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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, **January 24, 2021** at 10:30 am after worship. We will hold the meeting in the Sanctuary where we can ensure physical distancing. Masks will be required. It is vital that all members attend this meeting so that we can approve the 2021 Budget for the church, as well as vote on council and committee members. Our Treasurer, Joy Smolnisky, will be holding a Budget Forum the week before, on **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am after worship in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!



## IN GOOD COMPANY: STORIES OF BIBLICAL WOMEN . . . .



Pastor Pam will be leading a five week Bible study during the season of Epiphany. This is a study developed by the Women of the ELCA to explore stories of women in the Bible. In-person discussion will begin on **Sunday, January 17, 2021** after worship at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. For those who cannot attend in person, Pastor Pam will lead a Zoom discussion online on Thursday's starting **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Please let Pastor Pam know if you would like to be involved in the Zoom group and she will send the link. This will be a fun study learning about people such as Deborah, a determined leader and Rahab, a faithful business woman. Come join us!



## ALTAR GUILD HELPERS NEEDED ....

Our Altar Guild needs new members to serve: Two needed for January/February, One needed for March/April, One needed for July/August, Two needed for September/October and one needed for 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.



**The Wood Haul Tradition Continues**

Our Annual CLF Wood Haul is a part of the fabric of this place. It continues to be a favorite fall event. Gary Williams, our Wood Haul Coordinator, with the help of many, many volunteers, delivered the equivalent of 22 pickup loads of split firewood to the Pine Ridge and Red Shirt Communities. Marv and Sharee Johnson generously provided most of this year's wood. The event was modified in order to conform to COVID restrictions. We were unable to include the usual potluck meal, and look forward to providing food and fellowship with next year's wood haul.

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, with a Twist!**

Because we cannot host the Annual Pancake Breakfast here's a "virtual" alternative that we hope will work for all. You'll be able to have your very own, personalized breakfast of your choice while helping others, with your donations to the Cornerstone Mission. Here's how it will work - we ask that folks at home make their own family "pancake breakfast" anytime from January 1 to January 24. Participants can serve up whatever kind of breakfast they choose and, if they'd like, take a photo of their breakfast event. Pictures of food, menus, and/or of your smiling faces are encouraged. Be creative and have fun. (Your "pancake breakfast" may be a bowl of oatmeal!) Then, send your digital photos to the church office where your picture may be included in the February Crossroads and CLF Facebook page. We'll also be asking folks to make a donation through the CLF Church office to Cornerstone Rescue Mission, a traditional recipient of our annual fundraiser. Let's make a difference in someone's life!

**Ain't No Mountain High Enough**

Did you know Ash Wednesday is February 17? Which reminds us that it is time to think about our Build-a-Mountain Lenten fundraiser event. We will once again be supporting the following five local organizations: W.E.A.V.E., The Storehouse, Battle Mountain Humane Society, the Pine Ridge Diaper Drive, and Operation Black Hills Cabin. Be on the lookout for more details in the weeks ahead!

**CONFIRMATION . . . .**



**CONFIRMATION CHRISTMAS PARTY. . . .**



**JANUARY SCHEDULE**

- January 6—No Class
- January 13—How to work for Peace and Justice
- January 20—Mentor Night
- January 27—No Class



## Happy New Year!

Or at least we're all hoping it will be a happy new year. It has to be better than 2020, doesn't it?



We seem to be in that in-between place of running as fast as we can from the past year, while being unsure about what this new year will bring. We're hoping it will be better. Hoping we will all be able to get the vaccine for COVID-19 soon, hoping we can stop wearing masks soon, hoping the violence and division in our country and the world will calm down soon, hoping perhaps that tensions and divisions in our families will end, our grief will end, our anxiety and fear will end.

Hope is a powerful thing. We see both fear and hope throughout the Bible. We just celebrated the birth of Christ which began with both fear and hope. Mary was understandably afraid when the angel appeared and told her this unbelievable news that she would be having a baby. But that gave way to trust and hope. Trust in God and hope for the future.

So perhaps hope is not the only thing we need right now. Perhaps we also need trust. Trust and hope go together. Throughout scripture, God promises that we can trust who God is and how much God loves us. We can trust that God keeps God's promises. We trust that God is with us always, to the end of the age.



But all of these are vague, general promises and requests to trust. Can we extend our trust to more specific situations in our lives and in the world? Can we trust God in the midst of a

pandemic? Can we trust God when someone we loves is diagnosed with cancer or diabetes or COPD? Can we trust God when a marriage falls apart or when we see so much hatred and division in our own communities?



I say resoundingly, "Yes!" We can trust God in all of these times and places. We can trust God in all things because nothing is impossible with God. I've said this before, but for me, I am constantly comforted by the knowledge that God is always with me, no matter what, no matter where. In all the difficult and extremely challenging times in my life, I know God was walking with me. Things may not have gone the way I wanted them to, but God was there to comfort and support me in my grief, loneliness, anxiety, fear, and joy.

As this new year begins, I pray that we all approach it with trust and hope, and even joy. Trust that God is with us, hope for the future, and joy in our Savior. May this be a year where we all grow in our trust, joy, and hope in God's Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Blessings and Happy New Year!

Pastor Pam

## PA HELP URGENTLY NEEDED...



We are looking for new people who are able to help run the PowerPoint slides during worship, both on Sundays and Wednesdays. Due to a few illnesses, and of course COVID-19, 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 Pastor Pam or the church office for more information, or to sign up to be trained. Thank you!

## CUSTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS...

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Community Christmas was held at Custer Lutheran Fellowship. 185 food baskets were assembled on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Then on Saturday, from 10 AM to Noon, registered families came out and picked up their food baskets along with their choice of a ham or turkey and their gifts. The food baskets and meat were set up in the Narthex and Select-A-Gift was set up in the Fireside Room.



## CARING HANDS MINISTRY...

Cozette Dorton is working to update the caring hands teams due to precautions regarding the virus and in recognition that many people still have important needs that we can meet.

The three Caring Hands Teams are:

- ❖ Caring Hands Meals Team
- ❖ Caring Hands Transportation Team
- ❖ Caring Hands Prayer Team

If you were previously serving on one of these teams and would like to be removed, let Cozy know.

If you would like to be added to any of these teams, please let Cozy know for more information and questions answered.

Cozy Dorton    673-4974    673-1187    [dididirector@goldenwest.net](mailto:dididirector@goldenwest.net)

Thank you for all the caring that each one is doing now-- for our church family, for our pastor and for our world -- whether or not you are on one of these teams.



## 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!

## ARE YOU LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?

If you are leaving for the winter, please let the office know your address so your newsletter will get delivered. We would like to know approximate departing and returning dates. Thank you for your help!





## PARISH NURSE UPDATE



**I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!** Some may say, what's so good about it. Well the fact now that we have at least 2 COVID-19 vaccines is the best news we have had all year! With the Moderna vaccine, our smaller community hospitals & clinics will be able to get the vaccine to health care workers, our Nursing Home residents and other front line workers will have the option to receive the vaccine. After that it will go to people older than 65 and those with chronic health conditions. I know some are skeptical due to the quickness of the approval, but this vaccine is made much differently than our typical ones and has been in the works for a number of years. This is one bright spot we can look to, for an end to this virus, as we know it today. Can this happen again, we hope not, but it probably will, but hopefully we'll be fully prepared next time. I'm not sure how many people are attending services at this point. Just so you know, for personal health issues, I am not. I think this should be a personal decision, as one is comfortable with. I am looking forward to going to church services when I can feel safer. Now get out and **get the vaccine when you are able!** The more people, the better our protection will be.

Mary Klein RN , Parish Nurse

## MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

Our community has suffered several losses recently due to suicide. It's sad and difficult to understand, and even more so for family & close friends. Why does this happen. We may never know. Some people call them cowards or sinners. This is not true. They had probably reached a level of emotional pain that overwhelmed them. What can we do? Be there for family & friends, take care of others, so they don't feel isolated in their pain. Talking to people you think are feeling down or withdrawn. Just that one act alone may make them see they are not alone. There should never be shame or blame.

**Healthy mind, healthy soul**

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

The Custer Lutheran Fellowship Annual Meeting for 2021 will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

ALL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS should submit their information for the Annual Report no later than Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!



## CLEAN SIDEWALK CLUB

**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!**

It will be coming soon enough and we need shovelers

Here's how it works:

There's no longer a sign-up sheet at Church.

Instead, we're using a dedicated Google Calendar for signing up volunteers.

To view the calendar, go on-line and visit: [bit.ly/cfnsnow](http://bit.ly/cfnsnow)

Find an open slot(s) that works for you.

THEN, contact [bradmckinney@gmail.com](mailto:bradmckinney@gmail.com); (308) 641-1741

(or [paul@paulhorsted.com](mailto:paul@paulhorsted.com); 673-7898)

Brad or Paul can then edit the Google Calendar to show your dates. Thank you!





**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
- Sara — sara\_clf@gwtc.net

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE**

Please have articles for the February Newsletter to the office by **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!



**OFFICE HOURS.....**

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office days for individuals are as follows but hours may not be until 4:00 PM.:

- Sara: in office Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday
- Chris: in office Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...**



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

**CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...**

On Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s website, [www.custerlutheran.com](http://www.custerlutheran.com) you will find the option to support Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s mission and ministry through the “ONLINE GIVING” link. Whether you’d like to make a one-time donation or set-up regularly scheduled donations, you can do this easily through a secure server by following the instructions. At this time, CLF accepts bank account (ACH) transactions only. You can set up your own login/password and make changes with your giving at any time.



**“CHRIST IN OUR HOME”  
DEVOTIONALS**

The “Christ in Our Home” daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **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 mailed to you.

**PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM  
WHEN:**

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

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

Pastor Pam Power                      pam\_clf@gwtc.net  
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**2020 BUDGET THRU NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup>**

	Jan-Nov 2020	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offering Contributions	291,114	318,991
Non-restricted Special Donation	7,451	2,311
Interest	476	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>299,041</b>	<b>321,302</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Pastoral Leadership	79,926	85,219
Worship	7,700	9,795
Education	3,956	10,542
Mission Support	38,083	38,184
Support/Care	125,965	179,474
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>255,630</b>	<b>323,214</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>43,411</b>	<b>(1,912)</b>





## MUSIC REPORT FOR JANUARY

As we come to the end of 2020, we are aware that the world has been reshaped. We have survived in our church with services that still include music, sermon and praying for all of our world. I send thanks to Pastor Pam, the council, the office people, the accompanists, special music and the many people that help make our services work..

We know that resilient faith remains Godly amid crisis. Some days are more difficult than others but we must trust God in our hard times so we can help others in theirs. So as we end this past year, we are thankful that we trust in His power. May we remember the gifts that God has given us.

I continue to pray for healing.

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Pam had a beautiful, cleansing service .. It was the longest day for this year and the service was so touching. It is also a time of healing and being aware of our world that needs comfort and hope. We encourage everyone to look forward to next year to be a part of this service. Candles, music and feeling the Holy Spirit helps us unite and give it our Lord.

Thank you everyone. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

The Tretheways



## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK:

### Virtual 2021 ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering

Dates: January 20-23, 2021

Theme: "And All Were Satisfied" John 6:11-12

You're invited! This signature event gathers ELCA World Hunger's leaders for a time of networking, idea sharing, learning and planning for our common ministry to address hunger and its root causes. We know that our future church will be younger and more diverse — whom do you want to invite to join the conversation and our ministry together? To register, please visit [bit.ly/2021WHLG](http://bit.ly/2021WHLG). The event fee is \$20, with sponsorship opportunities available to those for whom the cost would be a barrier to attending. Once you register, you will receive the information needed to join in the event. For questions, please contact [hunger@elca.org](mailto:hunger@elca.org) or 773-380-1749.

### Seeds for Nicaragua

The South Dakota Synod Companion Synod ministry helps us to better know our siblings in Christ from around the world—especially in our companion synods in Nicaragua and Cameroon.

The Lutheran Church, Faith & Hope of Nicaragua is one of our companions in faith and service. This year, the people of Nicaragua endured two large hurricanes which devastated over 44,000 homes and drowned the crops of the subsistence farmers in the region. These people are in desperate need of help.

Sixty to eighty percent of the farmers in the region are women and children. Programs from the ELCA have helped these farmers learn how to better tend their land, what to plant and how to use best farming practices like use of irrigation. The small family farms joined into cooperatives to help work and tend their crops together. There are currently 15 cooperatives going in the area. The hurricane totally destroyed the crops and houses of 9 of the cooperatives. That's a couple hundred families' resources wiped out. This catastrophe comes on top of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic hit the area hard and caused many to miss one of the two harvests this year because of sickness. People were already desperate when the final blows of 2 hurricanes hit.

Our missionary, Rev. Dr. Soliette Lopez Ortega, shared that hunger has already become a problem and a true famine in the area could occur if something is not done to help. They hope to be able to replant this fall when the water recedes or barring that possibility, plant another crop in the spring. But... **THEY HAVE NO MONEY FOR SEED!**

As people of the land, we understand the need for seed and soil to harvest. We know the hardship of no harvests. In the United States, we have insurance and farm plans from our government to fall back on. The people of Nicaragua have nothing to help them out of this disaster.

They have nothing but us...their partners in prayer and faith.

We are asking the people of the South Dakota Synod to step up and help our companion synod siblings from Nicaragua as we journey together in Christ to raise money to buy seeds for the future and hope in Nicaragua.

Each cooperative's seed will cost them \$1,445.00. We are setting a goal of raising \$14,000.00 for the farmers in Nicaragua.

Donations can be sent directly to the South Dakota Synod. You can donate online ([sdsynod.org/donate](https://sdsynod.org/donate)) or mail a check made payable to the South Dakota Synod, ELCA (2001 S. Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57197). Please mark your donation to be used for "Seeds of Hope for Nicaragua."

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for Nicaragua.

### With a 2021 Resolution Makeover, *your life can make a difference.*

Every New Year's Eve, we determine to make the next year better than the last. We promise ourselves that we'll eat healthier, get more exercise, save more money, and make more friends. Of the top nine New Year's resolutions, everyone is about self-improvement...inwardly directed. And every year, at least 80% of us fail.

What if we reversed the focus and resolved to make life better for others? Is it possible that generosity might be a resolution with a positive outcome for everyone involved?

According to the authors of *Big Think*<sup>\*</sup>, research suggests that helping others doesn't just benefit the recipient. It pays dividends to your health, happiness, and well-being too.

Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD can help you create a personalized resolution of generosity in 2021.

Contact Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030 or [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org).

<sup>[\*]</sup><https://bigthink.com/personal-growth/new-years-resolution-help-others>







## W/ELCA HAPPENINGS...

Our next W/ELCA meeting will be held on January 25. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Details as far as the program will be given in the bulletin. We will continue to follow Covid guidelines for safety. A simple snack and coffee will be served.

We supplied 30 dozen cookies to Christmas for Kids on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who donated to make that possible. The cookies were greatly appreciated.

Mission project for January-March is Quilts for LWR and local needs

Items needed:

- ✦ Thread
- ✦ Cotton fabric suitable for making quilts
- ✦ Cotton blankets and/or mattress pads for inside quilts

The ladies from W/ELCA wish each of you a healthy, happy new year!



**QUILTING** — In January, Quilting continues each Tuesday morning starting at 9:00 am.



## SD SYNOD NEWS CONTINUED...

**SAVE THE DATE IN 2021!**

### Lay Leader Kick-Off Night:

February 2 at 7:00 PM CT

Evening of learning, connecting, and resource sharing from the synod office. This invitation is open to all newly elected lay leaders in congregations such as presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and council members.

### Region 3 Discernment Retreat:

Session 1: March 9th from 7:00-8:30pm CT

Session 2: March 16th from 7:00-8:30pm CT

### Synod Assembly

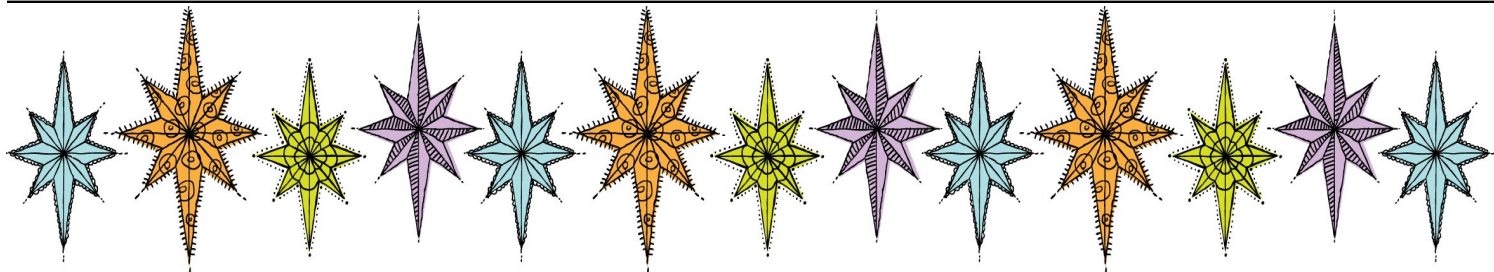
June 4-5, 2021

Scheduled to take place at Our Savior's Lutheran in Sioux Falls. A final determination on whether or not assembly will be online will be voted on at the March synod council meeting.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your well wishes, gifts and goodies for Christmas! It was a wonderful celebration of Jesus birth, even if it was different than "normal." Blessings to you all in this New Year!

Pastor Pam



## COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

*Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:* Joy's submitted reports reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering trends. The November giving rate was slightly higher so the overall giving levels are approximately 8.7% YTD below budget. Projected End of Year: 91% of Budget so this computes to around \$30,000 less than was budgeted. The Finance Committee had a number of end of the year and proposed 2021 items to be addressed. See attached sheet for specific items and the actions taken.

### *Unfinished Business:*

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**— \$21 received in November—\$1949 YTD
- ✦ **Review of worship and activities**—Worship in-person and on-line has remained steady. Confirmation Sunday had involved extra chairs for seating as will be anticipated for Christmas services.
- ✦ **Annual Meeting**—It was decided that no potluck would be provided as a number of members had said this was too risky. Instead, a coffee only gathering will be held on January 24, 2021. Reports of committee members are due Friday, January 8, 2021.

### *New Business:*

- ✦ **Annual Meeting Forum Date**—As a preview to the annual meeting, a forum to review the proposed budget will be held on January 17, 2021.
- ✦ **Endowment Fund Distribution**—The Youth Endowment distributions that were approved in the Treasurer and Finance sections above provided: \$300 to YMCA for basketball jerseys and youth basketball, \$1,325 to Freshman Impact, \$1,125 to Outlaw Ranch for Youth programming, \$1,125 to Library for home craft/activity bags, and \$1,625 to Lifeways for drug and alcohol prevention and education.

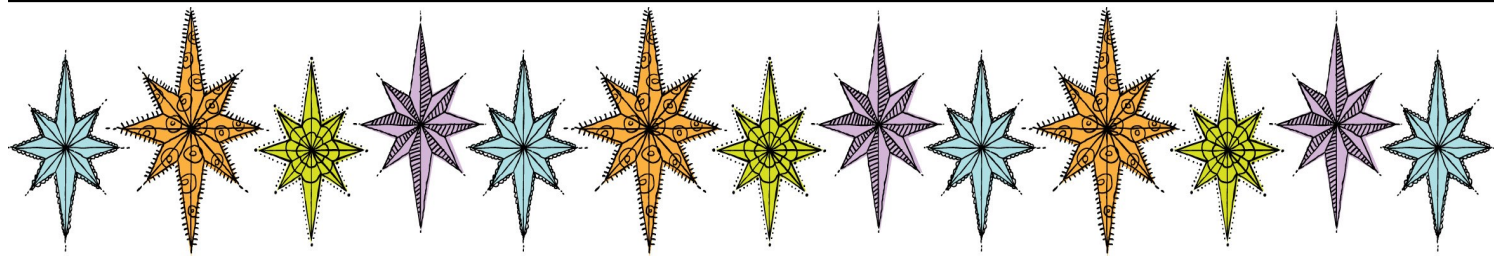
*Reflections on Mission and Ministry:* Pastor Pam was busy with Confirmation and the youth scavenger hunt. The Wednesday Advent series has been ongoing.

### *Committee & Ministry Team Reports*

- ✦ **Property Committee**—Activity has started with the trimming of some of the trees. A number of projects are ongoing.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**— Possibly having a "Virtual" pancake feed in February, and re-building the mountain again for the Lent project.
- ✦ **Worship and Music**—Margaret is busy getting vocalists and musicians to sign up for the many services in the next couple of months. A Blue Christmas Service will be held on Monday, December 21 at 6:30. Two services will be held for Christmas Eve.

### **Next Meeting: January 19, 2021**

Treats—Christie Behlings    Devotions—Dave Pickford  
December 2020 Care & Share Calling Coordinator—Jackie Hartwick





## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### 2 Christmas

Thursday, December 31: Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

Friday, January 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21

Saturday, January 2: Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18



### Epiphany

Sunday, January 3: Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10

Monday, January 4: Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17

Tuesday, January 5: Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31

Wednesday, January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

### Epiphany 1

Thursday, January 7: Psalm 29; Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 9:10-19a

Friday, January 8: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Saturday, January 9: Psalm 29; 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, January 10: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Monday, January 11: Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, January 12: Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16

Wednesday, January 13: Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34

### Epiphany 2

Thursday, January 14: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Friday, January 15: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25

Saturday, January 16: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 2:21-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, January 17: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Monday, January 18: Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8; 2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Tuesday, January 19: Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11

Wednesday, January 20: Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17

### Epiphany 3

Thursday, January 21: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15; Revelation 18:11-20

Friday, January 22: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7

Saturday, January 23: Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16

Sunday, January 24: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Monday, January 25: Psalm 46; Genesis 12:1-9; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Tuesday, January 26: Psalm 46; Genesis 45:25—46:7; Acts 5:33-42

Wednesday, January 27: Psalm 46; Proverbs 8:1-21; Mark 3:13-19a

### Epiphany 4

Thursday, January 28: Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 3:23-29; Romans 9:6-18

Friday, January 29: Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 12:28-32; Revelation 2:12-17

Saturday, January 30: Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Matthew 8:28—9:1

Sunday, January 31: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Monday, February 1: Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:1-21; Acts 21:17-26

Tuesday, February 2: Psalm 35:1-10; Numbers 22:22-28; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Wednesday, February 3: Psalm 35:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Mark 5:1-20

## MEALS ON WHEELS

For years, CLF has taken the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels on Fridays. We are now down to four volunteers and can really use some more! We will be happy to train you and show you the ropes if you can commit to one weekend a month! The recipients are always so appreciative, but more than that we are doing our Father's work and are always so very blessed for doing so! Please contact Mark Hogg or the church office if you know of anyone who can help. Thank you!!





**Custer Lutheran Fellowship, ELCA**  
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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: Pamela Power  
Office Manager: Mary Stutz  
Office Assistant: Sara Janson  
Parish Nurse: Mary Klein  
Custodian: Augie Heyne  
Music: Margaret Tretheway  
Choir Director: Marlene Sellevoid  
Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky  
SPARK Kids: Wendi Rusch

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**