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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!



Keira Alfson, Wyatt Alfson, Jacie Behlings, Madisyn Lent, Lincoln Robb, Kian Rusch, and Bryce Swanson on your confirmation!

**Blessings today
and always!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



**Blessings as you
begin your next
adventure!**



Pictured: Preston Drew, Justin Doyle, Eva Studt, Kellyn Kortemeyer.
Not pictured: Pierce Sword, Sterling Sword, Kelly Wicks



WALKING WORSHIP

Walking Worship has begun! We explore a number of different areas as we walk, sing, read scripture, and enjoy Communion together. We will meet **Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 pm at the**



Stockade across from the church. We will walk from the Stockade parking lot up the dirt road to the end and back again, which is about half a mile. We walk slow and enjoy fellowship as we worship together in God's beautiful creation. Keep an eye on the church Facebook page for any changes and updates.



WEDNESDAY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



Join us for Campfire Worship this summer! We meet in the Outdoor Worship Space in the woods behind the church on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM beginning June 1st. There will be singing, prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection around our campfire. Afterwards, we can linger over the making and eating of s'mores. In the event of rain, we will hold worship inside the church in the Fellowship Hall. We will substitute root beer floats for the s'mores. Bring a friend for this fun mid-week time of worship, music, and conversation.

WORSHIP IN JUNE



Join us on Sunday's at 9:30 AM for some fun worship experiences!

- June 5th – Pentecost – Wear red!
- June 12th – Bluegrass
- June 19th – Chicago Folk
- June 26th – Chosen People

TIME OFF FOR PASTOR PAM

The CLF Council in conjunction with Pastor Pam and Reverend Renee Splichal Larson, Associate to SD ELCA Synod Bishop Hagmaier, approved Pastor Pam's request for 6 weeks of paid time off to rest, reflect and regroup. The time off will be a combination of vacation and continuing education leave from June 6th through July 17th.

Arrangements are being made for Sunday services to be covered by guest pastors and Wednesday evening worship to be led by the musicians assigned for the week. Arrangements to address emergencies (such as funerals) are also being made.

The cost to the congregation would be minimal. Vacation and continuing education leave are part of Pastor Pam's compensation and are included in the 2022 CLF budget. Guest pastor costs are also included in the 2022 CLF budget.

Scot Hoscheid, President CLF Council



Ministry is both joyful and difficult, and sometimes pastors need to take some extended time to rest and re-energize. I have not had the opportunity to take an extended period of time off since I became a pastor in 2009 so I am overdue!



CLF is a wonderful and healthy congregation, but ministry can still be draining in many ways because it is not simply a Monday – Friday 9-5 job. Even though I do try my best to take my day off each week, that doesn't always happen. Even when I do, I am often praying for and thinking about people in the congregation I am concerned about, or thinking about things I need to do that week. Then there are the phone calls and texts on evenings and weekends when I am needed for pastoral care. Those are a very important part of my ministry, too.

The last two years of COVID-19 have brought abrupt changes and challenges that have certainly brought more stress to all of us, and that has added to my need for some extended time off. I am finding myself on the verge of burn-out, which is not healthy for me or the congregation. I am physically, emotionally, and spiritually exhausted and need some time to refresh and replenish.

CLF Church Council has approved my request for six weeks of time off from June 6 - July 17. I intend to spend that time resting, reading a lot of the books and ministry journals I have not had time to read, and enjoy some hiking in the beauty of the Black Hills. My hope is to return to you rested, refreshed, and rejuvenated for ministry here. You all deserve a pastor who is energized and excited to do ministry together, and that is what I hope to bring back to you when my time off is over.

Blessings,

Pastor Pam

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES DURING PASTOR PAM'S TIME OFF
 from June 6 —July 18th,
 Please Call Pastor Deb Grismer at 605-890-0781
 or Pastor Jeremy Duprey at 406-930-2835.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP



As a congregation we love supporting the children in our community and sharing Jesus love. One way of sharing the love of Jesus with children is offering Vacation Bible School in the Summer. To do that, we need someone, or a team, to lead and coordinate VBS. We would also need many people to help teach, lead crafts and games, and provide snacks. We currently do not have a date set for VBS, so that would be up to the coordinating team. Please contact the church office or anyone on church council to begin organizing and advertising for VBS.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS BY BRAD MCKINNEY

God Discovery Days

Save the date! Your Social Ministry Team will once again be representing CLF at Gold Discovery Days. We will staff at tent on July 15 and 16 (Friday and Saturday) where we will promote our church family, and give out the green cloth shopping bags, candy, bubbles, mini-prayer shawls, and gold painted rocks for kids to decorate. We will be asking you to participate by signing up for an hour or two to staff the tent. Stay tuned!

God's Work. Our Hands.

We will be celebrating GWOH this year (September 11) by inviting our community first responders, medical staff, and search and rescue to a recognition luncheon from 11 AM to 1 PM. Other activities we will conduct include: putting together birthday bags for W.E.A.V.E., work in the hospital Healing Garden, writing letters to our military family, and picking up roadside litter. This is an excellent opportunity for our congregation to work together to honor and reach out to our larger community doing God's Work.

Action Against Hate

In light of the recent hate-crime tragedy that occurred in Buffalo, NY, your Social Ministry Team would like everyone to consider reaching out to our elected officials and ask them to publicly condemn the white supremacy doctrine. If you need addresses, phone numbers, or verbiage, your Social Ministry Team can help.

WORSHIP & MUSIC BY MARGARET TRETHERWAY

It is so hard to believe that it is already coming to the end of May. Our committee has been planning our summer worships plus September.

We will be using various liturgies: Bluegrass, Chicago Folk, Chosen People, and trying some new ones also. We will still be having our summer outside campfire services. The outside services are so calming and a touch of God's beautiful gift of the scenery as we worship. Bob Timperley, Bill and I have been doing the outside services but we would love to add some other people to share their talents.

We are glad to have Carol Torgerson back to help Cozy, Jennifer and me with the music. I am always looking for special music and I hope to get some of the younger people involved in these next few months.

We are so grateful to all of the talented young people who gave us much joy with their talents. I am also so thankful for our adult musicians who give continuously, meaningful messages.

The loss of friends this past year has created sadness for so many but Pastor Pam has given us reminders that they have left us with their gifts of love and memories. We thank God for the gifts He has given us through them.

In closing, I want to share a poem, I just received from a friend that may offer us all comfort. It is called "How Deep the Father's Love".

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son,
To make a person, like me, His treasure how great the pain of searing loss — the Father turns His face
Always as wounds which mar the chosen one bring many sons to glory.*

*I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart —
His wounds have paid my ransom
By Stuart Townsend*

I thank you again for all your support and love that we feel in our church.

PARISH NURSE UPDATE



Well I am hoping for some warm days ahead. As I write this the forecast is predicting snow, but Spring is here and Summer is coming! With that in mind I have some information to consider. Spending more time outdoors increases our risk for skin cancer. I'm not recommending staying indoors, but to consider how you should prepare. We all know that fair skinned people must really prepare for protecting their skin. But I have recently read that people of all skin colors are prone to getting skin cancer. Ways to protect your skin is with wide brimmed hats, to help protect your face. Also don't forget to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from sun damage as well as the very thin eyelids. Always use a SPF-30 sun lotion as a minimum. What does that really mean? If you can get sunburned in 10 minutes of direct sun, then SPF-30 allows protection from sunburn for 300 minutes. Another thing to consider is repeated sun exposure & sunburns increases your risk of skin cancer. To watch for skin cancer, keep an eye on any changes in any moles you may have. The moles don't even have to be on areas typically exposed to sun. Ideally have your Provider inspect your skin at least once a year.

Stay safe, stay healthy,
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

I've been wanting to discuss information about a possible side-affect from some mental health medications. I have a history of severe depression. I have done well for over 20 years, but because of medication I have used for many years, I have been experiencing "Tardive Dyskinesia". In my case it affects my face and especially my eyes. I have frequent blinking and sometimes eye spasms. This has been very embarrassing for me because can be very noticeable. I take another medication for it now to help suppress these spasms, but it doesn't work well enough to eliminate them. Because of that, about every 2-3 months I have to go to an eye doctor who injects Botox around the eyelids of both eyes. This is the only thing that nearly eliminates my eye spasms. I do not mind if someone asks me more about this. This is also about mental health education.

Healthy mind, healthy soul,
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



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 continue through June, July and August.
We will meet in the Narthex at 11:30 AM on Monday and Thursday 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

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the July Newsletter to the office **by June 22nd**. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

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



Custer Lutheran Fellowship YTD 4-30-2022 Profit & Loss Detail

	<u>Non-restricted</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000—Offering Contributions	91,314	99,157
Total 40014—Non Rest. Special Donation	1,572	1,156
Total 40020—Temp. Rest. Donations	0	0
40300—Interest	5	100
Total Income	92,891	101,579

Expense		
Total 61000—Pastoral Leadership	30,644	31,572
Total 62000 - Worship	3,826	4,516
Total 63000—Education*	0	5,466
Total 64000—Mission Support	13,005	13,186
Total 65000—Support/Care*	43,528	48,388
Total Expense	91,003	103,128
Net Ordinary Income	1,888	-1,549

† Set-aside Expense Transfers	
Youth Coordinator	2966
Capital Improvement	2800
Total current income set aside for future expenses	5766

NOISY OFFERING

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, THE NOISY OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED FOR THE PINE RIDGE RECONCILIATION CENTER.



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 **April through June 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.

OFFICE MANAGER COVERAGE

We are looking for people to cover one Sunday a month for our Office Manager so she is able to have one weekend off each month. She has not been able to take a Sunday off each month consistently because we have a very small pool of people trained to cover for her.

We need someone to:

- ✦ Bring the Fair Trade cart out to the gathering area
- ✦ Ensure all of the lights are on throughout the church
- ✦ Make sure the bulletins are out on the tables outside the sanctuary
- ✦ Confirm all of the people who signed up to read, usher, serve communion, run the PA computer, and make sure that coffee hosts arrive.
- ✦ If anyone is missing, find a replacement
- ✦ Supervise the counting of the offering after worship and then take the sealed envelope and place it in the safe in the office

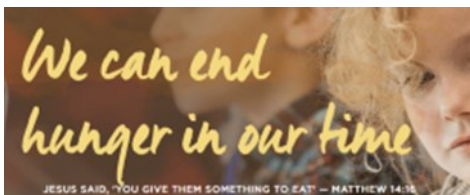
It is important to have several people trained to perform these important duties so that Mary is able to take her time off. Please contact Pastor Pam with questions, or if you are interested in learning more.

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

Our Custodian, Augie Heyne, will be gone for the month of July. We will need one or two people to take care of the custodial work during that month. We all love to have a clean, well-maintained church and that requires people to help do that work when our custodian is on vacation. Please talk to Pastor Pam or Augie if you would like to help with this important work in the church.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD — THANK YOU!



Thank you for participating in our Bread for the World Offering of Letters on May 1st! Together we sent 24 letters to our representatives urging them to support the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act. Together we are making a difference! As a result of our effort, CLF has received a letter of gratitude from Rep. Dusty Johnson.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BY ALLEN CANETE

The Men's Bible Study Group will not be meeting this summer but will resume in September.

Coming this Fall: Continuing the Study of Revelation
 Sardis -- The Church of the Reformation
 Philadelphia -- The Missionary Church
 Laodicea -- The Prosperous, but Compromising Church

The remaining chapters 4 - 22 in Revelation have to do with the "things to come"...and are a whole different subject that require prayer and study, to understand the "last things".

Blessed are those who read, hear and take these lessons and words in Revelation to heart.

NEW RAP GROUP ADDITIONS



RAP GROUP



The Youth group's end-of-the-school-year party had a great turnout! The kids roasted hot dogs and s'mores. They played basketball and other games. A highlight was just hanging-out talking around the campfire! Thank you to the parents who kept RAP group going this year! We will see you next fall for our regular Wed nights. Until then, we have our summer firewood fundraiser.
 ~ Wendi Rusch

SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

Registration for South Dakota's very own Youth Gathering is OPEN NOW! I am so happy to have gathered a team and put together a fun, one-day bash for our kids.

The most frequently asked question for congregations as we've been busy planning the last few months is: What ages do we hope to gather together? The *National* Youth Gathering is typically for High Schoolers, which is who we have designed this event for, but there is NO reason the middle schoolers in your congregation can't join us too! They will enjoy the fun, food, worship, service projects, and shenanigans!

We have a fun day at Augustana University planned! July 25th! ALL the details can be found at sdsynod.org/gathering. I encourage you to reach out to the kids in your congregation and ask them if they're going? If they're not, bring them! Register your group online and email me if you have ANY questions! I am happy to help!

God's blessings to you all as we enjoy the abundant sunshine summer brings, my friends!

Tami Steffensen

SD Youth Gathering Coordinator

gathering@sdsynod.org

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Next meeting: Monday, June 20th at 11:30AM Fireside Room
Hostesses: A few members will bring egg bakes, muffins and fruit.
Program: Cora Reid will discuss the Christmas Shoe Box Project.

All are welcome to attend. Our program will be announced in the bulletin.

Mark Thompson was the speaker at our May meeting. Mark shared some very interesting information concerning the history of Outlaw Ranch. He told how Outlaw got its name from Ben and Jane Butz. Ben had the very successful Outlaw Trading Post in Winner, South Dakota. It took awhile, but eventually the name, Outlaw, traveled west. Mark shared the upgrade of buildings at Outlaw. The new pavilion and the new "trading post" are fabulous. If you have not seen them, it is a worth a trip to Outlaw Ranch. Many volunteers have helped to make the upgrades and new buildings a reality.

This is a reminder that the W/ELCA Silent Auction of Talents will take place during the month of June. The bidding will close after the worship service on Sunday, June 26th. We are asking members to donate "services" as well as "goods". A couple of examples are offering to bake a pie or cookies for the bidder sometime in the future or babysitting or splitting fire wood. The list can go on to accommodate whatever your imagination comes up with. Please label items that you donate and leave them in the sewing room. Please have the label include who donated the item and what it is. Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthwhile, fun activity! Whether you donate or bid or just have fun with this, you are greatly appreciated.

The W/ELCA mission project for May will extend into the first week of June. This project is to help provide food for the folks who are given meals at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. There is a list of items needed on the cart in the Narthex. Thanks to those who have already given and to those who will be able to contribute within the next week or so.

W/ELCA will provide Summer Sack Lunches in Custer during the week of July 11th through the 15th. We need some folks to help pack lunches at 9:00 AM on Monday, the 11th and also to pack at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, the 13th. If you are available one or both of these times, your help will be greatly appreciated. This program is through the Storehouse and has been going on for many successful years thanks to volunteers in the community. There are many families in Custer who benefit from the program.

We are going to try something new this summer. W/ELCA is going to have a "to go" salad sale after worship on Sunday, August 21st. Watch future newsletters to receive more details concerning this project.

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**QUILTING**

We have reached a crossroad in quilting for our Summer Schedule. Quilting will be changing dates to the first two Tuesdays of the month through August.

Holly Mitchell from Thrivent in Rapid City visited in May. She came to see how we are using the money we received from Thrivent. We put her to work pinning and tying quilts.

We can always use flat sheets, mattress pads, and fabric. Thanks for all you have given us, including a new iron in May.

**"The Busy, Joyful Quilters"**

### Did You Say "SELFIE?"

**New Confirmands  
Pose with Pastor Pam  
For a Selfie!**



# CONFIRMATION BANQUET PICTURES





## GRADUATION BRUNCH PICTURES





**SD SYNOD NEWS:**

**From the Bishop's Desk**

Dear South Dakota Synod,

As you are reading these lines your congregation's lay voting members as well as your rostered minister(s) are preparing for the 2022 Synod Assembly. The theme is "Imagine" and was inspired by Ephesians 3:8-21. A bird's eye view from the letter will allow us to see that in Christ's Church, all are welcome (Ephesians 1:15-2:22) and that there is only one Lord, one baptism, and one faith (Ephesians 4:4-6). But all this isn't for ourselves to hoard as personal treasure, to store away, protect and guard so that we may be saved. No, this unity is a gift from God to share generously and freely with the world. So, as we gather as the synod in assembly at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls, we are invited to know what that means for our very own context. Who, where you live, needs to hear that in Christ they are loved and welcomed to experience new life in Christ? Imagine what God can do in your context!

Thank you, South Dakota Synod for being church together.

Journeying with you,  
Bishop Constanze

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Helpline Center

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

*"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."
- ROMANS 12:13*

Question: How many of you have had a person walk into your church building in need of something? I would venture a guess that nearly all of us have, whether that person be in need of prayer, a listening ear, or food, clothing, or gas, or even suicide prevention, marriage counseling, or rental assistance. Sometimes the needs of others can be overwhelming and we want to help, but don't know where to send people when we feel limited in the resources we can offer. Not only that, but referral agencies' contacts can change, and new ways of helping people spring up that we don't know about.

This past month, we hosted a synod-wide opportunity to learn about a new statewide resource database. Betsy Schuster, the VP of Program Development at the Helpline Center, walked participants through a step-by-step process to become familiar with this important new tool in which to further help people when in need.

"Helpline Center University is designed to provide a 'how to' experience into the Helpline Center. Information will be shared on how the Helpline Center is integrated throughout the state including sharing tips and tricks about finding resources through our Helpline Center public Resource Database, how to translate resources and several special features including MyLists, Create Your Own Guide, HelpSheets, and more. Participants will leave the session with concrete ways they can utilize the Helpline Center's programs in their day-to-day professional lives."

If you would like to learn more about South Dakota's Helpline Center (211), I encourage you to check out the website at helplinecenter.org. There is a breadth of resources to assist people in your community in times of need.

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**Living with Hope**

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

This spring, my family celebrated the birth of our third child, a baby girl, whom we named Sophia Grace. As this little child of God begins to see the world, to learn how to hold her head up and use her voice, I can't help but imagine the life that lays ahead of her.

It has not been an easy world lately. Variations of the coronavirus, global violence, fears for the economy, rifts in our communities; all these things and more try to take control of what I imagine the future might hold. Perhaps it has been the same for you.

Yet I am hopeful. Not just hopeful, but joyful, because I know that no matter what, my baby girl is a beloved child of God. She will never be alone or abandoned, even if the worst things in this world may happen. Through the love of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, I still imagine great things for her, and for all of us.

God has created the universe for good things, and names us as very good. Although things are broken, God takes those fractured pieces and creates something new. Because of who God is, I look forward to seeing my baby girl grow up, and how God will be at work in her life. God is with her, with me, and with you. Peace be with you, my friends!

### THANK YOU!

Dear Friends, I cannot begin to say thank you to all who helped make my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday such an emotional and spiritual gift. The feeling of belonging to such a wonderful group of friends mad me so appreciate all of you.

I am sure you could see the shock, excitement and gratitude radiating from my face. All the cards and phone calls also received from friends, past students and relatives were so thoughtful and of course made me cry. I am so Grateful to Cozy, and my daughters plus some friends who did an amazing party. I also thank Crazy Horse and staff for their part. As I read, "Friendship and family are the golden threads that ties the heart of all the worlds."

Many tears that day but I am so thankful and love for all of you. You all have had an impact on my life. God bless you all.

~ Margaret

### More Pictures:



## COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2022 MEETING

**Members Present:** Christie Behlings, Jackie Hartwick, Emily Hiatt, Shana Hindman, Scot Hoscheid, Donna McConnell, Mark Thompson and Pastor Pam Power. **Not Present:** Carol Niemann and Joy Smolnisky

### Reading of CLF Mission Statement and Council Covenant

Members read the mission statement and council covenant.

**Devotions and Prayers:** Jackie led the devotion and prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** The correspondence was reviewed. Christie moved, Jackie seconded and the minutes for the March meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The March offering was 121% of the budget with a YTD average of 97.7% of budget (-\$1,674) and YTD expenses were 92% of budget (\$8,980).

✦ **Fiscal Position** – Although the financial position improved during March, The Finance Committee will watch the budget carefully for the next quarter and bring recommendations after the second quarter.

**Special Agenda Items:** There were no special agenda items.

### Unfinished Business:

✦ **Thrivent Choice** – March \$263.00, YTD - \$295.00

✦ **Amazon Smile** – March \$0.00, YTD - \$0.00

✦ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – March \$0.00, YTD - \$200.00

✦ **Review of worship and activities** – added Sharing of the Peace and has been going well. Will add optional holding hands during Lord's Prayer. Confirmation Banquet is May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no WNL (meal and worship) the rest of May.

### New Business:

✦ **Summer Worship** – Outdoor Campfire Worship will start on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM.

✦ **May Joint Worship** – at the last CMA Meeting, the pastors discussed doing a joint worship with all churches participating. Tentative date is the afternoon of the fifth Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at CLF. Plans will be finalized at their May meeting.

✦ **Parsonage Window Update** – Shannon Pulscher and Dave Thom did a walk-thru of the parsonage. The tall windows in the living room are not up to code and have also lost their seal. They will be replaced with windows that open and we will also add a window to the master bedroom for cross ventilation. Shannon will get the cost of replacement windows by the May meeting for approval and he and his crew will supply the labor for replacing.

✦ **New Wine Group** – a youth Christian group would like to spend the night at CLF on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. They would perform Saturday night (free-will offering) and then leave on Sunday. Mark moved, Jackie seconded to allow them to stay and perform. Motion approved.

✦ **Church Cancellation Procedures** – in the event that the Pastor is not available to determine if worship should be cancelled on a Sunday due to inclement weather, it was decided that the Council President upon a visit to church would make the call along with the Council members (by email vote). Members would then be notified by CLF FaceBook page, Custer Connect FaceBook page and the prayer chain.

✦ **SPARK Kids** – discussed when to end for this school year. Last Wednesday will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed the difficulty of having enough adult volunteers to help. Emily broached the subject of holding a school-age after school program at CLF. A committee was formed to determine the pros and cons.

**Reflections on Mission and Ministry:** Pastor Pam's written report was reviewed. Walking worship will start on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Stockade Lake.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

✦ **Endowment**, Donna McConnell – Lila Van Wie fund at end of 2021 was \$132,692. Does not reflect the \$5,900 withdrawn and distributed at the end of the year.

✦ **Health Ministry**, Shana Hindman – Nothing to report

✦ **Property Committee**, Mark Thompson – Nothing to report

✦ **Social Ministry**, Scot Hoscheid – Reviewed committee activity

✦ **W/ECLA**, Jackie Hartwick – Reviewed their upcoming activity

✦ **Worship & Music**, Christie Behlings – Nothing to report

Council went into executive session at 8:26 PM and out of executive session at 8:41 PM.

**Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer**

**Adjournment**

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 2

Thursday, June 3: Psalm 130; Isaiah 28:9-13; 1 Peter 4:7-19  
 Friday, June 4: Psalm 130; Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5  
 Saturday, June 5: Psalm 130; Genesis 2:4b-14; Luke 8:4-15  
 Sunday, June 6: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35  
 Monday, June 7: Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6;  
 Tuesday, June 8: Psalm 74; 1 Kings 18:17-40; Revelation 20:7-15  
 Wednesday, June 9: Psalm 74; Isaiah 26:16—27:1; Luke 11:14-28

### Pentecost 3

Thursday, June 10: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9  
 Friday, June 11: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 1 Kings 10:26—11:8; Hebrews 11:4-7  
 Saturday, June 12: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20  
 Sunday June 13: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34  
 Monday, June 14: Psalm 52; Ezekiel 31:1-12; Galatians 6:11-18  
 Tuesday, June 15: Psalm 53; Jeremiah 21:11-14; Revelation 21:22—22:5  
 Wednesday, June 16: Psalm 52; Jeremiah 22:1-9; Luke 6:43-45

### Pentecost 4

Thursday, June, 17: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:1-20; Acts 20:1-16  
 Friday, June 18: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:21—30:15; Acts 21:1-16  
 Saturday, June 19: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 37:1-13; Luke 21:25-28  
 Sunday, June 20: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41  
 Monday, June 21: Psalm 65; Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38  
 Tuesday, June 22: Psalm 65; Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44  
 Wednesday, June 23: Psalm 65; Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52

### Pentecost 5

Thursday, June 24: Psalm 30; Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16  
 Friday, June 25: Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7  
 Saturday, June 26: Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37  
 Sunday, June 27: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43  
 Monday, June 28: Psalm 88; Leviticus 21:1-15; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24;  
 Tuesday, June 29: Psalm 88; Leviticus 15:19-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5  
 Wednesday, June 30: Psalm 88; 2 Kings 20:1-11; Mark 9:14-29



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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,  
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