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ASH WEDNESDAY



Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, at 6:00 PM. Our Wednesday worship series "Witnesses to Christ" will begin with this service. As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. Come, receive the sign of the cross and the reminder to "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS START ON MARCH 2ND

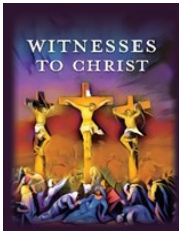


Soup Suppers begin starting with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. We gather for a simple, yet hearty meal of soup and bread from 5:15 — 6:00 PM on Wednesdays. Lenten Soup Suppers go from March 6th through April 10th. Please consider signing up to bring a batch of soup one of these weeks! Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center.

Lent

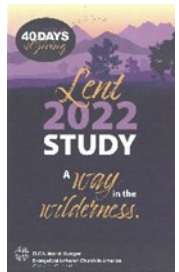


WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION



Join us on Wednesdays in Lent or a worship series called: Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion. This series paints a stunning portrait of Jesus through the eyes of those whose interactions with Jesus lead us to meditate on His Passion as recorded by St. John in his Gospel. Our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those who were present as part of Jesus' journey to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate; sinners, such as Peter (Who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty pieces of silver*); as well as others. We will begin the series on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, at 6:00 pm with John the Baptist.

"A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS" FROM ELCA WORLD HUNGER



This season of Lent grounds us in a time in the wilderness. In Lent, we wander with our ancestors, longing for a new life in a land of promise and opportunity. We are reminded of our dependence on God and the many ways that sin separates us from one another, from God, and from the future we are promised. Yet we are reminded that, even as we journey toward that promised ending, we are not alone. This promise is the Lenten theme for ELCA World Hunger's study, "A Way in the Wilderness." The study booklets can be found on the Welcome Center in the gathering area, as well as on the table in front of the church office.



TIME CHANGE IS COMING SOON!

Don't forget to change your clocks ahead on Saturday, March 12th before bed or you could be late for church on Sunday, March 13th.

Remember to spring forward!

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 is once again planning an exciting way for us to participate in a Lenten Season Offering. As in recent years, we will be building a mountain at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits conducting God's work in our community will be collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for five weeks beginning March 6. We will focus on the following organizations: W.E.A.V.E., Operation Black Hills Cabin, Lutheran Social Services Loads of Love, and Pine Ridge Diaper Drive.

Listed below is a list of items needed by each of these non-profit organizations:

Shopping Lists

Operation Black Hills Cabin:

Toy cars for preschoolers, diaries for ages 6-10, the book *Who Pooped in the Black Hills*, other small gifts, especially for girls toddler to age 5, and boys and girls ages 10-16, rustic frames, Black Hills or patriotic souvenir items for adults, homemade potholders in patriotic colors. (Please avoid items with small pieces, markers, stickers, or items that can be damaged by heat or cold.)

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive:

Disposable diapers - all sizes

W.E.A.V.E.

Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, baby sleepers (onesies, new or gently used), Women's plus size clothing - gently used

Lutheran Social Service, "Loads of Love" **Bolded items are greatest need**

Laundry baskets, bath mats, shower curtains, towel sets, toilet paper, hand soap, small waste baskets, shampoo, conditioner, **deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products**, body wash, toothpaste, nail clippers, pillows (new), twin or twin XL sheets (new), blankets, kitchen waste baskets and trash bags, kitchen towels, hot pads, dish soap, dish clothes, sponges, scrub brush, plates, bowls, eating and cooking utensils, storage containers, basic cookware or bakeware, window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, **laundry detergent**, fabric softener sheets, paper towels, dishwasher pods, gift cards for Walmart - Target - straight talk phone cards - McDonalds - Starbucks - Little Caesars - etc.

Battle Mountain Humane Society

Purina dog and cat food, used towels and blankets, monetary donations to pay down veterinary bills and operating costs.

Beginning March 6th, you are welcome to bring any and all donations to the altar (or church office) during the first 5 weeks of Lent. You are also welcome to bring a designated monetary donation to the altar (or church office) as well. If bringing similar items for W.E.A.V.E or Loads of Love, please note which organization should receive the items.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Pancake Breakfast - February 20th Benefit

Eighty people enjoyed sharing breakfast and fellowship. A total of \$738 was collected from the free will offering that will be split between Cornerstone Rescue Mission and the Pine Ridge Heating Assistance Fund.

Thank you for being so generous!

At our February Leadership Retreat at Outlaw Ranch, we spent time discussing who we are at CLF, and what our Core Values are. I gave everyone a list of 18 Core Values to choose from, and the participants had to choose the top five that they felt CLF should be focusing on this year.



It was a hard exercise because all 18 of them seemed so important. It was hard to choose only 5, but they did it! These are the Core Values that received the majority of the votes:



Biblical Preaching and Teaching
Community Outreach
Evangelism
Faith / Spiritual Formation
Fellowship
Music

These all reflect who we are at CLF and what is most important to our faith as a community. We then talked about how to best live these values out both individually and as a community of faith. You will likely see some of these ideas in the next weeks and months as we begin to live out these values.

A few that we can all begin to live out now are:

- Reminding each other that everything we do in our daily lives is ministry, not just what we do in the church building
- Invite more people to share their musical gifts in worship, especially our youth
- Be more intentional about inviting people to stay for coffee and fellowship after worship, not only visitors, but everyone
- Reaching out to people who have no connection to a church and invite them to come to worship at CLF, or to a book study or other event here
- Inviting each other to become involved with the different ministries here at CLF

I and the church council would love to hear from you with any suggestions you have for how we can live out these core values both as a community of faith, and as individual disciples of Jesus.

We are all part of this family of faith. Let us grow and live out our call as Jesus beloved children together.

Blessings,

Pastor Pam



PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

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

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

Pastor Pam Power pam_clf@gwtc.net
 701-955-5282 (cell) 673-4691 (church)

PARISH NURSE NEWS

This month my focus is on Mental Health. I know I promised our Health Ministry Health Team's information board would be changed last month, but by the end of February we will have things changed. The focus will be on Mental Health. The reason Mental Health is so important is that when we look to wellness in people, we look at Physical, Mental & Spiritual Health. We call this a "holistic" approach, as all 3 aspects of our life need to be working properly to become "Well". When we have a physical issue we tend to the problem and if it doesn't get better, we go to a MD. When we have spiritual difficulties or question situations we go to prayer, whatever form it may take or speak with a Pastor. When our feelings are making us experience problems, we usually first try to work things out, again however that may be. When we have disturbing feelings or thoughts, we need to seek further help. Sometimes going to a counselor and talking things out with them can be very helpful in understanding our feelings and emotions and ways to work on them. They may recommend that you see a Doctor, whether your Primary Caregiver or a Psychiatrist. Either one can prescribe medications which may alleviate these feelings. Often times it takes time to find the right medication to resolve this. Sometimes you may be on these meds temporarily or you may need them for life. Every person is different. A person may experience a heart attack or stroke and have symptoms that differ, the same holds true for mental health. Every person's experience is different, but usually fall into a category to help with treatment. Mental illness has nothing to do with weakness or lack of desire to do and be what is expected. Mental illness may become a problem because of an event, change in life and often is found to be inherited. Because someone in your family experiences mental illness, it doesn't mean you are destined to also experience troubles. The same holds true for heart disease. It just increases your risk. With the right treatment people with mental illness can lead very productive and happy, fulfilled lives. Please take time to look through the information on the table and board, which can be taken for yourself or someone else. If you want more information I am a good resource or you can speak to your Doctor. Healthy mind, healthy body.

~ Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

I am excited to be once again offer more information on Mental Health. Please see my other article. Since we live in a rural community with limited resources, it may be hard to find help when you want it. I usually don't recommend looking to the internet for information as it is not always accurate or really helpful. I find most of my resources on the NAMI.com site. They have a number of good articles to help you or a loved one get better insight into different aspects of Mental Health. On our information table we will be listing different local resources and focused help for mental illness. I highly recommend that you take whatever information you want about mental health. Many of the brochures I have I gotten through the NAMI organization. Always remember you are not alone and there is help for you.

~ Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

WORSHIP & MUSIC

As we begin a new year, we rejoice that we can take one step at a time and know that God is there for us. This year has been difficult for families who have lost loved ones and it is not easy. In the words "I have loved you with an everlasting love". Jesus has given us a love song whose beginning and ending is all about His Love. In the music at church and listening to many songs of life, we can have assurance that God's love flows freely.

We have started choir and are so thankful for the many people who help us spread the love of our God through singing. I want to thank everyone who shares their talents to through choir, song-leaders, special music, instrumental players and the congregation who contribute their love of music. We meet at 6:30 - 7:30 on Wed. nights and work on songs that have been selected by Marlene Sellevold and Cozy Dorton. The songs bring messages of love that express our Father's presence. God is the God of life and He has blessed us with countless ways to let us know that he is here for us through His songs that can offer comfort, joy, love and satisfaction.

We look forward to a year filled with some new ideas. We are always looking for choir members, song leaders and people to help us with special music.

We pray for those that have struggles, sadness and yet are striving to count on our God to help us through. We look ahead to this year as we seek His face through prayer and the gift of music that many want to share. When the world around us looks confusing, we pray that God can show us the light, whispering His name and singing his songs of praise can draw us near to Him.

Sending love and prayers to all of you. Thank you for your support.

~ Margaret Tretheway



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 (Mary) — clf@gwtc.net
 Mary's Cell Number (605)480-5655

APRIL NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

Please have articles for the April Newsletter to the office by **March 16th**. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS



The church office is open:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. Wednesday's open from 10 AM—6:30 PM. Open for individuals as follows but hours may not be until 4:00 PM.

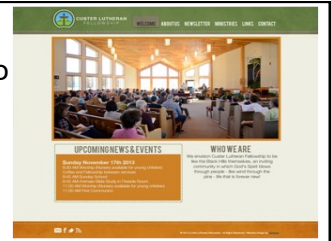
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...



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.



UPDATES ON THE CHURCH BUDGET

by Treasurer Joy Smolnisky

Custer Lutheran Fellowship members approved the 2022 proposed budget at the annual meeting 1-23-2022. Non-restricted expenditures are budgeted at \$300,657, just \$257 shy of budgeted receipts. The budget includes a 3% COLA for non-pastoral staff and mission partners. The final pledges for the Pay-Down-the-Debt campaign are arriving, decreasing debt service costs by over \$2,200 per month. The outstanding balance of our non-secured loan with ELCA Mission Investment Fund is \$85,000. These savings will be used to fund the Youth Program Coordinator position. The members who gathered at the Annual Meeting recommended the council set aside the budgeted salary for the youth coordinator until a candidate is hired rather than designating the funds for other purposes. The Council acted on this recommendation during their February meeting. Also included are the financial results from the first month of 2022. The Council monitors the budget monthly, to ensure Custer Lutheran Fellowship is a proactive steward of the funds entrusted to us to carry out God's work in his world.

Custer Lutheran Fellowship	2022 BUDGET			
	Approved at Annual Meeting 2-23-2022			
Ordinary Income/Expense	Non-Restricted	Restricted	Designated Reserves	Total
INCOME				
Offering Contributions	\$ 297,500			\$ 297,500
Total Non-restricted Special Donation	\$ 2,600			\$ 2,600
Total Temp. Restricted Donations	\$ -	\$ 28,325		\$ 28,325
Interest (Banking)	\$ 300			\$ 300
Total Income	\$300,400	\$ 28,325		\$ 328,725
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Leadership Total	\$ 94,715			\$ 94,715
Worship Total	\$ 11,520			\$ 11,520
Education Total	\$ 18,923	\$ 1,376		\$ 20,299
Mission Support Total	\$ 41,028	\$ 2,500		\$ 43,528
Support & Care	\$ 134,472	\$ 28,615	\$ 6,346	\$ 169,433
Total Expense	\$300,657	\$ 32,491	\$ 6,346	\$ 339,494
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (257)	\$ (4,166)	\$ (6,346)	\$ (10,769)

Year to Date January 31, 2022	Non-Restricted	
	Actual	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
40000 · Offering Contributions	22,624	24,792
Total 40014 · Non-restricted Special Donation	417	289
Total 40020 · Temp. Restricted Donations		
40300 · Interest	22	25
Total Income	23,063	25,106
Expense		
61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP		
Total 61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	7,392	7,893
Total 62000 · WORSHIP	1,443	1,748
Total 63000 · EDUCATION	0	167
Total 64000 · MISSION SUPPORT	3,170	3,297
65000 · SUPPORT/CARE		
Total 65000 · SUPPORT/CARE	14,154	15,093
Total Expense	26,158	28,197
Net Ordinary Income	-3,095	-3,091

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2022 PICTURES

Proceeds to
Cornerstone
Mission
and
Pine Ridge
Heating
Assistance
Program



EASTER LILIES



If you would like to provide lilies to help decorate the church for Easter, please bring them to the church by Thursday, April 15th. If given in honor of or in memory of someone, please let the office know by Monday, April 4th, so the name will be listed in the bulletin. Email clf@gwtc.net or call 673-4691.

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!



From the Bishop's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ,

I would like to begin by thanking all of the lay leaders that participated in the second annual "I have been elected to the council, now what?" zoom call. Close to 100 lay leaders participated and once again found the time to be worthwhile, helpful and informative. If you are reading this and are wondering why you didn't know about this gathering, please make sure that you receive our weekly e-news. If you are not on our mailing list, please subscribe to them by going to the synod website, where you will find a link you can click to subscribe. Once you are a subscriber, you will receive weekly synod newsletters, synod prayer requests, and other important updates as we are journeying together in Christ.

Sometimes I am asked what a Bishop is and what power they have? In a nutshell, as outlined by the South Dakota Synod constitution, the bishop is "this synod's pastor" (S8.12.). And as the pastor of the synod I am asked to "preach, teach, and administer the sacraments". My "primary responsibility (is) for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in ... (the SD) synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership of this synod and its congregations." Along with this main responsibility I am entrusted with ordaining pastors and deacons, attest/witness the extension of letters of call to pastors and deacons, exercise leadership, oversee and administer the work of the synod. Those are brought descriptors of what my day to day life as a Bishop entails, and they play out differently with each new day. But first and foremost I am called to be the pastor to the synod. I am honored to have been entrusted with this sacred call. Please know that I am always available for conversation, a cup of coffee (tea for me), and a visit to your congregation. I am eager to learn your story, hear your concerns and care for your faith formation.

Journeying in Christ with you,
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

Accompanying Candidates, Pastors, and Congregations

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

My title is "Associate to the Bishop for Candidacy, Congregation, and Rostered Minister Accompaniment."

Candidacy: "The ELCA candidacy process is meant to be a welcoming and joyful time for people discerning how to serve through the church. It is a formalized – yet personally and relationally focused – journey that assists people in discernment for church leadership, whether they ultimately become rostered or serve in other lay roles within the church (ELCA Candidacy Manual, p. 8)."

The SD Synod Candidacy Committee has lay and clergy representatives serving on it from every conference in the synod, including myself. It is my joy to have discernment conversations with people from all walks of life, who feel a call to serve in ministry on a deeper level. If you or anyone you know would like to explore lay education or a call to ordained ministry, or know more about candidacy or seminary, write me an email or give me a call!

Congregations: "The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian service. Congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations (Model Constitution for Congregations, C3.03)."

I accompany congregations by walking them through the call process in a time of transition, stewarding the matching of ministry gifts with ministry needs, praying for them, showing up in times of celebration and conflict, and proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus, trusting in God's presence, guidance, and steadfast love for the Church and world. If you have a change or specific need in your congregation, get in contact with me and I will come and be with you.

Rostered Ministers: "People who have discerned a call to rostered ministry will demonstrate a commitment to Christ and build upon the characteristics of a missional leader as understood through a Lutheran confessional lens (ELCA Candidacy Manual, p. 22)."

There are 2 types of rostered ministers in the ELCA: Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons), and Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors). I accompany rostered ministers through offering a listening ear, pastoral care, support, and guidance when they are open to a new call, and at times, having difficult conversations steeped in care for the whole church. If you are a rostered minister who would like to visit with me, contact me or arrange a visit with me through Crystal in the Synod office.

It is my understanding that accompaniment demands practice, trust, and humility. It has been my joy to come alongside to listen, learn, and care for candidates for ministry, congregations, and clergy, all for the sake of the Gospel.



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

The next W/ELCA MEETING will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at CLF in the Fireside Room.

Please bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Our speaker will be Lori Burnham. Lori will give information regarding the volunteer program at the hospital.

W/ELCA did not meet in January due to a spike in Covid cases.

Our meeting in February was moved from the 21st to the 28th due to subzero temperatures and a winter weather advisory.

Having shared the above information, at the writing of this newsletter there is nothing to report as far as meetings are concerned. For the future, we are scheduled to provide the meal for the Meet and Eat on Tuesday, April 12th. The Meet and Eat will be held at the Community Church in Custer. We will serve from 5:00-7:00. All are welcome to attend!! Come to meet new neighbors and to share a meal. We will look forward to seeing you there.

We also look forward to getting back into action in March. Watch for the April newsletter to get caught up on more W/ELCA Happenings!

THANK YOU

*Thank
You*

Thank you CLF family for your meals, cards, calls and prayers during my surgery this past month. I am recovering nicely and can't wait to be back in circulation with church, yoga and Meals on Wheels. I know first hand how great it is to know friends are thinking of you while you recuperate.

Shana Hindman

SD SYNOD CONT'D

Dreaming Together about What God Is Up To

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

I'm Pastor Jonathan Steiner, and I wear several hats on synod staff. First, I serve as the Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship and Outreach. If you have questions about how to best utilize the blessings and resources with which God has blessed your congregation, or about how to reach out to your neighbors, I would love to have a conversation with you. What has worked in the past is not always the best path moving forward, but God will be with you on your journey.

Secondly, I serve as the Director of Evangelical Mission for our synod. That means I get to work with many of our specialized ministries, including our work in Pine Ridge, our ethnic specific ministries, our new start congregations, our campus ministries, and others. We have developed a network to support these ministries, called Neighbors in Solidarity.

Thirdly, I am the synod's FIRST West River Representative. I hold my office in downtown Rapid City, allowing for deeper connections across the synod by being deployed in a different location. This has been a blessing in the first few years, and we are excited to see how it continues to develop.

I sum all this up by saying it is my call to dream with you and your congregations about what God is up to. It is life giving for me to talk on the phone, to visit with councils, or to host workshops and dream together. If that is something you'd be interested in, please contact me or the synod office, and we'll get to work. Blessings to you, and I hope to dream with you soon!

UPDATING OUR NEWSLETTER

You are receiving a postcard asking for your input, so we may update our newsletter mailing list. This is an opportunity to let us know if you would rather receive the newsletter through email instead of a paper copy, for example. Be on the lookout for the postcard in the newsletter or mailed out and return it to us as soon as you can. Thank you!

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **January to March 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY MEETING

Secretary's Report:

Election of Secretary – Christie moved, Carol seconded to elect Donna McConnell as Secretary. Motion carried.

The correspondence was reviewed. Christie moved, Carol seconded and the minutes for the January meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The January offering was 91.3% of budget (-\$2,168) and expenses were 92.8% of budget (\$839 below budgeted expenses).

The ELCA Mission Investment Fund loan was approved 1/24/2022 and executed at the ELCA Credit Union for \$85,000 and the First Interstate Mortgage was paid in full on 2/3/2022. The Finance Committee will hold its first meeting in February to develop a 2-year timeline for remaining budget system improvements.

The 2022 Bank Authorization Document and the 2022 E-payment Authorization were reviewed. Christie moved, Carol seconded to approve both Authorizations. Motion carried.

Christie moved, Carol seconded to designate \$35,000 from the current checking balance to operating reserves to reach reserve total. Motion carried.

Carol moved, Christie seconded to designate \$34,713 from the Jane Olson/Youth House sale funds to Youth Coordinator Reserve fund. Motion carried. The unused budgeted 2022 salary for the Youth Coordinator position will be reserved until the position is filled.

Unfinished Business:

✦ **Review Worship & Activities** – Pastor Pam led a discussion on worship and activities. A suggestion was made for Communion to do intinction on the first Sunday and bread/cups on the third Sunday. Sharing the Peace was discussed and will start again in March.

New Business:

✦ **PA computer** – Marcus with Vector states the hard drive in the PA (sound room) computer is going out. His recommendation is to purchase a new computer with a solid state hard drive. Mark moved, Christie seconded to purchase a new computer. Motion carried.

✦ **Duties of Council / Council Rotation** – Scot Hoscheid and Pastor Pam reviewed the duties of the Council. The Council Rotation sheet was handed out.

✦ **Liaison from Council to each committee.**

Endowment – Donna McConnell

Health Ministry –

Property – Mark Thompson

Social Ministry – Scot Hoscheid

W/ELCA – Jackie Hartwick

Worship & Music – Christie Behlings

✦ **Action Plan from Leadership Retreat** – Pastor Pam reviewed the leadership retreat. Action items from the retreat were discussed.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

Pastor Pam's written report was reviewed.

Council went into executive session at 8:40 PM and came out of executive session at 9 PM.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

OUTLAW RANCH 2022

Lutherans Outdoors has opened registration for summer 2022. Program sizes will be smaller and Covid precautions will be in place, but at the core it will be the same summer camp experience that our campers know and love. Visit www.losd.org to register for your summer adventure!

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Transfiguration Week

Thursday, March 3; Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16

Friday, March 4; Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8

Saturday, March 5; Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, March 6; *Transfiguration of Our Lord*; Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2;
Luke 9:28-43a

Monday, March 7; Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a

Tuesday, March 8; Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1—2:1; Acts 10:23b-33

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Wednesday, March 9; *Ash Wednesday*; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, March 10; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34

Friday, March 11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42

Saturday, March 12; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36

Sunday, March 13; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Monday, March 14; Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6

Tuesday, March 15; Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21

Wednesday, March 16; Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34—22:6

Lent 2

Thursday, March 17; Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12

Friday, March 18; Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20

Saturday, March 19; Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39;

Sunday, March 20; Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Monday, March 21; Psalm 105:1-41 42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, March 22; Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wednesday, March 23; Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31

Lent 3

Thursday, March 24; Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, March 25; Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6

Saturday, March 26; Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45

Sunday, March 27; Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 28; Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, March 29; Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16

Wednesday, March 30; Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21

Lent 4

Thursday, March 31; Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5

Friday, April 1; Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Saturday, April 2; Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10;

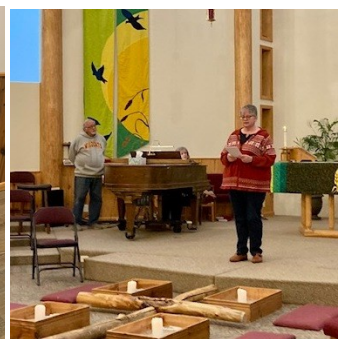
Sunday, April 3; Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Monday, April 4; Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8;

Tuesday, April 5; Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10

Wednesday, April 6; Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17

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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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