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ESTHER BIBLE STUDY – “FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”



Join Pastor Pam for a three-week Bible Study on the Book of Esther. Esther was chosen by God “for such a time as this” in the history of the Jewish people. Discover the story of how God used Esther to influence the King to save her people. All this without God’s name ever being mentioned in the book!

Pastor Pam will be holding this study using Zoom so that we can see one another and have a “real time” discussion. (This works using a computer, a tablet, or a smart phone.) You can also call in to join the study if you don’t have a computer or internet service. Email Pastor Pam or the church office to let us know you would like to participate. You will then receive an email link to the class.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting May 13th. Join us for this fun study as we discover how God uses all of us “for such a time as this!”

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



REFORMATION
SUNDAY

The celebration of Confirmation for our 8th graders has been moved to Reformation Sunday, which is October 25th. We are sorry that we cannot hold Confirmation as originally planned in May. But to follow the CDC guidelines and keep everyone safe, we felt it was important to move the date. Reformation is a wonderful time to celebrate Confirmation, so we are looking forward to this celebration in the Fall!

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

We typically celebrate our high school graduates with a brunch on the day of graduation. Because of the cancellation of the graduation



ceremony, we will be unable to offer a brunch that day. You are all in our prayers as you navigate this very different end to your time in high school.

We do want to celebrate with you, however.

Please let the church office know if you or your child is graduating from high school, college, military, or other trade school so we can offer our blessings to all.

LENTEN SEASON OFFERING—HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN

Various items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God's work in our community, were collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for the beginning weeks of Lent. These items are being stored at the church because many non-profits are not able to receive these items at this time.

We also received monetary gifts for the organizations. Received to date:

The Storehouse \$191

W.E.A.V.E. \$165

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive \$180

Battle Mountain Human Society \$20

Operation Black Hills Cabin \$20

- Giving to these organizations is not necessarily finished. There will still be opportunity to donate to the above organizations once we are all back together again.



DELIVERY TO BATTLE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY

Mike, Marlene, and Glenn Sellevold delivered a car-load of donations to the Battle Mountain Humane Society. BMHS sent a card: "Thank you for choosing to support BMHS. Your donation of food, toys, blankets, and treats is greatly appreciated."

So Here We Are Again!



So here we are again! The church is quiet, the sanctuary is dark and empty, there is no children's laughter coming from Down Under, no quilts are being sewn. And we are all waiting for this to pass so we can go back to "normal."

But I think we are in for a long haul with this coronavirus pandemic. I know we all want to jump back into our lives and be able to gather together, go out to eat, go shopping, and go visit people. But the reason we have been physically distancing is to slow or stop the spread of this virus in order to protect everyone in the entire community. Especially those of us who are more vulnerable – those over 65, those with underlying health conditions such as heart disease, compromised immune systems, those with diabetes, and more.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

I have been reading in the news about protests in different parts of the country trying to end these restrictions and go back to "normal" life. Perhaps they don't think it's that serious. Perhaps they (foolishly) believe it will not affect them. Perhaps they simply don't understand the impact the virus can have on a community when just one person becomes infected, and how quickly it spreads.

Our church council and I feel so strongly that, even though we would love to begin meeting again, it is so important to continue suspending all activities until the CDC says that it is safe to gather again. We believe strongly in following the guidelines of doctors and scientists as we make these decisions. We care deeply about Jesus' commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, that is why we strongly urge everyone to follow the CDC guidelines to remain home as much as possible, and wear a mask when out. We are now asking that anyone who comes into the church office wear a mask

to protect Mary, Sara, and me.

Certainly life is more difficult now for all of us, for some more than others. I want to encourage you to contact me if you are struggling in any way – financially, emotionally, spiritually. I want to be here to support you in any way I can. Reach out through email, phone, even text. I know this has been so hard for many of us, and will continue to be. Know that I am here for you to support you however I can.

It is definitely hard to continue to stay separated, and not gather for our different ministries, fellowship, and specially for worship. The good news is that Christ is still Risen! Ministry is still happening! Worship is still happening! We are still connecting with each other! All these things are happening differently, but they are still happening. Christ is still present with us, giving us strength and hope in the midst of this challenging time.

This is a time to celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ! Celebrate and honor your faith by caring for your neighbor in all the ways that you are already doing – making phone calls, sending cards, participating in online worship, and most importantly following CDC guidelines on physical distancing. We do all these, again, to protect and care for "the least of these" as Jesus calls us to do.

Know that Jesus walks with us always, especially now when so many are at risk. As I said recently, each one of you is a blessing to God and to our community. Continue to bless one another as we walk this unusual and unexpected journey 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
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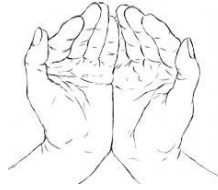
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CARING HANDS MINISTRY

The Caring Hands Ministry is alive and well at Custer Lutheran Fellowship! We may find it a little more challenging these days, but there are still many ways that we can reach out to those in need.

Please consider serving in the following ways:

- Hands that pray for others.
- Hands that write a note card to the lonely or sick.
- Hands that make a phone call of encouragement.
- Hands that can drive someone to their appointments or pick up and deliver groceries.
- Hands that are willing to make a meal for someone who is alone or sick.



We have a list of many willing to lend a *Caring Hand*, but we need your help in hearing about those in need. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from any of these services, please contact us. You can be the eyes and ears for our committee.

When offering services, we will take every precaution to make sure everyone stays safe and protected from the virus.

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Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

The annual Lutheran Social Services event (Hope Grows in the Black Hills) has been cancelled. LSS wants the Black Hills congregations to know that they are still offering services in the Black Hills area: Behavioral Health Services; and Residential Services at Canyon Hills and New Alternatives. LSS needs our help more than ever. You can make a difference and continue to provide hope to 'our little area of the world' by continuing to support LSS. Ask at the church office if you want to know how to make a gift to LSS.

You can also go to LssSD.org to give online. Please check the box to use your gift for services in the Western Region.

Thanks!

Jessica Lillebo,
Development Director

OFFERING DURING THIS TIME

This is such a different, and often stressful, time for all of us right now. Many of us feel “stuck” inside when we don’t want to be. Some of us have lost our paycheck because of businesses being closed. Some of us are required to work even if we’re not excited about being potentially exposed to germs. Everyone and everything seems to be affected by this coronavirus pandemic.



And that includes the church, of course. We have suspended all in-person activities from worship to quilting to council meetings. We have made these changes, of course, to protect everyone in our community. And I am thankful that we are doing this.

Unfortunately, this also means that our offerings have gone down since we are not physically passing the collection plate each week. I know many of you are faithfully continuing to make your offerings either through our online option, or are sending in a check, and we are so thankful to you. Ministry at and through the church is continuing, so your offering is still very important. Even though we are not meeting in person, expenses continue, and all the ministries who receive our gifts depend on our offerings, too. Ministries such as Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, St. Dysmas, and more.

I also completely understand that some of us are having a difficult time financially and may not be able to give an offering right now. Please know that I do not want anyone to skip paying your bills in order to give an offering.

I would like to encourage you to sign up for electronic giving if you are able. It makes giving your offering easy, and more importantly for church finances, consistent. That way, even though we are not meeting in person, or if you are out of town, the church will still receive your offering, which is a tremendous help for our budget. You can sign up on our website (www.custerlutheran.com) and choose “Online Giving” at the top of the screen. You will be taken to a new screen where you can give

a one-time offering, or sign up for recurring weekly or monthly offering through your checking or savings account. At this time, we are unable to receive credit card offerings



through our website. All of your information is safe and secure.

Giving is not only about money and the needs of the church. It is also a spiritual discipline and gift we do out of faith and love for Christ. We give, not out of guilt or shame, but out of love for God and each other. Please pray about your gifts and how you use them in faith, whether that is through financial giving or making face masks or phone calls, checking on your neighbors, or in some other way. Your gifts are so important to the entire community!

Blessings as we continue this journey together!
Pastor Pam





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

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



OFFICE HOURS.....

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

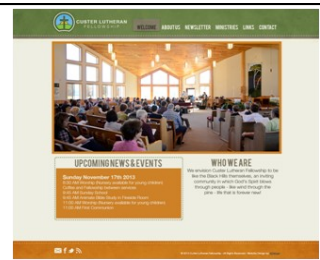


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office.

Everyone is welcome to do so at 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.



BULLETIN EACH WEEK

We have started to make available a bulletin each week, so you can follow along when you are at home participating in the service each Sunday.

The bulletin will be put on Facebook and emailed to the list of those who receive the newsletter by email. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email each week, please let the church office know.



2020 BUDGET THRU MARCH 31

	<u>March-2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offering Contributions	97,217	86,976
Non-restricted Special Donation	4,810	866
Interest	146	0
Total Income	<u>102,173</u>	<u>87,842</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	19,145	24,987
Worship	2,964	3,573
Education	2,104	3,068
Mission Support	9,622	10,233
Support/Care	<u>38,835</u>	<u>41,839</u>
Total Expenses	<u>72,670</u>	<u>83,700</u>

PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATE — JOY SMOLNISKY, TREASURER

Nonprofit churches are considered small businesses and eligible to participate in the Payroll Protection Program. The ELCA provided guidance to churches encouraging them to participate in the program. Custer Lutheran Fellowship applied for and received a 1% loan for \$26,677 to help cover payroll and benefits during for an eight-week period beginning 4-21-2020. Portions of this loan may be forgivable (become a grant) if used for allowable expenses. The Small Business Administration is still propagating rules regarding the application for loan forgiveness so this is a work in progress. I will provide another update in the June newsletter.

SPARK KIDS

We will miss seeing all of the SPARK Kids in May to wrap up our school year! What fun we have had this year learning Bible stories and applying the lessons to our lives. The kids have learned a song with hand motions for the Fruits of the Spirit, made care packages for foster kids, and celebrated Jesus' birthday with a cake! They have crafted, constructed with legos, put on plays and enjoyed games, with a snack to highlight each theme.



A special THANK YOU to Linda Fennell, Bonnie Thompson, Denali Rusch, and Jackie Hartwick for their faithful work with SPARK. We also appreciate Scot and Mary Hoscheid, Mary Stutz, Augie Heyne, Gary Williams, and Bonnie Thompson, as drivers who bring the kids to the church from school. If you are interested in helping with SPARK this Fall, please contact the church.

In order to stay in touch during social distancing, we have sent weekly emails, postcards, learning packets and Easter cards. We hear it has been a highlight of their week!

We look forward to resuming SPARK during the 2020-21 school year! There is NO cost for this program. Registration materials are available through the church office. Be sure to invite your Pre-K thru 5th grade friends and neighbors.

All are welcome to live, laugh and love with us!—Wendi Rusch



PARISH NURSE NEWS

During this difficult time of separation from many of our loved ones, with fear of getting ill, fear for your family that they stay safe and for the many people who fight for us all, including medical staff & essential workers, who see that we get fed and meet our material & safety needs. We thank you all.

A friend sent me these beautiful and appropriate thoughts during this time; They say more than I could ever say.

“Promise the World your Love”, written by Lynn Unger

This is a statement on the “smokestack” signs of the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

***What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath- the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.***

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now,

on trying to make the world different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still,

Reach out with your heart.

Know that ***we are connected*** in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives are in one another’s hands.

(Surely that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out ***your heart.***

Reach out ***your words.***

Reach out all the tendrils of ***compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.***

Promise this world your love

for better or for worse,

in sickness and health,

so long as we all shall live.

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

As I was reading this week about the role of music in worship, I realized that music in church is biblical. After escaping the Egyptians, and crossing the red sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15). Singing was part of Israel’s formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32). The psalms also bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raised their voices, and played instruments, in song to God. Even singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples. Music in the church is a gift from God and part of the created order. We are filled with joy and music in our church, for this makes a joyful noise to our Lord.

We have made a change this year, as you know, to one 9:30 service, which has been well-received. We did not get to do very many of the joint services because of the virus which has plagued our nation. However, there is always a way to worship; we are just doing it differently now than we are used to. Thanks to computers, we are able to bring that service to you. We have been able to have music, a sermon, and parts of our services that are familiar to you. The Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services were musically easy for us to put together and we are thankful for accompanists and to all who said “yes” to helping with special music. Hymns were placed wherever Pastor Pam scheduled a song.

As we go into May and the summer months, we will do whatever we need to do to keep the music part of worship alive. Thank you to everyone that helps with our music. We feel very blessed with many who said they would be glad to help out. We have chosen only a few people at a time the past months, but we have contacted many people of all ages to help us, when the time comes to have indoor services. Again, we thank Pastor Pam for her willingness to do whatever service is needed. We will put together summer services as needed. Patience and love will prevail. We have missed choir, and the young people, but it has to be this way for now.

We thank and pray for all who are part of CLF’s care-giving ministry; giving so much love and time to help. We pray for our congregation as we forge ahead, helping to do what is needed to get through this crisis.

If you have suggestions to help us with music – all ages, and all types of music – please contact us.

God bless each of you. Thank you.—Margaret and Bill Tretheway.

MORE SPARK KIDS



RAP GROUP

Obviously, we have been unable to meet as a group since before March 13. The last meeting we had was very special. It was a very warm evening and Quade Parker suggested moving our meeting to the outdoor worship area around a campfire. While dodging smoke, we talked about the good things that we did for others and what others did for us. We also talked about plans for our summer trip and staffing the Easter Breakfast.

I decided after this meeting that we would try to have many more meetings by the fire when weather permits. I am very excited for when we can do this again. (I need to figure out how to get the white board up there!) I want to have a meeting sometime soon, either in the parking lot (I think I heard the term "car circle") or using some sort of video meeting platform. It makes me sad that we have been unable to meet. I have been neglecting the RAP Group and I apologize for that.

I want to thank everyone who has helped with the pile of wood we are cutting and splitting for this summer. The RAP Group did have a couple of wood splitting parties in February and have the beginning of a pretty good wood supply. We had another load of logs donated from Neiman Timber Company. There have been quite a few people cutting on these logs which turns out to be a pretty good social distancing activity. I am very thankful for your help.

The wood splitting is not a very good social distancing activity, however, and I am struggling to figure out how to make this work while maintaining safety. Additionally, I am not sure what the *camping business* will look like this year. There may be a very low demand for firewood. The safety of everyone is my highest priority. If it can't be done safely, we will not do it, regardless of demand.

I hope everyone is staying safe and is doing all they can to protect themselves and others. It is quite bizarre these days how we show our love by staying away. Life will change, some changes for the better, some changes not as much. My silver lining is that I realize how important things that I can no longer do are to me. It will be that much more special when we can meet again.

Blessings—Tim Wicks

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
 Thank you ever so much for the prayers offered for me after I broke my wrist in late January. I had surgery and a plate/screws put in my wrist.
 Thank you for the good wishes, the cards and phone calls.
 I so appreciate the caring community of CLF.
 Love, Kim Webster

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONAL

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The church still has a few copies of the April to June issue. The July to September issue will probably be here by mid-May. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.
 If you would like either 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 – APRIL 7, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

(Via Zoom)

Treasurer, Joy Smolnisky, notified the council that CLF, as a non-profit small business, may be eligible for a forgivable loan under the Federal Payroll Protection Program. The funds are intended to help small businesses (including non-profit churches), retain employees while they are shut down during the Covid 19 Pandemic. CLF can apply for 2.5 x its 2019 average monthly payroll (salary & benefits) to be used over an 8-week period. The funds can also be used to cover interest on existing mortgages, and utilities. Applications are submitted through your bank and the funds are expected to run out in the next couple days. Joy contacted our banks to request an opportunity to apply and only Black Hills Federal Credit Union replied, stating we could submit our application through them. There is not a guarantee that funds will remain available once the application is processed, but CLF would be in the que should additional federal funding become available.

Therefore, Joy asked the council if they want her to complete an application to Black Hills Federal Credit Union for \$28,970. Scot moved and Christie seconded motion to have treasurer submit the application. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Treasurer's Report—Joy reviewed the offering/attendance trends. By pro-rating the one-time gifts to an annual basis, she determined that CLF year-to-date contributions have been \$80,192, which is 7% under budget year-to-date. This is an improvement over last year's 16% under budget. However, in the four weeks since the Covid 19 pandemic shutdown began, receipts are down. Scot moved, Dave seconded, and the council approved the treasurer's report.

- ✦ The Payroll Protection Program Loan application has been submitted for \$26,667. The Corporate Resolution of Authority form for the Black Hills Federal Credit Union was updated as required to include authorization for borrowing. A 4/20/2020 Executive Committee decision updated this authorization.
- ✦ Insurance bids were discussed. Church Mutual provided a comprehensive package that increased liability coverage in a number of areas that are currently under-covered. The premium was higher and deductibles were higher. Council recommended contacting the current insurance provider to see if they are able to counteroffer a reasonable bid. Because the contract needs to be completed by May 1, a spread sheet of what the two companies have to offer will be provided to council members and an email vote will be taken. (Thank you, Joy)
- ✦ The South Dakota Synod has recommended sending the registration fees for the cancelled Synod Assembly to the Synod for use in a Fall synod-wide celebration. Council members tabled this consideration until August.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** —\$1,294 received in April; YTD—\$1,838 received.
- ✦ **Coronavirus Plan Update**—Given the current CDC and state guidelines, the current status of not having any group meetings will continue. Services will continue on-line. Council recommended that Augie do some deep cleaning projects that could be carried out. In the event that a Custer County case is identified, the Council recommended that Pastor Pam immediately authorize changes in worship and have office manager, Mary, lock the church when in the office and work from home when possible.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—none.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam has been spending much of her time calling people. She is planning an online Bible study which would be on Wednesday evenings. She continues to meet with the South Dakota Bishop and the Bear Butte Conference Leaders.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports: Most committees have not been meeting given the virus guidelines.

- ✦ **Property**—Dave and Sam will be contacting Paul Horsted regarding property improvements that could be made during this "down time."
- ✦ **Worship & Music**—Margaret reports that she is working to keep music and worship flowing for the online services.

The next council meeting is May 19, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

4 Easter

Thursday, April 30: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12
 Friday, May 1: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17
 Saturday, May 2: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7
 Sunday, May 3: Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
 Monday, May 4: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
 Tuesday, May 5: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
 Wednesday, May 6: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

5 Easter

Thursday, May 7: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-25
 Friday, May 8: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16
 Saturday, May 9: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59
 Sunday, May 10: Psalm 321:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
 Monday, May 11: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40
 Tuesday, May 12: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56
 Wednesday, May 13: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

6 Easter

Thursday, May 14: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12
 Friday, May 15: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38
 Saturday, May 16: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29
 Sunday, May 17: Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
 Monday, May 18: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44
 Tuesday, May 19: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12
 Wednesday, May 20: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

7 Easter

Thursday, May 21: Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
 Friday, May 22: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7
 Saturday, May 23: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30
 Sunday, May 24: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
 Monday, May 25: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6
 Tuesday, May 26: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11
 Wednesday, May 27: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Day of Pentecost

Thursday, May 28: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11
 Friday, May 29: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17
 Saturday, May 30: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12
 Sunday, May 31: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or
 Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
 Monday, June 1: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24
 Tuesday, June 2: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27
 Wednesday, June 3: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39





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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*



Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Pastor: Pamela Power
Office Manager: Mary Stutz
Office Assistant: Sara Janson
Parish Nurse: Mary Klein
Custodian: Augie Heyne
Music: Margaret Tretheway
Choir Director: Marlene Sellevoid
Financial Secretary: Ann Snow
Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky
SPARK Kids: Wendi Rusch

Ministers: All Members of CLF!