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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM

Our exciting worship change begins the first Sunday of Lent, **March 1st!** We will be moving to one service at 9:30 AM. We are so excited for this change in our worship life together! Join us for worship followed by coffee & fellowship!

PLAN AHEAD—HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 9:30 AM. Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM. Good Friday, CrossWalk at 6:30 AM, evening at 6:30 PM. Easter Sunday two services at 6:30 AM & 9:30 AM.

LENTEN SEASON OFFERING—HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN

“On the **mountain** of the Lord it will be provided.” Genesis 22:14

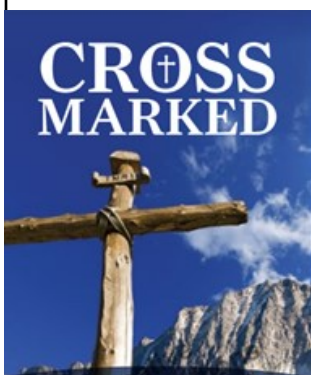
Your Social Ministry Team has planned an exciting way for us to participate in a Lenten Season Offering. Once again, we will be building a “mountain” at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God’s work in our community, will be collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for five weeks beginning March 1st.

Each Sunday and Wednesday service, in addition to our usual offering, you will be asked to bring up to the altar your offering for that particular non-profit. There will also be an opportunity for you to bring to the altar a special monetary offering for the non-profit. We will let you know in advance the focus offering for the following week. It will be fun watching the mountain of our collective offerings grow this Lenten season!

In order to help you plan ahead, here are some suggested items needed:

- Bring March 1 & 4: **The Storehouse** – peanut butter, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, food with protein, and toilet paper.
- March 8 & 11: **W.E.A.V.E.** – toilet paper, paper towels, canned food, personal hygiene items.
- March 15 & 18: **Pine Ridge Diaper Drive** – disposable diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6 (and some 4s).
- March 22 & 25: **Battle Mountain Humane Society** – Purina dog chow, Purina indoor cat chow, Pine Sol, bleach, monetary donations for vet bills, and old towels and blankets (without stuffing).
- March 29 & April 1: **Operation Black Hills Cabin** – inexpensive small items for gift bags that will be given to women, men, girls and boys visiting the Cabin. Examples include: patriotic themed items, Black Hills themed items, ball caps, small toys and activity books for children, and bandanas. Donated items are stored in an outdoor shed—please avoid anything subject to heat damage. Also avoid sized items, like t-shirts, as volunteers putting gift bags together won’t know family sizes; also avoid markers and stickers.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT—6:00 PM



We observed the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship on February 26. In worship during each Wednesday in Lent, we will reflect on ways Jesus was marked by the cross, and reveal ways in which our lives are marked, too, by His sacrifice for us. We will explore themes of Rejected, Silent, Pierced, Forsaken, Finished, and Trusting. Join us as we explore Jesus' journey, and how our lives have been and continue to be marked by the sacrifice of our Savior.

SOUP SUPPERS ON WEDNESDAYS

Soup suppers continue each Wednesday during Lent, from March 4th to April 1st. We gather for a simple, but hearty meal of soup and bread from 5:15—6:00 PM. Worship follows at 6:00 PM each week.

Please consider signing up to bring a batch of soup or some bread one of these weeks! You can also help with set up and clean up. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



TABLE AND FONT: WHO IS WELCOME?

Pastor Pam will be offering a class after worship on two Wednesdays during Lent. Come explore the question of who we, as an ELCA Lutheran congregation, welcome to the table at Holy Communion, and who we welcome to the font for Baptism. Who do we welcome and why? How often do we receive Holy Communion and why? What is the relationship between baptism and communion? What different experiences have you had with baptism and communion? Does our practice of baptism and communion at CLF affect your faith? Why or why not? Come join the discussion on March 4th and 11th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.



HELP US RECORD SPECIAL MUSIC AND SERMONS—A COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Our CLF Facebook page has a tremendous impact on those who cannot attend worship regularly. We share information on what is happening at CLF, plus recordings of special music and sermons. It is a wonderful way to reach people with the good news of Jesus, through technology. But we need your help to do this.

We are looking for people to use their phones or tablets to record special music and sermons on Sundays and/or

Wednesdays. We even have a member who has graciously offered to let others use her tripod to record. Please let Pastor Pam or Mary know if you are interested in being part of this important ministry to the community. You can also sign up on the "Care and Share" sheet on the Welcome Center. Thank you for making this outreach into the community possible!



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Pam is offering a New Member class on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 AM to noon. We will learn about CLF, what it means to be a Lutheran Christian, and look at the gifts that God has given us. We will explore what it means to be part of a community of faith, the ministries here at CLF, and ways to use our gifts in ministry and throughout our lives. We would love to have some current members be part of this class to begin building relationships with our new members, and share your experience here. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or let Pastor Pam know that you will attend so she can plan appropriately.

The Holy Spirit is Working in This Place



We are entering an exciting new chapter in our worship life here at CLF this month! On March 1st we begin one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. I am excited for where the Holy Spirit is leading us in worship, and wanted to share with you some of the planning involved and what you can expect in the next few months.

There were some concerns shared during our survey about losing some of your favorite things in worship, such as the choir or our bands. Nothing could be further from the truth! We would never take away any of those things because we all love them! When Margaret Tretheway and I gathered with several of the music leaders to plan services, we made sure to include all the parts of worship that are so meaningful to so many of us.

Here is the basic flow for Sunday worship:

- 1st and 3rd Sundays we will celebrate Holy Communion (this is the same); these will be a blended service with a variety of music, some traditional hymns, some more contemporary songs; there will be no sung liturgy. We will be enjoying both bands, but not each week. There will be some services with only piano, and some with bands, depending on their availability.
- 2nd and 4th Sundays will be a traditional sung liturgy with the Kyrie ("In peace, let us pray to the Lord") and Hymn of Praise ("Glory to God").
- If there is a 5th Sunday, we will celebrate Holy Communion and have a Healing Service; this will be a traditional sung liturgy with the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise.

Wednesday worship will not be changing, other than for Lent. We will be having a theme for Lent unrelated to Sunday worship.

I do want to stress that this is an exciting time in the life of CLF! It is an opportunity to open ourselves up to hearing the Word and feeling the Holy Spirit in different ways through different types of worship. Even if traditional worship has not been your favorite, come and experience it anew. See how the Spirit is working. And if bands are not your style, come and encounter the Word in a new way. You never know how God will work through our worship together to touch your heart or lift your spirit.



Our Music and Worship team will review our worship life together over the next weeks and months and make adjustments as they are needed. Of course, once Summer comes, we will welcome Outlaw Ranch staff, which brings new life and new musical talents. We look forward to that, too!

Let us celebrate this new chapter together and meet God in worship anew!

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

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| *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.

Pastor Pam Power
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FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



Pastor Pam will be offering a First Communion class on Saturday, March 14th from 9:00AM to noon for youth in 3rd grade and older. Youth will then receive their first communion on Sunday, March 15th or Wednesday, March 25th.

We will explore the meaning of Holy Communion, how it began, how it prepares us to live our faith every day,

how to receive it with reverence, and also the amazing gift that it is. There will be short videos, a booklet for youth to use and take home with them, lots of discussion, and some fun, too.

Please use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to register for the class. And come with your children – you never know – you might learn something about Communion you don't already know! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Pam.

CUSTER MEET & EAT MARCH 10 & 24

Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper, held at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St., is twice a month—the second and fourth Tuesdays. W/ELCA is preparing the meal on March 24th. Join your neighbors on March 10 & 24 from 5:00—7:00 PM for food and fellowship.

GUEST PREACHER

We welcome Pastor Karen Ressel, director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, on Sunday, March 8th. Come and hear about one of the missions regularly supported by CLF.

CHILI FUNDRAISER

The 2020 Soup-or-Chili Fundraiser to benefit Lutheran Campus Ministries (LuMin) at both SDSMT and BHSU will be Sunday, March 22nd, at the Surbeck Center Ballroom (SDSMT Student Center) at 5:00 PM.

You can help to make the event a success:

- **Cooks!** Anyone who would like to enter a soup or chili needs to contact Rachel Nelson at 605-646-3241 to reserve a space.
- **Donate Silent Auction items!** A variety of fun or useful items for folks to bid on – all in support of the vital LuMin ministries.
- **Soup and Chili Eaters!** Tickets are only \$5, and you will get to vote for your favorites, so we can recognize our great cooks! Prizes for Best Chili and Best Soup.



BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The yearly Spring Assembly of the Bear Butte Conference will be held on Sunday, March 29, at Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City. We get a special treat this year! Come at 3:00 PM to tour the new Woyatan Retreat Center, with tours led by volunteers who worked on the building. The business of the Conference will begin at 4:00 PM.

All members of the Bear Butte congregations are welcome to attend. Agenda items will include conducting the business of the conference and discussion of any items to be referred to the Synod Assembly in June. Come join with fellow members of ELCA churches in western South Dakota and get a bigger picture of what the work of the conference and the synod is all about.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—FEBRUARY 23

Thanks to the Social Ministry Team for serving a great breakfast!



Eighty people enjoyed the fellowship. A total of \$667 was donated, to be split between Corner Stone Rescue Mission and the Lutheran Lakota Job Corps at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. Thanks for being so generous!

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:

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



NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 23, at 11:30 AM at Custer Senior Care.

HOSTESSES: Please bring a sack lunch. Coffee provided. EJ Reid will bring a dessert to share.

PROGRAM: Meet with our friends at Senior Care for an informal meeting and lunch.



In February, we had a “mini” high tea to celebrate the fact that even though it is winter with snow on the ground, we have spring in our hearts! We had fun wearing hats and eating finger sandwiches and fun desserts. It was easy to talk about our blessings in such a happy environment.

Future events for W/ELCA include the following:

- On **Tuesday, March 24th**, W/ELCA will prepare and serve the meal for Meet and Eat at the Custer Community Church. We will serve from 5:00-7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please spread the invitation!
- **March 27-29—Women’s Retreat at Outlaw Ranch.** A weekend with other women to relax, enjoy the outdoors and explore ideas and conversation together. Jamie Duprey and Natalie Cutler will guide time in community centered around the theme of “Identity”. Register at www.losd.org/events-and-retreats, or call Outlaw Ranch at 673-4040.
- On **Saturday, April 25**, the Bear Butte Conference W/ELCA Spring Gathering will be held at Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Details will be given in the April newsletter.
- On **Sunday, April 26**, the **W/ELCA Auction of Talents** will be held at 10:30 AM. This is a fun-filled event. All are invited to participate. You can donate item(s) to be auctioned and/or come to bid. Talents to be auctioned include, but are not limited to, items that have been made or services that will be given at a later date. Past examples include: babysitting, providing a meal or dessert, landscaping, splitting wood, teaching a craft and the excavation of land. Folks have also brought salmon, pheasant, pies, and farm-fresh eggs. Use your imagination to share your own talents! Looking forward to the auction on April 26th. A huge thank you in advance to our auctioneers: Paul Heinert and Alan Webster share their own talents in keeping the bidding moving in a more-than-spirited fashion. We appreciate them so much!

Quilting takes place every Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Remember that everyone is welcome to quilt. There are spaces available even for those who do not know how to quilt! There are jobs for every level of talent!

Bingo at Custer Senior Care—March 6th. The first Friday of each month, we gather to call and help residents enjoy an hour of Bingo from 2:00—3:00 PM. We welcome new people to join us for a fun afternoon! Any questions, please call Arbutus Winter, 673-5283.

January—March Mission Project:

Quilts for LWR & Local Needs



- ✂ Thread
- ✂ Cotton fabric suitable for making quilts
- ✂ Cotton blankets or mattress pads for inside quilts
- ✂ Large pieces of fabric for backing

Your donations may be left in the sewing room.

QUILT SUNDAY MARCH 29

Come see beautiful quilts and hear about the many quilts produced at ELCA congregations across the country, and the comfort they bring to many in the U.S. and throughout the world.

**CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..**

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

Pam — pam_clf@gwtc.net
 Mary — clf@gwtc.net
 Sara — sara_clf@gwtc.net

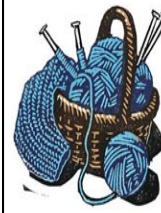
**OFFICE HOURS.....**

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

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the April Newsletter to the office by March 18th. Thank you!

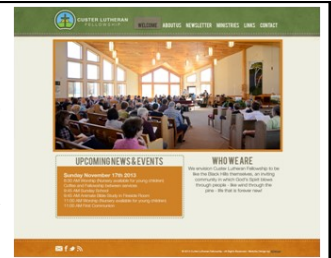
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

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

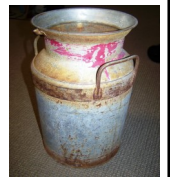
Everyone is welcome to do so at anytime—just let someone in the office know when you do, as we keep a journal of all activity.

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

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

**LET'S GET NOISY!**

The **"Noisy Offering"** continues one Sunday each month. This month it will be on March 8th. January and February offerings totaled \$162. January through April 2020 offerings will be sent to Lutheran World Relief designated for Syrian/Middle Eastern refugee children to support Syrian families fleeing conflict. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!

**2019 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

If you have any undirected Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2019, they will expire on March 31, 2020. Don't miss this opportunity to help support Custer Lutheran Fellowship. Go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

2020 BUDGET THRU JAN. 31

	Jan-2020	Budget
Income		
Offering Contributions	34,855	28,992
Non-restricted Special Donation	2,458	289
Interest	69	0
Total Income	37,382	29,281
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	7,098	9,929
Worship	1,442	1,316
Education	646	1,022
Mission Support	3,207	3,027
Support/Care	14,086	14,739
Total Expenses	26,479	30,213
Net Ordinary Income	10,903	-933

**SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST
MARCH 14**

This opportunity, available to all, will meet March 14th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Breakfast is served, then we discuss a NOOMA DVD. Join us for a great breakfast and discussion. Questions? Contact Allen Canete, 673-3753.

**THURSDAY
MEN'S
BREAKFAST
7:00 AM — "Our
Place"**

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, visits and all the meals during the time of my surgery. Such a wonderful church family. Really made a difference in healing. God bless all of you.

—Pat Hattervig

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE!

This program is a mid-week faith recharge for your family. Our weekly schedule is:

SPARK Kids from 4:00 to 5:15 PM

Family Meal from 5:15 to 6:00 PM

Lenten Worship from 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Confirmation students meet with mentors

RAP Group from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Choir Practice at 6:30 PM

The **Wednesday NightLife Meals will be Soup Suppers** through all of March and on April 1. We appreciate your help. Please consider signing up to bring soup or bread and to help with set up and clean up.

Lenten Worship services will take place each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Themes for each week:

March 4—Rejected

March 11—Silent

March 18—Pierced

March 25—Forsaken

April 1—Finished

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!



Baptism of
Kaiyah
McDonnell



Prayer Around the Cross

SPARK KIDS

We had fun celebrating LOVE last month! Each SPARK Kids family enjoyed receiving Valentines in the mail to remind them that God loves them. We have over 25 families registered! The kids enjoyed popcorn with a Veggie Tales movie, along with fun crafts and games to reinforce the Bible story theme. Check out CLF's Facebook page for pictures.

There is NO cost for this program. Be sure to invite your Pre-K thru 5th grade friends and neighbors. All are welcome! Every child needs to be registered by a parent in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the church office. It is never too late to register! The Bible story themes for March are :

March 4 - John the Baptist—Luke 3:1-8

March 11 - Jesus goes to Nazareth—Luke 4:14-30

March 18 - The Disciples—Luke 5:1-11, 8:1-3

March 25 - The Last Supper—John 13:1-20



Join us on
Wednesdays
and experience
the fun!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

I know there are a number of people, including me, who suffer from **Chronic Inflammation**. Inflammation is a naturally occurring process in our bodies, but when it goes wrong or for too long, the body becomes compromised. I recently found an article regarding five foods that are known to increase inflammation.

Symptoms of "Chronic Inflammation" include fatigue, anxiety, weight gain, pain and more frequent than usual infections. Foods to avoid:

Sugar; avoid any items that include added sugar. Often it is also disguised in spaghetti sauce, soda and syrups. Watch labels for anything that ends in "ose", like dextrose. Also, along with the inflammation, is a higher risk of developing diabetes.

Artificial Sweeteners; yes, it may not make sense, but our body will fight the chemicals in "diet foods and drink". This will lead to an inflammatory response.

Processed Meats; this includes hot dogs, ham, bacon, sausage and some deli meats, which are treated with chemicals (see above). Also meats with high saturated fats may increase risk for arthritis, which leads to increased inflammation.

Refined Carbs; refined grains convert to sugar more so than whole grain foods. Common foods that are refined grains include pasta, white bread, breakfast cereals and more. These foods also may lead to arthritis, again increasing chronic inflammation.

Excess Alcohol; consuming 1 drink a day actually may lower levels of the common markers of chronic inflammation. Any more than that may trigger an inflammatory response.

There isn't a set limit on eating or drinking any of the foods I mentioned, but if you listen to your body, you may note which foods are increasing or decreasing your inflammation. It's always wise to eat a "**plant-based**" diet, think fruits & vegetables, legumes, herbs and spices, and fish which will help lower your inflammation.

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

Having a talk with your kids *about sex doesn't make them have sex*. Having a talk *about Llamas doesn't make them Llamas*. Having a talk with your kids *about suicide doesn't make them suicidal*. Having a talk with your kids *about mental illness, doesn't give them mental illness*. It does however give them tools to help them recognize things that might otherwise confuse or frighten them. It may help them recognize things in themselves or in their friends. **And that can save a life.**

Author unknown

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

THURSDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY

New people always welcome. We meet Thursdays, 9:30—11:30 AM. We are reading Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by author Debby Irving.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Thursdays at 5:30 PM. We are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome to join us. Call Ginny Myers at 673-3056 or Joy Smolnisky at 605-929-1244 for information. We can order a study guide for you.



PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED!

If you like to knit or crochet, please consider making a prayer shawl for those who could use a little extra comfort and prayer. Ask in the office for instructions.



CONFIRMATION DURING LENT

Mentors – During the six weeks of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th, mentors are asked to meet with your student three times to have conversations. Pastor Pam will have the discussion sheets out on the tall cocktail tables beginning on Ash Wednesday. You may meet with your student during the soup suppers, after worship, or make arrangements with the student's parents to meet with them another time. Enjoy this time of building stronger relationships between mentors and youth! Please let me know if you have any questions.

8th Grade – We have begun talking about faith projects, and the stoles were given out so the students can begin working on them. Pastor Pam will meet with the 8th grade students on Wednesday, March 18th after worship to go over their faith statement and progress on their stole.

RAP GROUP

RAP Group is going strong! We completed two good days of wood splitting in February. We will have more coming up in March, which are yet to be scheduled. I am hoping to get some details soon for a possible trip this summer which we will piggyback with the youth group from Calvary Lutheran Church. Tammy and I have both commented that we feel the kids are starting to open up; we are all beginning to know each other quite well. It is very exciting and we are sure that our relationships will continue to improve and get stronger.



OUTLAW RANCH RETREATS

March 13-14—Middle School Retreat—for grades 6th—9th. Friday 7:00 PM to Saturday 5:30 PM. We will gather in community, have fun, worship and sing, eat good food and enjoy the outdoors!

March 19-23—Creative Souls Retreat for all who love to create. Friday 10:00 AM to Sunday 2:00 PM. This retreat offers you the time, space, and fellowship to work on your passions. Bring your own projects, share ideas and techniques, go for a walk in the woods, eat delicious meals, and meet new friends.

March 27-29—Women's Retreat for women of all ages. Friday 10:00 AM to Sunday 2:00 PM. Who do I say that I am? Who do You say that I am? Who is ME? Spend quality time with other women in the beautiful Black Hills. Discussion surrounding Identity will be lead by **Natalie Cutler** and **Jamie Duprey**.

For more information or to register for any of these retreats, go to www.losd.org/events-and-retreats

COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Treasurer's Report—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. Full-year one-time contributions appeared to have skewed the average income, but the year is off to a good start. The council approved “to acknowledge the Financial Review Committee 2019 Report and respond to addendum recommendations by instituting financial notes; Acknowledge and approve closure of First Interstate Bank Checking Account; Approve Bank Signature Authorizations for 2020; and Approve e-payment authorizations for 2020.” The treasurer's report was approved.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Sanctuary Exit Door**—Pam will work with Gene Fennell to obtain closure on this project.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Jeff and Betty Rohr have transferred into the congregation. A New Member class will be held March 21.
- ✦ **Leadership Retreat**—Will be held Saturday, February 22, at Outlaw Ranch beginning at 8:30 AM and ending in the early afternoon.
- ✦ **Committee liaison**—Each Council member was assigned as liaison to a committee.
- ✦ **Bathroom Exhaust Fans, Property Update**—This matter was delegated to routine maintenance.
- ✦ **Prison Congregations of America**—A letter from the national PCA clarified that funds sent to PCA were not used for specific needs of a prison congregation, but rather were used to train and advise the pastor and council of prison congregations. Action on this matter was tabled to get a better understanding of how we wish to spend the money that has been allocated to this mission.
- ✦ **Custer County Long Term Recovery Group**—This group is looking for a place to store a “mold-scrubber,” the size of a humidifier, that could be locked up. It was decided it could be stored in the office area of CLF.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam has been busy with the Music and Worship changes involved in switching to one service, and in preparing for the Lenten Season. She has continued to work as the Supervisor for the Custer County Long Term Recovery Group case managers.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Endowment**—Liz Kleffner will be council representative.
- ✦ **Evangelism**—Pastor Pam will be representative—Meeting discussion had ideas of CLF parade entries, tee-shirts, and Business Cards.
- ✦ **Health Ministry**—Carol Niemann will be council representative.
- ✦ **Property**—Dave Pickford and Sam Ainsley will be council representatives.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**—Scot Hoscheid will be council representative. This team is planning the Pancake Breakfast and “Build a Mountain” for Lent.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**—Jackie Hartwick will be council representative.
- ✦ **Worship & Music**—Laura Burden will be council representative.

The next council meeting is March 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM.



ELDER'S WISDOM, CHILDREN'S SONG

Congratulations to John Culberson and Mark Thompson who were recognized at Elder's Wisdom, Children's Song on January 28th.

We enjoyed a delightful program of song and story, and learned a few little-told tales about their younger days!



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

1 Lent

Thursday, February 27: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7
 Friday, February 28: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
 Saturday, February 29: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7
 Sunday, March 1: Psalm 32; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
 Monday, March 2: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
 Tuesday, March 3: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14—5:10
 Wednesday, March 4: Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

2 Lent

Thursday, March 5: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
 Friday, March 6: Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
 Saturday, March 7: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10
 Sunday, March 8: Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
 Monday, March 9: Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6
 Tuesday, March 10: Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13
 Wednesday, March 11: Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53—8:11

3 Lent

Thursday, March 12: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23
 Friday, March 13: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22
 Saturday, March 14: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6
 Sunday, March 15: Psalm 95; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
 Monday, March 16: Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1-13
 Tuesday, March 17: Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
 Wednesday, March 18: Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39

4 Lent

Thursday, March 19: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
 Friday, March 20: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
 Saturday, March 21: Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9
 Sunday, March 22: Psalm 23; 2 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
 Monday, March 23: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
 Tuesday, March 24: Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
 Wednesday, March 25: Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34

5 Lent

Thursday, March 26: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
 Friday, March 27: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
 Saturday, March 28: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
 Sunday, March 29: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
 Monday, March 30: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
 Tuesday, March 31: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
 Wednesday, April 1: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33



SUMMER CAMP— LUTHERANS OUTDOORS

Come—enjoy a week of fun, faith-growth, and making new friends at camp this summer. Week-long programs for 3rd through high school: Youth camp for 3rd—8th, Black Hills Adventures, Servant Camp on Pine Ridge or in the Black Hills for high school youth, Peer Ministry for high school, and Family Camp. Other Lutherans Outdoors camps to try out are Klein Ranch, NeSoDak, and Joy Ranch.

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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 **serving** 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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