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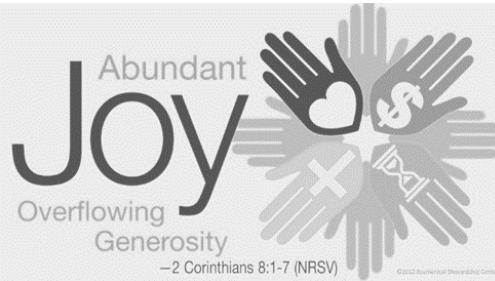
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ABUNDANT JOY, OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY CELEBRATION SUNDAY



Celebration Sunday, November 10, is a special day in the life and witness of Custer Lutheran Fellowship. Having affirmed the place of prayer, worship, and service in our lives, we approach this celebration eager to give. After prayerful consideration, please fill out your Commitment card and bring it into

worship with you on this day. We will have additional cards available as well. With abundant joy and overflowing generosity we are witnesses in this congregation to God's goodness known to us in Jesus Christ—throughout our community, across this nation, and around the world. Come and worship!

ACTIVE SHOOTER/SAFETY TRAINING

Deputy Matt Tramp will be holding an active shooter and safety training here at CLF on Saturday, November 16th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. He will be training us using the **ALICE** system – Alert, Lock Down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It is so important to be prepared in the highly unlikely event that something would happen here, especially in worship. This is not only for leaders or ushers in the church, but for **everyone in the congregation**.

ALICE is an options-based active threat response system designed for the unarmed civilian. ALICE deviates from the traditional responses in empowering the individual to make the best choice for their survival in a constantly evolving, dynamic, and intense incident. There are no secrets in ALICE. It is merely taking common-sense survival instincts and putting them into an easily referenced system that can then be applied to each persons' specific setting and set of circumstances. See Pastor Pam if you have questions.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Come to Custer Lutheran Fellowship for a worship service of giving thanks and praise to God. We will gather at 6:30 PM for a service of song and prayer, to hear God's Word and taste God's goodness. The regular Wednesday NightLife schedule is suspended (no meal and no education hour). All are invited to bring an offering of non-perishable food to help support the local food pantry at The Storehouse as well as a financial offering to support the global ministry of ELCA World Hunger. As we give thanks for such abundance, we encourage you to take time to offer thanks and praise to God for the blessings of life, breath, faith, and the ability to serve in Christ's name. World Hunger offering envelopes are in the Narthex during November.

WORSHIP SURVEY AND DISCUSSION

We are excited to offer an online survey and hold discussions about our worship life here at CLF. There are many opportunities to participate, and we would love to hear from everyone in the congregation. You don't have to be an "official" member, either. We are looking for input from anyone who worships with us.

The online survey will be available this month, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for the link. We will also have paper copies available. In addition, we are offering discussion opportunities to talk about our worship life:

Sunday, November 17th between services in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room

Sunday, November 24th between services in the Fireside Room

If you would rather have a one-on-one conversation with someone on the team, we will have a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. For more information about the worship survey and why we are doing this now, please read Pastor Pam's article on page 3 in this newsletter. Please join us as we discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us in worship!

THE GREAT CLF WOOD HAUL—DATE TO BE SCHEDULED

Our CLF Wood Haul is a part of the fabric of this place. It has been a fall event for years! We invite anyone who has wood to share to bring pick-up loads out to the church and we will caravan out to Red Shirt Table to deliver it. This event will be a time of fellowship with the residents of Red Shirt Table. We will bring a potluck meal along with the wood for those in attendance. If you have not experienced this event, now is the time! Please check the Sunday Bulletin and the CLF Facebook page for the confirmed date as well as the departure time. There will be a sign-up sheet for those planning on bringing wood as well as for potluck dishes that will be brought. Please consider joining the wood haul troupe even if you're unable to bring wood. Fun will be had by all!



NEED A GIFT? SHARING THE DREAM GIFTS

The Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the Sharing the Dream Alternative Gift Market at CLF on Sunday, October 27, Wednesday, October 30, and Sunday, November 3. Sharing the Dream is a volunteer-run fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala by providing a living wage to artisans. We will have available a wide variety of unique hand-crafted items including beaded jewelry, baskets, handwoven scarves, ornaments, and ceramics. Your purchases will go to provide support for families in need and to support community development projects in Guatemala. Join us and get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

ELCA GOOD GIFTS GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



The Social Ministry Team is sponsoring ELCA Good Gifts in December. The dates will be: December 1st, 4th, 8th and 11th. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market.

With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Contributions can also be made toward projects such as safe water development and educational opportunities. There will be a table set up in the Narthex on those dates to help you select your gifts.



Group from CLF that attended the Bishop's Listen, Learn, and Care Session on October 22.

Worship Survey – Why are we doing this?



I have heard from various people wondering why we are doing this worship survey, and why are we doing it now? Since I have been at CLF – almost two years now! – I have heard various comments about worship, questioning why we have two services during the school year and one in the summer. Of course there are a lot of opinions about what we “should” be doing!

I decided it was time to really look at our worship life together, why we do what we do, and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. What we all need to discern together is how we can best worship together, experience God’s presence in worship, have a fulfilling worship experience for our congregation, and also how to make the service inviting for those who aren’t here. Clearly this is not a simple, easy, or quick thing to discern!

We have a wonderful team who have learned a lot about worship, including the pros and cons of one worship service and two worship services. We have discovered it is not as simple as one service is better than two or two services is better than one. There are benefits and drawbacks to everything!

The most important thing we talked about, though, is that what time we have worship, or how many services we have should never simply be about our preferences. Decisions should never be made based on what *I* like or what *I* want, or what is most convenient for *me*. And the same is true for you. We certainly all have our opinions and preferences in worship, whether it’s the time, the amount of people in worship, the style of music, etc. But an individual’s preference should never drive decisions about worship.

So what should drive decisions about worship? God. The Holy Spirit. And the purpose of worship. We spent time talking about the purpose of worship, because if we don’t know why we are in worship, then how can we discern the best way to honor God in our worship? The most basic decision we are working on is how we can best praise God and feel the Spirit’s presence in worship, not only for ourselves, but also for those in the community who are not here yet.

We will be offering an online survey as well as opportunities to gather together to talk about worship. There is information with those details on page 2 in this newsletter. You can see it is not simply a matter of whether we should have two services or one service. It’s not about what you or I prefer or want. It’s about what God wants and where the Holy Spirit leads us in our discussion and discernment.

You will continue to hear about this work, and have opportunities to share what you think and feel because that is very important. I want to know what you think and how you feel about worship. And yes, we will be asking about your preferences. Just know that this goes beyond preferences. It is ultimately about how we can best honor and praise God in worship together.

As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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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FIRST COMMUNION



Congratulations and welcome to Jesus' table of grace! These youth participated in the First Communion Class on October 26th, and have joined us in receiving the body and blood of Christ!

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| Cecelia Ainsley | Dylan Frank |
| Keira Alfson | Dominic Niemann |
| Wyatt Alfson | Koleden Niemann |
| Jersey Barrick | Xadrian Niemann |
| Ethan Frank | Jayse Noem |

NURSING HOME VISIT

Join us on **Sunday, November 17th** at Custer Regional Senior Care to visit our CLF members and join with them in worship led by Pastor Pam. We gather at 2:30 PM to visit, then come together with the nursing home community for worship at 3:30 PM.

WOYATAN RETREAT CENTER

The picture doesn't say it all, but it does let you know that all of the outside work on the Woyatan Retreat Center is now complete. What the picture does not show is the fact that all of the interior walls are framed up and the rough-in of the plumbing, electrical, and heating is also done. Our next step is to sheetrock the interior walls. We are planning to hire that job to be done for us. We can use volunteers, however, to help with insulation, priming and painting. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jeff Rohr at 605-787-3255, or email him at jeffreyrohr@gmail.com. To see more full-color photos, go to www.tinyurl.com/y56vs5qw.



Thanks! — Larry Peterson

BREAKING DOWN WALLS

A Liturgy of Songs, Stories and Prayers for Peace



Lord, tear down all that divides us!

Join us as we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with a service of remembrance.



On Nov. 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall began to come down after decades of separation between East and West Germany. Thirty years later, we gather to celebrate the Peaceful Revolution that led to the reunification of Germany — and the Lutheran roots of that revolution. This service of remembrance will draw inspiration from those who peacefully helped to end divisions between East and West. Let us join in prayer and reflection as we work to bring down the barriers that exist in our hearts, in our communities and throughout the world.

Join us as we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with a service of remembrance.

November 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM CT/9:00 AM MT

*Sioux Falls - Augustana University Chapel of Reconciliation

*Rapid City - Trinity Lutheran Church

COZYKOAT DRIVE

Woyatan Lutheran Church is having a COZYKOAT Drive from now through mid-November. They are collecting new and gently used gloves & mittens, hats, scarves, snow boots, snowsuits, hand warmers, and blankets. We are collecting items at CLF in the Fireside Room. Thank you for helping to keep others warm this winter!



THE STOREHOUSE MISSION PROJECT

Canned meats, vegetables, fruits, soups
Spaghetti, Pasta & Sauces, Macaroni & Cheese
Cake Mixes, Frosting
Cereals, Peanut Butter
Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix
Soaps—laundry, dish, body
Paper towels, Toilet tissue



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, November 25, at 11:30 AM at CLF.

HOSTESSES: To Be Decided

PROGRAM: Thank Offering Service: A Season of Gratitude

Our meeting in September was a trip to visit the Girls' Abbott House in Rapid City. The person in charge of the Boys' Abbot House was also in attendance. These homes are remodeled and designed specifically for foster care. We received a tour of the girls' home, which is a lovely residential home, and lots of interesting information during our visit. Two of the directors of the Abbott Houses and the husband and wife in charge of the home told of many uplifting events that have occurred in the homes. They also made us realize that their positions are not just jobs, but are callings. They touch many lives in a very good way.



There can be up to six girls or boys in the homes at one time. That in itself presents a challenge; then add some of the circumstances that these girls and boys bring with them. Yes, the folks in charge of all of this are very special people!

The week after we visited the home, we took quilts, some of the socks that had been collected from the congregation, and some holiday decorations to the home. We hope to continue supporting this very worthwhile mission in other ways. Pictured is the W/ELCA group that toured the Abbott House, along with Abbott House staff.

Backpack Program: In November, W/ELCA is providing items for the backpack program at the elementary school. Folks are invited to help pack items on Tuesday, November 5th and/or Tuesday, November 19th. We will meet in the church kitchen or the Fireside Room to pack items at 9:00 AM each of those mornings.

Our **Craft and Goodie Sale** will be held on Sunday, November 24, between services. This has become a tradition at CLF. It is a time to enjoy a touch of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Folks are invited to donate items to the Craft and Goodie Sale as well as to shop or just browse to get a feeling of the joy that the coming month will bring.

Another good thing that comes from the Craft and Goodie Sale is the making of lefse and krumkaka in the church kitchen the Saturday before the sale. Ladies can bring their lefse-making tools, lefse dough, or just themselves to help make the many dozens of packages that will be sold. This is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. We will begin making the lefse and krumkaka at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 23.

Proceeds from the Craft and Goodie Sale are used to support W/ELCA missions at the local, state, national and international levels. Thanks for your support of this very worthwhile and fun project!

At our August meeting, motions were made and passed to give \$200 to the Custer Flood Relief and \$300 to the building fund for the Woyatan Retreat Center being built in Rapid City. This center is a beautiful building and will be used by many throughout the state and the country. Larry Peterson has offered tours to anyone who has the opportunity to stop there to visit. The building is a labor of love that has many volunteer hours logged into its growth!

Quilting takes place the first and second Tuesday in November 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—November 1st. 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.



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

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

November 9th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Breakfast is served, then we discuss a NOOMA DVD. Questions? Contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.



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

THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:00 AM — "Our Place"

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

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.



THURSDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY

Meets weekly on Thursdays, 9:30—11:30 AM with coffee, treats and good conversation. We are currently reading Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by author Debby Irving. Please join us!

RAP Group--Wednesdays 6:30

The RAP Group had some good meetings in October. We made some plans for activities in November, including going to Flags and Wheels on November 16 and doing the Care and Serve for the late service on November 24.

We had a productive meeting with the parents which will hopefully encourage more parental involvement and help us plan more activities.

We will be obtaining a fridge and a microwave in the near future and will set up a "pantry" that will hold snacks for our meetings. We made a list of food items that we will stock for our pantry.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at twicks@goldenwest.net or call 605-673-1223.

Thanks—Tim & Tammy Wicks

2019 BUDGET THRU SEPT. 30

	<u>Jan-Sept, 2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offering Contributions	257,853	274,500
Special Offerings	9,080	2,300
Total Income	<u>266,933</u>	<u>276,800</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	68,396	70,846
Worship	7,157	8,294
Education	8,529	10,115
Mission Support	34,390	34,439
Support/Care*	<u>126,444</u>	<u>160,356</u>
Total Expenses	<u>244,916</u>	<u>284,050</u>
NET	22,017	(7,250)

*Support/Care Expenses budgeted but not yet expended:
 Prepay Mortgage 9,000
 Special Projects (Parking Lot) 9,918
 Special Projects 7,000
 (Parsonage Deck & Window A/C)
Subtotal Delayed Expenditures: 25,918

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S COFFEE

Come to Calamity Jane's in downtown Custer at 10:00 AM each Wednesday for coffee with other CLF women. Questions? Call Jane Skaar, 507-360-3799. JOIN US!

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Thursday at 5:30 PM. We are currently studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome to join us. Call Ginny Myers at 673-3056 or Joy Smolnisky at 605-929-1244 for information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE!

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

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

The November Wednesday NightLife Meals follow this schedule:

November 6th—Potluck meal—Chicken provided by CLF
 *Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.
November 13th—Meal prepared by Jackie Hartwick and Women of the ELCA
November 20th—Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
November 27th—No Wednesday NightLife—Thanksgiving Eve

Worship will rotate between different styles of worship. The November worship schedule is as follows:

November 6th—Prayer Around the Cross
November 13th—Holden Evening Prayer
November 20th—Chosen People Liturgy
November 27th—Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 PM—No WNL Activities

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

We have some fun weeks coming up in November!

- November 6 – Mentor Night
- November 13 – Class
- November 20 – Scavenger Hunt
- November 27 – No Class – Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 PM

On December 4 we will have Parent Night! Be sure to come and join us on these fun events!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR 2019

Rehearsals on Sundays Nov. 10, 17, and 24 at 9:30 AM following the first church service. Meet in the upstairs classroom.

No practice Sunday Dec. 1st

Rehearsal on Friday Dec. 6th at 9:00 AM, upstairs.

On Sunday Dec. 8th: Rehearsal & Program:

9:30 AM rehearsal in sanctuary.

11:30 AM Potluck Lunch after second service.

Christmas Program will follow at 12:30 PM.

SPARK KIDS

Spark Kids is off to a great start! We have had many returners and a few new faces, too. There's still room to invite a friend! A recent highlight was our servant project of making goodie snack bags. We weren't sure where they should go. After a phone call to Lutheran Social Services the next day, we found out they were having a support group meeting for foster kids who had aged out of the program. LSS likes to send the youth home with something so they know they're loved. Our gift bags worked perfectly!

There is NO cost for this program. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome. All children need to be registered by their parents in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the church office. It is never too late to register! The themes and Bible stories for November are as follows:

- ✦ November 6—*Manna, Quail, and Water*—Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-7
- ✦ November 13—*Deborah*—Judges 4:1 - 5:31
- ✦ November 20—*A Ruler from Bethlehem*—Micah 5:2-5

Join us on Wednesdays and experience the fun!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

The word is out...*get your flu shots now!* Well, my husband Dwight & I went to the clinic today to get our flu shots. It turns out that people over 65, as are my husband & I, are supposed to get a special flu shot which apparently is better, as it has a broader coverage. So what happens? There apparently is a national shortage of this flu shot, but maybe they will be available next week. Now, I'm not blaming the clinic, or those who are urging everyone to get their flu shots. Why weren't the national laboratories or Health Department prepared with these special flu shots? If this is their directive, they should have been prepared with an adequate supply by this time, as I have heard that flu season has begun. Don't give up though, as having the flu shot does a pretty good job of preventing or lessening the symptoms of the season's flu.

While you are at it, make sure you are up-to-date on the pneumonia vaccine; there are now two. There is also a vaccine for shingles, another condition you will want to avoid. It can leave you with debilitating pain issues. Remember the flu vaccine is not just for older folks, it's very important for the young and general population. This can prevent large outbreaks in schools or the workplace. You also do not want to spread the flu virus to the very susceptible.

Care for you, Care for others

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

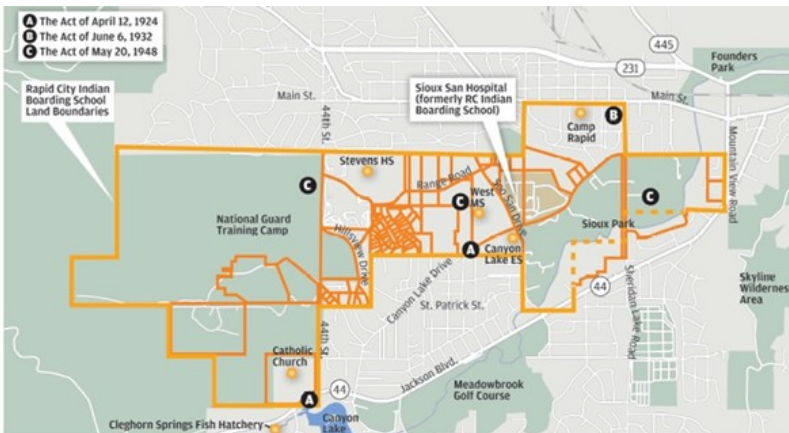
MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

I believe we have a big problem in our area of the state. Even though we have a high number of suicide attempts as completed suicides, we have inadequate resources for short or long-term care. Imagine somebody dear to you becomes depressed, bipolar, schizophrenic or has other mental health issues. They may be able to get short-term care. What if that person requires a longer term admission? *We do not have any long-term mental health facilities nearby*, or anywhere in the western part of South Dakota. This person becomes separated from their family and friends and spiritual help and healing. It is a long way to go to Yankton, that is if they even have an available bed. When facing a mental health crisis, they need that contact more than ever. We really need to advocate for additional Mental Health facilities to provide care for the entire state. We need to let our legislators and governor know how concerned we are. For more information, please contact me.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Soul,

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

HISTORY OF RAPID CITY INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL/ SIOUX SAN & WEST RAPID CITY LANDS



There was an article in the Rapid City Journal recently about research looking into the history of Rapid City Indian Boarding School/Sioux San & West Rapid City Lands. There have been presentations and discussions about the research, and I had the privilege of attending a presentation at the Bear Butte Leader's Fall Retreat. It was a powerful and eye-opening experience. Even those who grew up in Rapid City or have lived here for years weren't aware of all the history. There is a Facebook page for this research group. Search for "History of Rapid City Indian Boarding School/Sioux San & West Rapid City Lands."

There will be public presentations and discussions that I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 PM at the Mother Butler Center

Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM at Western Dakota Tech

I am planning on attending one or both of the presentations. Please call, email, or text me if you are interested in carpooling to either of them. Contact pam_clf@gwtc.net or 701-955-5282. Let us all join together and learn our joint history so that we can better build trusting relationships with one another.

**LUTHERAN OUTDOORS—CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON
DECEMBER 2-6, 2019**

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) is offering an adult travel event. This trip is hosted by Paul Hanson, Executive Director of LOSD and Pastor Roger Olson, Park Rapids, Minnesota. They take care of all the details of the trip. Our focus is on you. Hospitality, devotions, food, safety, cookies and FUN all play a role in our travel together. Go to www.losd.org for more information.

OUTLAW RANCH PASSIONATE QUILTERS RETREATS IN NOVEMBER

Three relaxed weekends in November of quilting, home cooked food, making new friends, and sharing creative ideas and expertise. Beginning and advanced quilters are welcome! Bring your own projects. Ask Karen Kraus, Pat Hudson and Ginny Myers how much fun these weekends are! To register for these retreats, go to www.losd.org/events-and-retreats.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends—We want to express our gratitude for the compassion expressed to us regarding our recent losses—Bob’s aunt, my brother Jud, and some friends. Whether you sent a card, gave a smile or a hug, made a phone call or a donation . . . each one is truly appreciated.

Until the end, Jud’s day began with this verse. “This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” It is a good way to start every day . . . don’t you agree? —Bob and Cozy Dorton

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Thank you for all your support, prayers and meals during this difficult time. Words cannot express how much we appreciated it. Thank you – the Family of Jacob Diedtrich

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CLF – Thank you so much for the awesome care package. It means so much to know that there are folks from back home thinking of me in this amazing new adventure. — Katy Bradeen

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Thank you so much for the care package! I appreciate all the hard work that went into making it and I will put it to good use! Thanks! – Marlee Schneider

The CLF Quilters presented Pastor Pam with a quilt for Pastor Appreciation Month.



**MISSING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If you have noticed that your birthday or anniversary has been missing from our birthday and anniversary list, please do not be offended! We are not omitting you on purpose! It is because we do not have the information sheet we need that has birthdays, updated phone numbers, and email addresses. This is true even if you have filled out information for your children through the confirmation or SPARK Kids program. We may have children’s birthdays, but not the parents. Please stop by the office and fill out a form so we may update our lists to include your very important dates! You can also give us your birthday without providing the year! Thank you!

## COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2019

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report**—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. The year-to-date income is at 94% of budgeted amount. Met monthly budget with the giving in September.

### Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in October —\$40; received \$1,941 year to date.
- ✦ **Properties** —Received update from Elmer Smolnisky regarding the physical plant issues. There is a small leak in the Fireside room and Elmer believes that a piece of the water spout may need to be replaced or possibly just well-caulked.
- ✦ **Worship Survey Team**— met last week and the members were given articles to read and an online survey example. They will meet again next week to come up with survey questions and develop opportunities to meet parishioners one-on-one.

### New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Transfer in Rod, Reed, and Gus Fortune from Trinity Lutheran, Miller, SD. Transfer out Craig and Roberta Walz to Atonement Lutheran, Brookings; Rae Mooney to Ascension Lutheran, Brookings. .
- ✦ **Financial Review Committee** – Brad will contact last year's team and discuss this coming year's appointments.
- ✦ **Nominating Committee** – Is working on nominations for next year's council openings.

**Reflections on Mission and Ministry**—The public affected by the flood will be invited to meet with case managers on Oct. 25 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to fill out applications to receive assistance.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Social Ministry**—ELCA Good Gifts will be the first two weeks of December .

The next council meeting will be November 19, 2019, at 7:00 PM.



## BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Thank you to everyone who wrote letters for Bread for the World Sunday! We mailed 13 letters. Thank you for taking time to write letters to our representatives to support legislation that will help not only farmers, but also conservation efforts and people on food stamps. Your advocacy will bless a lot of people!



## DELTA DENTAL MOBILE PROGRAM

During the week of September 16-20, Custer Lutheran Fellowship, with financial sponsorship made possible because of a generous gift from DeMaris and Erv Nesheim, was happy to sponsor the Delta Dental Mobile Dental Program at the Custer Elementary School. Organized by former elementary school nurse and CLF member, Jean Witt, the program was able to provide free dental care to youth up to 21 years old.

During the week, the Delta Dental Mobile Program saw a total of 32 Custer area children. Two of these patients had never seen a dentist before. Following are a few of the statistics:

### Patient Demographics:

44% female, 56% male  
 16% ages 3-5  
 37% ages 6-8  
 31% ages 9-12  
 16% ages 13-17

### Procedures Provided:

Diagnostic—96 — \$3,796  
 Preventive—297 — \$13,740  
 (192 Sealants placed)  
 Restorative—103 — \$16,302  
 (84 teeth with decay)

**Total Value of Dental Care: \$33,838**

## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 20—Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 27: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36  
 Monday, October 28: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19  
 Tuesday, October 29: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 2 Peter 5:1-11  
 Wednesday, October 30: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32

### All Saints Sunday

Thursday, October 31: -Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
 Friday, November 1: Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21—23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11  
 Saturday, November 2: Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47  
 Sunday, November 3: Psalm 149; Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31  
 Monday, November 4: Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31; 2 Corinthians 5:9-13  
 Tuesday, November 5: Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14; Jude 5:21  
 Wednesday, November 6: Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27

### Pentecost 22

Thursday, November 7: Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22—23:11  
 Friday, November 8: Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23  
 Saturday, November 9: Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8  
 Sunday, November 10: Psalm 17:1-9; Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38  
 Monday, November 11: Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Tuesday, November 12: Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1-13  
 Wednesday, November 13: Psalm 123; Job 25:11—26:14; John 5:19-29

### Pentecost 23

Thursday, November 14: Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25  
 Friday, November 15: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12  
 Saturday, November 16: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37  
 Sunday, November 17: Psalm 98; Mal 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
 Monday, November 18: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
 Tuesday, November 19: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21—40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1  
 Wednesday, November 20: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37—24:14

### Christ the King

Thursday, November 21: Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28  
 Friday, November 22: Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 Saturday, November 23: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17  
 Sunday, November 24: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43  
 Monday, November 25: Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27  
 Tuesday, November 26: Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21  
 Wednesday, November 27: Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4

### Advent 1

Thursday, November 28: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10  
 Friday, November 29: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7  
 Saturday, November 30: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22  
 Sunday, December 1: Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44  
 Monday, December 2: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11  
 Tuesday, December 3: Psalm 1124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40  
 Wednesday, December 4: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35



### **CUSTER MEET & EAT NOVEMBER 12TH**

Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on November 12th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

### **CLEAN SIDEWALK CLUB**

Captain Snow" says... Volunteers are needed for the CLF/ CSC-that's the "Clean Sidewalk Club." There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex for weekdays or weekends through mid-May. There are two spaces for each grouping. Thanks!!

### **ARE YOU LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?**

If you are leaving for the winter, please let the office know your address so your newsletter will get delivered. We would like to know approximate departing and returning dates.  
Thank you for your help!



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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*



November

### **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 Sellevold  
 Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**