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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Custer Lutheran Fellowship Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 22nd**, after worship at 10:30 AM, with a Potluck Brunch. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to sign up for the potluck.

for the potluck.

It is vital that all members attend this meeting so that we can approve the 2023 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 15th** 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 5th**.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Children's Christmas Program was a highlight of our Advent season! The Amazing Story of Christmas was read as each Nativity character made their way to the front while the audience joined them in signing Christmas carols. It was so fun to have children of all ages play a part and we appreciate everyone involved who helped us



remember the true reason for the season. Special thanks to Carol Niemann for her leadership and providing the lunch before the program.



SOCIAL MINISTRY – "GOOD GIFTS" SUMMARY

Your Social Ministry Team sponsored ELCA "Good Gifts" in late November and 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: 7 chicks, 9 roosters, 1 family farm, 2 goats, 2 goats + flock of chicks, 1 couple of goats, 7 piglets, 1 share of a cow, 6 honeybees, 1 share of a simple water well, 2 water filters, 1 latrine, 4 school fees & uniform for a girl, 6 school supplies for a child, 2 fruit-tree seedlings, 2 mosquito nets, 2 vaccinations for a child, 3 bibles, and 1 backpack stocked with food.

A total of \$2,246 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

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

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



CUSTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS...

For the third year, the Christmas Food Basket and Select-A-Gift portions of the Custer Community Christmas was held at CLF on Saturday, December 17th. On Friday the 16th, 200 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.



Food Baskets

Select-A-Gift

Meat

CALLING A NEW PASTOR ...WHAT'S NEXT? STEPS IN SEEKING A NEW PASTOR...



Calling a
New Pastor

STEP ONE — Inform Synod Office — Check

STEP TWO — Arrange for Pastoral Assistance during the transition — Check

STEP THREE — Congregational Assessment — Check. Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was completed and approved by the Council at the December meeting. MSP was then submitted to the Synod.

STEP FOUR — Ministry Site Study — Check. Held on December 5, 2022.

STEP FIVE — Candidates — The Call Committee receives Rostered Minister Profiles (RMP) from the Synod. These candidate profiles are sent from the Synod office to the Call Committee chairperson after the site study has been completed and MSP submitted.

Step Five is where CLF is at in the call process. As we receive profiles, the committee will review and make decisions. They know there will be hard questions to answer, but they are keeping their love of this church and understanding that they are representing the congregation in their decisions foremost.

As we continue on, we ask you to continue to pray, trust, practice patience, and to share any concerns and/or ideas with Call Committee members — Craig Black, Mindy Dooley, John Kirk, Dave Mertz, Sara Mooney, Paul Niemann, Teresa Obenauer, Scott Olson, Denali Rusch, Joy Smolnisky and Dean Suelflow.

Please feel free to contact me.

Donna McConnell, Chair
605-440-0518



COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN...

There are 4 openings on the CLF Church Council for 2023, to be voted on at the Annual meeting in January. The CLF Council has made great progress over the last year and would like you to consider being a part of continuing this progress over the next coming years.

There are 3 at-large council positions available: 1 three-year term and a one-year term filling out the balance of a term vacated. We also need to elect a Council President and Vice-President for one-year terms. These officers may already be serving on the Council or can be from the general congregation. Please prayerfully consider offering your talents to the work of Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

We will also be looking to fill positions on various committees. Those being the Synod Assembly, Bear Butte Conference Assembly, Nomination and Endowment Fund Committees. Our Finance Committee is already filled for 2023.

Please prayerfully consider these Council openings and committee positions and contact either Dave Pickford or Jan Thom with any questions or let them know how you would like to serve on the CLF council.

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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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. Pickup is 5:00-5:15. Last month we learned about Angels, Shepherds, and even had a birthday party for Baby Jesus. We read a book that talked about what God wanted for Christmas. It was heart-warming to see them look into the box and see a mirror reflecting their own faces. "God wants me??" We have had so much fun learning about Bible Heroes with games, crafts, and snacks that tie into the Bible story.



There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/guardians in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the office. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join the 25 signed up so far! All are welcome! Contact Wend Rusch 509-494-3236 for more info!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE

Meal at 5:15 PM

- Jan. 4th Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
- Jan. 11th Jackie's Surprise
- Jan. 18th Potluck & Chicken
- Jan. 25^h Pizza (provided by CLF)

Worship at 6:00 PM

- First Week Service
- Holden Evening Prayer
- Prayer Around the Cross
- Holy Communion

Confirmation at 6:30 PM

- Jan. 4th Work with Mentor/Parent
- Jan. 11th Class—Priesthood of all Believers
- Jan. 18th Class—Stewardship
- Jan. 25th Fun Night



RAP HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP...

Every Wednesday night 6:30-7:30 PM we have RAP Youth Group for 9th-12th graders. Last month we went Christmas Caroling at Wedgewood and joined Outlaw Ranch's hayride for the Christmas parade with chili & games afterward. The confirmation kids joined us for our Christmas party and we look forward to new activities in the New Year! 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!



PARISH NURSE UPDATE



Our Health Ministry Team met in December and went over the info we will be putting out in January as we change out our information table. We hope it will be helpful to a number of people in our congregation. The theme is, keeping you in your home longer. Often times when people age they begin to have minor mishaps. Then those minor mishaps can turn into something that could be disabling. We will be giving out information to help keep you in your home as long as possible. In time you or your family may realize it is no longer safe for you to stay at home alone. Many don't have family close by, which complicates things further. It is not necessarily time for a Nursing Home. We will be giving other options to try first. Sometimes it's a matter of having the right equipment and a safe home. Then, do you need help all the time or just a few times a day. What options are available in our area? Where do we even begin! Let us help you.

Later in January, check our information table for the new information we will be providing for you. Anything on the table can be taken, but if you take the last one, let one of us know. Information pinned on the board should remain there. If you want that information, ask one of us to make you a copy.

January has 5 Sundays in it. Our Health Ministry Team will be there on the 5th Sunday of January for a prayer service. After you receive communion come to the back by the baptismal fountain and we will offer prayers on your behalf, a loved one or other concerns.

We are very happy we have added a new member to our group. Diana Edwards joined us at our December meeting and we look forward to some fresh new ideas. If anyone else has an interest, let me know!

As we begin a new year.... can you believe it is 2023! It should be an exciting time, as we hope to welcome a new Pastor and learn what God has in the future for us.

Our Health Ministry Team & I wish you all the best in 2023!

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

As the New Year approaches we begin to think about a fresh start to the New Year & ways to make 2023 even better. ***Here are some mood boosting New Year Resolutions to try.***

- ❖ Try a "virtual therapy" session with your therapist. It may make you more comfortable and you don't even have to leave the house.
- ❖ Write thank you notes. Send them for the gifts you may have received for Christmas, or to friends or maybe a favorite teacher or co-worker.
- ❖ Check in with friends once a week, It makes us all feel better.
- ❖ Try meditation. It's often a free app on your phone.
- ❖ Limit screen time (TV, computer or phone). Set your phone aside for a certain period of time

New things to try in 2023 to boost your mood

- ❖ Get into gardening. It will also get you outdoors where the sun's rays help boost Vitamin D and your mood.
- ❖ Read more books. Lose yourself in the stories or learn something new.
- ❖ Start journaling. Write down all the positives of the day.
- ❖ Make your bed every morning. Yes, it will help!
- ❖ Make an adventure list for yourself. If travel is out of the question, write down local spots you haven't been to yet and then check them off one by one.

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

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!

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





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail address is:

Main address— clf@gwtc.net

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

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



OFFICE HOURS...

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...



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

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

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



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!

THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:00 AM — "Calamity Jane's"

Come join us for breakfast each week. There's always good conversation and good food! Open to all! Bring a friend!

CLF Estimated end of year Nonrestricted 12-31-22

Ordinary Income/Expense	Non-restricted	
	Estimate	Budget
Income		
40000 · Offering Contributions	263,257	297,500
Total 40014 · Non-restricted Special Donation	6,412	2,600
40300 · Interest	474	300
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	240	
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	162	
Total Income	270,304	300,400
Expense		
61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP		
Total 61100 · Pastor	76,130	93,715
61400 · Guest Pastor	12,804	1,000
Total 61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	88,934	94,715
Total 62000 · WORSHIP	10,378	11,520
Total 63000 · EDUCATION	9,096	10,700
Total 64000 · MISSION SUPPORT	40,849	41,029
Total 65000 · SUPPORT/CARE	111,149	126,831
Total Expense	263,410	284,343
Net Ordinary Income	6,895	16,057
Other Income/Expense		
Total Other Income	1,454	
Total Other Expense (youth/cap imp set-asides)	18,118	16,715
Net Other Income	(16,664)	(16,715)
Net Income after non- P&L Cashflows	(9,769)	(658)

CLF MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast will meet on **January 14th** at 8:00 AM in the Fireside Room. The men gather for a breakfast first then move on to their Bible study for the day. All are welcome to join this group. We have great discussions.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study happens on Thursday nights at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room. If you have any questions about the bible study give Joy Smolnisky a call at 605-929-1244.





NOTES FROM WORSHIP & MUSIC

As I was working on the services for Christmas Eve, we were able to have a pianist at both services and 2 special music at each service. When we walked into church that evening, I felt a sense of beauty, yet calmness and love of our Savior. I know He was with us. The many people that were there AND the children present were so joyous, excited and colored pictures on the windows.

EVERYONE COME TO A DELIGHTFUL PLAY OF FAMILIAR TUNES,
BUT CLEVERLY WRITTEN BY PASTOR SHAREE JOHNSON,
ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM (OUR REGULAR CHURCH TIME)
TO ENJOY A SERVICE HAPPINESS, AND MORNING OF DELIGHT,
YET GETTING THE MESSAGE OF THE GREAT GIFT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN BIRTH.
THE TUNES ARE FAMILIAR AND YOU WILL LEAVE WITH A NEW WAY
TO ENJOY THIS TIME AND A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.

Some of our choir people will be help leading the songs and Jennifer Doyle will be our pianist .
Hope to see you there!

Margaret Tretheway
Music Coordinator



From the Bishop's Desk

New Year's Greetings South Dakota Synod!

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! - The majority of you are preparing for your annual meeting at which you will elect new leaders to serve on the council and in other capacities representing your congregation in the community you are planted in. Allow me to say a thank you to those who have concluded their service and a welcome to those who will begin their service. As the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod I am grateful for your willingness to serve in times such as these.

The synod's mission statement is: journeying together in Christ and is based on Luke's narrative of the walk to Emmaus after the resurrection. Jesus joins two disciples on the road as they journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus to clear their heads from everything they had seen and heard these past few days. Jesus joins them on the way, but their preoccupied minds and hearts don't permit them to recognize Jesus. It isn't until Jesus joins them at the supper table, where he breaks the bread that their eyes and hearts are finally receptive to who has been with them all along. And despite the darkness and possible danger, despite being hungry after a day's journey and despite their tired and weary bodies they hurry back to Jerusalem to share the good news that they have seen the Lord.

As you begin your service as a council member I hope you will amidst the weary works of your day and sometimes even in the church discover the risen Christ continues to show up at your council meetings to reveal who you are and who we are as the living and breathing body of Christ. Your work may include mundane decisions such as paying the bills and choosing curriculum, finding soloists and ushers, but never underestimate the power of Christ in your midst. He may just have been journeying alongside you, without you recognizing him. I pray that you are called to carry out your given task with an open heart, mind and spirit only to discover that Christ has been a part of the church at large and your community in particular long before you.

I also invite you to join the synod staff for an educational event on Zoom titled: "You have been elected to council, now what?" We have done these workshops for a few years now and the number of people participating is growing every year. Together we will learn about what it means to serve on the council, that your constitution is not a weapon, but your missional document, how to utilize the resources the synod has to accompany your congregation, how to create a spirit of generosity and much more. Please register through the registration link in the weekly synod e-news. The event is free and open to all who wish to attend. If you do not yet subscribe to the e-news, please follow this link or insert into your browser: sdsynod.org/subscribe.

Journeying in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the SD Synod

PICTURES...

Decorating the
Christmas tree
and others



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS...

Next meeting: Monday, January 16, 2023 @ 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

Hostesses: Please bring a sack lunch.

Program: Nancy Martinz—"Law Enforcement from a Women's Point of View"

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 did not have a meeting in December. Our two tasks in December were as follows: 1) To purchase items and fill bags for one hundred students per week in order to fulfill the needs for the Backpack Program at the elementary school. 2) To provide 30 dozen cookies for the Custer Christmas for Kids Program. Both tasks were accomplished thanks to the help of many ladies. You are all appreciated!

Our mission for January through March is making and providing quilts for LWR and local needs. The quilters might need some help in the form of supplies. Those needs will be made known as they occur. We appreciate all that you do to support this important outreach.

We wish a Happy New Year to each of you!



QUILTING — Quilting ended the year with about 170 quilts made and most distributed. After a break in December we are eager to start again. We will meet every Tuesday at 9 AM starting January 3rd. COME JOIN US!

We are in need of fabric and always good flat sheets for backing. Thanks for your support and help.

~ The "READY TO WORK QUILTER'S"



THANK YOU!

Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship,
We very much appreciate y'all's amazing support and kindness. Y'all have been a great part of helping the women and children we assist. We can't tell you how much it means to our program.

~ Donna Talley, Director & W.E.A.V.E. Board

THANK YOU!

Custer Lutheran Fellowship,
Dave and I wish to thank our CLF church community for your kindness and support to our family during this time of my Dad's passing. It truly is a blessing to know and be a part of such a caring and compassionate church family. My Dad was the epitome of kindness and compassion to others. He will always be cherished.

~ Lisa & Dave Pickford



November 20th Service...

Left —
"Children's Message"

Right —
Welcoming New Members



COUNCIL MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2022 MEETING

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: Offerings thru December are projected to be 89% of budget (\$34,034) and expenses are projected to be 94% (-18,405) of budget.

2022 Pledge receipts are at 92% with \$164,2469 of \$174,084 received with \$13,615 outstanding.

Joy went over recommendations from Finance Committee to the EOY 2022 Budget. Shana moved, Jackie seconded to approve options 1-4 as reviewed by council. Motion approved.

Discussed the Parish Nurse position. Decision was to leave it as a volunteer position for now.

- ❖ **Parsonage Update** – Council authorized the property committee to use Elmer Smolnisky's Menard's account and the church credit card to purchase necessary items.

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ **Thrivent Choice** – \$ YTD – \$963.00
- ❖ **Amazon Smile** – \$ YTD – \$ 5.00
- ❖ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – \$ YTD – \$900.00
- ❖ **Call Process Update – approve MSP** – Shana moved, Carol seconded to approve the MSP as presented. Motion approved.
- ❖ **Nominating Committee** – need to replace Scot Hoscheid, Jackie Hartwick, Carol Niemann and Emily Hiatt (one year term)
- ❖ **Christmas Program Review** – Carol gave a report. It was well attended by congregation members.

New Business:

- ❖ **Membership changes** – None
- ❖ **Annual Meeting Date** – Date will be Sunday, January 22, 2023 after church with a potluck brunch.
- ❖ **Budget Forum Date** – Date was set for Sunday, January 15, 2023 after church.
- ❖ **CLF Welcome Statement** – date approved by CLF is
- ❖ **2023 Budget** – Joy presented the 2023 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. Donna moved, Carol seconded to approve the draft 2023 budget. Motion approved.
- ❖ **Mary Winter Time Off** – December 13th thru January 1, 2023. Council thanked Donna for filling in during her time gone.
- ❖ **Augie Heyne Time Off** – December 20th thru 26th or 27th

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ❖ **Endowment**, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Health Ministry**, Shana Hindman – Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Mutual Ministry** – Will meet in January.
- ❖ **Outreach** – reviewed activity
- ❖ **Property Committee**, Mark Thompson – Parsonage repair update was reviewed by Dave Thom.
- ❖ **Social Ministry**, Scot Hoscheid – Reviewed committee activity.
- ❖ **W/ELCA**, Jackie Hartwick – No meeting in December. Craft & Goodie Sale made around \$2,000.
- ❖ **Worship & Music**, Christie Behlings – Pastor Jeremy has been meeting regularly with the committee.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023:

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

The Thursday morning Christian Book Study women has been meeting at Wedgewood Assisted Living on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00. Three from this group now reside at Wedgewood, so it works out well. We just finished "What We Talk About When We Talk About God". We will be starting the book, "Life Is In The Transitions, Mastering Change at Any Age" by Bruce Feiler. It is a New York Times bestseller! A pioneering and timely study of how to navigate life's biggest transitions with meaning, purpose, and skill. We have a good time reading, discussing, laughing, visiting and would love more ladies to join us.

NOTE: We will be taking a break with the book study due to weather and illness. We will let everyone know when we decide to start up again. Thanks for your understanding!

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

1 Christmas

Sunday, January 1: **Name of Jesus**: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

Monday, January 2: Psalm 72; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12

Tuesday, January 3: Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22

Wednesday, January 4: Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31

Epiphany 1 & Baptism of our Lord

Thursday, January 5: Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32—12:2

Friday, January 6: **Epiphany of Our Lord**: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday, January 7: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21;

Sunday, January 8: **Baptism of our Lord**; Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Monday, January 9: Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday, January 10: Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13

Wednesday, January 11: Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21

Epiphany 2

Thursday, January 12: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12

Friday, January 13: Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5

Saturday, January 14: Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, January 15: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Monday, January 16: Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40

Tuesday, January 17: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4

Wednesday, January 18: Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17

Epiphany 3

Thursday, January 19: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24

Friday, January 20: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8; Galatians 2:1-10

Saturday, January 21: Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, January 22: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Monday, January 23: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14

Tuesday, January 24: Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18

Wednesday, January 25: Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79

Epiphany 4

Thursday, January 26: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday, January 27: Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24

Saturday, January 28: Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35

Sunday, January 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, January 30: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25

Tuesday, January 31: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6

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



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 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!