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INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SHANNON WITT

Pastor Shannon Witt was installed as Custer Lutheran Fellowship's New Pastor on Sunday, April 2nd during the Palm Sunday Worship Service.



Welcome Home Pastor Shannon & Darryn!
We are so blessed to have you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE



4:00 PM Spark Kids
5:15 PM Meal

No Confirmation in May

6:30 PM RAP Youth Group

There will be meals on May 3, 10, 17.

No worship in May.

We will begin Campfire Worship on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 PM.

MAY

RECOGNITION, BRUNCH AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Join us as we recognize, celebrate and bless our high school graduates in worship on Sunday, **May 14th** at the **9:30 am worship service**.



Then on graduation day, **Saturday, May 20th**, 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.



RAP YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday night 6:30-7:30 we have Youth Group for 9th-12th graders. We have had a great year! It has been fun to do a scavenger hunt for the Storehouse, Lock-in, Progressive Dinner, ride in the Christmas parade, go Christmas caroling, volunteer at Feeding SD and so much more! Special THANKS to Michelle Lehman, Fiona Willis, and Kari Alfson for their support and Monni Karim for helping with our wood fundraiser. Our last RAP Youth Group will be May 17th as we celebrate our year with a campfire at the Rusches' home. We will miss our Seniors and celebrate them as they take the next steps into their future. Graduation Sunday is May 14th during worship with a cake at coffee hour. Graduation Breakfast is 9am on May 20th! Seniors & their families interested in participating can sign up. There are still spots to fill to bring egg bakes, fruit trays, muffins or juice. Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 for more info!

SPARK KIDS



During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. Our last SPARK for this school year will be May 17th. Special THANKS to Bonnie Thompson, Sara Mooney, Denali Rusch who faithfully assisted and Augie Heyne, Mary & Jack Winter, Gary Roberts, Don & Karen Kraus, Donna McConnell and Joy Smolnisky who helped transport the kids to church. I couldn't manage 31 kids without you! We have had so much fun using games, crafts, and snacks that go with the Bible story. Invite your friends and neighbors to get registered for next school year after our summer break. There is NO cost for this program! Contact Wendi Rusch 509-494-3236 for more info!

CLF YOUTH RECEIVE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION AT CLF



Eleven youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th during the 6:30PM Worship Service. They recently held their First Communion Class with Pastor Shannon Witt during SPARK Kids.

Students receiving their First Communion are: Amelia Wiederholt; Audrey Wiederholt; Paisley Niemann; Rylee Niemann; Oaklee Whitney; Kaylie Whitney; Sylvan Svoboda; Canyon Svoboda; Brielle Webster; Livia Scott; Penelope Scott.



LADIES BOOK STUDY

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

CLF CONFIRMATION

- We will not meet in May for classes, but will be scheduling Wood Cutting/Splitting Dates. Please come to the meeting after worship on May 7th
- Wednesday, June 7th — 5:30-6:15 PM Meal and conversation, 6:30 PM Campfire Worship
- Wednesday, June 14th — 6:00 PM meet to practice prayers, 6:30 PM help lead Campfire Worship
- June 18 — 23: Confirmation Camp at Outlaw Ranch (need to know this week if you can come!)

According to Confessions of the ELCA, and found in the description of our Lutheran hymnals for years, during our worship services we at CLF take part in a Holy Meal. In the front of our hymnal, under the descriptions for the "Pattern for Worship" on page 93 it reads, "God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ." Then it shows us which parts of the worship service are included in the celebration of the meal: Offering, Setting the Table, Offering Prayer, Great Thanksgiving, Holy, Holy, Holy, Words of Institution, the Lord's Prayer, Communion, and Prayer after Communion. Not all of these elements are "required" for us to celebrate Holy Communion. The essential elements are the Word's of Institution and the Distribution.



I'm guessing that if I were to ask 50 people at CLF what their thoughts and beliefs about Holy Communion are, I would get 50 very different answers. Some of you are glad we celebrate the meal every week, some think we shouldn't celebrate it so often. Some of you prefer big hunks of homemade bread, some wish we only served juice. I've heard some of you were excited when you saw the communion rail go back up and are looking forward to receiving Communion at the rail, and some of you are worried it will make the service too long.

It was so special to see so many young children come forward with their parents and family members on Maundy Thursday to receive Communion for the first time! I'd like to share a quick story with you about my willingness to serve children the bread and cup during Holy Communion. I was a firm believer that my kids had to be old enough to "understand" what was happening before I would allow them to take Communion. The pastor of the church I was attending when my children were ages 2, 5, and 11 asked me why my children weren't allowed to receive Communion and I told him that they weren't ready and hadn't been properly prepared. He gently asked me, "How does one know when they are properly prepared?" Then he asked me if I would be willing to teach a class to our elementary and preschool students to help "prepare" them to take Communion, and that my children were welcome to begin receiving it whenever I gave them permission.

Teaching this class was incredibly humbling and healing. After the 4 weeks of classes that I taught, with his guidance, I finally realized what a gift of Grace this Holy Meal is. I can no longer even imagine withholding it from anyone. The first time my 2 year old was able to eat the bread and drink from the little cup, he received it with as much reverence as anyone, and the same was true of my 5 year old and my 11 year old. I continue to believe that we should receive age appropriate instruction about the Sacraments and the traditions of the Church. However, I still feel emotional every time I either hear or say the words, "Christ's body, given, broken, shed...for you."

I'm grateful that as a congregation we offer access to this Means of Grace weekly for the sake of those who are not, for whatever reason, able to join us weekly. They know that no matter how long it has been since they have been to Christ's Table, they are always welcome. There are very few places in our lives and world where we have access to such abundance and love. At CLF, regardless of age or ability to understand, we can know that we are welcomed to this Table. Martin Luther wrote in he response to the third article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him. But instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith."

So, we may not get it perfect, we might not do it the same way each week, or the way you or I think we "should." But God, through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, still invites us to taste and see the Goodness of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Shannon



MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

The men's monthly breakfast study will meet again on **Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 am** in the Fireside Room. We have enjoyed breakfasts, fellowship and studying the parables of Jesus and the kingdom in 2023.

So far, we've studied the Parable of the Sower in January; the Parable of the Good Samaritan in February, and the Parable of the Grain of Wheat this past month on Easter weekend.

Next up, we'll study, ponder, and discuss the Parable of the Prodigal Son, probably one of the best known and most loved of Jesus' parables. Jesus tells the story of a man who has two sons, and the younger asks the father to give him his share of his inheritance early. And he then goes and wastes his father's inheritance in a far away country in "riotous living". When the inheritance is all gone, he finally comes to himself and realizes that he needs to get back home. But, he's ready to go back as a servant and not as a son, and that's when we find out just how loving and forgiving his father really is. Come and see!

So until then, may the Lord continue to bless you and keep you and give you peace.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Build-a-Mountain Summary

Your Social Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their generous offerings during the CLF Build-A-Mountain, Lenten event. Carloads of items have been delivered to each of the five non-profit organizations doing God's Work in our community. In addition to the "wish list" items, cash offerings were also collected: W.E.A.V.E will receive \$320, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive \$375, Operation Black Hills Cabin \$240, Custer Humane Society \$480, and The Storehouse \$270. Thank you fellow parishioners!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

"I Will Sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the Understanding".
1 Corinthians 14:15

Leading up to Easter was a time of singing with the Spirit. The Church was alive with joy and thankfulness as we received the gift that was given by our Savior, risen from the dead and gives us life. Music brings us together with sounds of praise and emotions.



We received several blessings and we welcomed our new Pastor Shannon Witt, with joy and love. The Choir, directed by Jennifer Doyle, and accompanied by Cozy Dorton, was such a beautiful way to celebrate His life and gift of eternal life. We had songs accompanied by Janice Albers and Tranda Nelssen and special music by soloists Brian Albers, Bob Timperley, and trumpet player, Jonathan Jacky. Music brings us together.

As I plan the music, I try to include voices, instruments and offer the opportunity to share everyone's talents with the congregation.

I want to thank people that helped with the work essentials for the church. Mary and Donna, and all the many people that help us prepare for each Sunday. God bless you and keep you. Nothing is more amazing than the love from our God.

Thank you everyone. God bless you.
Margaret Tretheway

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is being planned, so please help us spread the word! Our first planning meeting will be **May 10th at 6:30 PM** in the Fireside Room. If you would like to help in any way, please come.

Custer Lutheran Fellowship's

"Fruit of the Spirit"

Vacation Bible School

Free to ages 3 years to finished 5th grade

(Rides can be arranged, if needed)

9am-3pm (Preschool 9-12)

Early registration is helpful 673-4691

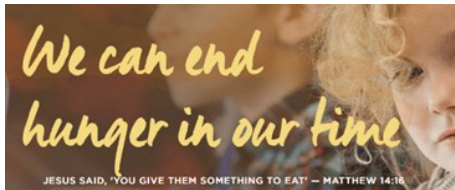
Or email clf@gwtc.net

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Bible stories, games, crafts, drama, STEM, food & FUN!



BREAD FOR THE WORLD – OFFERING OF LETTERS



Our annual Offering of Letters is an opportunity for advocacy on behalf of God's vision of a world where all are fed. Chronic hunger is not inevitable. In rich and poor countries alike, poverty is the #1 cause of hunger in the world. Like Jesus call to "Come and have breakfast," our letters are a way to live out God's call for all to come to God's table of abundance.

CLF has participated in the Offering of Letters for a number of years, and with hunger becoming more widespread, we are offering this opportunity to encourage our representatives to support the Farm Bill, as well as asking to make the one-year Child Tax Credit permanent. On **Sunday, Mar 1st**, we will have all the materials needed to write a letter to your representative to support hunger relief. Join us as we work to end hunger. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Videographers needed!

As many of you are aware, we have been recording our Sunday worship service and posting it on Facebook and YouTube for people to watch and worship with us if they are not able to be with us in person on Sundays. The feedback from this has been very positive and people would like to continue to be able to have this opportunity to worship with us online. However, in order for us to continue to record the service, we need volunteers to run the video camera. There will be an extra column on our Care and Serve sign up sheet titled: VIDEO for you to sign up each week. If you are willing but need some training, we will happily provide that for you! During the school year our acolytes have provided this service, and their commitment has been wonderful. However, I have let them know that now if they choose to sign up they can, but they are no longer expected to as part of their confirmation process. Prayerfully consider if this is a gift you can offer so we can continue to provide this ministry.





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the June Newsletter to the office **by noon May 24th**. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. Wednesday from 9:00 AM — 5:30 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.



ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER AND PLEASE PRAY FOR RAIN!

March 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through March 2023

YTD CLF Income & Expense Activity	Income & Expense by Fund			YTD Jan. to Mar. 2023
	Non-Restricted	Restricted	Designated	
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 - Offering Contributions	80,090			80,090
Total 40014 - Non-restricted Special Donation	1,681			1,681
40026 - Current Distributed Restricted Funds		373	17,053	17,426
40300 - Interest	425			425
Total Income	82,196	13,080	17,053	112,328
Expense				
Total 61000 - Pastoral Leadership	13,539			13,539
Total 62000 - Worship	3,121	25		3,146
Total 63000 - Education	6,000	373		6,373
Total 64000 - Mission Support	8,591			8,591
Total 65000 - Support/Care	36,590	5,816	7,571	49,977
Total Expense	67,840	6,214	7,571	81,625
Net Ordinary Income	14,356	6,866	9,482	30,703

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!

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **April through June issue** is here. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.

If you would like an issue, you can stop by the office to pick one up, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.



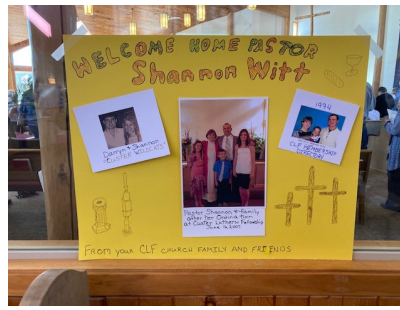
The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th for observance of Memorial Day.

Quilter's Receive Thank You

When the ladies were quilting one Tuesday morning, a couple came down the hall that we didn't recognize. The man was pushing the lady in a wheel chair and carrying a box. We stood up and welcomed them, introducing ourselves and meeting them. They had a box of fabric to donate to us. We were so grateful. Then, they gave us a thank you note which read:

"Dear Quilters, This is to thank each member of your group for the work you do making donations to the Custer Hospital. Early in February, I was a patient, and a very fortunate recipient of a lovely lap quilt, which I now treasure. I used it every day in the hospital - four weeks - and now at home. I tracked you down by asking questions, reading the Fellowship newsletter online and the calendar that showed your meeting dates. I noticed a mention of the need for fabric donations and realized I could help. So, with a grateful heart and mind, I hope my little donation will help you continue your work. Cheers!"

They joined us for coffee, conversation and even gave them a little tour of the sanctuary. We invited them to come to our church and gave them a brochure and bookmark stating "Who Is Welcome Here". The Holy Spirit was definitely working through us that beautiful April morning. "God's Work, Our Hands"



PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON WHEN:

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

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

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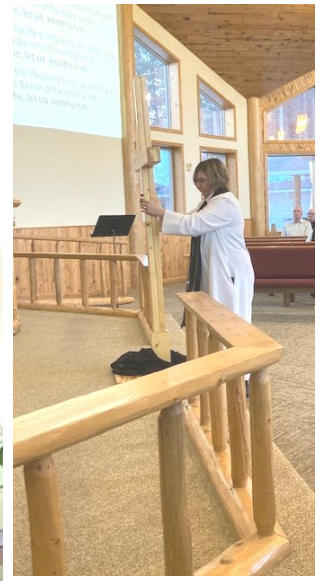
Palm Sunday April 2nd, 2023



GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK



GOOD FRIDAY 2023



SUMMER STAFF: COUNSELING STAFF NEEDED!

Lutherans Outdoors will be hiring nearly 50 staff members for the summer camping season in 2023. We still are in need of 12 counselors, especially at Klein Ranch. Please help us by asking college-age (and mature high school graduating seniors) to consider working at camp this summer.

It is the ultimate job experience in leadership, communication, and confidence-building. And an opportunity to be outdoors all summer, sharing their faith with people of all ages! Applications can be found at losd.org/summer-employment.

Please keep these important staff in your congregation's prayers this spring and summer. Consider sponsoring a summer staff member with a special congregational gift of \$5,000, the amount associated with salary, taxes, food, and lodging per staff person.

Spaces are still available; join us at camp!

Housekeeping items for Summer 2023 Registration:

1. Check out our [digital brochure](#), browse our website, and choose your camp week. So many great options for your summer 2023 plans! Visit our [Congregational Resources](#) page on our website for planning (and for camp Sunday requests) and resources. The LO Early Bird Rate ends April 17th. Register soon to save on summer camp!

2. To register a group for youth camp, visit our [congregational resources page and complete the Group Hold Form](#). If you need assistance in placing your group hold, please get in touch with Erica at 800-888-1464. All group holds must be completed by April 15th.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ministry. See you soon at camp!

Join us for the LOSD Gathering Experience for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Spring is here, and it's time to look toward summer 2024 and the ELCA Youth Gathering. Some congregations have expressed interest in traveling with Lutherans Outdoors to New Orleans.

As we look toward 2024, we want to provide some pre-registration information to help plan your trip.

The LO Gathering Experience to New Orleans is in its initial stages, and as we continue planning for the trip it is helpful to have an idea of how many participants we might have traveling with LOSD to the ELCA Youth Gathering next year.

LO GATHERING EXPERIENCE

(Includes, travel, planning, administration, hotel, registration, shirt/giveaways, and an additional day/evening experience)

Dates: July 14-20

Cost: \$1,200 (Approximate pricing at this time.)

Details: TBD

PRE-REGISTER HERE

More information will be available as details continue to unfold from the Youth Gathering. You can learn more about the trip and complete your pre-registration form [HERE](#). This will reserve your spaces on the bus or for administrative planning when registration opens.

Registration opens for the LO Gathering Experience on August 15, 2023 and closes on September 15, 2023 - or when we reach bus capacity. We will not make a group of people travel on their own to the gathering, so when the busses fill, we will connect you with another congregation traveling to the gathering with open space.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. 2023 pre-registration groups receive priority.

Questions? Email mara@losd.org.

ADULT TRAVEL MINISTRY EVENTS

A few spaces are still available for the trip to Holden Village on July 27–August 6, 2023. Join Executive Director, Paul Hanson, as we travel by charter bus to spend a week in the mountains learning and worshipping together. Transportation, lodging, most meals, and plenty of fellowship and fun are included in this excursion. Call the LO Admin. Office for more information at 605-274-5326.

Other Adult Travel Events this fall include:

September 9-13 | Duluth and the North Shore of Lake Superior

October 16-20 | Fall Foliage in Door County Wisconsin

November 13-17 | Christmas in Branson

Please contact the Admin Office for further information on these exciting travel opportunities at (605)274-5326.

GOD'S GREEN EARTH

Consider using thrift stores or rummage sales for purchasing used items. Second Hand goods are often as functional as brand new items, and giving a household item a second life cuts its carbon footprint in half.

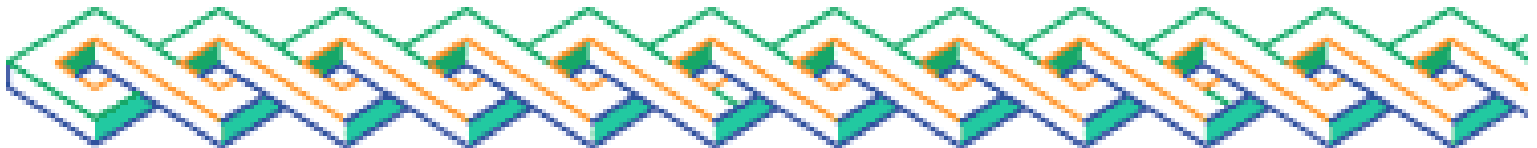


OUTLAW RANCH SUMMER STAFF SUPPORT

CLF has always had a wonderful relationship with the ministry of Outlaw Ranch. This summer we are going to see how we can support the summer staff and encourage them in their ministry. Would you be willing to "adopt" a summer staff person for the season? This would involve as much or as little as you are willing to offer, and can include ideas such as inviting them over for a meal, offering to drive them to a favorite Black Hills site and join them in a fun activity on their day off (many do not have a car, especially any of the international staff), or bring them treats and cards of encouragement throughout the summer. Please let Pastor Shannon know if you would like to assist with this effort to support Outlaw!

ATTENTION FIREWOOD SPLITTERS

If you are willing to help with the splitting/stacking/selling of firewood this summer, please meet with Pastor Shannon and Darryn immediately **following worship on May 7th**. The funds from the sale of the firewood have in the past gone into a fund to support Youth ministry and our Rap Group. If you and your child are involved in those activities, we strongly encourage your participation in this effort throughout the summer. If you are willing to help, but not able to attend, please let Pastor Shannon know!



CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, from 5-7 PM, located at the Custer Community Church, located at 6th & Harney.

Gather for a meal with friends and neighbors.

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

PASTOR ON VACATION

PASTOR SHANNON WILL BE ON VACATION FROM MAY 23RD THROUGH MAY 31ST.

IF YOU NEED PASTORAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 605-673-4691.

(LEAVE A MESSAGE)

CLF Choir ~ May

Practices:

Wednesday, May 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 10th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Performance:

Sunday, May 14th @ 9:30 a.m. church

This will be the last month that the choir practices and performs prior to our summer break. We look forward to helping celebrate Mother's Day and our graduates with our last performance before break.



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Next meeting: **Monday, May 15th** at 11:30 am. It will be a POTLUCK in the Fireside Room. Speaker will be Rex Jorgensen from the YMCA. He will tell us about the great plans he has for the summer.

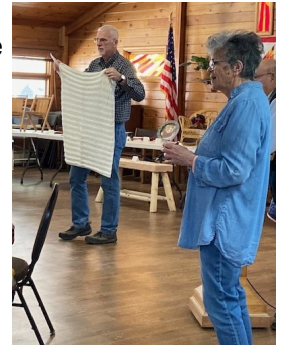
Sunday, April 16th was the "Auction of Talents". I can't believe the generosity of our congregation, the donations were beautiful and varied. The bidding was an enjoyable way to help us financially support various organizations. Many, many thanks to our auctioneers, Alan Webster and Paul Heinert, who make it such fun. If you have a suggestion of a possible need let one of the women know.

The CLF Women of the ELCA took in a total of \$3,447.50 for the biggest amount ever. They have already decided that \$500 will go to Lutheran Social Services, to use as needed. \$400 to W.E.A.V.E, \$1,500 will be held back to offer camping scholarships at outlaw for confirmation students.

The WELCA Synodical convention will be at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City on June 21-23, 2023. There will be excellent speakers and good food, so if you would like to attend, contact Mickey Schlecht at 605-255-4123.



That beautiful wooden inlaid box was made by Rudy Anderson . The yellow slip of paper that came with it tells all eight woods that were used in the construction of that box. It was so wonderful that Pastor Chuck and Kaona Hazlett ended up with the beautiful box.



QUILTING

Quilter's are "busy as bees" right now as we cut up fabric, put the squares back together for tops, sew and tie all the fabric we have recently received. THANKS.

Several quilts have just been sent off to Dakota Children's Home near Rockerville, where each troubled child is wrapped in a quilt on their arrival. Lap robes are also being shared with patients at Custer Hospital. The feedback from them has been inspirational.

Fabric, mattress pads, and good flat sheets, any color, are always needed for backing. Scissors and fabric cutters getting sharpened. If you have cutting boards no longer in use we could use them.

Your support is so appreciated! Come join us Tuesday mornings, 9-11 AM. The laughter resounds!!
"THE JOYOUS QUILTERS"



"Thank You"

Thank You so much to Director Jennifer Doyle and the Choir for the beautiful music that they performed over Easter. It was wonderful!

Accompanist: Cozy Dorton

Sopranos: Clarinne Koeppe, Barb Lewison, Jane Looyenga, Marlene Sellevold, Lavina Shoop, Margaret Tretheway

Altos: Janice Albers, Katie Hoegermeyer, Ginny Myers, Tranda Nelssen, Leslie Noem, Annette Peterson, Jan Thom

Tenors: John Kirk, Bob Timperley, Dennis Wicks

Basses: Brian Albers, Glenn Sellevold, Harold Snow, Dave Thom, Bill Tretheway

Trumpeter: Jonathan Jacky

W/ELCA SERVES MEET & EAT

W/ELCA served the Meet & Eat Group in April.

They served a delicious meal of BBQ's chips, pickles, salad, veggies with dip and bars.

Great Job Ladies!



Custer Lutheran Fellowship**Council Minutes — April 18, 2023**

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru March were 110.4% (\$7,538) of budget and expenses were 86.9% (-12,327) of budget.

Jim Welch, who has been working with Joy on finding a new insurance carrier, gave a presentation. Still waiting to hear back from a few companies.

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

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ **Thrivent Choice** – March \$ YTD - \$407.00
- ◆ **Amazon Smile** – March \$ YTD - \$ 6.81
- ◆ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – March \$ YTD - \$100.00
- ◆ **Leadership Retreat** – will hold in the fall
- ◆ **Worship & Funding** – discussed for accompanist doubling the amount from \$25 to \$50.

New Business:

- ◆ **Membership changes:** None
- ◆ **Overnight Building Use** – have received one overnight use form for a youth group traveling through the area.
- ◆ **Outlaw Staff** – Pastor Shannon met with Matt R. Blessing and commission of Outlaw Staff will be on June 11th. Discussed have congregation members “adopt” a counselor for the summer.
- ◆ **Confirmation Camp/Youth Activities** – Pastor Shannon looking at confirmation youth attending a confirmation camp and high school youth doing a camping trip.
- ◆ **SD Synod** – First weekend in June. Delegates appointed at the annual meeting are Shana Hindman, Mary Klein and Joy Smolnisky.
- ◆ **Firewood** – discussed if there would be firewood sale this year. Need someone to coordinate.
- ◆ **Compensation for Parish Nurse, Mary Klein** – Will look at adding compensation for her in the 2024 budget.
- ◆ **Other** –
 - ◇ **Compensation for Wendi Rusch, Youth Coordinator** – Pastor Shannon would like Wendi to work all year instead of just the school year. Helena will work with Shannon to look at the job description.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

- ◆ **Review Worship & Activities** – Pastor Shannon discussed.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ◆ Endowment, Blaine Kortemeyer – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Health Ministry, John Kirk – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Mutual Ministry, Dave Mertz – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Outreach, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Property Committee, Mark Thompson – Work on parsonage siding will start on April 24th.
- ◆ Social Ministry, Christie Behlings – Reviewed committee activity.
- ◆ W/ELCA, Shana Hindman – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Worship & Music, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2022:

Treats – Donna McConnell Devotions – Dave Mertz
 May 2023 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Christie Behlings

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer**Adjournment**

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Easter 4

Monday, May 1: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
 Tuesday, May 2: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31, Hebrews 13:20-21
 Wednesday, May 3: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Easter 5

Thursday, May 4: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, Genesis 12:1-3, Acts 6:8-15
 Friday, May 5: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, Exodus 3:1-12, Acts 7:1-16
 Saturday, May 6: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, Jeremiah 26:20-24, John 8:48-59
 Sunday, May 7: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14
 Monday, May 8: Psalm 102:1-17, Exodus 13:17-22, Acts 7:17-40
 Tuesday, May 9: Psalm 102:1-17, Proverbs 3:5-12, Acts 7:44-56
 Wednesday, May 10: Psalm 102:1-17, Proverbs 3:13-18, John 8:31-38

Easter 6

Thursday, May 11: Psalm 66:8-20, Genesis 6:5-22, Acts 27:1-12,
 Friday, May 12: Psalm 66:8-20, Genesis 7:1-24, Acts 27:13-38
 Saturday, May 13: Psalm 66:8-20, Genesis 8:13-19, John 14:27-29
 Sunday, May 14: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21
 Monday, May 15: Psalm 93, Genesis 9:8-17, Acts 27:39-44
 Tuesday, May 16: Psalm 93, Deuteronomy 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:8-12
 Wednesday, May 17: Psalm 93, Deuteronomy 31:1-13, John 16:16-24

Easter 7

Thursday, May 18: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53,
 Friday, May 19: Psalm 93, 2 Kings 2:1-12, Ephesians 2:1-7
 Saturday, May 20: Psalm 93, 2 Kings 2:13-15, John 8:21-30
 Sunday, May 21: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11
 Monday, May 22: Psalm 99, Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24, 1 Peter 4:1-6
 Tuesday, May 23: Psalm 99, Numbers 16:41-50, 1 Peter 4:7-11
 Wednesday, May 24: Psalm 99, 1 Kings 8:54-65, John 3:31-36

Pentecost

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

Holy Trinity

Thursday, June 1: Psalm 8, Job 38:1-11, 2 Timothy 1:8-12a
 Friday, June 2: Psalm 8, Job 38:12-21, 2 Timothy 1:12b-14
 Saturday, June 3: Psalm 8, Job 38:22-38, John 14:15-17
 Sunday, June 4: Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
 Monday, June 5: Psalm 29, Job 38:39—39:12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
 Tuesday, June 6: Psalm 29, Job 39:13-25, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
 Wednesday, Psalm 29, Job 39:26—40:5, John 14:25-26



MEALS ON WHEELS

For years, CLF has taken the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels on Fridays. We are now down to four volunteers and can really use some more! We will be happy to train you and show you the ropes if you can commit to one weekend a month! The recipients are always so appreciative, but more than that we are doing our Father's work and are always so very blessed for doing so! Please contact Mark Hogg or the church office if you know of anyone who can help. Thank you!!





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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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 Custodian: Augie Heyne
 Music: Margaret Tretheway
 Choir Director: Jennifer Doyle
 Financial Secretary: Janice Albers
 Steve Baldwin
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky
 Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch
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