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Worship on July 4<sup>th</sup> will be at 8:00 am so that we can all be at the parade in town at 10:00 am.

### LET'S GET NOISY AGAIN!



We will begin collecting **"Noisy Offering"** again in July! Our Noisy Offering has gone to many different ministries over the years. We would like your input into who we should bless with our Noisy Offering for the rest of 2021. Drop a note in the offering plate, email or call the church office, you can even text Pastor Pam with your ideas. We will let you know what the results of the suggestions are. The Noisy Offering will be collected on the second Sunday of each month.

For the rest of the summer, they are July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. At the close of the Children's Message children will collect your coins, bills and checks and place these gifts in our special **"Noisy Offering"** cream can. Your spare change does make a difference. Thanks so much!

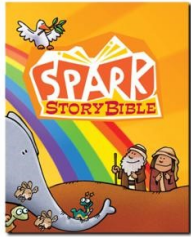
### Custer Meet & Eat is Being Offered Once Again!

We are excited to announce that the Custer Meet & Eat is being offered again! Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday of each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney Street. Join us on **July 13<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.



### WOYATAN....



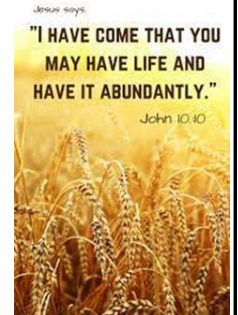


## SPARK KIDS DIRECTOR

Do you enjoy working with children? Would you love to be able to help children grow in their faith? Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are in need of a new Spark Kids Director this year. This is a paid 10-hour a week position to coordinate the Spark Kids program on Wednesdays after school. The Director uses the current curriculum to provide an hour of Bible stories, crafts, discussion, snacks, and most of all – fun! We are planning on starting Spark Kids on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Pastor Pam with questions, or if you are interested in this position.

## JUST L.I.F.E (LIBERATION IS FOR EVERYONE!) BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Pam for this three session study from the Women of the ELCA inspired by Jesus statement from John 10:10, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." Jesus gives us full life and freedom so that justice may abound and so that the kingdom of God may become a reality. The waters of baptism call us to set the oppressed free, work for justice, and speak truth to power. Working for justice is in our spiritual DNA. It is part of our Christian heritage. Come, join us as we explore wisdom, truth, and hope. The sessions will be Thursdays July 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.



## JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 16 – 20<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves, and the world. We will examine different places in our lives where we can cultivate compassion using Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and more. Contact the church office to register your children from grades K-5 for this fun experience.



"This is the beginning of an exciting – and busy – 12 months for me! Many of you know this already, but I have been asked by the synod to serve as an Internship Supervisor for Vicar Alisha Unga. Vicar Alisha will be serving as the pastoral intern at Trinity Lutheran and United Church (UCC and Methodist), both in Edgemont, for the next 12 months.



Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> was her first Sunday in worship at both congregations, and I was excited to be there with her to welcome her and meet the members of each congregation. Thank you, Phil, for filling in for me here at CLF! I am sorry I missed the W/ELCA Auction of Talents that day, though!

This is a wonderful opportunity for me to help Vicar Alisha grow into the pastor she has been called to be. I had such a wonderful relationship and experience with my internship supervisor, and I am excited to be that for Vicar Alisha. I will be meeting with her weekly in our supervisor sessions as we talk about what it means to be a pastor and all that is involved. We will work together to help her grow theologically and help her grow into her pastoral identity.

I will spend some time in Edgemont with her, observing occasionally as she teaches, preaches, leads worship, etc. You will have the opportunity to meet her, too, as I will have her involved, or at least experience, some of the ministries we have here at CLF that they do not have in Edgemont. I will have her preach here, too, at least once so she can have a different preaching experience.



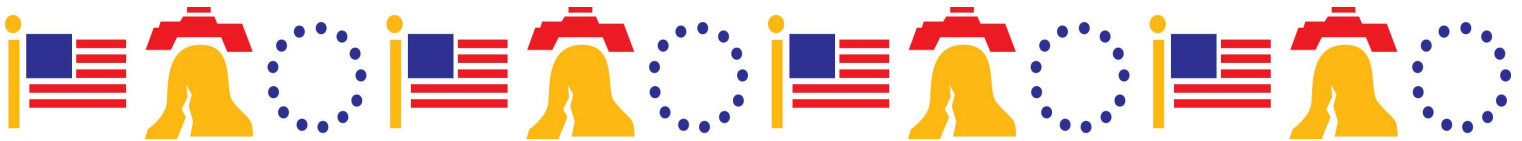
She is not CLF's intern, though, so she will not be involved in leading anything here. I will just have her observe different things. She will more than likely be involved in funerals and weddings here so she can gain some experience with these important times in the life of a congregation.

This will be more work for me during this year, but I see it as a way for me to serve the larger church. It is my opportunity and privilege to help form a pastor to serve in the church. I invite you to welcome Vicar Alisha and encourage her when you meet her.

Blessings,  
Pastor Pam

## REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN AT WOYATAN

We were able to join Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City on June 21<sup>st</sup> for a service to remember the 215 children found buried at Kamloops in Canada. It was a powerful service of prayer, silence, and lighting candles in the children's memory. Pastor Pam preached about the church's complicity in the Indian Boarding School era and how we can build relationships now to repair the trauma. The drum group shared moving songs during the service as well. CLF was well represented with at least 15 members attending this powerful service.



## PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

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

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

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673-4691 (church)

## Gold Discovery Days July 16-18<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to have a tent at Gold Discovery Days this year! We are calling it “**God Discovery Days**” and will be doing a variety of things at our tent. We will be handing out:

- ✦ Pocket prayer shawls with a prayer card
- ✦ Green cloth environmentally friendly shopping bags
- ✦ “All Are Welcome” bookmarks
- ✦ Helium balloons and bubbles for children

We will also have activities for the children, and will be taking prayer requests. In order to have a successful “God Discovery Days,” we need your help to serve at the tent. Please sign up for a 2-hour shift – or more! – or call the church office. Help us spread God’s word during this fun event in the life of our community!

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 12, 2021

The Social Ministry Team is in the early stages of preparing for this year's annual *God's Work. Our Hands.* event. Our primary focus will be to host a luncheon honoring first-responders and healthcare workers. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information in the days and weeks ahead.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### HAPPY 4TH OF JULY -

What a wonderful date to celebrate the joy of all the beautiful singing I hear at the church service. Joy comes in the Morning.

We are continuing with our various summer church services. For the month of July, we will be doing the Chicago Folk Liturgy on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and regular services on the 2 and 4th. We always are looking for more people to help with special music. If you know of anyone that would like to give of their talents, please call me at 673-2468. In the meantime, I will continue to call some of the young people to also participate.

I thank all of the musicians that have given of their talents, and also to Pastor Pam, and all that help with the services. God blesses us with all that you do.

This is a short report but I will end with a poem that I read this week:

#### “REMEMBER “

You are paint on God's canvas.  
Notes in His song.  
Words on His page. Created by Him  
and then blessed to create with Him  
In everyday life, your work, your relationship,  
you bring Him to the world in new ways,  
And when you do, this can be again....  
GOD saw all that he had made an it was very good.

YOU ARE ALL VERY GOOD AND VERY IMPORTANT. We share your sadness and your joy. Thank you everyone for your support of the music in the church.

~ Bill & Margaret Tretheway



## PARISH NURSE UPDATE

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

Now that it is summer, (tourist season) it is even more important to get the COVID vaccine. The latest news is the "Delta" variant, is much more transmissible and is causing serious illness even more now in our young people. The vaccine has been authorized for the young now and so it is time to be responsible & get your kids protected. Please do it for yourself, your family and your community. I read an interesting article about how your diet can improve brain health. Of course I find this an important subject, as I forget names of people & things more and more often. I lost my father to Alzheimer's disease at a fairly young age of 72. He lived for 10 years with it and so I am more keenly aware of symptoms and the devastation it causes. What are the best foods in your diet to improve chances of fighting off Alzheimer's and other dementia? According to studies, a diet that includes berries, apples and black or green tea (flavonoids), reduced the rate of getting a dementia related disease 2-4 times less. You also don't have to eat these foods in large quantities, just a small handful of berries every few days will do the trick. These types of foods also decrease inflammation in the body, and will reduce chances of heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other inflammatory diseases. It's a "smart" idea!



## MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

I am reflecting on the losses we have all gone through. Today I am narrowing this to loss of loved ones. It is never easy and especially if unexpected, feels like a gut punch. How can we recover from these losses? There is no simple answer or "right" way to do it. When we suffer loss we can expect anger, denial and guilt among other feelings. We try to rationalize how it could have been prevented, or find someone or something to blame. Often we place that blame on ourselves. There is no fixed time line you must follow, to be sure, it can take a long time. Talking with other trusted family members or friends, a religious leader or counselor will help lighten that load some. In time your happy memories you shared with the person you lost, will begin to ease some of the pain. Many times the pain will never go away, and that is okay, as long as you continue to take care of your emotional and physical needs. If you need a caring, nonjudgmental person to help you, give me a call. Healthy mind, healthy soul!



## PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



I am not sure how many at CLF realize that we have a Pastor's Discretionary Fund that I use to help people, both in this congregation and in the community. I help with a variety of things from rent/mortgage, utilities, grocery items that are not available at the Storehouse like diapers, toilet paper, etc., and more. This account is entirely funded by donations. It is not part of the yearly budget. CLF is also part of the Custer Ministerial Alliance (CMA), who also helps with utilities and rent. I encourage all of you to contact me or the CMA if you are in need in any way. The discretionary fund is completely confidential – I am the only one who knows who is helped. And of course I always welcome donations in any amount to the fund! Again, the money I use in that account is funded entirely by donations. It is a blessing to be able to help someone in need in this way. Please pray for those who I and the CMA have helped, and continue to support in the future. Blessings, Pastor Pam

## YOGA CLASSES

Gentle yoga with Jackie will not be held on July 5th due to the holiday. Classes will be held on July 1, 8, 12, 15, 19 and 22nd. We will meet in the Narthex at 10:30 AM on Monday mornings. Masks will be optional. A six foot distance between participants will be practiced.



## CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:

Pam — pam\_clf@gwtc.net  
Main address— clf@gwtc.net

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office by July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...



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

## CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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



## ALTAR GUILD HELPERS NEEDED

Our Altar Guild needs new members to serve: One needed for July/August, September/October and November/December 2021. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. Duties include: filling the candles with liquid wax and changing the banners to match the church season. If you have questions, please talk to the office staff. HINT: Confirmation families—this is a great way for you to help...these items can be done while your child is in Confirmation Class!

## 2021 BUDGET THRU MAY 31ST

	Non-Restricted	
	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offering Contributions	125,883	112,500
Special Offerings/Inc	28,604	26,667
Interest	149	167
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>154,636</b>	<b>139,334</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Pastoral Leadership	36,959	38,111
Worship	3,345	3,266
Education	244	548
Mission Support	18,353	17,782
Support/Care*	44,925	47,812
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>103,826</b>	<b>107,519</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>50,810</b>	<b>31,815</b>

\*One time Support/Care Expenses budgeted for later in year.

Prepay Mortgage (Dec)	12,000
Propane Pre-Buy (Aug)	9,200
<b>Subtotal Delayed Expenditures:</b>	<b>21,200</b>

## MISSING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have noticed that your birthday or anniversary has been missing from our birthday and anniversary list, please do not be offended! We are not omitting you on purpose! It is because we do not have the information sheet we need that has birthdays, updated phone numbers, and email addresses. This is true even if you have filled out information for your children through the confirmation or SPARK Kids program. We may have children’s birthdays, but not the parents. Please stop by the office and fill out a form so we may update our lists to include your very important dates! You can also give us your birthday without providing the year! Thank you!



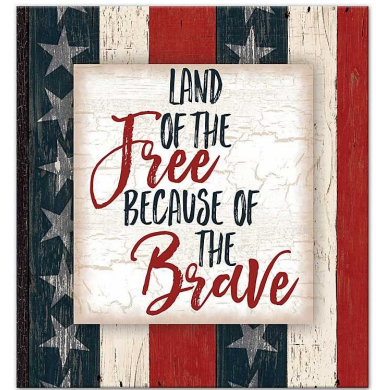
### LYNN'S RECEIPTS

We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We wanted everyone to be aware that we do not collect the gas discount receipts, though. We want you to keep those to get your gas discount! But continue to drop off your receipts in the office or in the can at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

### "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

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

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



### MORE PICS



### 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!!



## HOW TO TURN A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION INTO AN OPPORTUNITY INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

Custer Lutheran Fellowship has a long history of investing in programs to nurture Custer area youth on their faith journeys. The Church Council has heard and whole heartedly supports the desire expressed by many members to reinstate additional staffing support for our youth programs.

This mission focus comes with two challenges:

- ✦ How will we find the right person for the position?
- ✦ How can we feel confident we can raise adequate ongoing funds to pay for additional staff?

**Personnel:** Prayer and a diligent search process will be needed to find the right person for this part time lay youth leadership position. The council feels strongly we should be patient searching for the right person, but we should start searching sooner rather than later.

**Funding:** Our current mortgage balloons in December of 2022. Leading up to that point we can pay down as much of the mortgage as we are able with no penalties which reduces our interest expense. When the balloon matures, we will probably owe about \$140,000, with payments of \$38,800 per year for another 4 years. If we could raise enough funds to pay down that mortgage to less than \$100,000, CLF could refinance through the ELCA Mission Investment Fund with up to a 10 year personal loan (no mortgage on the building, no closing costs for switching and a fixed rate that looks like it would be similar to what we could get with our current lender). The debt service for this fixed rate personal loan would lower annual debt service by about \$20,000 a year LESS than our current payment and would pay off the loan within 6 years. This decrease in ongoing expenses would get us to where we need to be to fund the youth leadership position.

More information on ideas for this capital fund opportunity will be sent out with the Semi-annual giving statements in July.

**In the meantime the council needs your input.**

**What do you think of this strategy?** Do you have other ideas? Should the council include it in the next budget?

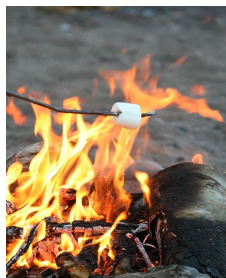
**Would you be willing to join a giving circle that would provide a match for funds pledged by the congregation?** We have already heard from several members who would be interested. Let the Finance Secretary, Ann Snow, know if you are interested. Like your normal contributions, all donations at CLF are confidential and the council and pastor would prefer to remain uninformed regarding who has made pledges.

### LUTHERAN PLANNED GENEROSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



Kathy McHenry, our SD Synod representative from Lutheran Planned Generosity, plans to be in the Black Hills Sunday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 14. If you have been waiting and hoping for time to visit about endowments, gift policies, extraordinary generosity and the tools to make those things happen, please let Kathy know and she will set up a time to visit with you. Kathy J. McHenry. Office – 605-274-5030, Cell – 605-868-8754, or email: [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org)

### SUMMER 2021 WEDNESDAY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



Have you ever attended the Wednesday Campfire Worship @6:30PM? It is a very moving experience, especially when you are out in what God has given us to enjoy nature. It isn't a long service, but we start with a campfire burning, along with the Word of God to touch our hearts. When the service is over, we enjoy s'more's or Root Beer Floats depending on the weather.





## W/ELCA HAPPENING

**Next meeting: Monday, August 23rd at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room**

**Hostesses: Potluck Luncheon—each person is asked to bring a dish to share.**

**Program: Will be announced in the August newsletter.**

Our speaker for our June meeting was Diana Edwards. Diana gave information concerning what occurred in the concentration camps in Poland during World War II. See the August newsletter for more information concerning that presentation.

W/ELCA will be responsible for Summer Sack lunches the week of July 12. We will be packing the lunches in the church kitchen on Monday, July 12 at 9:00 and Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00. Any help at either of those times will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all who helped to make the W/ELCA Auction of Talents a success. We made over \$1,600. More details will be in the August newsletter concerning the auction.

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## QUILTING....

We have reached a crossroad in quilting for our Summer Schedule. **Quilting will be changing dates to the first and second Tuesdays of the month at 9am for July and August.** We can always use mattress pads & flat sheets of any color. Come join us at 9am on Tuesday morning. We have lots of fun. ~ "The Joyful Quilters"

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### 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

Items can be left on the ox cart in the Narthex.



## IMPRESSIONS OF THE 2021 SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD GATHERING

From Li Fjerestad

This year's Zoom SD SYNOD GATHERING was inspiring and interesting. The main topic was "Journeying Together in Christ with Neighbors in Solidarity" and was based on the parable of the Good Samaritan with the question: 'Who is my neighbor'. We have an inspiring Bishop who talked eloquently of the characters: the beaten man, the rabbi or priest, the inn-keeper and the man who acted as neighbor to the half-dead man. She also talked of context points as characters: the dangerous road, the bad stretch of barren land it was on, the disappearing robbers. She took us into a broader understanding of a story we all know and cherish from the Bible.

Willett Capers, an Augustana staff member, spoke to the Good Samaritan parable by discussing some defining characteristics of a good neighbor in a contemporary context: the one who listens to us, believes our experience, doesn't negate us, and apologizes if they got it wrong the first time. As we embrace differences while creating belonging, she reminds us that knowledge is power (so learn), connect with others, embrace the difficult conversations (lean in), and 'look for the helpers'. When Fred Rogers was small and he was frightened by things happening in the world, his mother would tell him to 'look for the helpers'. Good advice from any mother. Willette shared with us what a positive influence Fred Rogers Neighborhood had on her as a child. She asked us to think about the value of having a diverse community, how power and privilege effects you as an individual and to also look inward. For example, inward to the place of kindness and inclusion we hear when Fred Rogers says, 'I want YOU as a neighbor. Can you be my neighbor?'

As Bishop said of this year's Mission Plan: 'God speaks in every language of the heart'. I was interested in the faith testimony of Jon Old Horse (pastor at Woyatan in North Rapid City) and hope we can see this video at CLF. I was encouraged that the Bishop is willing to speak up on behalf of healthcare justice for over 45,000 of the poorest adult residents in SD and ND. I look forward to finding out more about 'Justice: a re-structuring video, and the Synod's Justice Table on Indigenous Peoples. In conclusion, I am so humbled and happy to be a member of SD SYNOD. As Pastor Amy put it: 'It's about simplicity and the profound love of God'.



## COUNCIL MINUTES – JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 MEETING

*Members present:* Samuel Ainsley, Christie Behlings, Emily Hiatt, Scot Hoscheid, Liz Kleffner, Carol Niemann, Pastor Pam Power and Treasurer Joy Smolnisky. *Absent:* Jackie Hartwick and Dave Pickford

*Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:* The year to date offering is 12% over budget. May expenditures were over monthly budget and are 3% of budget year to date.

Replacing the microphones for the Sanctuary and adding a virtual private network, VPN was discussed. Samuel moved, it was seconded and approved to use applicable funds from the media account and FFE to replace the microphones and VPN.

Emily moved, it was seconded to approved the steps recommended by the Finance Committee outlined in the background report submitted by Joy.

Options for funding Social Ministries advertising and other costs for having a tent at Custer Gold Discovery Days were discussed. There is not a line item in the budget for Social Ministries. Funding for Campfire Worship and Vacation Bible School was also discussed. Emily moved, it was seconded and approved to fund Social Ministries Gold Discovery Days event, Campfire Worship and Vacation Bible School from non-restricted memorial funds up to \$350.

### *Unfinished Business:*

✦ **Thrivent Choice**—June none to report— YTD— \$631.00

✦ **Amazon Smile**— \$6.01

**Review of worship and activities** – The Council decided to have the Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> service at 8:00 am due to the parade in Custer starting at 10:00am.

✦ **Custodian Alternate Update** — there has not been any volunteers to help clean the church during Augie's vacations this summer. Options were discussed, however, there were no conclusions.

✦ **Upstairs access bridge project**— work is in progress.

### *New Business:*

✦ **Membership changes** — None

✦ **Parsonage Air Conditioning** — Pastor Pam reviewed options for purchasing an air conditioning unit for the parsonage. She will purchase a unit herself or present options to the council.

✦ **External Hard Drive for Office Manager Computer** — Emily moved, it was seconded and approved to purchase a new external hard drive using FFE budgeted funds.

**Reflections on Mission and Ministry:** Pastor Pam reviewed her report. She will be preaching at a memorial service at Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City. The service is to remember and honor 215 deceased native children found at a school in Canada.

### **Committee & Ministry Team Reports:**

✦ **Endowment**, Liz Kleffner – Nothing to report.

✦ **Evangelism**, Pastor Pam – Nothing to report.

✦ **Health Ministry**, Carol Niemann – Nothing to report.

✦ **Property Committee**, Samuel Ainsley and Dave Pickford – Nothing to report.

✦ **Social Ministry**, Scot Hoscheid – Scot reviewed committee activities.

✦ **W/ELCA & Music**, Emily Hiatt – Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2021** Treats – Dave Pickford. Devotions – Dave Pickford.

July Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Christie Behlings.

### **Prayer Adjournment**

Scot Hoscheid, Council Secretary



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 6

Thursday, July 1, Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:1-15; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13  
 Friday, July 2, Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:16-26; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11  
 Saturday, July 3, Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Matthew 8:18-22  
 Sunday, July 4, Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13  
 Monday, July 5, Psalm 119:81-88; Ezekiel 2:8—3:11; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
 Tuesday, July 6, Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:1-13; James 5:7-12  
 Wednesday, July 7, Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:14-21; John 7:1-9

### Pentecost 7

Thursday, July 8, Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 2:6-16; Colossians 2:1-5  
 Friday, July 9, Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 3:1-12; Colossians 4:2-18  
 Saturday, July 10, Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 4:6-13; Luke 1:57-80  
 Sunday, July 11, Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29  
 Monday, July 12, Psalm 142; Amos 5:1-9; Acts 21:27-39;  
 Tuesday, July 13, Psalm 142; Amos 9:1-4; Acts 23:12-35  
 Wednesday, July 14, Psalm 142; Amos 9:11-15; Luke 7:31-35

### Pentecost 8

Thursday, July 15, Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Colossians 1:15-23  
 Friday, July 16, Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Acts 17:16-31  
 Saturday, July 17, Psalm 23; Jeremiah 12:1-13; Luke 18:35-43  
 Sunday, July 18, Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 3-6  
 Monday, July 19, Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:1-7; Hebrews 13:17-25  
 Tuesday, July 20, Psalm 100; Zechariah 9:14—10:2; Acts 20:17-38  
 Wednesday, July 21, Psalm 100; 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Luke 15:1-7

### Pentecost 9

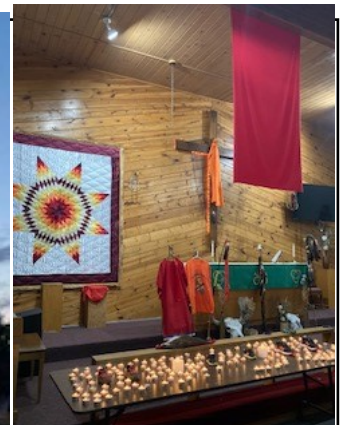
Thursday, July 22, Psalm 145:10-18; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Colossians 1:9-14  
 Friday, July 23, Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Colossians 3:12-17  
 Saturday, July 24, Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 4:38-41; John 4:31-38  
 Sunday, July 25, 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21  
 Monday, July 26, Psalm 111, Genesis 18:1-15, Philippians 4:10-20,  
 Tuesday, July 27, Psalm 111; Exodus 24:1-11; Romans 15:22-33;  
 Wednesday, July 28, Psalm 111; Isaiah 25:6-10a; Mark 6:35-44

### Pentecost 10

Thursday, July 29, Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 12:43—13:2; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34;  
 Friday, July 30, Psalm 78:23-29; Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12  
 Saturday, July 31, Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35  
 Sunday, August 1, Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24  
 Monday, August 2, Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31;  
 Wednesday, August 3, Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43; Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 8:1-10



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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

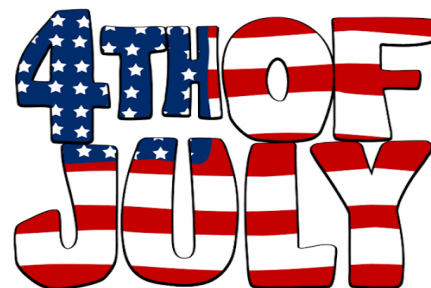
Through prayer we evoke God's love and power as the Spirit intercedes for us "with sighs too deep for words to express"

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**

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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  
 SPARK Kids:

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**