb. 1st** Work with Mentor/Parent
- Feb. 8th** Class—Worship
- Feb. 15th** Work with Mentor/Parent
- Feb. 22nd** No class—Ash Wednesday



RAP HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP...

Every Wednesday night 6:30-7:30 PM we have Youth Group for 9th-12th graders. We have had deep conversations and also lots of fun playing games. If you haven't been to church in awhile, know that we would love to see you! Let me know if you have ideas for service projects or field trips. All are welcome for faith, fun and fellowship! Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 for more info!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Since I wrote my article for the Annual Report , I will just cover a few items

It seems so important to begin my January Report with a thanks to our special Sharee Johnson for offering our congregation a play she wrote, called "Whose Birthday is it Anyway?" We were honored to sing the various Christmas songs and slipped very clever "fun" using the tunes we know. What a gift to give our congregation. THE PLAY WAS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st. What great way to start the NEW YEAR 2023.

I do want to recognize the children and directors of the Christmas concert. It is such a stepping stone for working and enjoying doing it. Good Job.

As we begin the new year, I can say that we gained two new pianists, Janice Albers and Tranda Nelssen. They join Cozy Dorton and Jennifer Doyle. It is so nice to have 4 pianists and we will have 5 when Carol Torgerson comes back in the summer. I treasure them all and they are always willing to help in any way.

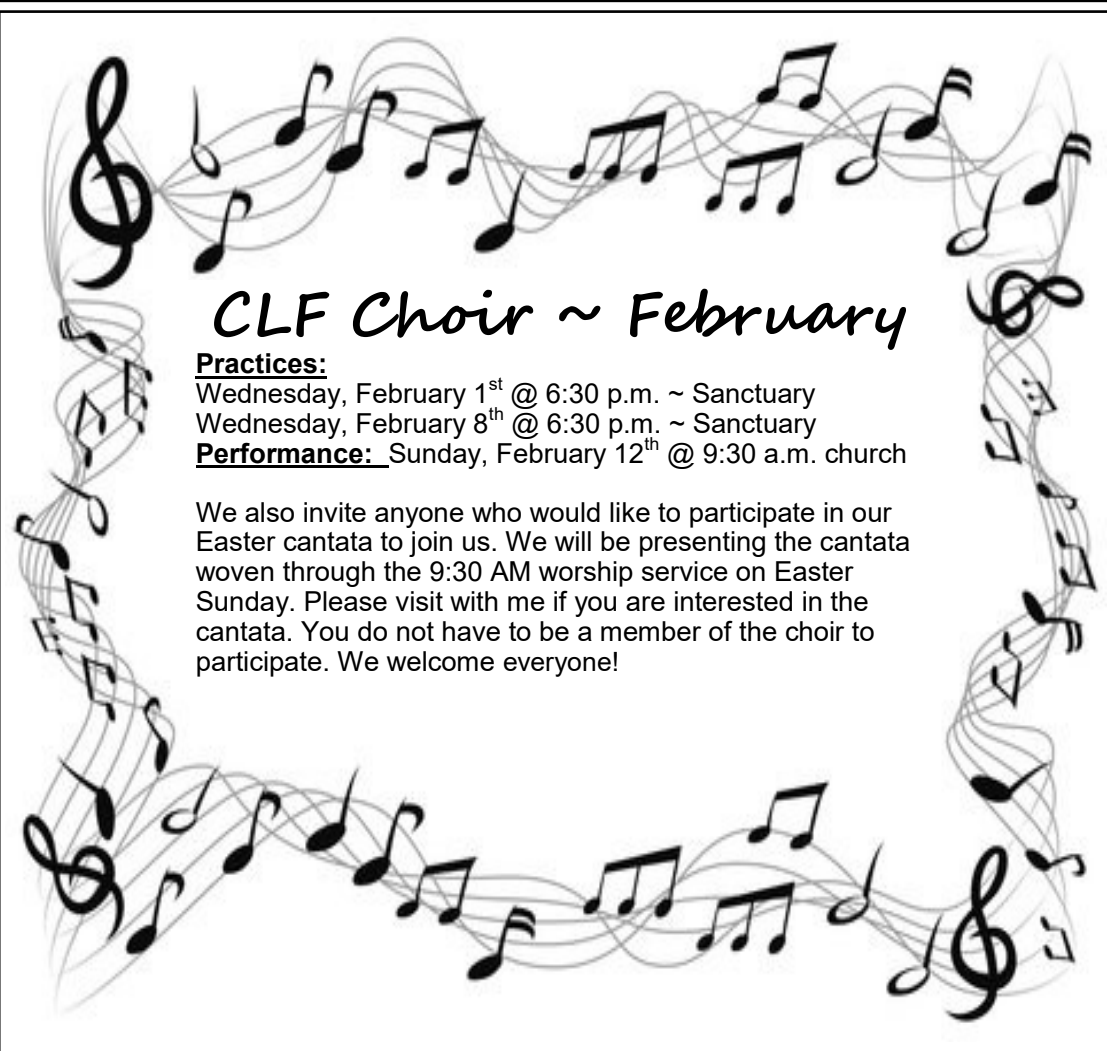
I thank all the people that provided wonderful special music for Church and have been song leaders and also to help with liturgy that help contribute to help make our services meaningful. Thanks to our Worship groups and we thank our Choir and Choir director, Jennifer Doyle and accompanist, Cozy Dorton. Jennifer is working on a cantata for the Easter Service.

In closing I want to say thank you to the congregation, Pastors, and council and staff. I also want to thank Wendi Rusch for directing SPARK Kids and all of the people that help her. I have also enjoyed meeting and working with the guest Pastors, the council and all my music people.

Let me just end with that THANKS to you who help make the church work together.

In closing, we must give our love and sympathy to those who have passed on. God be with you and we keep you all in our prayers

God Bless you this year. ~ Margaret Tretheway



CLF Choir ~ February

Practices:
 Wednesday, February 1st @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary
 Wednesday, February 8th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Performance: Sunday, February 12th @ 9:30 a.m. church

We also invite anyone who would like to participate in our Easter cantata to join us. We will be presenting the cantata woven through the 9:30 AM worship service on Easter Sunday. Please visit with me if you are interested in the cantata. You do not have to be a member of the choir to participate. We welcome everyone!

THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S BREAKFAST / BIBLE STUDY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH DUE TO FUNERAL. NEXT ONE WILL BE ON MARCH 11TH.



Happy Valentine's Day!
Ann



CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

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

Main address — clf@gwtc.net

MARCH NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

Please have articles for the March Newsletter to the office **by February 16th**. Thank you!



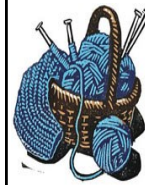
OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.

Wednesday's open from 10

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

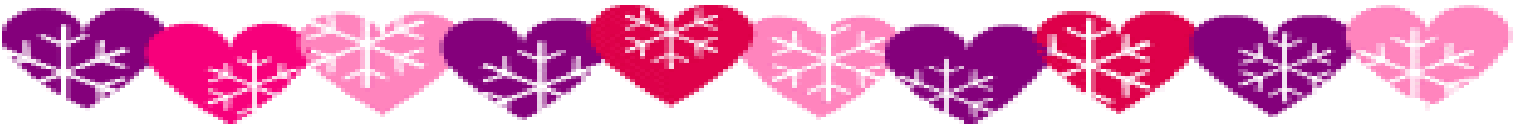


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office. Everyone is welcome to do so at any time—just let someone in the office know when you do, as we keep a journal of all activity.



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.



YARN FOR ST DYSMAS...

St Dymas is need of yarn for hats they make. There will be an article in the March Newsletter with more Information. Watch for it!

**"CHRIST IN OUR HOME"
DEVOTIONALS**

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **January to March 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.



PA HELP NEEDED



We are looking for new people who are able to help run the PowerPoint slides during worship, both on Sundays and Wednesdays. Right now we have a smaller pool of people to call on to help. It is not a difficult job, but it is so important. We will train you in all you need to know. Please contact the church office for more information, or to sign up to be trained. Thank you!



CUSTER MEET & EAT



The Custer Meet & Eat will be held on **February 14th from 5-7 PM** at the Custer Community Church located at 547 Harney ST in Custer. This meal is open to the public and a free-will donation is taken. Come and meet new people and have a great time!



2022 Annual Financial Report <u>Approved at Annual Mtg 1-22-23</u>	CLF Statement of Activities EOY 2022				
Ordinary Income/Expense	Budget	Actual Total	Actual Detail		
			Non-Restricted	Restricted	Designated
Income					
Offering Contributions	297,500	265,990	265,990		
Non-restricted Special Donation	2,600	6,712	6,712		
Temp. Restricted Donations	30,650	37,941		37,941	
Current Distribution Restricted funds	2,500	4,985		4,985	
Perm Youth Endow Distribution		8,625		8,625	
Interest	300	728	728		
Gifts in Kind - Goods		240		240	
46400 - Other Types of Income		487	487		
Total Income	333,550	325,708	273,917	51,791	0
Expense					
Pastoral Leadership - Total	94,715	89,019	89,019		
Worship Total	11,520	10,897	10,627	270	
Education Total	12,076	10,040	9,096	943	
Mission Support Total	43,529	52,859	40,849	12,011	
Support and Care Total	66,219	57,424	55,688	1,018	718
Facility Expense Total	108,673	100,968	54,931	27,398	18,639
Total Expense	336,732	321,207	260,210	41,641	19,356
Net Ordinary Income	(3,182)	4,501	13,707	10,151	(19,356)
Net Income after Other Inc & Exp	(3,182)	4,686	(2,824)	10,151	(2,641)



CLF 2023 Budget Approved 1-22-23

Ordinary Income/Expense	Non-restricted	Restricted	Designated	Total
Income				
Offering Contributions	290,438			290,208
Current Distrib. Restricted Funds		5,700		5,700
Interest	300			300
Total Income	290,508	5,700	0	296,208
Expense				
Total PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	90,523		5,000	95,523
Total WORSHIP	11,662	0		11,662
Total EDUCATION	12,885	1,200	8,315	22,400
Total MISSION SUPPORT	36,276	2,500		38,776
Total SUPPORT/CARE	58,741	2,000	700	61,441
Total FACILITIES EXPENSE	64,549		8,000	72,549
Total Expense	274,636	5,700	22,015	302,351
Net Ordinary Income	15,872	0	(22,015)	(6,143)
Net Income after Other Inc & Exp	7,473	0	(13,615)	(6,143)

THANKS SO MUCH FOR THESE PULPIT SUPPLY PASTORS FOR FILLING IN AT CLF!



Pastor Jeff Backer



Pastor Dan Johnson



Pastor Sharee Johnson



Pastor Phil Lewison



Pastor Duane Neugebauer



Pastor Larry Peterson



Pastor Renee Splichal Larson



Pastor Jonathan Steiner



Pastor Bruce Thalacker



Pastor Shannon Witt

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:

Next Meeting: Monday, February 20th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses: Pack your own lunch and come to the meeting! Beverages and dessert will be furnished.

Program: Wendi Rusch on her trip to the Holy Land and SPARK Kids

Nancy Martinz was our speaker about "Law Enforcement from a Woman's Point of View". She spoke to the women about her life as one of the first female park rangers. She began in 1979 in Yellowstone, then on to several other national parks and forests. The interesting part was what it was like being a woman in a male dominated field. The women enjoyed stories of her encounters with animals and people.

We held installation of our new officers: Mickey Schlecht, President; Arbutus Winter, Vice-President; Bonnie Thompson, Secretary; Barb Lewison, Treasurer and Julie Taylor, Mission & Action Community.

The Auction of Talents will be held on April 16th, the Sunday after Easter. So you have plenty of time to knit, paint, hammer, etc—let's make it good!!

In February, our mission project will be to continue to support our quilters by collecting thread and other materials that they need to provide quilts as needed in the community and the surrounding area. Many of the quilts go to Lutheran World Relief where they are distributed throughout the world. There is a list of items needed on the cart in the Narthex. Donated items can also be left there. Your support of this powerful outreach is greatly appreciated. The quilters meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. They have lots of fun—join them—you don't need to know how to sew!



COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2023 MEETING

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: Treasurer and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru December were 89.4% (\$31,510) of budget and expenses were 92% (-\$24,133) of budget.

Recommendation by Finance Committee to research ICON software web-based accounting module as a potential replacement for desktop QuickBooks. Would run the ICON module parallel with QuickBooks in 2023 to compare. If it is found to meet the church's needs and approved by the Council, the transition could be implemented in 2024. Shana moved, Carol seconded for the Treasurer to research the ICON accounting software, motion approved.

Carol moved, Jackie seconded to approve the 2022 EOY budget, motion approved.

✦ **2023 Budget** – Carol moved, Mark seconded to approve the 2023 budget as submitted, motion approved.

The Financial Review Committee recommended we use a financial log that is reviewed annually by the Council.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund guidelines will be changed to meet IRS & ELCA recommendations.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** – Jan – \$ 18.00 YTD – \$ 18.00
- ✦ **Amazon Smile** – \$ 0.00 YTD – \$ 0.00
- ✦ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – Dec – \$300.00 2022 YTD – \$1,200.00
- ✦ **Call Process Update** – Donna gave update on the Call Process. The Call Committee has recommended to the Council to approve Pastor Shannon Witt as a candidate for our new pastor. Mark moved, Carol seconded to approve Pastor Shannon Witt as our candidate for pastor, motion approved. Donna moved, Emily seconded to set February 5th as the date for the congregational meeting to have the vote, motion approved.
- ✦ **Nominating Committee Update** – Nominations for Officers and Council members have been filled.
- ✦ **Mary Winter Time Off** – Joy discussed what remaining paid time off Mary has remaining. Next doctor appointment is on January 23rd.
- ✦ **Pulpit Supply** – Scot has filled the Sundays in February; Wednesdays are yet to be determined.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership changes:** None
- ✦ **Annual Meeting Draft Agenda** – Agenda was reviewed
- ✦ **Other**
 - ◆ **5th Sunday** – The CMA would like to hold a short service comprised mainly on the afternoon of a 5th Sunday. Carol moved, Jackie seconded the use of CLF for the January 5th Sunday, motion approved.
 - ◆ **St Dymas** – determined it was ok to pay Pastor Jeff Backer, St Dymas \$175 for pulpit supply.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry: None

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Mutual Ministry** – Met last week – all will stay on at least thru July, 2023.
- ✦ **Property Committee**, Mark Thompson – Gave report on parsonage.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**, Scot Hoscheid – Reviewed committee activity.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**, Jackie Hartwick – Reviewed upcoming events.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2023

Closing Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY



Epiphany 4

Wednesday, February 1: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13, 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26

Epiphany 5

Thursday, February 2: Psalm 112:1-10; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5
 Friday, February 3: Psalm 112: 1-10; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18
 Saturday, February 4: Psalm 112:1-10; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8
 Sunday, February 5: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
 Monday, February 6: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10
 Tuesday, February 7: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
 Wednesday, February 8: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30

Epiphany 6

Thursday, February 9: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16
 Friday, February 10: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17
 Saturday, February 11: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9
 Sunday, February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
 Monday, February 13: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8
 Tuesday, February 14: Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21---24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13
 Wednesday, February 15: Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Thursday, February 16: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7
 Friday, February 17: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28
 Saturday, February 18: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13
 Sunday, February 19: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
 Monday, February 20: Psalm 78:17-20,52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
 Tuesday, February 21: Psalm 78:17-20,52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6

Lent 1

Ash Wednesday, February 22: Joel 12:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
 Thursday, February 23: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7;
 Friday, February 24: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
 Saturday, February 25: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-17
 Sunday, February 26: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
 Monday, February 27: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
 Tuesday, February 28: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14—5:10
 Wednesday, March 1: Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

THANK YOU'S...

Thank you for all the prayers, meals, visits during surgery and Jim's testing. ~ Jim & Pat Hattervig

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Dear Knitters & Crocheters,

Thank you for the prayer shawl I received while in the hospital. It is a real comfort to me, keeps my shoulders from a draft while sitting, reading or doing paper work.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness. ~ Helen Sandberg

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Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ!

Thank you for the opportunity to come to Custer Lutheran Fellowship to worship with you, and to tell the St Dymas story. Your partnership is so vital to what we do. Thank you seems so small! God's Continued Wisdom & Grace on CLF. Grace & Peace, ~ Pastor Jeff Backer



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Custer Lutheran Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Bedrock Beliefs are...

We grow in faith through worship and sacraments

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

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

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

We have faith only through God's grace.

Our Core Values are:

*Faith, Family, Mission,
Service, Worship*



Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Pastor:

Office Manager: Mary Winter

Parish Nurse: Mary Klein

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!