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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Custer Lutheran Fellowship Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, after worship at 10:30 AM, with a Brunch Potluck. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to sign up for the potluck.

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It is vital that all members attend this meeting so that we can approve the 2022 Budget for the church, as well as vote on council and committee members. Our Treasurer, Joy Smolnisky, will be holding a Budget Forum on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 AM after worship. See you there!

All Committee activity groups and Team leaders, please submit your reports to the church office by **January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

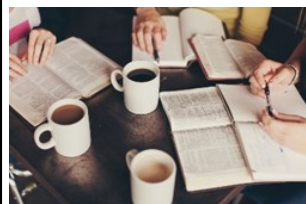
## BLESSING AND CHALKING OF HOMES



The act of chalking a home's door is a long Christian tradition that typically occurs in the season of Epiphany. The markings, "20 + C + M + B + 22," abbreviates the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as an outward devotion to God, asking His blessings in the new year and to pay homage to the Magi who visited Christ in his first home. This is why it is done during Epiphany, which is when we celebrate the visit of the Magi.

Pastor Pam invites you to be part of this tradition this year. There is a schedule on the Welcome Center with dates and times you can sign up to have her come to your home and participate in the blessing and chalking of your home. You may also call the church office and schedule a time. This is a wonderful opportunity to bless your home for the new year. Please contact Pastor Pam with any questions.

## BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP



Join Pastor Pam for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship at Calamity Jane's. We will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday's of each month at 10:00 AM. This will be a casual and fun discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading and how it speaks to our lives today. Come for the discussion, fellowship, and coffee (if you would like). You are not required to purchase anything, just come and join us!

## Social Ministry — "Good Gifts" Summary

Your Social Ministry Team sponsored ELCA "Good Gifts" in early December. Farm animals, educational and development projects can make a world of difference for a family in need. With our gifts, together, we help families escape the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Purchased this year were: 12 chicks, a rooster, 2 goats, 10 piglets, 2 honeybee bundles, 2 water filters, 17 school supply bundles, vaccinations for a child, 2 weeks of food for a refugee family, 6 bibles, and 11 backpacks stocked with food.

A total of \$1,127 was raised from sales at church. We know that others at CLF support "Good Gifts" online, so there are many gifts beyond what are reflected above. Thank you for selecting gifts for others and supporting this mission work.

## CARING HANDS MINISTRY UPDATE...

At Custer Lutheran Fellowship, we have many ways to serve as God has asked us to do. And this congregation is a very generous group through giving of time and talents to keep all of our ministries going. We are grateful for one another.

The Caring Hands Ministry reaches out to others through providing Meals, through offering Transportation as needed for appointments in Custer, Rapid City, or Hot Springs, and through Prayer support.

Thank you for those of you who have sent or given me your yellow forms to be part of the Caring Hands Ministry. Another yellow form to express your interest in serving through one of these areas is enclosed this month. If you would rather send me an email message or call me about your preferences, that is very workable and very much appreciated. If you have questions, please contact me.

*Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."*

Thanks be to God for the many ways the brothers and sisters of Custer Lutheran Fellowship "serve one another humbly in love." May 2022 bring you blessings and joy in whatever way you generously and humbly serve.

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## CUSTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS...

For the second year, the Christmas Food Basket and Select-A-Gift portions of the Custer Community Christmas was held at CLF on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 190 food baskets were assembled and the S-A-G committee assembled the gifts in the Fireside Room. The hams & turkeys were delivered on Saturday morning and then from 10 AM to Noon, registered families came out and picked up their food baskets along with their choice of meat and their gifts.





December of 2021 definitely did not go at all as I had planned! The whole month was a struggle for me personally.

It began with my planned gastric sleeve surgery on the 6<sup>th</sup>. I had been working up to having that surgery since July. I was nervous about it, but I knew it was the best way forward for me to be healthy. The surgery itself was fine, but I struggled with nausea for several days. And, of course, pain from the surgery itself.

I thought I was recovering well, although not as fast as I had hoped. I was far more tired than I thought I would be. I was wondering how I was going to be able to preside at the Longest Night/Blue Christmas service as well as both Christmas Eve services because everything seemed to wear me out. I figured I would manage, though. I was excited to be back with all of you in worship, especially for those powerful and holy services.

And then in the morning of Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> I woke up with pain in my left thigh. I thought I had slept on it funny or something, but then my calf started hurting, and the pain kept getting worse. I knew what it was. I told Chas he had to hurry and get me to the ER because I had blood clots in my left leg.

That was a very scary day, not only for me, but for Chas and Matt, too. They were so afraid for me because blood clots can be deadly. And I was in so much pain. I ended up being transferred to Monument in Rapid City and spent the next 5 nights there. I had one very large clot near my hip, and multiple smaller ones from my thigh to my foot. They gave me blood thinners right away, which began breaking up the smaller ones. They were able to remove some of the large clot and break up the rest of it with powerful drugs.

It was scary and frustrating and painful and depressing all rolled into one. I was angry that this was happening to me; angry that I wouldn't be able to be there with all of you for Christmas week. And if I'm going to be honest, even angry at God.

But I got through it and made it home on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. And I have no doubt that what helped me get through this ordeal and brought me home was God and definitely all of your prayers. I know my family and I have been held in prayer by so many people during all of this.

I found this picture after I got home and it really spoke to me. It feels like I've been in the pit of fire going through so much, but that's not the end of the story. New life is the beginning. Struggles and setbacks and horrible things that happen to us are never the end of the story. New things are birthed from the fires of struggle and pain. Not that God causes any suffering or makes bad things happen in order to teach us a lesson. That is not who God is. God is full of love for each and every one of us and would never intentionally cause us pain. But that doesn't mean that God is absent in those times. God is there in the midst of our struggles, keeping us going, giving us strength, helping us persevere, and surrounding us with people to help us along the journey.

I know God has been with me throughout all of this. Working through all the medical staff at the hospital who took such good and loving care of me. God was working through Chas and Matt as they worried and took wonderful care of me when I came home. And God continues to work through all of you in your prayers.

My hope is that the new life I will see coming out of this will be better health for me, and a long and healthy life spent with my family. Out of the flame comes new life. Yes, we may feel singed and burned, but new life will always spring forth.

May this new year bring each of us new life and new joy in following our Savior Jesus!

Blessings,  
Pastor Pam

## PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM 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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## SPARK KIDS

Spark is the Wednesday afternoon program for school age kids. The church van picks kids up at Custer Elementary after school and brings them to the church. After playing outside to burn off some energy, the kids get a snack and begin to learn a story from the bible. If you have a child that would be interested in Sparks please contact the church office.



Sparks kids is currently without a full-time instructor. Several people have stepped forward to ensure that Sparks continues. Thank you to Angel, Sara Mooney, Katie Weiderholt, Christie Behlings and Jacie Behlings for stepping forward and volunteering. Instructors are provided with the curriculum but we have been having fun spicing it up a bit.

At least two adults are needed for each meeting of Spark kids. An online sign-up was emailed out and the adults signed up for the days they were available. The program we use is Sign-up Genius. It is user friendly, let's you easily see what days you have signed up for and will send you reminders. If you are interested in being included in the Sparks kids sign-up please complete the proper volunteer paperwork with the church office. Emily Hiatt will be sending out a new sign-up after the beginning of the year.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Spark kids will be presenting a Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM in place of the evening service. All are invited to attend. Practices for the Christmas Pageant will be Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Church and during Spark Kids on January 5, 2022. If you have a child or grandchild interested in participating, please contact the church office and they can put you in contact with Sara Mooney or Emily Hiatt.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE

### Meal at 5:15 PM

- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Women of the ELCA meal
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Potluck
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Pizza (provided by CLF)

### Worship at 6:00 PM

- Children's Christmas Program
- Prayer Around the Cross
- Holden Evening Prayer
- Holy Communion

### Confirmation at 6:30 PM

- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer 1
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer 2
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer 3
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> Mentor Night



## CONFIRMATION CHRISTMAS PARTY...



## PARISH NURSE UPDATE

Many of you know my husband & I went on a real island vacation for a week to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a fantastic trip and pretty hard to come back, but as soon as I saw the hills, I was happy to be home again!



When we picked up the mail from the Post Office, I saw the headlines about our local Nursing Home closing. This is so sad, as everyone I visited with there have been so happy with the care & comfort they received there. In reading the article I understand the reasoning, but still so sad. These families in our community were close by to make visits with their loved ones easier. I hope they will eventually find another good place within our surrounding communities to live. I also am sad for the workers there who will need to retire or change their place of employment. I hope Monument Health will be of assistance in this matter as well.

Well, by the time you read this, it will be the New Year. How many of you have once again made a resolution to change something or improve on something in the New Year. For years I have made unrealistic resolutions, most forgotten by early March! I finally have learned to make realistic ones and ones that not only benefit myself, but others as well. There are so many needs within our community and church family, look for something you enjoy to help out. I was talking with my daughter about this, and we discussed the many benefits we receive when we give to others. Use this idea as your new resolution for 2022. I also want to throw out the idea to others, **to join with our Health Ministry Team**. We need some fresh faces with ideas on how we can best serve our community. Give me a call!

*I want to wish everyone blessings in the New Year and pray for lasting peace and unity.*

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

## MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Speaking of new resolutions, here are a few for those who deal with Mental Health in their lives. Resolve to find something new of interest to bring some meaning, joy & peace in your life. Learn to knit, put together puzzles, take more walks, you get the idea. This is true for families as well. Take care of yourselves. Take charge in your life and see some beauty in yourself or your loved ones. Look for help in new friends or coworkers and family to get through the difficult times. Help is out there!

Healthy body, healthy mind  
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



## 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!

## 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. 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

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE**

Please have articles for the February Newsletter to the office by **January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!



**OFFICE HOURS...**

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

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...**

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

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

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



**DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES?**

Please let the church office know of any recent address changes, new email addresses or changes in your phone numbers whether home or cell phone. We are trying to keep our records up to date. Thank You for your assistance!



CLS - Statement of Activities November 30, 2021		Non-restricted	
Profit & Loss Detail		Actual	Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
40000 · Offering Contributions	270,020	247,500	
Total 40014 · Non-restricted Special Donation	31,834	27,642	
40300 · Interest	324	367	
Total 46400 · Other Types of Inc (Rebates)	600		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>302,779</b>	<b>275,509</b>	
<b>Expense</b>			
Total 61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	81,445	84,543	
Total 62000 · WORSHIP	7,914	8,437	
Total 63000 · EDUCATION	1,502	3,529	
Total 64000 · MISSION SUPPORT	37,195	38,131	
Total 65000 · SUPPORT/CARE	126,225	128,475	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>254,280</b>	<b>263,115</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>48,499</b>	<b>12,393</b>	

November 30, 2021 Statement of activities includes booking of loan forgiveness income \$26,666 from the 2020 Payroll Protection Program.

It does not reflect the \$12,000 mortgage principal prepayment expense authorized for payment December 2021 at the January annual meeting. These two items represent \$38,666 of the \$48,499 net non-restricted operating income as of 11-30-2021.

~ Joy Smolnisky, Treasurer



## NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC

As we close out this year, we have worked with making everything fit the changes in our lives. CLF has survived with many blessings and yes, some sadness and yet some joys as we see new lives through babies and young children. Jesus Christ was born into this world, not from it. As we see a new year evolve, I see growth and I know that God wants to use us as He used His own Son. I have seen it through my gift of the job of being in charge of the music in the church. The love of sharing beautiful songs and wonderful musicians. It is with a heart full of gratitude that I could keep working with sharing the blessings of music. I look at my job as not a job but the chance to be in relationships with all the wonderful gifts given to us through so many facets of our people. Thank you everyone for helping us with ideas to get through a year that was quite unusual.

I look at 2022 with optimism and even when things are not going quite as we would like, we must be able to mount up with wings as eagles but we also must know how to come down. I have the joy of doing this job for 40 years and over the years we went from 8 pianists/organists to 3 at the present time BUT I am always open to new people and talents. I have learned from all of you. I gave 40 lessons a week with both piano and vocal and loved every moment with wonderful young people. I look forward to learning about new talent and gifts from many others.

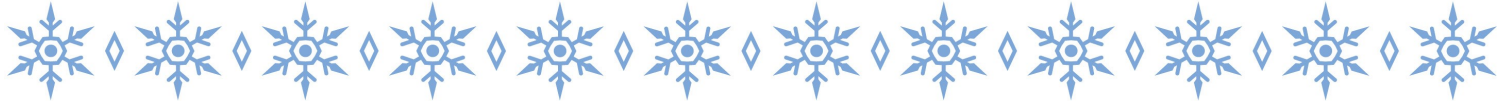
As I get closer to the age of 80, I realized that faith by its very nature must be tried. The real trial of faith is not that we find it difficult to trust God, but that God's character has to be cleared in our minds at any age and I thank Him for all of you.

I will be writing the article for the Yearbook soon and so I will leave all of the facts etc. for that time.

I thank all the musicians, whom I will name in that yearbook. I thank Pastor Pam, Mary, Donna, all the staff for giving me the opportunity to continue to spread the word of our Father through music. Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year.

Last but not least, I also want to thank everyone for the cards and food while I am working with my Drs. to seek health wisdom.

God bless you!  
Margaret Tretheway





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- Contribute sweat equity
- Can make affordable monthly payments

**SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO LARRY PETERSEN FOR TAKING THE COATS AND WARM ITEMS TO WOYATAN AND THE PILLOW CASES TO CORNERSTONE.

YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**CHRISTMAS TREE...**



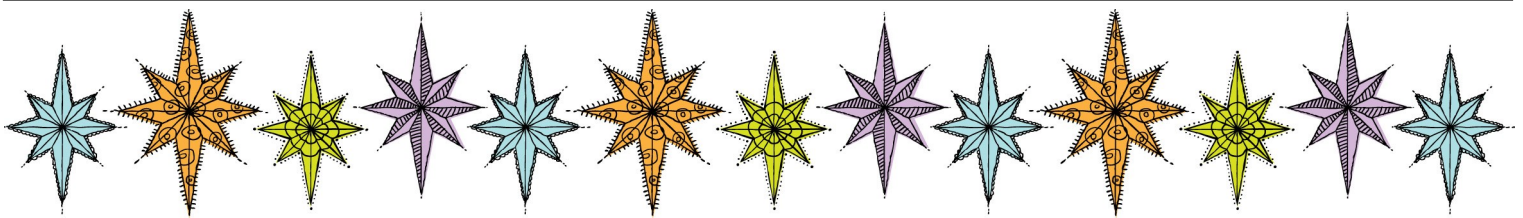
**SHARING THE DREAM...**



**COPY ROOM REPAIR...**



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE...**







**W/ELCA HAPPENINGS...**

**Next meeting:** Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

**Hostesses:** We will each pack our own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

**Program:** Sherry Broderick—Case Manager for LSS Blessing Bags and Jessica Lillebo LSS Director of Donor Relations will be our speakers. Sherry will tell us more about “Blessing Bags”. Who gets them and how the recipients are identified. Jessica will be here to give information and to answer questions in general concerning LSS. If you do not know what a Blessing Bag is, please come to our meeting to learn and to share in quality fellowship.

During the last half of October and the first half of November, the W/ELCA ladies collected items to be used in the Lutheran social Service’s “Loads of Love” project.

We were collecting and donating items to be put into laundry baskets. Items that we collected were given to foster children who were at least 18 years old and getting ready to go out on their own to live in an apartment or other rental property. LSS social workers start working with foster children to help prepare them to live on their own when they are 16 years old.

We were given a list of items from LSS. Items were to help the young adults as they began their journey to set up housekeeping. Items that we put into laundry baskets included cleaning supplies, kitchen cooking utensils, pots and pans, bath towels, bath soap, kitchen towels, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish washing detergent, and many other items relating to the “start up” of a new chapter in life.



Thanks to the seed money that was provided from a Thrivent Card and the generous donations from the W/ELCA ladies, we were able to fill six laundry baskets with about \$900 worth of items. It is a pleasure To be able to help young people in this way.

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**QUILTING** — On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Quilting resumes on each Tuesday morning starting at 9:00 AM. The W/ELCA mission project for January—March is to support the quilters as they work to provide quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local needs. Items that are needed are thread, cotton fabric suitable for making quilts, and cotton blankets and /or mattress pads for inside quilts. If you would like to donate any of these items, they can be left in the sewing room. Thanks in advance for supporting this very important outreach.

Happiness to each of you as we journey into the new year!

**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

**THANK YOU!**

I would like to take this time to say a heartfelt Thank You to all of you that thought of me with calls, prayers, gifts flowers and etc recently during my illness and at Christmas. Thank you to Donna McConnell for filling in for me while I was out. I am wishing each and everyone of you a blessed and healthy new year. ~ Mary Moe

## COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING

**Members Present:** Christie Behlings, Jackie Hartwick, Emily Hiatt, Scot Hoscheid, Liz Kleffner, Carol Niemann and Dave Pickford. **Not Present:** Samuel Ainsley and Pastor Pam Power.

**Secretary's Report:** The correspondence was reviewed. Dave moved, Scot seconded and the minutes for the November meeting were approved with corrections. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The year to date offering is 9% over budget. November expenditures were under the monthly budget and are 89% of budget year to date.

- ✦ **2021 Budget** – Council decisions made as part of the 2021 budget discussion.
  - ◆ Leave the \$12,000 budgeted debt reduction in to be used for debt reduction.
  - ◆ Designated the PPP dollars to operational reserve. This \$26,667 is a one-time influx
  - ◆ Designated the Thrivent amount of \$667 to go to Lutheran's Outdoors for Outlaw Ranch camp scholarships.
  - ◆ Designated the Lynn's DakotaMart receipt refund program dollars of \$1,600 to be used for FFE (Furnishings, Fixtures, Equipment) set aside.
  - ◆ Designated the WNL donations of \$801 to go to ordinary income.
  - ◆ Designated \$930 to unrestricted memorials. Discussed using these funds to upgrade the church sign.
  - ◆ Designated Church use donations of \$1,283 to the FFE account.
- ✦ **2022 Budget** – As part of the 2022 budget estimate the Council:
  - ◆ Recommended an income estimate of \$297,500.
  - ◆ Recommended using a 3% COLA for salaries and missions.
  - ◆ Reviewed and gave guidance to the Treasurer on the estimated 2022 budget comments.
  - ◆ Reviewed timeline of the budget process. Budget forums will be scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** – December \$0.00 YTD \$631.00
- ✦ **AmazonSmile** – December \$0.00 YTD \$6.01
- ✦ **Lynn's DakotaMart Receipts** – YTD \$1,600
- ✦ **Review worship and activities** – No changes were discussed.
- ✦ **Nominating Committee Update** – The nominating committee reviewed people willing to be on Council and names of additional people that will be contacted.

### New Business:

- ✦ **Membership changes:** *New Members:* Shannon, Jean & Kylee Pulscher, Shana Hindman, Lowell & Jane Looyenga, Barbara Montgomery, Scott & Julie Taylor; *Transferring Out:* Dale & Donna Karsky; *Cancelling Membership:* Tony Lammers; *Baptism:* Katherine Emma Quinn by Pastor Chuck Hazlett
- ✦ **Budget forum dates** – were chosen during the 2022 budget discussion.
- ✦ **Blessing & Chalking of homes** – Pastor Pam will be offering this starting in January. Information will be in the January newsletter.
- ✦ **Bible Study/Fellowship at Calamity Janes** – Pastor Pam will be leading a new Bible study opportunity beginning in January.
- ✦ **Assistant Financial Secretary** – Discussed adding an Assistant Financial Secretary to help Ann Snow. Dave moved, Liz seconded to recommend Steve Baldwin as an Assistant Financial Secretary.

### Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

Pastor Pam's written report was reviewed.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Endowment**, Liz Kleffner – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Evangelism**, Pastor Pam – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Health Ministry**, Carol Niemann – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Property Committee**, Dave Pickford – Report was reviewed as part of the 2021 budget review and the 2022 estimated budget.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**, Scot Hoscheid – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**, Jackie Hartwick – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Worship & Music**, Emily Hiatt – A donation was for supporting special music has been received.

### Next Meeting: January 18, 2022:

Treats – Christie Behlings. Devotions – Scot Hoscheid.  
January 2022 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Jackie Hartwick.



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### 1 Christmas

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

*Tuesday, January 2:* Psalm 147:12-20; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18;

*Wednesday, January 3:* Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21

### 2 Christmas

*Tuesday, January 4:* Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53

*Wednesday, January 5:* Psalm 72; Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1: [1-9] 10-18

### Epiphany 1

*Thursday, January 6:* Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*Friday, January 7:* Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

*Saturday, January 8:* Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

*Sunday, January 9: Baptism of Our Lord* — Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Monday, January 10:* Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17

*Tuesday, January 11:* Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21

*Wednesday, January 12:* Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36

### Epiphany 2

*Thursday, January 13:* Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24,

*Friday, January 14:* Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

*Saturday, January 15:* Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23

*Sunday, January 16:* Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

*Monday, January 17:* Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21

*Tuesday, January 18:* Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17

*Wednesday, January 19:* Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1; Luke 5:33-39

### Epiphany 3

*Thursday, January 20:* Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6

*Friday, January 21:* Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8

*Saturday, January 22:* Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52

*Sunday, January 23:* Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

*Monday, January 24:* Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

*Tuesday, January 25:* Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12

*Wednesday, January 26:* Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44

### Epiphany 4

*Thursday, January 27:* Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48

*Friday, January 28:* Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10

*Saturday, January 29:* Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

*Sunday, January 30:* Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

*Monday, January 31:* Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

*Tuesday, February 1:* Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

*Wednesday, February 2:* Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44



Family  
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## ALTAR GUILD HELPERS NEEDED ....

Our Altar Guild needs new members to serve: One needed for March/April, One needed for July/August, One needed for September/October and one needed for November/December 2022. 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.

## 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!!



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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  
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