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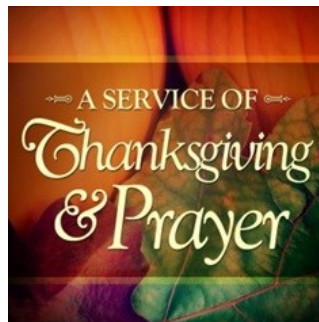
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### ALL SAINTS WORSHIP



Join us for worship on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am as we remember all those who have died since All Saints Sunday in 2020. We will read the names of those from CLF who have died, and light a candle for each person. The congregation will also be invited to light a candle for anyone in their lives who have died in this last year. Come and join us for this powerful service of prayer and remembrance.

### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP



Come to Custer Lutheran Fellowship for a casual worship service of giving thanks and praise to God. We will gather on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a service of song and prayer, to hear God's Word and taste God's goodness. The regular Wednesday Night Life 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.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.



## NEW MEMBER CLASS



Pastor Pam will be offering a New Member class on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We will learn about CLF, what it means to be a Lutheran Christian, and look at the gifts that God has given us. We will explore what it means to be part of a community of faith, the ministries here at CLF, and ways to use our gifts in ministry and throughout our lives. We would love to have some current members be part of this class to begin building relationships with our new members, and share your experience here. Please register on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

## LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY



Are you interested in a book study? The ladies at CLF will start meeting again on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Fireside room. At that time, they will discuss what book that they will be studying. Everyone is welcome to attend. There's nothing like a cup of coffee, a book, and a ladies gathering. Please join us!

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We would love to have a Children's Christmas Program this year, but we need your help to make it happen. Pastor Pam has found a very simple program that would require only one rehearsal. We can do it as a stand-alone program separate from worship, which is typically what we have done in the past. Or we can incorporate it into a worship service before Christmas. What we need are one or two people willing to coordinate the program. **Please contact Pastor Pam by November 21<sup>st</sup>** for more information, or if you would like to coordinate and plan the program for our children.



## YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR



The Youth Ministry Coordinator is a 20-hour-per-week position responsible for coordination of all youth programs. Teaching and administrative support are important aspects of this position. Program areas include Wednesday Spark Kids after school program, Confirmation, and Senior High Ministry. Experience working with various ages of youth required. This position requires the ability to interact with youth of all ages, be detail oriented to plan and execute all areas of youth ministry, and a passion for sharing the love of Christ. Please contact Pastor Pam for more information at [pam\\_clf@gwtc.net](mailto:pam_clf@gwtc.net).

## CLF MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast/Bible Study group resumed meeting. Fueled by pancakes, bacon and fruit and a theme "wherever 2 or more are gathered, I am with you..."; we're not "just" visiting, it's intentional conversation about our lives and happenings, in the framework of Christ's presence. Participants shared recent life events and recollections from 9/11 20 years ago. The next breakfast is October 23 (eat at 8:30) centered around video, discussion and prayer (and of course, food!). Just show up, or call Dave Thom (673-3953) or Phil Lewison (673-2172).

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE**

**Meal at 5:15 pm**



- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Women of the ELCA meal
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Potluck
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> No meal – Thanksgiving Eve

**Worship at 6:00 pm**

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Around the Cross
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Holden Evening Prayer
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Eve service at **6:30 pm**

**Confirmation at 6:30 pm**

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mentor Night
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Apostles Creed Part 2
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> **Scavenger Hunt**



**LUTHERANS OUTDOORS — KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING**



Join us on Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to support the Lutherans Outdoors Capital Campaign “Keep the Campfires Burning.” Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the LO camps were unable to offer any programs in the Summer or Fall of 2020, causing them to lose 2.1 million dollars in income. Programs began again this past Summer, but LO is still running in a deficit due to the loss of income last year. This is an opportunity to help LO recoup some of that lost income so that the camps, including Outlaw Ranch here in Custer, may continue to offer amazing, life-changing experiences to children, adults, and families. You may give a one-time gift on the

14<sup>th</sup>, or take a pledge card to make an ongoing gift to Keep the Campfires Burning. Join us as we support this important ministry in SD!



**CUSTER MEET & EAT**

Custer Meet & Eat is being offered twice a month. Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney Street. Join us from 5:00pm —7:00pm.

**Isaiah 61:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD  
is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to  
the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the  
LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn

As part of our "Faithful, Hopeful, Loving" stewardship series, I offered several different experiences during worship. I was pleasantly surprised at how many of you participated in these Prayer Stations. I hope you found them as interesting, powerful, and fun, as I did. The first week I offered a series of questions based on Isaiah 61:1-2, and I wanted to share some of the responses to those questions.

**Are any of these acts controversial today, and why?**

- Many people today are angry over migration and refugees
- The caring for immigrants is frowned upon because people are fearful of their own being
- Caring for the lowly is controversial to those in power or afraid

**Can you feel the Spirit of the Lord anointing you?****What are you being called to do and be?**

- Be less judgmental, more loving
- Be more open to listen to anyone
- Trust the promise
- Be a good example for my daughter
- Stand up for the oppressed, love my family and neighbor
- Help the lonely, the sick, and bring them the joy of the Lord

**What movements of change are you paying attention to in the world?**

- The deepening of personal growth and responsibility
- Those using their religion to create fear.
- Learning to love everyone and reject hate.
- The stuff going on with cyber-bullying.
- Don't take others hope.

**How can you individually, and we as a church, be more attentive to the suffering in the world?**

- Engage more people in praying for all God's people in crisis
- Try to understand people whose views are different from mine
- Welcome everyone, be accepting
- Continue to pray and be present in the moment
- Show grace to everyone

I see an over-arching theme of love for all people, and wanting to help everyone who is in need. That should not be surprising to any of you because CLF has been and continues to be a place full of the love of God and a passion for sharing that love in all sorts of ways. As a congregation we engage in all kinds of ministries that help people in need, including The Storehouse, WEAVE, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and many, many more.

Many times the Gospel is seen as controversial because Jesus calls us to care for the widow, the orphan, and all people in need, and that can be upsetting to people in power who want to keep the poor in their place. But Isaiah in this passage, and Jesus throughout his ministry, are clear about what it means to be a disciple. Part of our stewardship of our resources, including our time, the gifts we have, and our finances, is focused on who we are called to be as God's beloved children.

It is exciting to hear how we are all continuing to work on our faithfulness, recognizing that it is an ongoing process. We continue to learn and grow in our faith and response to Jesus call. Sometimes that involves struggling with our own beliefs, or how to respond to things happening in our community and the world. But it always involves the love of Jesus.

I am proud to be part of such a loving and passionate congregation! Thank you for all you do to serve our Savior and spread His love!

## CARING HANDS MINISTRY

Custer Lutheran Fellowship is full of caring hands and feet. I am looking forward to updating our lists again before the new year.

Under the Caring Hands Ministry, there are opportunities to help with meals delivered to the home of the person in need—recent surgery, new baby, lengthy illness. There is also a transportation group that rides to doctor appointments or therapy in Custer or Rapid City.

The third ministry under the Caring Hands is the Prayer Ministry. This is quite active and is a wonderful way to care about CLF folks or community people or our hurting world. There are joyful announcements too that we can praise God about. This is done through email....some requests are confidential and some are for others to know and join in prayer. Please consider if you would like to be part of any of these.

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) who provide meals and servers for funerals is a different committee. They will be interested in having others join them as well.

Thank you for prayer consideration of how you might be part of any of these ministries. There will be additional information in the next newsletter so we can get things in place for the coming year.

Thank you for being part of the caring hands and feet of CLF—whether or not you are officially part of one of these groups.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pastor Wayne Gallipo from St. Dymas Prison Ministry for preaching on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and sharing about this important ministry in Sioux Falls. And Thank You to Pastor Jonathan Steiner for preaching on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steiner is the Director for Evangelical Mission with the SD Synod and brought greetings from the synod, as well as talking about how we steward our resources on our Commitment Sunday.



## CLEAN SIDEWALK CLUB

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"

It's already showing up, isn't it. And we need volunteer sidewalk shovelers for the Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex - and you can sign up for whatever days work for you. (If you can't make a weeklong commitment, that's fine. Sign up for two or three days.)

If you need to be shown how to operate the John Deere snow blower, contact Brad McKinney at 308-641-1741 or any number of "experienced" snow shovelers.



Thanks!

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

God is our encouragement  
In trouble and in trials,  
And in suffering and in sorrow  
He will turn our tears to smiles

Sometimes our tears flow with such sadness.  
We have had so many goodbyes to people we love  
He promised that He is with us always  
We know that no one loves us like Jesus

It has been a month of some happenings in our church musically. Several of us have been a part of the music in the many memorial services that we have had this past month.

Choir has started up with director, Marlene Sellevold and accompanied by Cozy Dorton and some group practices with Jennifer Doyle also. We would love to have more people in choir. We could use people in all sections but we are particularly short on altos and sopranos also. We practice at 6:30 every Wed. and we sing in church on the first and third Sundays of each month. We would love to see more people come to enjoy and give of their talents.

I am now working on scheduling the music for November and into December. It is exciting to be working on the schedule for the services coming up. I always have room for people with special music - all ages. We have always had a rich music program in our church and so I want to encourage anyone that would like to offer their musical talents to please contact me at 605-673-2468 or 605-673-1470, if you have some fresh new ideas or some names for me to contact.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped me with special music, accompanists and ideas for me to pursue.

### REMEMBER -

You are paint on God's canvas  
Notes in His song  
Words on His page  
Created by Him  
and then blessed to create with Him.  
God saw all that He had made  
and it was very good"  
(Holley Gerth)

Your Music Coordinator,  
Margaret Tretheway



## CLF YTD FINANCIALS 10/31/21

No financials were available at this time.  
Watch for updated financials in December.



## PARISH NURSE UPDATE BY MARY KLEIN



The Health Ministry Team has finally changed out our info board. This time we are highlighting information on the Covid-19 Pandemic. Take a look, there's a lot of great information and extra information in front of it on the table for you to take.

I was fortunate to have someone special give me an article from the "Gather" magazine titled "**Body, Mind and Spirit**" about Parish Nursing. I truly enjoyed reading it and I want to share a little of what was said. See if you think I am living up to my title.

Parish Nursing or "Faith Community Nursing", was formalized in the 1980's by a Lutheran Pastor named Granger Westburg. He was fascinated by the intersections of faith and wellness. He formalized the education built on holistic medicine. The concept of a Parish Nurse course was a foundation of training to care for the mind, body and spirit. I took such a course in Sioux Falls, that taught me these concepts and gave me ideas on how I was going to evolve into the position. Faith Community Nurses care for the congregation and community in many ways. "FCNs" offer blood pressure screening, host workshops, offer CPR and first aid classes and maintain automatic defibrillators. They also write newsletter articles about health issues and do so much more, including home communion and visitation ministry.

We work on building trust in different ways, such as, during blood pressure screening, they often educate the person and talk about other issues as well. Sometimes just listening is enough, but often they translate medical jargon and advocate and help navigate people through complex health issues and the medical health systems.

As a Parish Nurse, I get to care for the body, mind and spirit, which is much different than a typical hospital or clinic nurse. When we visit we also pray together. When I do home or Nursing Home visits, my favorite part is saying the Lord's Prayer together.

During the pandemic, adjustments had to be made to keep the people we visit and ourselves safe. For quite some time, I was told, I couldn't make home visits and of course, there were no more Nursing Home visits. This was quite difficult for them and ourselves. Many calls and cards were done, which I know were appreciated and also afforded the opportunity to visit. In time, our duties were resumed in a safe manner. We were all very happy to once again visit, do blood pressure screenings and other typical duties.

Another focus of caring for our congregation's health is monitoring and offering education on mental health issues. This also involves Greif Support, which I know I need to be more active in.

"Everyone needs healing, be it physical, emotional or spiritual. We are all sinners, and we all need healing, whether we think so or not." During difficult times people come to a spiritual healing and it helps them accept a disability or loss.

The last paragraph says it all. "The whole emphasis of my calling was making God real in people's lives, meeting them where they were and reminding them that God is here."

Healthy body, healthy soul,  
Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse



### CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:

Pam — pam\_clf@gwtc.net  
Main address— clf@gwtc.net



### OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.

## CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

On Custer Lutheran Fellowship's website, [www.custerlutheran.com](http://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.



### DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES?

Please let the church office know of any recent address changes, new email addresses or changes in your phone numbers whether home or cell phone. We are trying to keep our records up to date. Thank You for your assistance!





## W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

**Next meeting:** Monday, November 15, at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

**Hostesses:** We will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

**Program:** Thank Offering Service. Women attending the meeting are invited to bring a favorite devotional or Bible verse to share with the group.

The speaker at our October meeting was Peg Ryan. Peg is a member of the Custer City Council. She shared information concerning the demolition of the old elementary school and how the building of the Community Center will be handled. She also talked about the new waste water treatment plant and other happenings in the city. Thank you to Peg, for taking the time to speak to our group. It was greatly appreciated.



During our business meeting, we voted to give \$200 to WEAVE to support their billboard campaign against domestic violence. We also approved our budget for 2022.

The Craft and Goodie Sale will be held on Sunday, November 21 after the worship service. The Sale will feature homemade baked goods and holiday treats as well as craft items made by folks throughout the church. We appreciate the support that we receive from people who donate items as well as those who purchase the items. Money earned from this event helps to support local missions as well as state, national and worldwide needs. We will have baked goods and crafts spread out as much as possible and folks are invited to wear masks.

We will continue to collect items for the Storehouse during the month of November.

In December, our mission will be to collect socks and bars of soap for the folks at the Cornerstone Mission in Rapid City.



## JOYOUS QUILTERS

### November— January 2022 Schedule for Quilting

November 2, 9, and 16th Quilting starting at 9:00 am

No Quilting from November 23—January 10th, 2022

If you have extra blankets, quilts, or comforters you can leave them in the sewing room and they will be delivered to the Cornerstone Mission.

Our commitment of 100 quilts to Lutheran Social Services will soon be met. A volunteer is needed to deliver them to Midwest Trucking in Rapid City.

We continue to need good flat sheets for backing, fabric cutters and sewers.

Thank You,  
"The Joyous Quilters"



## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Many among us use the month of November to practice gratefulness as we prepare for Thanksgiving at the end of the month. A few years ago, long before COVID was a thing, I invited people to join me for a Facebook Live Bible study during the season of Lent. Together we journeyed through Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, using James Harnish's book *Easter Earthquake* as our guide. While many parts of the study have since then left my memory, what still resonates with me is that Paul wrote his letter from prison, but instead of making it about how he has become a victim of someone else's exercise of unjust power, he writes: "Now, I want you to know, ..., that what has happened to me had really served to advance the Gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly." (Phil 1:12-14)

When I visit congregations I hear lament over how communities of faith are no longer what they were in 2020. That is true, but let me ask you, would we be the same even if COVID had not changed how we are a community that we were in 2019? My answer is no. You know how the saying goes, the only constant is change. Life is in constant motion, and our lives change from one moment to the next, which in turn also changes how we are living in community. Usually, change happens more gradually, but COVID has propelled us forward in warp speed. It's a challenge to catch up with the pace. And it can easily feel as if we are prisoners of something that holds power over us. I take comfort from the Apostle Paul's words, who was imprisoned for his faith, but instead of taking on the victim role, he understands and uses it as an opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. How would our communities change, if we look at our current situations as an opportunity to proclaim God's good news?

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

### What keeps you up at night?

*Rev. Renee Splichal Larson*

*"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." - Galatians 5.14-15*

In October of 2019, the synod staff visited every conference, asking folks 3 questions:

1. What gives you joy?
2. What keeps you up at night?
3. What do you hope for from your synod staff?

One of the most common answers given to the question, "What keeps you up at night?" was, 'Polarization'. Keep in mind, this answer was given pre-pandemic.

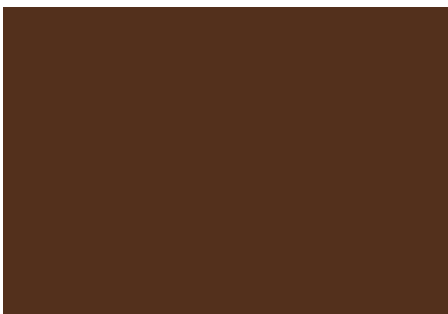
In November, the first call ministers serving in the SD Synod will gather for retreat and first call education. The book we are all reading together right now and will discuss in November is: *Polarization and the Healthier Church* by Ronald W. Richardson. Here is a brief insight from Richardson about polarization and the danger of it:

(continued from Rev. Renee Splichal Larson on previous page)

*It is normal for human communities to hold a range of opinions along a continuum on nearly any topic. Normally, people in groups do not all think the same. Life would be dull if that were the case. In polarization, as an electrified atmosphere of opposing forces, people begin to regard those who do not think like they do as the enemy. As the intensity of feelings increases, they seek to defeat and even humiliate or destroy one another. Respect for others is lost. The ethic of love gives way to the ethic of hate. I have heard good Christians speak of how much they hate the people on the other side of an issue (p. 2).*

More than ever, this world needs Christ followers who commit to the hard and fruitful work of loving the neighbor as oneself. Perhaps we can begin within our own congregations. Part of what I appreciate about the ELCA is that we commit to being the body of Christ together, even though individuals may not feel the same on certain issues.

We hold tight to our baptismal promises and our oneness in Christ, giving thanks to God for the diversity of human beings and creation. And we give thanks to God for our Lord Jesus, “for he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us ... In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God (Eph. 2.14, 21).”



### CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS BENEFIT AUCTION



The annual Christmas for Kids Benefit Auction will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th at the Custer Beacon from 4:00—8:00 pm. The Custer Beacon will have food and beverages available for purchase. The Beacon is located at 351 Washington Street in Custer.

Due to the COVID-19 virus last year, we had to cancel our auction. We are actively seeking donations to continue the work that Ann & Arvon Hamilton began 28 years ago. Items that can be auctioned, as well as monetary donations, are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact Dani or Jim Schade at 605-673-2663 or 605-517-5147.

### SUNNY REEVES FAREWELL

Thank you Sunny for all of your time and dedication to the people of CLF over the years.

May God continue to bless you as you have blessed others.



### 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!

### 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, and blankets. We are collecting items at CLF in the Fireside Room. Thank you!

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Yes, this fall there will be a ladies Bible Study happening on Thursday nights at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room. Joy Smolnisky will be the leader of this group. If you have any questions about the bible study give Joy Smolnisky a call at 605-929-1244.

### GENTLE YOGA CLASSES



Gentle yoga with Jackie classes will be meeting on Mondays and Thursdays in November (except Thanksgiving Day) at 10:30 AM in the Narthex. Masks will be optional. A six foot distance between participants will be practiced. All abilities welcomed.

# WEAVE PRAYER VIGIL



WOMEN  
ESCAPING  
A  
VIOLENT  
ENVIRONMENT



The deer wanted to come to Spark!

SPARK KIDS AND WORSHIP



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### November Daily Lectionary

#### Pentecost 24

*Thursday, Nov. 4*, Psalm 146; Numbers 36:1-13; Romans 5:6-11

*Friday, Nov. 5*, Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Hebrews 9:15-24

*Saturday, Nov. 6*, Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

*Sunday, Nov. 7*, 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

*Monday, Nov. 8*, Psalm 94; Ruth 1:1-22; 1 Timothy 5:1-8

*Tuesday, Nov. 9*, Psalm 94; Ruth 3:14—4:6; 1 Timothy 5:9-16

*Wednesday, Nov. 10*, Psalm 94; Ruth 4:7-22; Luke 4:16-30

#### Pentecost 25

*Thursday, Nov. 11*, Psalm 16; Daniel 4:4-18; 1 Timothy 6:11-21

*Friday, Nov. 12*, Psalm 16; Daniel 4:19-27; Colossians 2:6-15

*Saturday, Nov. 13*, Psalm 16; Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 12:1-12

*Sunday, Nov. 14*, Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

*Monday, Nov. 15*, Psalm 13; Daniel 8:1-14; Hebrews 10:26-31

*Tuesday, Nov. 16*, Psalm 13; Daniel 8:15-27; Hebrews 10:32-39

*Wednesday, Nov. 17*, Psalm 13 Zechariah 12:1—13:1 | Mark 13:9-23

#### Christ the King

*Thursday, Nov. 18*, Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Acts 7:54—8:1a;

*Friday, Nov. 19*, Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:20-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

*Saturday, Nov. 20*, Psalm 93; Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18; John 3:31-36;

*Sunday, Nov. 21*, Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

*Monday, Nov. 22*, Psalm 76 Psalm 63; Daniel 7:19-27; Revelation 11:1-14

*Tuesday, Nov. 23*, Psalm 76 Psalm 63; Ezekiel 29:1-12; Revelation 11:15-19

*Wednesday, Nov. 24*, Psalm 76; Ezekiel 30:20-26; John 16:25-33

*Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving)*, Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;  
Matthew 6:25-33

#### Advent 1

*Thursday, Nov. 25*, Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

*Friday, Nov. 26*, Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

*Saturday, Nov. 27*, Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24;

*Sunday, Nov. 28, First Sunday of Advent*; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

*Monday, Nov. 29*, Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18

*Tuesday, Nov. 30*, Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16

*Wednesday, Dec. 1*, Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32

#### Advent 2

*Thursday, Dec. 2*, Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a

*Friday, Dec. 3*, Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26;

*Saturday, Dec. 4*, Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6

*Sunday, Dec. 5*, Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

*Monday, Dec. 6*, Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25;

*Tuesday, Dec. 7*, Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15;

*Wednesday, Dec. 8*, Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30



**COUNCIL MINUTES —****Custer Lutheran Fellowship  
Council Minutes— October 19, 2021**

**Members Present:** Christie Behlings, Jackie Hartwick, Emily Hiatt, Scot Hoscheid, Liz Kleffner, Dave Pickford and Pastor Pam Power. Not Present: Samuel Ainsley and Carol Niemann.

**Call to Order:****Gathering of Personal Concerns and Joys****Reading of CLF Mission Statement and Council Covenant**

**Devotions and Prayers—**Dave led the devotions and prayer on I Samuel, when we hide.

**Agenda Additions/Approval—**There were no additions to the agenda.

**Secretary's Report:** The correspondence was reviewed. Minutes for the September meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The year to date offering is 10% over budget. September expenditures were under the monthly budget and are 89% of budget year to date.

**Special Agenda Items:** There were no special agenda items.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Review of worship and activities. We will continue to hold in person worship and mask wearing is optional. CLF follows the Custer School system regarding in attendance and wearing masks.
- Administering communion was discussed. Serving communion by intinction was reviewed. We will continue with communion with wafers and individual cups. Intinction will be reviewed in January.
- Council went into executive session to review Pastor Pam's annual review.

**New Business:**

- Three people have expressed interest in a new member class which will be Nov. 13th.
- A nominating committee has been selected to replace 3 council members whose term expires this year. Samuel Ainsley is moving, so will need to be replaced.
- The Annual Meeting date was set for January 23, 2022.
- The Storehouse has asked to hold their select-a-gift and Christmas basket distribution at CLF on December 18. The council agreed.

**Reflections on Mission and Ministry:**

Pastor Pam reviewed her report.

**Committee & Ministry Team Reports:**

Health Ministry, Carol Niemann – Recent activity was reviewed.

Property Committee, Dave Pickford – The committee is updating the projects list.

Social Ministry, Scot Hoscheid – Reviewed activity.

W/ELA, Jackie Hartwick – The craft and goodie sale will be November 21.

**Next Meeting: November November 16, 2021****Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer  
Adjournment**

Scot Hoscheid, Council Secretary



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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 Moe  
Parish Nurse: Mary Klein  
Custodian: Augie Heyne  
Music: Margaret Tretheway  
Choir Director: Marlene Sellevold  
Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky  
SPARK Kids:  
RAP Group:

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**