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Change to 9:30 AM Worship Time to begin June 2nd

Beginning on Sunday, June 2nd, we will switch to our summer worship schedule of one Sunday morning worship service. We will gather for worship each Sunday at 9:30 AM with coffee and fellowship hour to follow.

Gathering together for this one service is a good opportunity for members of our congregation to get to know each other better. Often people who exclusively worship at only the early or late service are surprised when they meet someone whom they assume is new to the community but in reality has been attending "the other" service for years. Feel free to take time after worship to visit with someone you haven't seen in awhile or to make a new friend.

Other events in May:

Confirmation Sunday...

On **Sunday, May 5th** at a 10:00 AM worship service (one service today) we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday. Jackson Drew, Preston Drew, Hadyn Golder, Peyton Helfer, Ramsey Karim, Allie Kelley, Quade Parker, Denali Rusch, Alice Sedlacek, Tristan Spring, Aiden Suelflow, and Sam Whitaker along with their parents, families, sponsors, mentors and the whole church will gather as they "affirm their baptisms" during the service and take a significant step on their journey of faith. There will be a reception before the service (9:00 AM) to celebrate with them, but please also include them in your prayers as these young people profess their faith before God and the whole church and assume even greater responsibility in the life and ministry of Jesus' work in and to the world.



Confirmation

Recognition & Blessing of Graduates...

Please join us in celebrating with graduates and their families! On **Sunday, May 12th**, we will recognize and offer a special blessing to graduates.

Then on graduation day, **Saturday, May 18th**, graduates and their families will gather for the annual Graduation Brunch at 9:00 AM at Custer Lutheran Fellowship. For over twenty-

five years, members of CLF have been hosting this brunch on the morning of the Custer High School graduation ceremony to recognize our graduating seniors and their families. As a congregation, we are tremendously grateful for the graduates, for their families, and for our life together in the congregation.

We encourage you to sign up to bring food or help with set-up and clean-up for the graduate brunch. You can sign up at the Welcome Center.



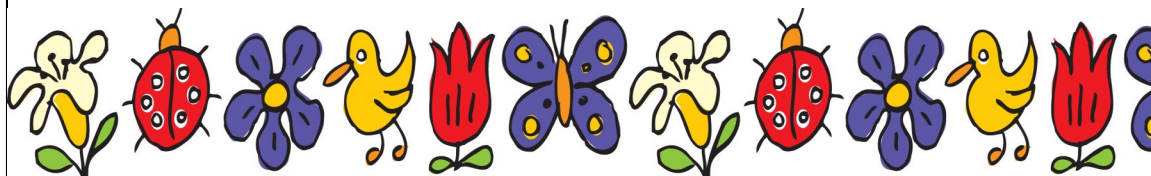
The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for observance of Memorial Day.

WOOD SPLITTING PARTY—MAY 5

The RAP Group is having a wood splitting party on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 PM. Helpers are welcome!

EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you! \$800 was raised for the RAP Group through your donations at the Easter Breakfast.



LENTEN OFFERINGS



EVANGELISM TEAM

Are you creative? Do you love coming up with new ideas to spread the Gospel? Then you need to be part of the Evangelism Team! We are looking for people who have a passion for sharing God's word and will help us create new ways to help the Custer community know who we are as CLF. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM in the large Sunday School room. Come join us as we dream about ways to help the Custer community know about us and about Christ. In May, we will meet on the 21st.

LENTEN SEASON OFFERINGS - YOUR MOUNTAIN OF GIVING!

The Social Ministry Team reports that our Lenten Season "Build the Mountain" Offering was quite successful. During five weeks of Lent, our Fellowship family brought to the altar various and sundry items needed by non-profits who are conducting God's Work in our community.

- A van load of toilet paper, paper towels, canned goods and personal hygiene items was collected and delivered to the **W.E.A.V.E.** facility. In addition, \$365 in cash offerings were collected.
- 305 lbs. of food was collected for **The Storehouse**. In addition, \$345 in cash offerings were collected.
- Approximately 4,125 diapers, 4 packages of baby wipes, and 10 baby quilts from the quilters were donated for the **Pine Ridge Diaper Drive**. In addition, \$320 in cash offerings were collected.
- Over 300 lbs. of dog food and 75 lbs. of cat food and approximately 50 lbs. of needed towels and blankets were collected for the **Battle Mountain Humane Society**. In addition, \$515 in cash offerings were collected.
- Over 100 small gift offerings (for Veteran family gift bags) were collected for **Operation Black Hills Cabin**. In addition, \$266 in cash offerings were collected.

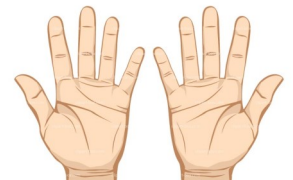


The CLF family is a giving family - and for this, we are truly blessed. Thank you!

IDEAS??...GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

The Social Ministry Team is looking ahead to September 8 when CLF will be hosting our annual "God's Work. Our Hands." event. If you have ideas or suggestions for new community projects we can participate in as a congregation or ways of improving old projects, please let Team members or the church office know. Many thanks!

– Brad McKinney, Social Ministry Chair



Church Council has begun reading the book *“Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations”* (by David Poling-Goldenne and L. Shannon Jung) as our devotions each month at the beginning of our meetings. It’s a book that I was given by the synod as part of the Hope in the Heartlands conference Laura Burden and I attended in February.



It’s been an interesting book to read so far. It talks about the focus that vital and thriving congregations have in their lives and ministry that sets them apart from congregations who are struggling. In April, we read the chapter about prayer and how vital congregations spend time and energy in prayer, both individually and as a congregation.

One of the sentences that struck me is this: These congregations “read Scripture with the expectation that God will speak to them. Their prayers and devotions are quite particular and pointed – they expect to hear God addressing them.” All of these vital congregations talk about Jesus and see God acting in and through their ministry. They know that God is actively guiding and leading them, and the church.

It made me question whether we all do that. Do we read scripture expecting God to speak to us through the Bible? When we pray, do we expect to have a real encounter with God, or are we simply talking “at” without really expecting God to respond? Do we know that God leads and guides us, and then follow where God leads?

I think many of us do. CLF has many people who are very aware of God’s presence and guidance in their lives. They do have a strong relationship with Jesus and knows God hears them when they pray.

But I think we can always strengthen our prayer lives, and strengthen our ability to see the Holy Spirit working in and through us and the congregation. I’m going to be working on putting together a class on prayer that will be offered this Summer. We will look at different forms of prayer, have different people share their experience with prayer, and include visiting our prayer labyrinth next to our outdoor worship space.

I am also thinking of ways to introduce a time in worship to share our experiences of the Holy Spirit and God in our lives so we get used to talking about it, and learn to see God working in and around us more often.

Keep an eye out for the prayer class in the next month or two, and I invite you to be open to new experiences in worship, too, as we continue to learn and grow in our prayer life together.

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

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

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

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WALKING WORSHIP



I am working on a new idea for a different kind of worship called "Walking Worship." It's a way to worship together in the midst of this beautiful area in which we live. It would involve choosing a place to walk, and then joining in singing songs, reading scripture, and sharing in communion as we walk. I need people to help me plan and organize this new worship, especially anyone who knows different places we could hike for different levels of fitness. We will begin our outdoor campfire worship on Wednesday, May 22nd, and I would like to have an initial gathering to share ideas after that service up at the outdoor worship space. If it rains that day, or is too cold, we will meet in the Fireside Room. If you would like more information, please contact me: pam_clf@gwtc.net or my cell phone at 701-955-5282.

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY GROUP...

The Christian Book Study group meets weekly on Thursday mornings. The group gathers in the Fireside Room from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Coffee and treats are provided by group members. We read aloud from the book we have selected; you do not have to read or prepare ahead of time! The reading is interrupted regularly with questions, laughter, challenging thoughts and reflections, faith and life stories. It is a fun, free-flowing discussion. We are reading Radical Integrity: the Story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, by Michael Van Dyke. Hope to see you there!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Pam is offering a New Member class on Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 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 let Pastor Pam know that you will attend so she can plan appropriately.

New
Members
Class

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST/BOOK STUDY...

meets the **second Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 10:00 AM** in the Fireside Room at CLF. Our next session will be on May 11th. Breakfast is served, then we will watch and discuss a NOOMA DVD. Come to one, or come to all...no book required! If you have any questions, contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.

LET'S GET NOISY!

The "**Noisy Offering**" continues on the second Sunday of each month. This month it will be May 12th. The noisy offerings from September thru May will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Our offerings from January through April totaled **\$393**. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!



Custer Meet & Eat ...May 14

This gathering is a time to meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday of every month at the Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on May 14th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

Thursday Men's Breakfast

7:00 AM — "Our Place"

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

A TRIP TO SIOUX FALLS — A VISIT TO ST. DYSMAS

Prepare for a visit to St. Dismas to worship with the men who are members of this Lutheran Church located behind the walls of the State Penitentiary. Our visit is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday in August. We will leave Thursday morning and return the next day. Look for more information in next month's newsletter. The men of St. Dismas will give you a warm welcome that you will not soon forget!

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, May 20, at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room

HOSTESSES: Mickey Schlecht and Donna McConnell

PROGRAM: Wendi Rusch will present a "Show and Tell" concerning the SPARK program. She will show us pictures that will tell what has happened on Wednesday afternoons during SPARK for the 2018-19 school year. Everyone is invited to come to see the amazing things that Wendi and Linda Fennel and their helpers have accomplished over the past nine months. Be prepared to be charmed by the scenes that photographer, Bonnie Thompson, has captured. SPARK's success is truly a team effort from the drivers to the teachers and helpers and, of course, the students.

Our program for the April meeting was a Bible Study taken from the book of Acts. The study was lead by Pastor Pam. Much of our discussion focused on early Christians and how they changed to better serve Jesus. It lead us to think how we can change to better serve Jesus and CLF.

The Auction of Talents occurred on Sunday, April 7. The auction was a huge success thanks to the support of our wonderful and talented congregation. Paul Heinert and Alan Webster were the auctioneers. As in the past, they did a fabulous job of keeping everyone on task as well as providing entertainment. It was a fun day! The auction added \$2,100 to the W/ELCA treasury. That will be used to help support the missions of W/ELCA. We want to give back to the congregation that supports us so freely, so our first contribution will be to give \$400 to the project to upgrade the lights in the church.

Thanks to all who supported the auction with donated items, bids, and just plain fun participation.

A reminder that **Quilting** takes place every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM. Our quilters provide a valuable outreach and are greatly appreciated. Anyone is welcome to attend quilting — there are jobs for every level of talent — even those who do not know how to quilt.

Bingo at Custer Senior Care—The first Friday of each month, four to five people 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.



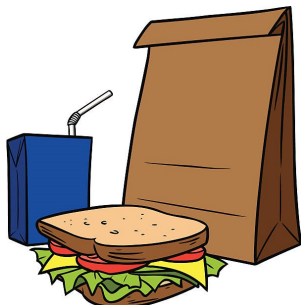
**May Mission Project:
W.E.A.V.E.—Women Escaping a Violent Environment**

- ◇ Paper products—tissue, toilet paper
- ◇ Shampoo, soaps, lotions
- ◇ Feminine products



SUMMER SACK LUNCH PROGRAM

W/ELCA will provide lunches for the Summer Sack Lunch program during the week of July 15-19. Please mark your calendar to come to the kitchen at CLF to help pack lunch items on Monday, July 15 and/or Wednesday, July 17.



Lunches will be packed at 9:00 AM on both days. More information will be given in the June newsletter. Thanks in advance for any help that you can give!

THANK YOU

Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship,
We appreciate all your wonderful support and donations. We were very blessed with all the items and quilts y'all donated for Lent. We very much appreciate all your support for our 30 years that I'm aware of. Thank you.
—Donna Talley, Director, & the W.E.A.V.E. Board.

Dear CLF Friends,
Thank you so much for the kind cards, messages and phone calls. The prayers of healing have been so appreciated. I truly did feel the power of prayer as I dealt with this infection. Thank you ever so much for your sincere kindness!
—Kim Webster



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

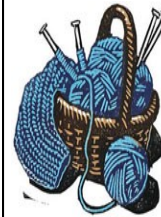


OFFICE HOURS.....

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

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.



MEMORIAL FUND...Please remember Custer Lutheran Fellowship when deciding where to

donate memorial funds. Memorial Fund Ideas: Bibles (NRSV & Spark Bibles), Outdoor Landscaping, Hand Bells, Discretionary Fund to help local people in need, Tinting/covering for sanctuary windows, and more.

Recent Memorials have been given for Elaine Alt, Dave Mertz’s father, Allen Canete’s mother, Glenn Sellevold’s sister, and Keith Burden’s mother.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Nursery and Sound System on Sunday mornings. Both positions involve one Sunday a month at either the early or late service. In addition to managing the sound board, the sound system includes running the PowerPoint and recording the sermon. Don’t worry . . . we will train you!! If you are interested in helping with these two areas or have questions, please contact the church office.

2019 BUDGET THRU MARCH 31, 2019

	Jan-March 2019	Budget
Income		
Offering Contributions	76,743	91,500
Special Offerings	3,519	1,150
Total Income	<u>80,262</u>	<u>92,650</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	22,975	23,615
Worship	3,399	3,603
Education	2,907	4,179
Mission Support	13,903	13,198
Support/Care	45,535	45,633
Total Expenses	<u>88,719</u>	<u>90,228</u>

Rent-A-RAP Work Force...

An eager work force consists of teens from our youth group. We are available to help with work such as babysitting, light yard or house work, moving furniture, errands, dog walking, or pet sitting. We are willing to help you for a donation in the amount of your choice to go towards our trips and activities. We appreciate your support and hope we can help you out!

If you would like to talk to us about doing one of these jobs or something similar, contact Tim or Tammy Wicks at 673-1223 or 673-5180.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE...

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

- SPARK Kids** from 4:00 to 5:15 PM
- Family Meal** from 5:15 to 6:00 PM
- Worship** from 6:00 to 6:30 PM
- Choir Practice** at 6:30 or 7:00 PM
- RAP Group** from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Wednesday meals for May are:

- May 1st** — Confirmation Banquet
- May 8th** — Supper provided by Women of the ELCA
- May 15th** — Make-your-own Sandwich Bar
- May 22nd** — No meal

Wednesday Worship for the month of May:

- May 1st** — Confirmation Faith Statements
- May 8th** — Holden Evening Prayer
- May 15th** — Holy Communion
- May 22th** — Outdoor Campfire Worship at 6:30 PM

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!

RAP GROUP NEWS...

RAP Group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We are making plans for a couple of fun activities between our wood splitting dates. We are not planning a big trip this year, but will do local service projects, trips, and perhaps an overnight activity.

We have begun our Rent-a-RAP program. If you are interested in having some chores done for a reasonable price, we will be glad to help. (See article on page 6.)

Our biggest fund raiser is providing wood for campfires. We have a lot of splitting to do and are asking for some help. If you are interested in lending us a wood splitter, with or without an operator, let us know. The more wood splitters we have, the better.

Please contact Tim or Tammy Wicks at 673-1223 or 673-5180.



SPARK KIDS...



Wow! Hard to believe how quickly our 5th year of SPARK has gone! Children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the school on Wednesdays and brought to the church during the school year. We have a wide variety of learning activities beginning with a snack that usually ties into the Bible story. It is always a time of learning and laughing, with some great questions and deep thinking!

There is NO cost for this program. We have had over 40 kids registered this year and will graduate 14 amazing 5th graders! Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. All are welcome! Children need to be registered by their parents in order to participate. Registration materials are available in the office.

The themes for the Bible stories for May:

- May 1- "The Sower"- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- May 8- "Jesus' Baptism"- Matthew 3:13-17
- May 15- "The Centurion's Servant"- Matthew 8:5-13
- May 22- Bible Story Review and End of year party!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped support our SPARK ministry! We have been blessed with many people who have driven kids to church, assisted in the classroom, and prayed for us! Please think about how you can help when we begin again in September. . . . Planting seeds to grow in God's love!

PARISH NURSE NEWS

STRESS

Stress is a normal physical reaction to danger and the demands of life. In a small amount, it is healthy, motivating you to perform well. Stress becomes unhealthy when it pushes you beyond your ability to cope. Unchecked, it can damage your health, relationships or quality of life. Here are some tips for managing your stress:

1. **Create awareness.** Listen to your body. Do you clench your teeth? Is your heart beating faster? Are your muscles tense? Are thoughts racing through your head? Write down your thoughts and symptoms, by checking your body for the above symptoms. Reflect on the stressor (cause) for stress. Is it a real threat or an irrational thought?
2. **Focus your attention on the present moment.** This will take practice. Try focusing on the details of your everyday surroundings and experience. Try taking a walk and noticing your surroundings in detail. Once home, reflect on your walk and how it made you feel.
3. **Look for opportunities to practice focusing on the details in your life.** How was your dinner, how did it taste? How you are breathing? Focus on breathing in slowly and deeply through your nose, and exhale just as slowly through your lips. Try to do this until you feel calm and relaxed.
4. **Don't pass judgement on yourself** for at least three minutes. We often have a reflex response when judging.
5. **Create a space for gratitude.**

Mary Klein, RN
Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

The connection between "**Bipolar Disease**" and **alcohol and/or drug addiction** becomes a two-fold problem. Inherited traits can be associated with both. Bipolar disease typically makes a person have periods of extreme lows, "**Depression**", along with periods of "**Mania**", where the person has lowered inhibitions and less control over their behaviors. During periods of depression & anxiety, people may turn to drugs or alcohol to feel "better", but in the long run, it will make their symptoms worse. During episodes of "mania", there is less control over inhibition which easily leads to increased alcohol and drug abuse. Treatment will be focused on the "**Dual Diagnosis**", Bipolar accompanied by alcohol or drug dependence. This will often require specialized professionals. Seeking treatment as soon as possible will make it easier to treat.

Mary Klein, RN
Parish Nurse



BISHOP ZELLMER THANK YOU

As Bishop Zellmer's term nears its end, Bishop Zellmer and his associates and staff want to have an opportunity to say "thanks" for 12 wonderful years of our shared ministry together. **Please join us to let us say thank you: May 14 at Woyatan Lutheran, Rapid City - 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.**

All Rostered Ministers, congregational lay leaders, and congregational members are invited. The evening will include refreshments, Bible study, fellowship time, and a chance to meet with our ministry partners at Lutherans Outdoors and Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota.

Join us! We look forward to seeing you soon!

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE FROM SANDRA CUTSHALL

I am moving this week to Rapid City to a care center. I want to say Goodbye to my friends at Custer Lutheran Fellowship and let you know that I have really enjoyed this church. Thank you for your prayers for my health. A special thank you to Mark Hogg and Terry Reetz for bringing Meals on Wheels and for their caring, love, and support.

New address: Sandra Cutshall, c/o Edgewood Senior Living, 4001 Derby Lane, Apt. 303, Rapid City, SD 57701.

HOLY WEEK AT CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP



GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK



EASTER WORSHIP

With beautiful, fragrant lilies.



MAUNDY THURSDAY
Foot washing

COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2019

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. The council supported the recommendation of the finance committee to suspend all discretionary spending until income increases. There are some sources of non-restricted cash equivalents available.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in April—\$206; received \$1,857 year to date
- ✦ **Water Damage Update**—Due to unforeseen circumstances, Gene was not available to report. Dave Pickford will contact Paul Larson of the property committee to determine how and when the sheet rock will be removed in the fellowship hall to prevent further damage.
- ✦ **Safety and Security**—Pastor Pam will contact Matt Tramp, security officer, to set up an in-service for ushers, council members, staff, etc., to learn how to plan for the safety of the church attendees.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Transfer Out: Amy and Daniel Scherer; Charlie and Mary Myers.
- ✦ **Fax Machine Status**— Since it has been determined that a fax machine is not needed, Brad moved, it was seconded, and the council approved the discontinuation of the 3rd phone line and the fax machine. (M/S/A)
- ✦ **Campfire Worship**—The Wednesday night outdoor worship services will start May 22 and run through August 28, 2019, at 6:30 PM. To ensure the fire is going well, council members and others that volunteer will start the fire at 6:00 PM.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam reported a successful Easter week and that she is working to transform the Transformational Ministry Team. She is open to accepting some new group members. She also reported that she has been working with the SD Community Organizing group, consulting with the bishop's office, and building a network of people throughout the state.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Evangelism**—Rosemary reported the team had met and prioritized three top ideas.
- ✦ **Health Ministry**—It was noted that the Wellness Table has lots of exercise and wellness options.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**—Brad reported the team is looking for projects for the Fall 'God's Work. Our Hands' Sunday.
- ✦ **Worship and Music**—Pastor Pam is working on walking worship. See page 4.

The next council meeting will be May 21, 2019, at 7:00 PM.



MUSIC THANKS. . . .

The Easter services went very well, with thanks to Pastor Pam, all the special music people, as well as the accompanists who helped with all the music. We were able to have special music for all the four Holy Week and Easter services.

Thanks to Mary and Sara who helped keep straight all that I sent them for the bulletins. I also thank Donna McConnell for her help in making new song slides.

We will meet with Pastor Pam as we decide the summer services for Sundays and the summer campfire services. Then the schedule will be organized, as well as special music and accompanists. We are in need of some instrumental people to help with leading the music at the campfire services on Wednesdays. It is a very comfortable service and it can be guitars, as well as any other instruments. Please contact me at 673-2468 or 673-1470.

We look forward to Outlaw Ranch staff helping us with the music this summer and also to some returning college students to help with special music.

To everyone for all your support — Thanks very much. God bless you and keep you safe these summer months, whether you are here or on a trip.

We welcome our snowbirds back and are anxious to hear of your winter months.

Thanks everyone. Margaret and Bill Tretheway

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY**2 Easter**

Thursday, April 25: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16
 Friday, April 26: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26
 Saturday, April 27: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40
 Sunday, April 28: Psalm 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
 Monday, April 29: Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20
 Tuesday, April 30: Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11
 Wednesday, May 1: Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12

3 Easter

Thursday, May 2: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22
 Friday, May 3: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11
 Saturday, May 4: Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14
 Sunday, May 5: Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
 Monday, May 6: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31
 Tuesday, May 7: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26—2:1; Acts 26:1-18
 Wednesday, May 8: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

4 Easter

Thursday, May 9: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10
 Friday, May 10: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1—7:4
 Saturday, May 11: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32
 Sunday, May 12: Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
 Monday, May 13: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4
 Tuesday, May 14: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
 Wednesday, May 15: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42

5 Easter

Thursday, May 16: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8—3:11; Revelation 10:1-11
 Friday, May 17: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15
 Saturday, May 18: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19
 Sunday, May 19: Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
 Monday, May 20: Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26
 Tuesday, May 21: Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30
 Wednesday, May 22: Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28

6 Easter

Thursday, May 23: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41
 Friday, May 24: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8
 Saturday, May 25: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
 Sunday, May 26: Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10,22—22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
 Monday, May 27: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14
 Tuesday, May 28: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22
 Wednesday, May 29: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38

7 Easter

Thursday, May 30: Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
 Friday, May 31: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9
 Saturday, June 1: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18

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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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