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Monthly Newsletter for:

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## 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 on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall** 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). This year, we have the honor of having Pastor Dan Johnson, from Pine Ridge coming to do the worship service for us. 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.

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Christmas Shopping? Your Social Ministry Team is sponsoring ELCA Good Gifts on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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 market. With such a 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 developments and educational opportunities. Need a gift for that "hard to buy for" someone? When you purchase your Good Gifts, you'll get an ornament and/or card for that special someone to show you're honoring them by giving to those in need with their name in mind. There will be a table set up in the Narthex on those dates to help you select gifts.

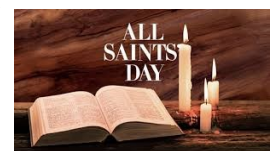


Saturday Night before bed one hour on November 5<sup>th</sup>.



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WAS NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

All Saints Sunday was held the first Sunday after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day) and is a celebration and remembrance of all who have died in the past year. At Custer Lutheran Fellowship, we remembered these loved ones through prayer and song and all had the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance during the service. All Saints Sunday is also a chance to remember all of the "saints" in our lives and to give thanks for the unending grace of God.



## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

While CLF has a contractor to keep the parking lot clear of snow, we need volunteers to keep the sidewalks clear.

- ✦ CLF has shovels and a snow blower on site. (As well as a supply of chicken grit for icy spots.) If you need to be shown how to operate the snow blower, contact Brad McKinney at (308)641-1741 or any number of "experienced CLF snow shovelers."
- ✦ You can choose which days work best for you. If you can't make a week long commitment, that's fine. Sign up for what works for you. Can you help?



## THANK YOU PASTOR PAM!

Our CLF council hosted coffee and cake for Pastor Pam after church on October 30th. Cards of thanks from the congregation had been collected for her. These were presented along with gifts from our quilters, the council, and friends in the congregation. Jackie Hartwick thanked Pastor Pam for her innovative five years of service to the congregation, the community, and the body of faith in our area. We wish Pastor Pam all the best in her continuing journeys of faith in life. **Thank You for your ministry!**



Sharing the Dream in Guatemala was a big success this year. We had beautiful items to purchase and gave them checks totaling \$2,505.99. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!

### THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

**7:00 AM — "Calamity Jane's"**

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

### SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 - 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Breakfast is served, then we will continue our Revelation Study. Questions? Contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Custer Lutheran Fellowship will be having their New Member Sunday, on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, during worship. We are looking forward to having the following families join us.

We are welcoming the families of:  
 Brian & Janice Albers  
 Heather Thompson  
 Tranda Nelssen  
 Richard & Caryl Jorgensen — Associate Members  
 Dave & Brenda Versteeg

Be sure to come and welcome these new families of God to CLF. We are excited to have you with us here.

If you are interested in becoming a member at CLF, please call the church office at 605-673-4691.

**WELCOME TO CLF!**

YOU ARE INVITED

**YOUTH GROUP PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**NOV 12TH 5:00PM**

LEHMANS- APPETIZERS  
 DREWS- SOUP/SALAD  
 PULSCHERS- MAIN MEAL  
 RUSCHES-DESSERT

**RSVP**  
 WENDI #509-494-3236

Meet at CLF to carpool

### SPARK KIDS

Join us for SPARK Kids! During the school year on Wednesday's, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We have had fun learning about the Old Testament with Bible Heroes like Noah, Abraham, and Moses. The Kids enjoyed a service project donating diapers to Pine Ridge with games, crafts and snacks that tie into the Bible Story. Pickup is 5:00 -5:15 pm but families are also very welcome to stay for the meal of the evening and worship.

There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/guardians in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the office. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join the 21 signed up so far! All are welcome!



### RAP GROUP

We have our weekly Wednesday night youth group 6:30-7:30pm 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Last month, we had a campfire at our house with 22 kids! I am looking for adults that would like to lead a devotion, game, discussion, craft, etc. so the youth can see faith and fun from several different perspectives. Please contact me if you would like to lead one week! For November, we have a game night, scavenger hunt for the Storehouse with Confirmation kids and other fun planned. I am trying to have a weekend Fun Activity once a month! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 12th -- Youth Progressive Dinner!** We will travel to four different homes for appetizers, soup/salad, main course and dessert! Contact Wendi Rusch at 509-494-3236 for more info!



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are planning a Children's program for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following fellowship after church.

We would like to know who would like to be part of this, we need children for the program & adults that would help with getting the children ready. This will be a no rehearsal play, the children will be directed on when it is their turn to come into the scene, we will sing lots of Christmas Carols between scenes, so everyone will participate, what fun it will be to get into the true Christmas spirit. I will send more information out with the Spark Kids. Thanks in advance. You can contact Carol Niemann at 605-673-5454 or 605-209-5748.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE

## Meal at 5:15 PM



Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie—Lasagna
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck / Lynn's Chicken (Bring a dish to share)
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	No meal – Thanksgiving Eve
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza

## Worship at 6:00 PM

Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holden Evening Prayer
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Around the Cross
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 PM
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion

## Confirmation at 6:30 pm

Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class—ELCA History & Structure
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Work with Mentor/Parent
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No Class</b>
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Class—Other Denominations



## CARING HANDS MINISTRY

Cozette Dorton is working to update the caring hands teams due to precautions regarding the virus and in recognition that many people still have important needs that we can meet.

The three Caring Hands Teams are:

- ❖ Caring Hands Meals Team
- ❖ Caring Hands Transportation Team
- ❖ Caring Hands Prayer Team

If you were previously serving on one of these teams and would like to be removed, let Cozy know.

If you would like to be added to any of these teams, please let Cozy know for more information and questions answered.

Cozy Dorton 673-4974 673-1187 [dididirector@goldenwest.net](mailto:dididirector@goldenwest.net)

Thank you for all the caring that each one is doing now-- for our church family, for our pastors and for our world--whether or not you are on one of these teams.



## GENTLE YOGA

Gentle Yoga with Jackie will be meeting on Thursday's during the month of November at 2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, except the 14th & Thanksgiving Day.

They practice social distancing, and masks may be worn.

For more information contact Jackie Hartwick at 605-673-2428.



**PARISH NURSE NOTES**



I can happily report I received my latest COVID booster and did not have a reaction. I'm scheduled for my flu vaccine in a few days. It was recommended to wait at least a week between shots as some were having reactions if taken together. I have heard from medical experts that this year may be a bad one for the flu, so it's really important to get that flu shot and if you are over 65, let them know so you get the one developed for the older age group.

I and our team are putting out an invitation to join our Health Ministry Team. We have not grown for a number of years and we want some fresh new ideas. You do not need to have medical experience to belong to our committee. We have several nurses, a doctor and some support personnel and having new members brings us new, fresh ideas on ways to serve our congregation. It is not a committee with a busy schedule. We try to meet monthly and then work together on projects and take care of some responsibilities for our congregation. Let me know if you can join!

*Healthy Body, Healthy, Happy Life*  
*Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse*



**MENTAL HEALTH NEWS**

Many people have put off their appointments for mental health care. It was easy to do during the pandemic but now it's time to see your provider. If you have been struggling with new issues and not sure where to turn, I have a lot of information and I will help as I am able. The state also has some new information on the internet and are forming committees to address issues within the state and working to organize care available. I have received a lot of information from them and placed some materials I received on our information table. There is also more information there for anyone to take for themselves or others. We will be changing out our table in another month or two so grab them now. Remember to take care of yourself first so you are able to take care of others.

*Healthy Mind, Healthy Body*  
*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:

Main address— [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net)

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINE

Please have articles for the **December Newsletter** to the office by **November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

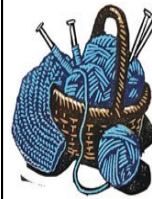
Thank you!



## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

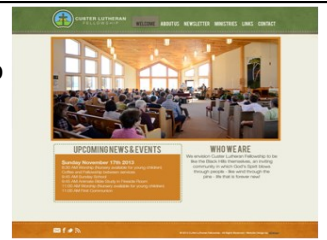


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office. Everyone is welcome to do so at any time—just let someone in the office know when you do, as we keep a journal of all activity.



## CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

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



## "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **October to December 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 LIVING LUTHERAN RENEWAL

If you have been receiving in the past "The Living Lutheran" formerly "The Lutheran, now is the time to contact the church office, so that we are able to keep your subscription going.

If you are new and would like a subscription, the cost for this magazine is \$19.95 made out to CLF.

## GIVING CARDS

The Stewardship Team has sent out giving cards to the congregation. Please complete them and return them to the church office as soon as they are completed. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated so that the council can work on the church budget.

## PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE 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 office 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.

605-673-4691 (church)

## 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!



## SELECT-A-GIFT, 2022

### BE A PART OF MAKING SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS MERRIER!

Monetary donations are once again needed! All gift recipients will now be able to request a gift or gift card with a value up to \$25. All gifts and gift cards will be purchased locally whenever possible by the Select-A-Gift Committee. Custer Lutheran Fellowship has been incredibly supportive in the past and we hope we can count on you this year as well. **Prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>**, please take a red envelope from your tree, insert your cash or check (made out to the Custer Ministerial Alliance), and then drop it in the secure red lock box near your tree. The red boxes will only be available for a short time prior to and after your weekend services. Other donation boxes can be found at the Chamber of Commerce, Highmark Federal Credit Union, First Interstate Bank, and Dacotah Bank or you can mail checks to Select-A-Gift, PO Box 366, Custer, SD 57730. **THANK YOU** for making Christmas special for over 100 families in Custer County who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.



~ *Select-A-Gift Committee*

## LUTHERAN OUTDOORS REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SUMMER OF 2023

Are you a fan of the great outdoors? Here is a great time for you to enjoy that with your Lutheran Outdoors Registration, opening on November 14th. Don't wait until the last minute as these camps do fill up fast. Besides, why not get in on the Early Bird Registration! This is a way to get to sign up and possibly with your friends in the same cabin, who have been at one of the camps in South Dakota before.

The theme for the Summer of 2023 is "Wonder". WOW! Just think about all of the things that go with that theme. If you are interested in one of the South Dakota Camps like Nesodak, Klein, or Outlaw Ranch contact Lutheran Outdoors of South Dakota at 1-800-888-1464.

## MUSIC MOMENTS BY MARGARET

This is always a busy time of the year for the Church and for the months coming up. My wisest choice is to trust in him at all times. Even when I feel unsteady, I know that He gives us strength to get through. So, as I ponder and thank this hidden treasure, He has given us.

I want to thank Mary and Donna for helping me with the bulletins. It takes quite a number of hours to get it put together. I would not want to do it myself. When I am lining up the accompanists, and special music and choir, I realize that only if you have people to share these talents, can it be done. We are so glad to have 4 pianists now - Jennifer Doyle, Cozy Dorton, Tranda Nelssen, and Janice Albers.

I am now working on having the community concert prior to Christmas. We have had to miss it because of Covid. In the past I have worked with Colleen Mahrt. I have had many people ask if we could try to start it up again. This would involve several churches that would like to be a part of it again. No pressure to those that do not want to come. It has always been a great way to start this special season. I have Dec. 4th saved on the calendar and we want all ages to participate. It is such a wonderful way to welcome the remembrance of the coming of our Lord.

We will have further information in the Custer Chronicle, our newspaper and in the various churches. I have turned it over to God and all of you to help us put this together this year.

We had a very nice but sad party this past Sunday. It was a way of saying "thank you" for her work and gifts. We send prayers to the whole family. Thank you God, for all of your love and care.

God bless all of you - Margaret & Bill Tretheway



### Sorry it's Late!!

Jack & Mary Winter would like to thank everyone for the for the well wishes, cards, and gifts that they received for their recent marriage.

You are a great group of people!

### Thank You!

I would like to say thank you to all of you for the prayers, calls, and cards during my recent illness. God Bless each of you!

Jim Hattervig

## LADIES BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read books? Here at Custer Lutheran Fellowship, we have a group of ladies that meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM and have been reading some great Christian books. They are currently reading a book by Rob Bell called "What We Talk About When We Talk About God". Several have commented that this book is very contemporary and very interesting. They have found some great discussions with this book. Yes, they don't always agree on everything but have decided that it's ok that way also. They are very close to the beginning if you would like to join this group. If you would like more information contact Bonnie Thompson at 605-673-1047. All are Welcomed Here!!



## WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Want to dive deeper into God's Word, but not sure where to start? The Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study has begun a new study of the book of Genesis and welcomes interested women of any age to join us. We meet Thursday's at 5:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Visitors are welcome so if you are curious but uncertain if Bible Study is for you, feel free to stop by and visit anytime. The group follows a structured Bible Study Guide that poses questions to help us think about and discuss the passages we are reading each week. Talk to Joy



## CLF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 NON-RESTRICTED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>NON-RESTRICTED</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 - Offering Contributions	194,465	223,125
Total 40014 - Non-restricted Special Donation	4,476	1,733
40300 - Interest	340	225
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>199,281</u></b>	<b><u>225,083</u></b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Total 61000 - Pastoral Leadership	66,623	71,036
Total 62000 - Worship	7,895	8,417
63000 - Education		
Total Education	3,286	4,200
64000 - Mission Support		
Total Mission Support	30,165	30,805
Total 65000 - Support/Care	82,116	96,584
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>190,086</u></b>	<b><u>211,042</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b><u>9,195</u></b>	<b><u>14,042</u></b>
Other Income/Expense		
Total Other Income	544	
Total 66000 - Miscellaneous Unbudgeted Exp	414	
Total 80300 - Additions to Cap imp & Youth Reserve	16,682	18,166
<b>Net Income after non-P&amp;L Cashflows</b>	<b>(7,358)</b>	<b>(4,124)</b>



**W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:**

The Next W/ELCA meeting will be on Monday, November 21st at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. The program will be the Thank Offering Service. The meal will be a potluck luncheon — please bring a dish to share.

At our October meeting we finalized the 2023 budget and updated the W/ELCA booklet. We also made plans for the Craft and Goodie Sale.

The Craft and Goodie Sale will be held on Sunday, November 20th after worship. It has become a tradition at CLF and is a fun way to start the holiday season. This is a reminder that contributions are welcome from all members of the congregation. We appreciate the support from those who buy items from the sale and also from those who make or donate items for the sale. Donated items can be left in the sewing room anytime before the sale or they can be brought in before the worship service on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be setting up for the sale on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to drop off items at that time also.

We will pack items for the Backpack Program at the elementary school on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Packing will take place at CLF in the Fireside Room on both dates. We would appreciate help from anyone who is available.


W/ELCA will supply cookies for Christmas for Kids in Custer on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. We have done this for several years. The folks who set up the program greatly appreciate our support. It has become another tradition that we enjoy.

Thanks to all who have donated items for the Storehouse in October or November. The Storehouse has been our mission for those two months. It is always a pleasure to watch the ox cart fill up as you help us help others in the community!

We wish you and your families many blessings as we approach Thanksgiving!

**QUILTING** — There is a new schedule for the rest of 2022 for quilting. We will be meeting the first two Tuesdays in November (1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) & December (6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>).

We are in need of fabric to continue to work with the quilts. The last quilts were given to the Lutheran Social Services and the Dakota Children’s Homes.

The Happy Quilters 

**October—November Mission Project: The Storehouse**

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Canned food – meats, vegetables, fruits, soups | Cereals                     |
| Spaghetti, pasta & sauce                       | Stuffing Mix                |
| Sugar, Flour                                   | Soaps – laundry, dish, body |
| Peanut Butter                                  | Macaroni & Cheese           |
| Paper towels & toilet tissue                   | Tubs of frosting            |

Any other food items you’d like to bring.



**CALLING A NEW PASTOR...**

A task force was created to jump start the Call Committee by creating a draft Ministry Site Profile (MSP). We are in the process of finalizing the Call Committee and once completed they will review this draft and make any additions or corrections.

The next step is the Ministry Site Study where a member of the Synod staff attends and explains the call process, answers questions, and reviews the MSP with congregation. The site study is scheduled for **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** with Pastor Renee Splichal Larson. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the call process, please feel free to contact Donna McConnell, Call Committee Chair at 605-440-0518.

## COUNCIL MINUTES – OCTOBER 25, 2022 MEETING

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The offerings thru September were 87% of budget (\$28,600) and expenses were 90% of budget (-22,440). The Finance Committee will be meeting soon and in November, work will start on the 2023 budget.

- **Guest Pastor's Pay** – we will continue to pay guest pastors for pulpit supply.

### Unfinished Business:

- **Thrivent Choice** – YTD - \$963.00
- **Amazon Smile** – YTD - \$ 5.00
- **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – YTD - \$900.00
- **Financial Secretary Update** – would be nice to have one more
- **Montessori Update** – discussed Montessori breaking the contract. Mark moved, Jackie seconded to waive the remaining 2 months fee due to this. Motion approved.
- **Sabbatical Policy** – will vote on this in November.
- **Stewardship Campaign Update** – to date have received 53 giving cards for \$176,338.
- **Boiler Update** – no update. Still waiting on estimated cost amounts for new versus replacement parts.
- **Guest Pastor Update** – Pastor Dan Johnson will continue preaching on Wednesday nights thru the end of the year and thru the end of the school year for Confirmation. Scot has guest pastors lined up thru the end of the year with a few services still open.

### New Business:

- **Membership changes** – Transfer: Joyce Jindra /Add: Associate Members – Dick & Caryl Jorgensen  
New Member Class was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. New member recognition will be held on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pastor Pam Recognition Event** – discussed Sunday's event. There will be cake after service.
- **Call Committee** – A Task Force comprising of Pastor Jeremy, Joy Smolnisky and Donna McConnell has been formed and an initial draft of the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) has been created.
- **Appoint Financial Review Committee Members** – Names of potential people were given and they will be contacted to see if they are willing to serve on the committee.
- **Community Christmas** – Date is December 17<sup>th</sup>. Both the Food Basket and Select-A-Gift distribution will be held that day at CLF with set-up done the day prior.
- **Bread for the World** – need to set a date to hold letter writing on a Sunday after church.
- **Children's Christmas Program** – Carol will work on finding someone to head this.
- **Safe Keys Security** – Safe takes two keys to open and they are kept in separate locations for security. Needs to be more than one person who knows the location. Mark moved, Jackie seconded to allow Financial Secretaries to know the location. Motion approved.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- **Endowment, Donna McConnell** – Committee has met and recommended the following distributions: \$545 each to Custer YMCA, Custer County Library, Outlaw Ranch, Lifeways at Custer/Hermosa schools and Southern Hills Freshman Impact. Donna moved, Christie seconded to approve the distribution. Motion approved. Check presentations will be on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Outreach** – Has been meeting regularly. Retired pastors have been helping with visitations.
- **Social Ministry, Scot Hoscheid** – Reviewed committee activity.
- **W/ELCA, Jackie Hartwick** – Reviewed upcoming activity.

Next meeting is November 15, 2022

Donna McConnell  
Council Secretary



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 21

Tues. Nov. 1: Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14; Jude 5-21

Wed. Nov 2: Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27

### All Saints Sunday

Thurs. November 3: Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11

Fri. November 4: Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23

Sat. November 5: Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8

All Saints Sunday, November 6: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Mon. November 7: Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Tues. November 8: Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1-13

Wed. November 9: Psalm 123; Job 25:1—26:14; John 5:19-29

### Pentecost 23

Thurs. November 10: Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25

Fri. November 11: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

Sat. November 12: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37

Sun. November 13: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Mon. November 14: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Tues. November 15: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23--11:1

Wed. November 16: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37—24:14

### Christ the King

Thurs. November 17: Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28

Fri. November 18: Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sat. November 19: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

Sun. November 20: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Mon. November 21: Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46: 18-28; Revelation 21:5-27

Tues. November 22: Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21

Wed. November 23: Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4

### Advent 1

Thurs. November 24: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10

Fri. November 25: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7

Sat. November 26: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22

Sun. November 27: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Mon. November 28: Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11

Tues. November 29: Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40

Wed. November 30: Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35

### Advent 2

Thurs. December 1: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Fri. December 2: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13: 16-25

Sat. December 3: Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28

Sun. December 4: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Mon. December 5: Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thess. 4:1-12

Tues. December 6: Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21

Wed. December 7: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37



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## 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!



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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**

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Custodian: Augie Heyne

Music: Margaret Tretheway

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Steve Baldwin

Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky

Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch

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