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VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Registration for the 2023 Vacation Bible School "Fruit of the Spirit" is open. VBS will be held on **June 19th-21st from 9AM-3PM**. It is **FREE** to all entering Kindergarten — entering 6th Grade. Rides can be arranged, if needed.

Early registration is helpful. You can register by calling 605-673-4691, email at clf@gwtc.net, or stopping by the office at 12622 US HWY 16A, during normal business hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join in on the fun of Bible stories, games, snacks, music, and FUN!

Reminder that students will need to bring a sack lunch.

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 7th. 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Blessings as you begin your next adventure!

Pictured are: (Left to Right) Aiden Suelflow, Mai Ardero, Jackson Drew, Tristan Spring, Denali Rusch, Alice Sedlacek, Ramsey Karim and Peyton Helfer.

Keep these young people in your prayers as they make this big change in their lives.



FIREWOOD SALES



Last month several folks met to discuss the future of our firewood sales. The decision has been made that we want to continue to sell firewood, but that access to dry wood for this season is limited. If you have any wood, green or dry, that you can donate, please let us know! We have people who are willing and able to split and sort it! We also want to make sure that we have enough dry wood split to take to Pine Ridge this fall. Therefore, the plan is to have our youth, their families, and anyone else willing to help, focus on selling the firewood during the month of July. The proceeds of the wood sales will continue to go toward Rap Group activities. Next summer, July 2024, we hope to send several High School your to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. We appreciate all of your support in this effort to continue the tradition of selling and providing firewood for our neighbors and visitors to the Beautiful Black Hills.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will not be meeting over the summer months. We do look forward to seeing you again when we start this fall. May God be with you until we meet again.

LADIES BOOK STUDY

The Thursday morning Ladies Book Study are meeting at Monument Health Assisted Living at 10 AM. They are continuing to read "Life is in the Transitions". It is a very good and interesting book. The ladies welcome anyone that would want to join them to come.

OFF WITH THE OLD – ON WITH THE NEW: PARSONAGE SIDING PROJECT

The next step after renovating the inside of the parsonage earlier this year, is replacing siding around the new Windows, and while at it, the aging siding and trim on the remainder of the house. Council approved the project in 2022 (2023 capital budget), so on April 21st a crew began removing siding and in the coming weeks installed trim, soffits, fascia, and siding. As of May 20th, 25 volunteers (including treat-makers) have logged over 300 hours on the project. Looking ahead the crew will finish installing siding and trim, caulk the joints and paint. Through it all conversations of family, travel, reminiscing and faith (and tasty treats) will continue. For the historians...Craig Black and Eldon Knudson and many others constructed the house in 1991. They and others are now leaders in this renovation, 32 years later. The house showed some age, but they are going strong.



Coffee and social time!!



Burned or golden brown? Two marshmallows or one? Two squares of chocolate or a peanut butter cup? S'more anyone?

I don't know what it is about a campfire, but when I have a chance to sit next to one, I am almost instantly relaxed, even if nobody remembered the marshmallows. Sometimes the mood around a campfire is jovial and loud and full of boisterous laughter and storytelling. Sometimes it is a time for quiet reflection and rest. This summer, on Wednesday evenings, however, it will be a combination of all those things.



From what I can gather, these Wednesday night campfire services began as an alternative to Sunday worship when people are vacationing or working on Sundays. I would like to suggest that even if you are able to worship on Sunday, that maybe you join us on Wednesdays once in a while. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other in a completely different setting, and maybe get to know some people we haven't really had a chance to visit with before. We will sing and pray and share a sign of peace and share Holy Communion together. We will hear a Bible reading and rather than a sermon, you will be invited into a conversation with each other to share what God is saying to you as you hear. Nobody, of course, will be required to speak, but I would invite and encourage you to be open to sharing with us how the Spirit is stirring in you as you hear God's Word. The reading each week will be one of the readings used from the previous Sunday, so maybe you will have thought about it for a couple of days and would be willing to share your thoughts.

As the flames of the fire burn down into hot embers, when we finish our worship service, then we enjoy a time of fellowship with s'mores. And this is where the truth comes in. Who knows how to make a perfect s'more? Is there such a thing?

We do need folks to sign up to start the fire around 6 PM and the service will begin at 6:30. I am looking forward to worshipping with you in this informal setting and deepening our faith together around the fire.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Shannon



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 Shannon



PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON 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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SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS BY BRAD MCKINNEY

“God Discovery Days” 2023

During this year’s Gold Discovery Days, July 21-23, CLF will host a booth (Friday/Saturday only) near the Arts and Crafts Fair along Washington Street. We are very excited about this opportunity.

At our booth, we will, with the help of your Social Ministry Team and other volunteers, promote our church family and:

- Hand out our green cloth shopping bags, candy, real “gold” rocks, bubbles, “All Are Welcome” bookmarks, and pocket prayer shawls”,
- Have coloring or other kid-friendly activities,
- Provide an opportunity to take prayer requests, either in-person or anonymous written requests.
- And MORE!!

But we’ll need your help in staffing the CLF Booth. Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift or more. There will be a sign-up sheet at church or you may call the office. Find a friend and sign up early to secure the time slot (s) that work best for you!



WORSHIP & MUSIC BY MARGARET TRETHERWAY

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

What a wonderful spring we have but we know that many people are dealing with the Covid and other things in their lives. For those we pray for healing. For everyone we pray and thank God for all He has given us.

We will be starting the outdoor services on June 7th at 6:30 PM. It is a relaxing and musical service. We are always looking for people to read the scriptures and join the singing that we do with guitars and a song leader. If the weather is nice, we have Smore’s and if it is rainy or cold we have the service in the Church; and there we have Ice Cream floats.

Our guitarists for summer are Bob Timperley, Bill Tretheway, Dave Pickford, and Pastor Shannon.

I am also working on the Sunday services and hope that we can have some of the young students and college students to help with Special music. I am so very thankful for all of our musicians that we have the year through and we all appreciate those. Gifts from God.

Hope to see you at church and if you want an evening out, try the Outside service.

God bless you, God heal the sick and God know that we are grateful for all you have given us.

Margaret Tretheway



GRADUATION PICTURES 2023



PARISH NURSE UPDATE



Our Health Ministry Team is happy & excited to be changing our information table. For the summer, we are again showcasing any and (most) all ways to get out & exercise and enjoy our beautiful area. There will be many options and info on the trail system both in & out of Custer State Park. The information on the table is for you to take. If we don't have it, our Custer Chamber of Commerce will!

Also, we want to see you get your kids, grandkids, nieces & nephews and any other child you know outside! There are many benefits to kids of all ages. Daily experiences in a natural environment can have immediate and long-lasting benefits for children. It will also decrease depression and anxiety, enhance cognitive growth (thinking skills), develops greater ability to manage negative stress, increases creativity, develops more resistance to depression and decreases symptoms of ADHD. Think back on your own childhood. What are your favorite memories? I will bet the majority were outside!

Healthy body, Healthy soul
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. Sorry I am late on this, but for those whose deal with mental health issues, every day is awareness. Hopefully those of you who are dealing with Mental Health issues, and those who support that person, have gotten information to learn more about it and ways to help. There is an excellent organization that works to offer information on different Mental Health diseases. I have worked with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for many years, after having dealt with my own. So much has changed in recent years with breakthroughs to treat many different forms of mental illness. Go to nami.com to find information, support groups as well as ways to donate. They are also very proactive in helping family and friends. Also if anyone ever has questions you can ask me and I will direct you to someone who can help if I can't.

Healthy mind, healthy soul
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



CLF Choir

The CLF choir will be taking a break during the months of June, July, and August. We look forward to a new season of praising the Lord through song beginning in September. Thanks to all who devoted their time and talents to the choir and to everyone for the continued support of our choir program. See you in the fall!

CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, June 13th, from 5-7 PM, located at the Custer Community Church, located at 6th & Harney.

Gather for a meal with friends and neighbors.

(no charge and for more information call (605)673-4090.





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:
Shannon — pastor_clf@gwtc.net
Main address— clf@gwtc.net

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the June Newsletter to the office **by June 21st**. 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.



THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THIS MONTH, DUE TO ILLNESS, WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER .

GREAT PLACE TO SEE FRIENDS



NOISY OFFERING

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF JUNE, THE NOISY OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.



LYNN'S RECEIPTS:

We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We want 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 week-end 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 Shannon with questions, or if you are interested in learning more.

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

Our Custodian, Augie Heyne, will be gone from June 8-18th. 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 Shannon or Augie if you would like to help with this important work in the church.



SPARK KIDS

We have had a great time each Wednesday during the school year at SPARK Kids! It was fun to use games, crafts, and snacks that go with the Bible story. Sylvan Svoboda, J & Z, and Denali Rusch all graduated from SPARK with a special mustard seed gift. We will miss them! We are on summer break but invite your friends and neighbors to get registered for the next school year 2023-24! We will start back up in September! There is NO cost for this program! Contact Wendi Rusch 509-494-3236 for more info!



HIGH SCHOOL RAP YOUTH GROUP



We ended the school year with several fun activities! Adults from the church came in to give their "faith story" to encourage the youth on their own spiritual journey. We had a Murder Mystery Pizza Party! One Sunday we went rock climbing and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon.

The last youth group before our summer break met at the Rusch house- just like the year started! We had hot dogs, smores and outdoor fun! They played basketball, jumped on the trampoline, and went on the zipline! We had a great year and will start up again in September.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Firewood Fundraiser. We need help splitting wood and putting it out for tourists to buy. This important ministry helps others and provides funds for our Youth Gathering trip next July. Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 for more info!



CARING HANDS SAYS "THANK YOU"

Thank you to all who have carried on the Caring Hands Ministry during the busy month of May. We continue to know that there is activity with transportation, meals, and prayer teams. And we also know there are many of you who share your caring hands with others that we do not know about. We pray God's blessing over each one who is passing on God's blessings.

Please contact me if you have knowledge of anyone who is in need of transportation or a meal or prayer.

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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL THE FATHER’S AND FATHER-LIKE ROLE MODELS IN OUR CHURCH AND AROUND.

THANK YOU FATHER’S, GRAND FATHERS AND GREAT-GRANDFATHERS!



A FATHER’S DAY READING

Father’s Day is the 3rd Sunday in June. It is a day to celebrate fathers and father like role models and all that they do for us. Today, over 50 countries celebrate Father’s Day, but they might have a different date for it.

It is important to look at what fathers bring to their families. Every father is different. Does he teach you how to play games? Does he help with your homework? Does he read you bedtime stories? Thank him for all he does!

Father's Day isn't just for fathers, either. Its also for grandfathers and great – grandfathers! Your parent probably even call their fathers, which are your grandfathers!

2023 GRADUATION BRUNCH



Prayers and the best in the future!



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL RAP YOUTH GROUP!

Let’s have an adventure!

WHERE: Smith Falls State Park/Niobrara National Scenic Riverway in Valentine, Nebraska

WHEN: Leave Thursday, June 22nd at noon, Return Saturday, June 24th by 2 PM

WHAT: Camping, canoeing, campfire food, fellowship and fun!

RSVP: Call/text/email Pastor Shannon or Wendi no later than June 8th



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 26th**, at 9:00AM with the meeting at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. **“NOTE DATE CHANGE”**

Program: At 9:00 AM, we will be packing the sack lunches that go to the YMCA or the Summer Sack Lunch Program. This will be then followed with brunch and conversation.

At our May meeting, Rex Jorgensen spoke about all the summer programs that the YMCA has to offer kids and adults. All I can say is “Custer is lucky to have Rex and his staff!” For the kids there will be day camps, swimming, and swimming lessons and projects for all. For everyone there is kickball, pickleball, baseball, T-Ball and volleyball for boy and girls. If that is not enough, there is kick-boxing, fitness and some martial arts. Besides Custer, Rex directs Edgemont and Hermosa “Y’s” also. He also drives the bus for the going away activities. All of this and he still has a smile on his face.

Due to the generosity of this congregation, the Women were able to donate \$500.00 to the “YMCA” to help fund all their activities. We also donated \$1,000 to the confirmation class to help defray the cost of going to Outlaw Camp with Pastor Shannon. “A BIG thank you to all”.

QUILTING

"Quilter's will take a break"

New Summer Schedule:

June 6th and 13th

July 11th and 18th

August 1st and 8th

NEEDED: a cutting ruler and good flat sheets for quilt backs.

If you can sew quilt squares into tops "at home" they can be picked up in the sewing room.

~ THE HAPPY QUILTER'S



SPARK KIDS SING “FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT”



LIVING OUT THE PENTECOST EXAMPLE

Beloved partners in Christ,

In the story of Pentecost, we are given a model for how evangelism and stewardship go hand in hand for Christians. In the midst of a festival, the Holy Spirit empowers the apostles to tell everyone about Jesus.

People are able to hear the Gospel in their own language, so that they might know about the Good News. Then, when people hear about God’s amazing work, they are filled with generosity toward their neighbors. They see the needs that are present for one another, and they even sell their possessions to take care of one another. Because of living this way, more people see what is happening, and want to join in.

Although times are quite different from the Pentecost, we still follow this model for our work as the church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we preach and proclaim the Good News, making sure that everyone hears. I think of places like Pueblo de Dios and Woyatan, where worship and prayer take place in Spanish and Lakota. We strive to live with generosity, sharing our blessings with one another, especially when there is great need. My mind goes to places like Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center and Church on the Street. Because of the work we do, people want to join the movement. First Lutheran African Ministry and Spirit of Hope come to mind [by the way, these ministries are part of our Neighbors in Solidarity network, and you can learn more about them at sdsynod.org/neighbors.

We continue to live out the Pentecost example of evangelism and stewardship, as we proclaim Christ, serve one another, and others see the good work and want to be part of it. Thank you for your work and support across South Dakota, and I thank God for blessing us with the Holy Spirit to do this work together!

Rev. Jonathan Steiner
Director of Evangelical Mission and
Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship & Outreach

SABBATH AND SABBATICAL

“Sabbath time is time off the wheel ...” Wayne Muller writes in his book, *Sabbath*. “... Time when we take our hand from the plow and let God and the earth care for things, while we drink, if only for a few moments, from the fountain of rest and delight (p. 8).

During the months of May, July and August, I will be on Sabbatical. What is important to know is that the synod staff is committed to continuing the work mobility, and rostered minister care. These ministries will not pause this summer; however, patience will be appreciated when the staff is down one person. I will be checking with the Bishop and staff as needed, and will be at Synod Assembly June 2-3. I will be back in the office the month of June, when Bishop Hagmaier is in Germany.

More wisdom from Wayne Muller: “Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain and heal us (Sabbath, p.8).”

May we all find time this summer to be filled, to breathe, to notice, to love, and receive the incredible blessings of God.

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson
Associate to the Bishop of Candidacy, Congregation,
and Rostered Minister Accompaniment

MORE PICTURES



MANY THANKS!

Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship,

Thank you for your donation of \$355 dollars. May God richly bless you!
Jamie from Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

Custer Lutheran Fellowship,

Thank you so very much for the Lenten Donation of \$220. You are making a difference.
Jeffery Baird, Treasurer
Operation Black Hills Cabin

To: Prayer Shawl Ministry —

Thank you so much for the lovely pink/rose/white shawl that Mary Klein presented to me on your behalf. It is so comforting and I was honored. I will pray for you and your work in the church because you touch so many lives with your talent.

God Bless you always, Janet Serino

Custer Lutheran Fellowship Prayer Shawl Team,

Thank you for the wonderful shawl and visit from the Dorton's!! Stacey has been using it regularly. We so much appreciate your support, friendship and prayers on this journey.

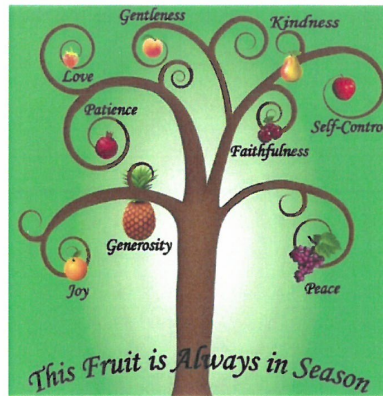
God bless you all,
Stacey & Tracy Bauer.

Custer Lutheran Fellowship,

The Storehouse gratefully appreciates your gift of \$250 from your Lenten Offerings.
Barbara Lewison,
The Storehouse



“Fruit of the Spirit”



Custer Lutheran Fellowship's

Vacation Bible School

**Free to all Entering Kindergarten-
Entering 6th grade June 19-21**

9am-3pm

(rides can be arranged, if needed)

Early registration is helpful 673-4691 or email clf@gwtc.net

12622 US Hwy 16A

**Bible stories, games, snacks, music, &
FUN!**

Students will need to bring a sack lunch.

COUNCIL MINUTES — Council Minutes — May 16, 2023

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. There was consensus and the minutes for the April meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru April were 109.2% (\$8,924) of budget and expenses were 86% of budget.

New insurance policy cost will increase by \$3,432 for our General Business and Liability Coverage. Auto Coverage will decrease by \$88 and Worker's Compensation will remain the same.

Joy will start running QuickBooks and the ICON Accounting module parallel in June.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ **Thrivent Choice** – May \$ YTD - \$ 407.00
- ◆ **Amazon Smile** – May \$ YTD - \$ 6.81
- ◆ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – May \$ YTD - \$ 200.00
- ◆ **Worship & Music Funding – Band/Members** – still discussing additional funding for musicians. John moved, second by Christie to raise accompanist fees to \$50 of all musicians. Motion approved.
- ◆ **Outlaw Staff** – still looking for families to "adopt" an Outlaw staff member. Commissioning of the staff will be on June 11th.
- ◆ **Confirmation Camp/Youth Activities** – the 5 confirmation boys will be attending camp at Outlaw Ranch on June 18-23. The high school youth will be camping at Smith Falls State Park in Valentine, NE on July 22-24.
- ◆ **SD Synod** – Joy and Pastor Shannon will attend the Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls on June 2-3.
- ◆ **Firewood** – Darryn Witt will coordinate. We are in need of wood. The plans are to stockpile the wood and then sell the month of July.

New Business:

- ◆ **Membership changes:** None
- ◆ **Youth & Family Coordinator – Summer/Fall Employment** – Wendi willing to work June and July. Pastor Shannon to send council members the updated job description.
- ◆ **Christian Education Committee** – Will form a Christian Ed Committee again. Blaine will work with it along with Wendi. Joy has agreed to be on the committee. Other possible members are: Linda Fennell and Cozy Dorton.
- ◆ **Other** –
 - ◇ **ICON Access for Joy** – Consensus by council members to give Joy access to ICON for accounting purposes.
 - ◇ **Child Care Collaborative** – Pastor Shannon spoke about the meeting that was held and the need for more child care. Using CLF again is a possibility.
 - ◇ **Synod Donation** – The SD Synod is asking for a one-time financial donation. Mark moved, Blaine seconded to pay \$1 per confirmed member. Motion approved.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

Pastor Shannon discussed concerns with the Care & Serve sign-up sheets – how to get more people involved. Communion on June 4th will be at the railings.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ◆ **Christian Education**, Blaine Kortemeyer –
- ◆ **Endowment**, Blaine Kortemeyer – Nothing to report.
- ◆ **Health Ministry**, John Kirk – Focus for the upcoming months is outdoors activities.
- ◆ **Mutual Ministry**, Dave Mertz – Nothing to report.
- ◆ **Outreach**, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- ◆ **Property Committee**, Mark Thompson – Work is progressing on parsonage siding.
- ◆ **Social Ministry**, Christie Behlings – Reviewed committee activity.
- ◆ **W/ELCA**, Shana Hindman – Reviewed upcoming activities.
- ◆ **Worship & Music**, Donna McConnell – Reviewed items discussed at last meeting.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023

Treats – Joy Smolnisky Devotions – _____.

June 2023 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Helena Buehler

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Holy Trinity

Thursday, June 1: Psalm 8, Job 38:1-11, 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, June 2: Psalm 8, Job 38:12-21, 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, June 3: Psalm 8, Job 38:22-38, John 14:15-17

Sunday, June 4: Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, June 5: Psalm 29, Job 38:39—39:12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tuesday, June 6: Psalm 29, Job 39:13-25, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, June 7: Psalm 29, Job 39:26—40:5, John 14:25-26



**Family
Devotion
Helps**

Pentecost 2

Thursday, June 8: Psalm 50:7-15, Lamentations 1:7-11, 2 Peter 2:17-22

Friday, June 9: Psalm 50:7-15, Lamentations 3:40-58, Acts 28:1-10

Saturday, June 10: Psalm 50:7-15, Exodus 34:1-9, Matthew 9:27-34

Sunday, June 11: Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Monday, June 12: Psalm 40:1-8, Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9, 2 Corinthians 6:14—7:2

Tuesday, June 13: Psalm 40:1-8, Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2, Hebrews 13:1-16

Wednesday, June 14: Psalm 40:1-8, Hosea 14:1-9, Matthew 12:1-8

Pentecost 3

Thursday, June 15: Psalm 100, Exodus 4:18-23, Hebrews 3:1-6,

Friday, June 16: Psalm 100, Exodus 4:27-31, Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 17: Psalm 100, Exodus 6:28—7:13, Mark 7:1-13

Sunday, June 18: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

Monday, June 19: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45, Joshua 1:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Tuesday, June 20: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45, 1 Samuel 3:1-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

Wednesday, June 21: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45, Proverbs 4:10-27, Luke 6:12-19

Pentecost 4

Thursday, June 22: Psalm 69:7-18, Jeremiah 18:12-17, Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 23: Psalm 69:7-18, Jeremiah 18:18-23, Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 24: Psalm 69:7-18, Jeremiah 20:1-6, Luke 11:53—12:3

Sunday, June 25: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Monday, June 26: Psalm 6, Micah 7:1-7, Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday, June 27: Psalm 6, Jeremiah 26:1-12, Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 28: Psalm 6, Jeremiah 38:1-13, Matthew 10:5-23

Pentecost 5

Thursday, June 29: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Jeremiah 25:1-7, Galatians 5:2-6

Friday, June 30: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Jeremiah 25:8-14, Galatians 5:7-12

Saturday, July 1: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Jeremiah 28:1-4, Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, July 2: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, July 3: Psalm 119:161-168, 1 Kings 21:1-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, July 4: Psalm 119:161-168, 1 Kings 21:17-29, 1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday, July 5: Psalm 119:161-168, Jeremiah 18:1-11, Matthew 11:20-24

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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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