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CAMPFIRE WORSHIP 6:30 PM WEDNESDAYS

Join us for weekly Wednesday Night Worship this summer. We meet in the Outdoor Worship Space in the woods behind the church beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be singing, prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection around our campfire. Afterwards we can linger over the making and eating of s'mores with friends. In the event of rain, we will hold our Campfire Worship inside the church building. We will substitute root beer floats for the s'mores. Yummy! Bring someone along for this quiet mid-week time of re-centering your faith life!

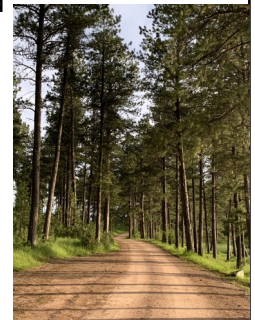


WALKING WORSHIP



Our new Walking Worship experience has begun and has been wonderful! We had about ten people participate in the first walk and four braved potential rain for the second, and everyone has enjoyed the experience. We will continue to meet the first Thursday and the third Monday of each month, except for July. Since the first Thursday falls on the 4th of July, we will walk on

Monday the 1st instead. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on where we will be meeting each time because they will be different. We are enjoying exploring different easy trails in the area. Come join us for these unique worship experiences in God's beautiful creation!



Love to take Videos with your Phone?



Have we got a project for you! We are looking for a variety

of people who would record sermons and special music during worship at both Sunday and Wednesday worship. Right now we have one person taking videos and we would love to have more people doing this. It's very simple – take a video with your phone, then upload it to the church Facebook page. We even have a tripod that you can use for your phone. Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this team.

New Members Class

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Pam is offering a New Member class on Saturday, July 13th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. We will learn about CLF, what it means to be a Lutheran Christian, and look at the gifts that God has given us. We will explore what it means to be part of a community of faith, the ministries here at CLF, and ways to use our gifts in ministry and throughout our lives. We would love to have current members be part of this class to begin building relationships with new members, and share your experience. Please let Pastor Pam know that you will attend so she can plan.

DAY CAMP AT CLF



WE ARE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT



Thank you CLF. I appreciate you sending me as a voting member to the SD Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls. This year was an exceptional year to be a part of, because we elected a new Bishop. Wow, what an amazing event to be part of. I was fascinated with the process. We were able to read all of the bios of the candidates, listen to them give five-minute presentations and answer questions, and after tons of voting, came up with the best candidate. It was amazing how I was able to trust the process and the Holy Spirit to guide my decisions.

Most of us have no idea what happens in the life of the church outside of CLF. By attending this assembly, I gained a greater perspective of the work, dedication, and commitment it takes to make the whole church function. At assembly, you hear updates on all the projects the ELCA is part of. This not only includes South Dakota, but projects going on around the world. It gave me the 30,000-foot view of how great the ELCA is and what goes on at local and worldwide levels. Our offerings we make each week do so much more than you can imagine. Keep giving!

We are part of something great. I am proud to be a member of CLF. I am thankful for having been a part of the Synod Assembly, CLF council, RAP group, and member of your congregation. You are doing amazing things locally and around the world. I am especially grateful for Pastors and all the worker bees it takes to make this all function. In my last several years here at CLF, I have learned that I had no idea what is involved in leading a church.

Next January, at our annual meeting, when it's time to elect members of CLF to go to Synod Assembly, I challenge you to raise your hand. I challenge you to help out right here at CLF by signing up for Care and Share, and all the other opportunities to serve. We need you. It takes us all working together to create something great. Keep showing up and doing your part to keep this great thing going.

Very respectfully, Duane Martinz



Do you like surprises? Good ones, like surprise birthday parties, or a surprise visit from someone you haven't seen in a long time? Many of us do. We love to be surprised because it shows us how much someone loves and cares for us – enough to plan a special party or visit.

But how about those unwelcome surprises? Sudden illness, car breaking down, job loss? We don't love those surprises as much! I was on the receiving end of one of those unexpected surprises recently at the church! I got up on a Saturday morning to get ready for a memorial service that day, only to discover we had no water at the parsonage. So I quickly ran over to the church to see if there was water there. Nope!

It must have been pretty comical, but I'm thankful no one was there right then to see the look of shock and confusion on my face! I wandered around the church for a few minutes, trying to see if there was something obviously wrong that would cause us to not have water. I was also frantically thinking of who to call since Augie was on vacation.

Thankfully, quite a few people came to the rescue, showing up and calling lots of people for help. It turned out that lightning struck our well the night before when we were having a horrible thunder and lightning storm. I am so thankful for everyone who jumped in to help and kept calm in the midst of a mess! Especially the family who were expecting a nice lunch after their loved one's memorial service!



It's easy to panic and get angry and spiral into thoughts of "Why me" or "Why is God doing this or allowing this to happen?" I admit that I had thoughts of "Why couldn't this have happened on a Monday when there's nothing going on???" But then it turned into thankfulness to God for sending all these wonderful people to help, and for the patience and understanding of everyone that Saturday – from the family, to the women helping in the kitchen, to the VFW who allowed us to move the lunch there at a moment's notice, to all of you who understood when I canceled worship that Sunday.

God is good all the time! All the time God is good! We have been talking for several weeks now about recognizing how the Holy Spirit is working in and through us and the people around us. That lightning strike, even though it happened at a terribly inconvenient time, showed all of us how much the Holy Spirit is involved in everything, all the time. The Spirit put the right people in the right place at the right time, and kept our hearts open to different possibilities in that moment. Even though it was frustrating, God showed up.

The next time life throws an unexpected surprise your way, try to find God in the midst of it. Look for where the Spirit is showing up – in you, in the people around you, in the situation itself. Even when bad surprises come – maybe especially in those times – God is there. The Spirit shows up. Jesus' love surrounds you. Our call is to open our eyes and look for it. And when we are in the midst of it, we may not see the Spirit at work, but someone else will. You can be that someone.

Keep your eyes and hearts open to the Spirit, and point it out wherever you see God at work. The more you look, the more you'll find, and the more you'll be able to shout, "Thanks be to God!"

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.

Pastor Pam Power 701-955-5282(cell) 673-4691 (church) pam_clf@gwtc.net

OUR NEW BISHOP



The Rev. Constanze Hagmaier was elected June 1 during the SD Synod Assembly to serve a six-year term as bishop of the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Bishop-Elect Constanze Hagmaier is married to The Rev. Dirk Hagmaier and they have two biological children: Paul, 20; Emma, 4; and one foster son, Lymann, 21. The Bishop-Elect Hagmaier and The Rev. Dirk have most recently been serving as the pastors at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, SD. Bishop-Elect Hagmaier's previous positions are as follows:

- ✦ Co-pastor – Waubay Lutheran Parish, Waubay, SD
- ✦ Interim Co-pastor – Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
- ✦ Co-pastor – Florence Lutheran Parish, Florence, SD
- ✦ Pastor – Salem Lutheran Church, Parkston, SD

Bishop-Elect Hagmaier's first experience of South Dakota was in 1987 as a Rotary exchange student, where she lived in Sioux Falls and attended Brandon Valley High School as a Junior and worshiped at Brandon Lutheran. Upon her return to Germany, she continued her education at the Ruprecht Karl's University in Heidelberg, Germany, where she graduated with her Master of Divinity degree in 1999. Upon the family's immigration to the U.S. in September 1999, both the Rev. Dirk and Bishop-Elect Hagmaier affiliated with Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota. The couple was ordained while serving the Waubay Lutheran Parish at NeSoDak Bible Camp on February 10, 2001.

Bishop-Elect Hagmaier will succeed Bishop David Zellmer and take office on September 1, 2019, as bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA, following a month of overlap in August. Please keep the South Dakota Synod in your prayers as we enter into this time of transition. Bishop-Elect Hagmaier said that she is grateful for the outpouring of support, well wishes and prayers as the family transitions into this new phase of their life. She is looking forward to meeting the people of the Synod in their respective ministry settings, conference and Synodical events.

THE CARING HANDS MINISTRY

CLF has always been a servant church and ready to be the hands & feet of Jesus, by reaching out to those in the congregation and in the community who need support. In January, the Caring Hands Ministry was officially organized with three teams - Prayer Team, Transportation Team and the Meals Team.

Since January 1st, the Ministry has provided meals and transportation to several individuals and families in the congregation. The Prayer Team is set up by email and prayer requests are sent out on a weekly basis.

When someone needs support, it's often the most difficult time for them to ask for help. We are asking the congregation to be the eyes and ears of the Ministry and let us know when someone may need support with meals, transportation, prayer or even a quick phone call.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to provide these services.

Galatians 6:2 – "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

If you would like to be added to one of our lists or need support, please contact –

Cindy Anderson 651-245-3316

Cozy Dorton 605-673-1187

Meals or Transportation Team

Prayer Team

HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO PRISON? – A VISIT TO ST. DYSMAS

Thursday, August 22nd is our visit to the church behind the walls, St. Dysmas at the State Penitentiary. We will leave the morning of the 22nd and come home the next day. We will stay at the Hospitality House—where inmate families stay. The cost is a donation for their mission. Please consider joining this important ministry; it truly is an unforgettable experience. You will need to fill out paperwork, found at the Welcome Center, and return it to the church office. **The completed paperwork MUST be returned by Thursday, August 1st** so that it can be mailed to St. Dysmas for processing. **This is a must!** Questions? Contact Marlene & Glenn Sellevold at 673-5467 or cell #s 360-8963 or 360-8984. The men of St. Dysmas will give you a warm welcome that you will not soon forget!

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:



W/ELCA at CLF is an active group of women who get together once a month for a meal, fellowship and programs of interest in the church and community. We invite all women to join us!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 26, at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room

HOSTESSES: Potluck – Each member is asked to bring a dish to share. Board members will meet at 10:30 AM for a brief meeting and to set up for the potluck.

PROGRAM: Marcy Wirth will be our speaker. Marcy, a regular summer attendee of CLF, will tell us about her adventures as she traveled around the world last year!

Donna Talley, the director of W.E.A.V.E., was the speaker at our June meeting. Donna informed us of the services that W.E.A.V.E. provides. Besides providing shelter, counseling services are given there. Folks know that they have a place of support through W.E.A.V.E. We are fortunate to have such a facility in our community. After listening to Donna, we had a discussion and motions were made and carried to donate \$200 to W.E.A.V.E.

Sack lunches: we will provide lunches for the Summer Sack Lunch program in Custer during the week of July 15-19. We will pack the first round of lunches at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen on Monday, July 15. All help will be greatly appreciated. We plan to pack the second round of lunches on Wednesday, July 17, at 9:00 AM.

Kitchen Spring-Cleaning: Monday July 15th is the date to clean the kitchen. We will appreciate all help to accomplish this endeavor. If you are available to help clean on the 15th, please bring a lunch and be at the church at 10:00 AM or any time after that that works for you! As we have said in the past, many hands make short work. Thanks in advance for any help that you can give.

The folks at Outlaw Ranch appreciated the Wind Tunnel vacuum that we purchased for them. Lots of cleaning goes on there during the year!

A reminder that **Quilting** will take place the first two Tuesdays morning in July at 9:00 AM. Our quilters provide a valuable outreach and are greatly appreciated. Anyone is welcome to attend quilting — there are jobs for every level of talent — even those who do not know how to quilt.

Bingo at Custer Senior Care—The first Friday of each month, four to five people gather to call and help residents enjoy an hour of Bingo from 2:00—3:00 PM. We welcome new people to join us for a fun afternoon! Any questions, please call Arbutus Winter, 673-5283.

July and August Mission Project: School Items

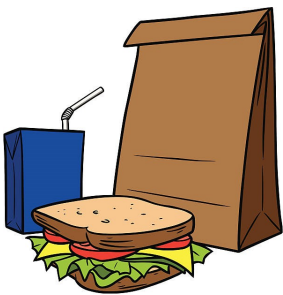


- ✧ Notebooks of ruled paper
- ✧ Unsharpened pencils
 - ✧ Ruler with cm
 - ✧ Pencil sharpeners
 - ✧ Box of 24 crayons
 - ✧ 2 1/2 inch eraser



SUMMER SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

W/ELCA will provide lunches for the Summer Sack Lunch program during the week of July 15-19. Please come to the kitchen at CLF to help pack lunch items on Monday, July 15 and/or Wednesday, July 17 at 9:00 AM on both days. Thanks in advance for any help that you can give!



CHOIR THANK YOU!

I want to thank the choir for another great year. Your dedication and your willingness to share your talent is very much appreciated. Also, thanks for the gift at the last Sunday we sang. You are so very generous. Thank you Cozy for sharing your time, and definitely your talent, with us. We all appreciate you so much. Thank you again. We look forward to choir starting again in the Fall.
—Marlene Sellevold





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
- Mary — clf@gwtc.net
- Sara — sara_clf@gwtc.net



OFFICE HOURS.....

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

- Mary: in office Monday to Thursday
- Sara: in office Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

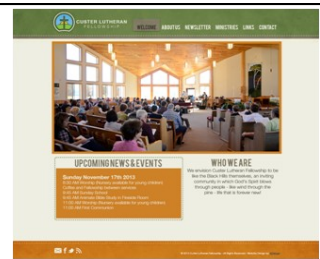


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office.

Everyone is welcome to do so at anytime—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.



WANDA MCCLANAHAN MEMORIAL SERVICE...

A memorial service for Wanda McClanahan will be held at Custer Lutheran Fellowship on Friday, July 26, at 4:00 PM. The family would love to meet the friends of Wanda and Les at this service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Nursery and Sound System/Power Point on Sunday mornings. Both positions involve one Sunday a month at either the early or late service. Don't worry . . . we will train you!! If you are interested in helping with these two areas or have questions, please contact the church office.

ROCHFORD CHAPEL SERVICE

Join members of CLF as we lead the worship at the Rochford Chapel on Sunday, July 7, at 7:00 PM. The service of Holden Evening Prayer will be led by Pastor Pam, with Cozy Dorton, Mary Stutz, Bob Timperley, and Jenn Doyle leading the music.

THANK YOU FROM RAE MOONEY



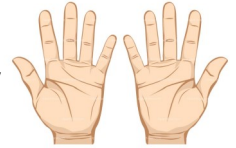
Many thanks for the delicious cake that was served following the service. I have many fond memories of CLF; I will think of you often and I will miss you. Thank you for your love and support through the years. Blessings—
Rae Mooney,
204 Peterson Ave.,
Aurora, SD 57002,
cell 605-440-1889.

Condolences to Rusty Wilder’s Family

Former CLF member, Rusty Wilder, passed away of a massive heart attack in early June. Rusty and Denise were active as a couple and as individuals at CLF . . . especially in activities with their three children, Meagan, Alisha, and Brent. Cards may be sent to the family at:
Denise Wilder and Family
5142 Pitch & Putt Lane
Lolo, MT 59847.

IDEAS??...GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

The Social Ministry Team is looking ahead to September 8 when CLF will be hosting our annual "God's Work. Our Hands." event. If you have ideas or suggestions for *new* community projects that we can participate in as a congregation, or ways of improving old projects, please let Team members or the church office know. Many thanks! – Brad McKinney



CHAPEL IN THE HILLS—50TH ANNIVERSARY—JULY 5-7, 2019

The Chapel in the Hills, a replica of the famous 800-year-old Borgund Stavkirke in Norway, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Folk dancing, worship, craft demonstrations, traditional food, a picnic, a concert, and more are happening throughout the weekend. See flyer at the Welcome Center.

Custer Meet & Eat ...July 9

Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on July 9th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

Thursday Men's Breakfast 7:00 AM — "Our Place"

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

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LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

SUMMARY OF LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for your congregation's continual support of the ministry of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD). Lutherans Outdoors held its Annual Meeting on May 31, 2019, during the yearly Assembly of the SD Synod of the ELCA. It is a time of celebrating what is happening lately at the camps, honoring Board members and staff, and giving general updates of the ministry.

Christina Nath, LO Board Chairperson, shared:

- LO performed a nationwide search for a new Executive Director during the past year. I began my service in this role on January 1, 2019. I am honored and blessed to be chosen.
- LO chose to make NeSoDak Bible Camp a seasonal ministry and closed down the site from late November to April 1.
- Because of the change of NeSoDak to seasonal, LO chose to have one director oversee both NeSoDak and Joy Ranch. That director is Jake Hanson, who was the director at NeSoDak.
- The property known as Atlantic Mountain Ranch is currently listed for sale with a realtor in the Black Hills area.

I shared:

- During the past four years, LO has accumulated an operating debt of over \$800,000. A current bank line of credit in the amount of \$750,000 will be paid off this summer using Board Designated Endowment funds. The current LO budget in place has been decreased by 10%, or \$300,000.
- There have been 20 staff position changes of the year-round and full-time staff during the past three years.
- Summer staff hiring was very difficult this season and NeSoDak Bible Camp was unable to hire about 10 counseling positions. This led to the difficult decision to cancel all NeSoDak Day Camp programs for this summer. Of the 50 counselor positions LO did hire, only 20 of them are from South Dakota Synod ELCA congregations. I say this is alarming.
- Even though there has been some financial challenges and the current summer staffing vacancies, please know that the staff of Lutherans Outdoors continue to provide an excellent Christ-centered, faith-growing experience in God's beautiful outdoors for all that attend.

Our thanks to the many congregations that believe in this ministry and continue to support it.

Blessings to you this day! – Paul Hanson, Executive Director

PARISH NURSE NEWS

What does a Parish Nurse do?

As Parish Nurse for CLF, I look at helping others in a “**holistic**” manner. What that means is I care for the body, mind and soul. How do I do this?

I look after the **health of our congregation**. I help in any way I can for those dealing with illness or surgery. I monitor blood pressures once a month for anyone. I also try to monitor those with chronic illnesses.

I look after those dealing with loss. I am here for anyone who would like someone to talk with and **help guide them through grief**. A person’s loss can also mean in other ways: loss of identity, pet, job, independence.

I look after those with **Mental Health issues**. I am here to work with the person who may be struggling, and with family or friends. Everything I do is confidential. I try to educate people to better understand and help with coping.

I look after those who are still very much a part of our congregation, but for various reasons are unable to attend services. I **bring them communion** the first Sunday of the month. I also **spend time visiting** with them to keep informed on their health and well-being and just being company for them. Some can be feeling very isolated or having difficulty transitioning to a Nursing Home. I currently visit at least eight people and love this part of my service to our congregation. I also try to visit others living most often in Rapid City, to also bring our congregation to them.

I also **try my best to educate**. I work with our Health Ministry Team in their efforts, as well as when I may stop and talk with people who I know are going through difficulties. And last but not least, I write these articles every month to bring current news on health issues and Mental Health. **Keep reading!**

Mary Klein, RN
Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

This past week I have read several very interesting articles relating to the greater need for mental health care. Many have been talking about this for a long time, but guess what...not much seems to be happening. In the meantime, people are dying, families suffer and our communities are being affected. I did see one positive message. The number of people calling into our 211 system for mental health needs is increasing. Does this necessarily mean the numbers of mental health issues are increasing? In some respects I can see this, especially with our rural farming communities and the increased uncertainty of farm income. I like to think the reason is because more people are starting up discussions and feel a bit more secure in asking for help. Sometimes, these calls are pivotal moments, letting someone know they need help. **Do you know someone out there?** Let them know there is help.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Spirit
Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

SATURDAY BUDDIES

This summer, Outlaw Ranch is blessed to have Charlie Flippen on staff as a rotating counselor! Charlie, from Des Moines, Iowa, is looking for Custer community members with whom to spend a portion of his Saturdays as part of his summer ministry. Charlie needs a bit of help walking up and down steep hills but is otherwise mobile. Camp is keeping him busy, and he would appreciate a less strenuous activity on the weekend.

When: Saturdays through August 3rd.

What: Spend part of the day with Charlie; pick up and drop Charlie off at Outlaw Ranch. We would love you to join us at camp for a meal to get to know Charlie before your Saturday together.

Ideas: Experience a Black Hills attraction (Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Jewel Cave), watch a movie in your home, eat lunch together, play a board game, drive through Custer State Park, etc.

To set up a Saturday or for more information, email taylor@losd.org or call Taylor at (605) 517-9786.

SOMETHING NEW AND FUN THIS SUMMER



Do you have a favorite hymn or song? We would love to hear what they are so we can include them in worship during the Summer. Even if they are not in the hymnal, let us know anyway! They can be anything – Christmas hymns, Easter, anything! Wouldn't it be fun to sing some Christmas songs in the Summer! There are slips of paper in the Narthex where you can write the name of the song. You may include your name, but don't have to. Then put the paper in the offering plate, or in the basket in the Narthex. The sooner you can get us the names of your songs, the sooner we can include them in worship! You can also email Margaret Tretheway at samane@goldenwest.net.

We can't wait to learn what your favorite hymns are!

WORSHIP & MUSIC UPDATE FROM MARGARET TRETHEWAY

We are in the midst of one Sunday service at 9:30 AM during the summer months, through Sept. 8th. We commissioned the Outlaw Ranch Staff of young people with whom we always enjoy worshipping. We always appreciate their help with Care & Share and special music. The staff's energy and willingness to share their gifts is such a help to us.

We have a basket in the Fellowship Hall for you to submit the names of songs you would like to sing. We want to use all types of music for the services. We are having fun with this and have been finding old songs, Gospel songs, and contemporary songs in the basket. Please continue to submit songs – it is fun to read them and use them in the services.

The Wednesday Campfire Worships are going well, even though some outdoor services had to retire into the Fellowship Hall because of rain. The fun part about that is that when we get to have Root Beer Floats instead of S'mores. Come and enjoy the outdoor services at 6:30 PM and inhale the beautiful outdoors around the campfire. We sing a variety of songs. We are so blessed by our surroundings and the people who come and enjoy the services.

We pray you are having a lovely summer amongst the luscious green grass and scenery that surrounds this area.

God bless you and I say "Come On Down."

Margaret Tretheway



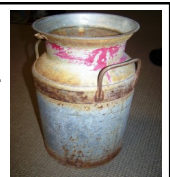
CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S SERMON



LET'S GET NOISY!

The "Noisy Offering" continues on the second Sunday of each month. This month it will be July 14th. The noisy offerings in the summer will go to Emmaus Road, our ministry partner in Colombia. Our offerings from January through June totaled \$568. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!



COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 28, 2019

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to send an All-Church letter with the 6-month contribution statement, describing the 6-month budget status and offering shortfall options. The SD Synod Capital Appeal pledge is paid up. Council decided not to take action at this time on re-appropriating the remaining budgeted appeal payments.

Council members plan to contact Don Kraus, Civil Engineer, to assess the quality of the asphalt in the parking lot to ensure the further delay of resurfacing will not lead to irreparable damages.

Information regarding a CLF bank account number was included in a vendor's data base which was hacked. As a precaution, the Council decided to close that account and open a replacement account.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in May—0; received \$1,857 year to date.
- ✦ **Amazon Smile**—Received \$5.22 in May.
- ✦ **Safety and Security**—Pastor Pam will contact the sheriff regarding this issue as the designated sheriff employee has not returned calls for further action .

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Death: Doak Adair; Addition of Confirmands: Jackson Drew, Preston Drew, Hadyn Golder, Peyton Helfer, Ramsey Karim, Allie Kelley, Quade Parker, Denali Rusch, Alice Sedlacek, Tristan Spring, Aiden Sueflow, David Whitaker.
- ✦ **Rap Group Wood Location**—Elmer Smolnisky made an Iron Ranger, providing a secure and effective way of collecting money for firewood. This allows the practice of two people counting and collecting the money.
- ✦ **Meet & Eat**—Council approved for CLF groups/committees to be offered the opportunity to serve as hosts of Custer Meet & Eat.
- ✦ **Easter Breakfast and Graduation Brunch**—These activities were quite demanding for the few people involved and council members discussed possible alternative options.
- ✦ **Committee members needed**—for Finance and Property Committees. Suggestions of names were made.
- ✦ **Copier Lease Agreement**—Liz moved, it was seconded, and approved that the office switch copy machines as the newer model would be less expensive.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam has been busy with annual events such as Confirmation, as well as state-wide committees. She participated in National Day of Prayer and visited with Hospital staff determining needs of the community.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Evangelism**—Rosemary presented a couple of flyers re: CLF with connections with the Chamber as a goal. .
- ✦ **Health Ministry**—Dave reported that the Labyrinth has been cleaned up and the display board changed out. A walking worship was discussed.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**—Brad reported that Social Ministry will be linking up with Evangelism Committee for the God's Work, Our Hands day.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**—Working on packing lunches for YMCA lunch program in the Summer, July 15 & 17. The annual cleaning of the kitchen is also around the corner..
- ✦ **Worship and Music**—Pastor Pam is planning Walking Worship concept for the summer.

The next council meeting will be June 18, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2019

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. Council approved the authorizing of opening a checking account at Black Hills Federal Credit Union, with Mary Stutz, CLF Office Manager, and Joy Smolnisky, CLF Treasurer, each authorized to manage the account. Individuals with signature authority on the account are Mary Stutz, Joy Smolnisky, and council officers Brad McKinney, Christie Behlings, and Laura Burden.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in June \$40; Received \$1,897 year to date .
- ✦ **Property Committee**—Dave will contact suggested members to get a Property Committee running again..
- ✦ **At-Large Finance Committee member**—Darla Thompson has agreed to be an At-Large Committee Member.
- ✦ **Church Brochure**—Pastor Pam will obtain estimates for printing color copies of brochure for distribution.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Deaths: Doris Bryant, Ann Cazer
- ✦ **Surge Protector**—Council approved that surge protection for well pump and electric panels be purchased.
- ✦ **Well Pump**—Council approved \$1000 deductible for well pump replacement from Capital Improvements fund.

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ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Pentecost 3

Thursday, June 27: Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22—10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Friday, June 28: Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20

Saturday, June 29: Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27

Sunday, June 30: Psalm 16; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Monday, July 1: Psalm 140; Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67; 1 John 2:7-11

Tuesday, July 2: Psalm 140; Jeremiah 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:6-20

Wednesday, July 3: Psalm 140; Jeremiah 23:16-22; Matthew 10:16-25

Pentecost 4

Thursday, July 4: Psalm 66:1-9; 2 Kings 21:1-15; Romans 7:14-25

Friday, July 5: Psalm 66:1-9; Jeremiah 51:47-58; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Saturday, July 6: Psalm 66:1-9; Zechariah 14:10-21; Luke 9:1-6

Sunday, July 7: Psalm 66:1-9; Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Monday, July 8: Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27

Tuesday, July 9: Psalm 119:73-80; Jeremiah 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41

Wednesday, July 10: Psalm 119:73-80; Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16

Pentecost 5

Thursday, July 11: Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:14-36; James 2:14-26

Friday, July 12: Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 41:37-29; Acts 7:9-16

Saturday, July 13: Psalm 25:1-10; Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37; John 3:16-21

Sunday, July 14: Psalm 25:1-10; Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Monday, July 15: Psalm 25:11-20; Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7

Tuesday, July 16: Psalm 25:11-20; Proverbs 19:1-17; 1 John 3:11-17

Wednesday, July 17: Psalm 25:11-20; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Pentecost 6

Thursday, July 18: Psalm 15; Genesis 12:10-20; Hebrews 5:1-6

Friday, July 19: Psalm 15; Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21

Saturday, July 20: Psalm 15; Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10

Sunday, July 21: Psalm 15; Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Monday, July 22: Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 18:1-12; Colossians 1:27—2:7

Tuesday, July 23: Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 9:1-18; 1 John 2:1-6

Wednesday, July 24: Psalm 119:97-104; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; John 6:41-51

Pentecost 7

Thursday, July 25: Psalm 138; Esther 2:19—3:6; Acts 1:15-20

Friday, July 26: Psalm 138; Esther 3:7-15; Acts 2:22-36

Saturday, July 27: Psalm 138; Esther 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25

Sunday, July 28: Psalm 138; Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 29: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 5:1-14; Colossians 2:16—3:1

Tuesday, July 30: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 6:1—7:6; Romans 9:30—10:4

Wednesday, July 31: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 7:7—8:17; Matthew 5:43-48



JUNE 18, 2019, COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED:

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam reported on lively SD Synod Assembly, Walking Worship, and the impact of the lightning strike that led to the well pump not working and worship on June 9 being cancelled.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Evangelism & Social Ministry**—met together to develop plans for the God's Work/Our Hands Day.
- ✦ **Health Ministry**—Blood Pressure screening was recently provided
- ✦ **WELCA**—Monthly meeting held last Monday featured Donna Talley, W.E.A.V.E. director.
- ✦ **Worship and Music**—Outdoor Wednesday night Services and Walking Worship services are up and going, in addition to the Summer worship with Outlaw Ranch Staff providing many of the worship functions.

The next council meeting will be July 16, 2019, at 7:00 PM.



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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

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 Parish Nurse: Mary Klein
 Custodian: Augie Heyne
 Music: Margaret Tretheway
 Choir Director: Marlene Sellevold
 Financial Secretary: Ann Snow
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky

Ministers: All Members of CLF!