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IN-PERSON WORSHIP TO BEGIN JULY 12TH...



The CLF Church Council voted to begin in-person worship starting Sunday, July 12th at 9:30 AM. We will continue with online worship as well for any who are not comfortable joining us in person in the sanctuary. There are Guidelines in the newsletter, (see page 2) and I invite you to read them so you know what to expect when you come for worship. Be aware that things may change due to the Covid situation in Custer so watch our Facebook page for new Information.

Two of the most important:

- ◆ Masks are required
- ◆ 6' Physical distancing required

Contact Pastor Pam or any member of the church council with questions or concerns.



NEW! TECH TEAM



Pastor Pam is looking for tech savvy people to be on a new Tech Team. We will be looking at how to make CLF's online presence and community stronger and more vibrant. We will also be looking at potential equipment to improve our ministry. We are looking for those who are creative and able to help think of new ways to have online worship through more impactful videos, and other ways to connect with the community through social media.

We would love to have a variety of ages, too, so if you are in high school or college, we would love to have you on the team! We will be meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 PM to discuss the mission of the team and get input from each other. Call or text 701-955-5282 or email pam_clf@gwtc.net to get the link for the Zoom meeting. Join us on this important ministry!



GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Building

- ◆ Worship space, bathrooms, door handles, etc. will be cleaned and disinfected between services
- ◆ Participants will enter the sanctuary through the right-hand door and go to their pew; exit worship through the left-hand door and then immediately out the double doors
- ◆ There will be no coffee, snacks, or fellowship time after worship
- ◆ Bathrooms – only two people may enter the bathrooms at a time
- ◆ All materials will be removed from the pews – Bibles, hymnals, envelopes, etc.
- ◆ No bulletins will be handed out
- ◆ Announcement and prayer sheets will be available to take as participants leave worship
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will be available at every entrance and outside the bathrooms

Worship Service

- ◆ Everyone will sign up online at Eventbrite to let us know you will be coming to worship, and how many people will be with you; if you do not have access to the internet, call the church office
 - ◇ We will collect the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of all participants
- ◆ A church council member will verify this information as they enter worship
- ◆ This is done so we may contact anyone who may be exposed to COVID-19 at any point
- ◆ The Sign-In sheet must be returned to the church office after each worship service
 - ◇ It may be placed in the Office Manager's or Pastor's mailbox, or slipped under the door if there is no one in the office.
- ◆ All participants must wear a mask at all times while on the church property
- ◆ All participants must maintain a minimum 6 foot physical distance from each other / family group, and be mindful of the pews that are taped off
- ◆ Family groups may sit together if they have come to worship together
- ◆ There will be no handshaking, hugging, or any other physical contact
- ◆ There will be no "Passing of the Peace" during worship
- ◆ No communal singing
- ◆ Offering plates will be placed in the Narthex; participants will place offering in the plates as they exit worship
- ◆ Visitors will be welcomed as space is available, but they will be held to the same guidelines with masks and distancing
 - ◇ If the sanctuary is full, chairs will be set in the narthex at an appropriate physical distance
- ◆ The church council will be responsible for ensuring that these guidelines are followed for each worship service



REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP USING EVENTBRITE



We are asking that everyone who will be coming to in-person worship starting July 12th to register online prior to attending. Registration will open on July 1st, and there will be a link on the CLF Facebook page and our website that you can

click on to be taken to the registration page. You can also go to www.eventbrite.com and search for "Custer Lutheran Fellowship" after July 1st. You will "buy" tickets to reserve a spot, but they are all free. We will be collecting the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of all who will attend. We are asking you to register for worship and provide this information so we can limit the number of people who attend to ensure proper physical distancing, and to have contact information to notify you if you ever become exposed to COVID-19 while at worship. For those who do not have access to the internet, please call the church office to let us know you will be attending. Please contact Pastor Pam with any questions.



Let Freedom Ring!



When we hear these words, we typically think of the Fourth of July. We celebrate our national identity with fireworks and barbecues. We call it Independence Day and think of our country and our personal freedoms.

But there is another identity that is far more important, and a different kind of freedom that is more profound. That identity is the one we are given in our baptism when we are claimed as God's own beloved child. Our identity as children of God, claimed and forgiven and granted eternal life supersedes any other identity we may claim. We are all many things, belong to many different groups, but our baptismal identity is the most important.



And the freedom we are given in baptism is so much bigger and more profound than any other freedom we have ever been given. Because the freedom we are given in baptism is a freedom **for** not a freedom **from**. Yes, we are freed from sin and death, but it is really about being free to live **for** others, to serve others, to give and love and share Jesus love and mercy with others. I love this image of breaking chains because we are freed from the chains of selfishness, worldly gain, and seeking power. We are freed to let go of our personal, individual freedom to do whatever we want, and instead, freed to live Jesus love and salvation for the whole world.

Life is no longer about what *I* want, but what **Jesus** wants for my neighbor. What *I* can do to serve the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed. Not what others can do for me. You all know by now that I love Star Trek, and my favorite character is Spock. He has a wonderful saying, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." I love it because it's all about the good of the community, not just about me.

Martin Luther would agree. In his "On the Freedom of a Christian," he states, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." This certainly seems like a confusing statement, and even contradictory. The most important part of this statement to me right now is the "servant of all, subject to all."

We have been called through our baptism to serve and to bring new life to our community and the world. We are called to serve and bring unity, not division. We are freed to love without limit. We are freed to embrace all people as beloved children of God. We are freed to put the needs of others before our own individual freedom, because the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few – or the one.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, let us celebrate our country, but let us also celebrate our freedom in Christ. Let us remember that our freedom and identity in Christ comes first before any other identity. And let us all live to love and serve our neighbor.

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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The synod staff is working to provide a full Service in the Word for **Sunday, July 5th**.

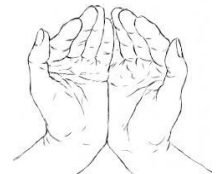
A recorded service will be provided to congregations by the end of June. You will be able to access the service on the CLF Facebook page at the regular time of 9:30 AM. Or you can tune-in to the Synod Facebook page for a live premiere on the morning of July 5th.

The Synod will also provide a written order of worship.

CARING HANDS MINISTRY

The Caring Hands Ministry is alive and well at Custer Lutheran Fellowship! We may find it a little more challenging these days, but there are still many ways that we can reach out to those in need. Please consider serving in the following ways:

- Hands that pray for others.
- Hands that write a note card to the lonely or sick.
- Hands that make a phone call of encouragement.
- Hands that can drive someone to their appointments or pick up and deliver groceries.
- Hands that are willing to make a meal for someone who is alone or sick.



We have a list of many willing to lend a *Caring Hand*, but we need your help in hearing about those in need. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from any of these services, please contact us. You can be the eyes and ears for our committee. When offering services, we will take every precaution to make sure everyone stays safe and protected from the virus.

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Witnesses to the transcendent

By Elizabeth A. Eaton

An amazing thing happened in March. Churches were closed but more people came to church. Millions of us were complying with shelter-in-place and physical distancing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local officials to stop the spread of the coronavirus. In a matter of days our lives were completely disrupted. The places where we sheltered became our offices, classrooms, day care centers and recreational facilities. Traffic dissipated—I was tempted to leave my house and drive unimpeded up and down the Kennedy Expressway just because it was possible.

Measures to slow the spread of the disease work against in-person gatherings. Coming together for worship wasn't possible. Maintaining 6 feet of distance between people, refraining from touching and wearing face masks aren't conducive to corporate worship. I was in a CDC briefing that pointed out that singing was right up there with sneezing and coughing in spreading the virus. Conventional all-together-in-the-building church was out.

So, what did we do? We found new ways of receiving the word and singing praise to God. All across this church, pastors and deacons, musicians and lay leaders created imaginative and fresh ways to worship. Virtual church, recorded church, livestreamed church happened everywhere. In parts of the country without sufficient Wi-Fi, congregations phoned each other, some on landlines. Pastors and deacons kept in contact with the people, and parishioners called each other. Worship resources to be used at home were shared. We might have been physically distanced, but we were not spiritually or socially isolated.

Many congregations and worship sites reported that online attendance was up and, in some cases, exceeded average Sunday in-person participation. People "attended" several services in a day. And we know that many attending online would never walk into one of our churches.

Now, before we get too excited about this new evangelism tool, we need to consider factors that may have contributed to increased attendance—no sports, no Starbucks, limited travel, convenience. This won't last forever. But the restrictions imposed by the pandemic have made it clear that people are searching for hope and meaning and love. The gospel, the good news, the reality of God's unconditional love "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5), is the message that people long to hear. It is life for the dying, water for the parched, food for the starving, liberty for the oppressed. God has People wonder what the post-COVID world and the post-COVID church will look like. No one, except God, knows for certain. Our experience with worshiping remotely has taught us at least two things: the word of God expressed in worship, lament and praise is not irrelevant. And people who find our congregations—the building and people—intimidating or off-putting also long to be part of a community that witnesses to the life we have in Jesus.

I am praying for the day when we gather again. I miss going to church. Church, including the buildings, ar sacred spaces. Human beings are drawn to places where they have experienced the holy. Congregations—buildings and people—are witnesses to the transcendent.

The problem comes when people confuse the sacred space with the Sacred. We must take care that our congregations don't become idols. Since we have concrete evidence that people who long to hear about the life, hope and grace that comes to the world through Jesus won't come into our churches, we need to go to them. We have done this in creative ways and through online worship during the pandemic. Don't stop. When we are able to return to our sacred spaces, let's make an honest assessment of the ways that our congregations are witnesses to the transcendent, places where we are nourished for the journey and then sent out to serve. Or have they become barriers to those seeking the love and freedom God has given to all people in Christ?

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address: bishop@elca.org. This column originally appeared in the June/July issue of *Living Lutheran*. Reprinted with permission.





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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office by July 20th. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS.....

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

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

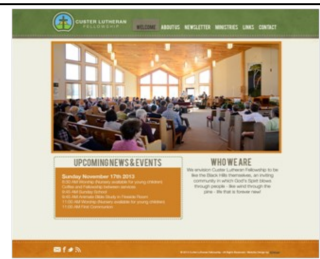
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...



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 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.



BULLETIN EACH WEEK

We have started to make available a bulletin each week, so you can follow along when you are at home participating in the service each Sunday.

The bulletin will be put on Facebook and emailed to the list of those who receive the newsletter by email.

If you would like to receive the bulletin by email each week, please let the church office know.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM YOUR TREASURER

—JOY SMOLNISKY

CLF’s May 2020 year-to-date financial report looks pretty good...offering contributions equal the budget target and expenses are down. However, looks can be deceiving.

As has been explained to the council, CLF year-to-date contributions appear undiminished by the Covid-19 shut-down and economic consequences only because the 20% decrease in offering contributions CLF has experienced since the shutdown were offset by generous folds who contributed their entire year pledge in the first couple months of 2020.

To help ensure CLF does not get caught in a cash flow crunch, CLF has also applied for and received a 26,667 Payroll Protection Plan Loan. We have carefully complied with the requirements and believe there is a good chance this loan will qualify to be “forgiven” so it will actually be a grant. Should part or all of the loan not qualify for “forgiveness”, CLF can take up to 5 years to repay that portion of the loan at a 1% interest rate.

Your Council and Finance Committee are carefully monitoring the budget and will continue to update you. Please pray for all those, in our church and throughout the world, who have been socially, physically or financially impacted by this pandemic.

2020 BUDGET THRU MAY 31

	<u>May 2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offering Contributions	144,343	144,960
Non-restricted Special Donation	6,199	1,444
Interest	256	0
Total Income	<u>150,798</u>	<u>146,404</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	36,531	40,045
Worship	4,420	5,305
Education	3,261	7,112
Mission Support	16,346	17,676
Support/Care	<u>58,457</u>	<u>76,921</u>
Total Expenses	<u>119,015</u>	<u>147,059</u>
Net Ordinary Income	31,784	-655

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS...

(CHORUS)

BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER
WITH CORDS THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
BIND US TOGETHER LORD, BIND US TOGETHER , BIND
US TOGETHER WITH LOVE.

Those words keep entering my head and the realization that even though we are not physically together, we are able to communicate with each other by the Sunday recorded services and words that ring true. The message of this song sends His message of love and unity all over the world. The composer of this song was just the mouthpiece God used . It was written in 1974 but the meaning hasn't changed. This is who God is.

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD,
THERE IS ONLY ONE KING
THERE IS ONLY ONE BODY, THAT IS WHY WE SING

(REPEAT BIND US TOGETHER LORD ETC.)

That message says so much about love and is clear in the way we feel and the way we worship, whether it be singing, praying, sharing, and preaching. A simple message to hear and to me it offers comfort in a very different phase of our lives. He has not changed and is here for us as we go through this time together.

The other verses are :

MADE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
PURCHASED BY HIS PRECIOUS SON
BORN WITH THE RIGHT TO BE CLEAN
FOR JESUS THE VICTORY HAS WON

(CHORUS)

'YOU ARE THE FAMILY OF GOD
YOU ARE THE PROMISE DIVINE
YOU ARE GOD'S CHOSEN DESIRE
YOU ARE THE GLORIOUS NEW WINE

(CHORUS)

As far as any new music news, we await what July will bring. We appreciate all the comments about the services. In the meantime, fill your heart with the true words of this song, which does make us one family. We can be thankful for all we have and the love that i carry for all of you. God be with you.

Margaret Tretheway

W/ELCA NEWS...

At this time we hope to have a meeting in August. Our August meeting is scheduled for the 24th at 11:30 AM. Our meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall to give us more space. At this point, let's plan for each participant to bring a sack lunch for herself. Water, coffee and iced tea will be provided. Our program will be announced in the August newsletter. More details will be given in the August newsletter.

QUILTING...

Quilting has started again at CLF. We will plan on 2 days a month as we did last year. In July we will meet on the 7th and the 14th following all guidelines set down by our leaders.

We will start at 9 AM. There will be no coffee time. Please bring your own beverage and treats. Masks will be required and each attendee will have to sign in. I will have extra masks if needed.

July 7th—We will quilt and make dog beds out of all the scraps and pillow cases we have.

July 14th—Quilting as usual.

Come as you feel comfortable. I have missed you all! ~ Ginny Myers



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK...

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

These are the prophet Micah's words to his contemporaries, and these are Micah's words to us as well as it speaks into our daily life as people of God living in uncertain times. Many of you have reached out to me with a deep concern about the storms of life encircling us, they are manifold from the ongoing uncertainty of agriculture, to the threats of COVID-19, to the unrest that fills our life. The call of the prophet Micah continues to lead us, dear Church until the day, Christ will return. And so, we went to work, trusting that God's in the midst of all of this, leading us into the future he has prepared for us.

During our fall "Listen, Learn and Care" events in all seven conferences of our synod we learned that you seek your synod staff to be a resource to you, that you are deeply concerned about the polarization in our nation and that you seek to live out your faith boldly. We have listened to you and offer you a synod-wide opportunity to create a space where various voices are heard, where justice and love for mercy guide the conversation as we journey together humbly with God. The "SD Synod Justice Table" will begin a conversation around topics of diversity, justice, and reconciliation. This conversation will invite partners around the table that are of very different walks of life and bring various experiences to the table. This group will model what it means to "holy wrestle" with the tough issues and how we live our faith boldly in times such as these heading Micah's call. Welcome to the table, SD Synod.

Bishop Constanze
#JourneyingTogetherinChrist



IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

Ephesians 2:14-16

For [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

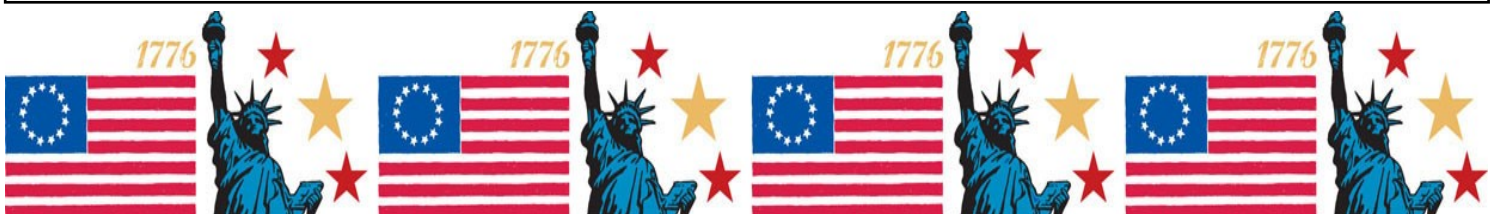
In the middle of all this tension and conflict, it can be easy to demonize those we disagree with. When we say things like, "those are evil people," we lose sight of who God knows us to be: broken people. Every one of us has flaws, sins that we know and even ones that we are blind to. God forgives each of us, out of the grace that is the gift from Christ. We are called to love our neighbors, to call out injustice, and to work so that everyone has a place at the table. But we must do so in the pursuit of peace, rather than trying to win. Jesus breaks down our hostility, and brings us peace.



CHURCH ONLINE

Sawyer Vanden Heuvel

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has caused a huge shift for our churches in South Dakota, but it has also opened up a new opportunity for churches to continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How many of your congregations have seen new people online in worship with you? For some, checking out a church for the first time seemed like a daunting task. "Will I feel welcome? What is the music like? Will I like the preaching?" These are all questions that people ask when checking out a church. Now, with many of our congregations online, that barrier has been removed and the pressure of visiting has been lifted.



GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING IN SMALL GROUPS...

The CLF church council voted at their May 19, 2020 meeting to begin allowing small groups to meet in the church building effective June 1, 2020. The following are the guidelines to follow for these gatherings:

- ◆ Notify the church office (clf@gwtc.net) of the date and time of the gathering
- ◆ The gathering must be 10 people or fewer
- ◆ All participants must maintain a minimum 6 foot physical distance from each other
- ◆ All participants must wear a mask at all times while in the small group
- ◆ The group must use disinfectant supplies provided to disinfect and clean all areas they have touched, including bathrooms
- ◆ The group leader must complete the Group Log-In sheet with the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of all participants
 - ◇ This is done so we may contact anyone in the groups who may be exposed to COVID-19 at any point
- ◆ The Group Log-In sheet must be returned to the church office after each gathering
 - ◇ It may be placed in the Office Manager's or Pastor's mailbox, or slipped under the door if there is no one in the office.
- ◆ These guidelines also apply if the group is gathering at the outdoor worship space
- ◆ Most importantly, have fun in your small group!



"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONAL

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **July to September issue** now here. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.

If you would like an issue, you can stop by the office to pick one up, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



Volunteers working on the drainage problem in front of the church



COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING

Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Reports—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering trends. Currently, the giving levels are approximately 19% below budget. Expenditures are also down significantly. The Payroll Protection Plan Loan is currently appearing to be 100% forgivable but rules continue to change. Dave P. moved, it was seconded and the council confirmed CLF Council Fiscal Directions: 1) Council assumed income would be affected and it has been—down 20% below budget since shutdown. Finance Committee is to continue to monitor, report monthly or more frequently as needed. 2) CLF, lacking a bank line of credit to cover shortfall, secured a 1% PPP loan of \$26,667, part of which may be forgivable. CLF will continue to monitor rule-making process to stay in compliance with requirements. 3) Council has elected to continue employment and mission support despite shutdown and wishes to continue to do so.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ **Thrivent Choice**—\$27.00 in June, \$1865 YTD •
- ◆ **Amazon Smile**—\$14.36 in June, \$223.02 YTD •
- ◆ **Review how in-person small groups are going since June 1**—Reports are that they are proceeding well with people eager to be involved. Jackie has moved to 1Xweek from 2 related to the procedures involved.
- ◆ **Discuss plan for when and how to begin in-person worship**. Council reviewed the “Re-opening Questions to Consider” document and “Guidelines for Gathering for In-Person Worship” document. After considerable discussion, Liz K. moved, it was seconded, and the council approved that CLF return to in-person worship following strict guidelines starting 7/12 at 9:30 AM. Council members will be providing enforcement of guidelines to ensure a safe environment.

New Business:

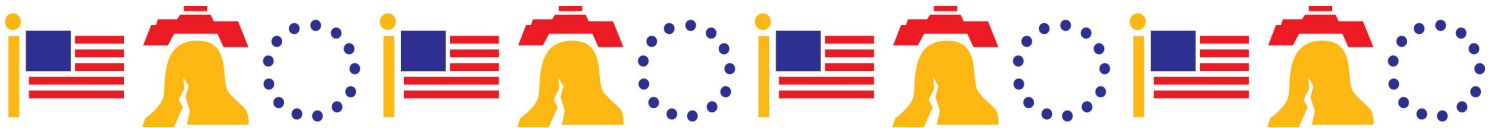
- ◆ **Membership Changes**—No changes
- ◆ **Campfire Worship sign-up**—if needed. It was determined that this form of worship would not be pursued at this time. •
- ◆ **Pro Media Fire**—Given the use of on-line worshiping and the opportunity to reach people not able to attend CLF, it has been noted that media equipment needs to be upgraded. Pastor Pam will be meeting with a Rapid City provider to best determine CLF's needs in this area.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam has continued to meet with people via phone and Zoom. She is looking to ways the church can be involved in celebrating God's presence and easing the pains of prejudice-against minorities as well as police officers.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ◆ **Property**—Outdoor worship area has been cleaned up as well as finishing of the leak repair in the Fellowship Hall area.
- ◆ **Social Ministry**—has been meeting via email and are looking at God's Work/Our Hands Sunday ideas.

The next council meeting is July 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM.



FAITH PRACTICE BIBLE STUDY...

Join Pastor Pam on Wednesdays as we explore how scripture guides us as we live out our baptismal promises. Each week we will study one of the scripture readings from the upcoming Sunday. We will be using a resource from the ELCA called Daily Faith Practices to explore how we live out our faith every day.

Pastor Pam will be offering this Bible study every Wednesday through the summer. At 6:30 PM we will have an online study through Zoom. For the Zoom class, let Pastor Pam know you want to participate and she will email you the link to join the class.

Feel free to participate as often as you like. Each week is not dependent on the one before, so if you miss a week you won't be behind. Come, join us this summer as we use this time to grow in our faith together.



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

5 Pentecost

Wednesday, July 1: Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday, July 2: Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6

Friday, July 3: Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20

Saturday, July 4: Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, July 5: Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Monday, July 6: Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday, July 7: Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday, July 8: Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17

6 Pentecost

Thursday, July 9: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16

Friday, July 10: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21

Saturday, July 11: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50

Sunday, July 12: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Monday, July 13: Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday, July 14: Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17—5:2

Wednesday, July 15: Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17

7 Pentecost

Thursday, July 16: Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, July 17: Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday, July 18: Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20

Sunday, July 19: Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Monday, July 20: Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday, July 21: Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21—5:1

Wednesday, July 22: Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21

8 Pentecost

Thursday, July 23: Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53

Friday, July 24: Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Saturday, July 25: Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42

Sunday, July 26: Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Monday, July 27: Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

Tuesday, July 28: Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Ephesians 6:10-18

Wednesday, July 29: Psalm 119:121-128; Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33; Mark 4:30-34

9 Pentecost

Thursday, July 30: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Proverbs 10:1-5; Philippians 4:10-15

Friday, July 31: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 51:17-23; Romans 9:6-13

Saturday, August 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5; Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday, August 2: Psalm 146:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21



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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*



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Custodian: Augie Heyne
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