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“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY!

A BIG thank you to all who participated in the 6th Annual “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” Sunday on September 8th. Approximately 70 parishioners from CLF joined in this nationwide Day of Service within our community. ELCA churches from around the country were visible witnesses to the faith on this day as members stepped outside of the church doors and into the community finding ways to serve our neighbors. Did we make a difference? Absolutely! Our focus was on service projects that benefit our community.



✦ Helping the Regional Health Custer Hospital develop the new Healing Garden by mulching, weeding, and planting flowers that will provide those in need with a calming environment during stressful times.

✦ Trash pick-up along the highway in Custer State Park as well as along two miles of Highway 16 right-of-way.

✦ Assembling and mailing 10 Care Packages to college students and writing letters of appreciation to 13 military & community first-responders.

- ✦ Quilting - a continuing effort to create quilts that will, when finished, be freely given to those in need.
- ✦ Assembling 20 "Birthday Bags" for those in need being served by the W.E.A.V.E. shelter. Each bag contains a cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, balloons, card, napkins and plates. W.E.A.V.E. also received packets of home-made cards & postage stamps for residents to use for various occasions.
- ✦ Acoustic tiles were affixed to the basement area serving our SPARKS program. While more tiles have yet to be affixed, our GWOH crew got a great start in improving this community-use room.
- ✦ Nursing home service and companionship to the residents was provided.

After our church service at CLF, we were sent out to do God’s Work. We assembled sack lunches to take to our projects. Upon completion of projects, we returned to CLF for ice cream sundaes.

Special thanks to the members of the Evangelism Team and the Social Ministry Team for orchestrating this year’s effort. Appreciation is extended to W/ELCA for providing the lunches and to Thrivent for providing funding for several of the activities. Those interested in having such fun throughout the year are encouraged to join one of the planning teams!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



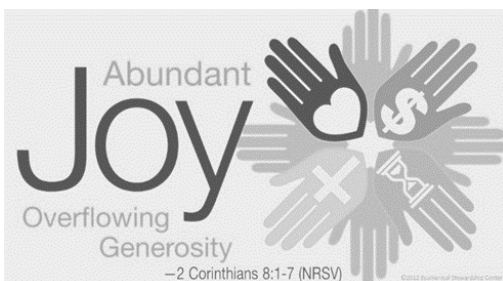
I will be offering a First Communion class on **Saturday, Oct. 26th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** for youth in 4th through 6th Grade. They will then receive their first communion on Sunday, Oct. 27th, which is Reformation Sunday. They can also receive their first communion the following Wednesday, October 30th.

We will explore the meaning of Holy Communion, how it began, how it prepares us to live our faith every day, how to receive it with reverence, and also the amazing gift that it is. There will be short videos, a booklet for them to use and take home with them, lots of discussion, and some fun, too.

Please use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to register for the class. And come with your children – you never know – you might learn something about Communion you don't already know! If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. I look forward to introducing your children to this amazing gift! — Pastor Pam

ABUNDANT JOY, OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-8, Paul holds up for the Corinthians the example of abundant giving by a group of people who are living on the edge, who don't have the material wealth that's usually associated with abundant giving. But they give anyway, gladly, decidedly, and with generosity. Their understanding of biblical generosity was possible for them. And it can be for us as well. Join us as we explore the themes of Giving God Our Day on Oct. 13th, Giving God Our Worship on Oct. 20th, Giving to God of Our Spiritual Gifts on Oct. 27th, and Giving to God of Our Income on Nov. 10th. We will explore these themes of Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity in creative ways throughout these weeks. Watch for more information as we begin this exciting time of joy and generosity!



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

The Caring Hands Ministry supports others, through prayer and by offering transportation or meals to those facing a difficult time. If you are in need, or know of someone who would benefit from our services, please contact us.

We are looking for more volunteers to be added to our list, Please let us know if you are interested.

"No **hands**, no **feet** on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the **feet** with which he walks to do good. Yours are the **hands** through which he blesses all the world." ~ by Teresa of Avila

Cindy Anderson – 651-245-3316 for meals or transportation
Cozy Dorton – 605-673-1187 prayers

ST. DYSMAS GUEST

Pastor Wayne Gallipo, pastor of the St. Dysmas congregation in the State Penitentiary, will be visiting us and preaching on Sunday, October 20th. Please come to hear his words and to learn more about St. Dysmas, one of the ELCA ministries supported by our congregation.

SAFETY TRAINING

The Active Shooter/Safety Training, originally scheduled in September, has been postponed. We believe it was far more important to support the Diedtrich Family on the day of Jake Diedtrich's Memorial Service. The training will be rescheduled in November. The new date will be announced in the November newsletter, in bulletins, and on Facebook.



I just returned to my office from text study with several of my clergy colleagues. We had a really interesting discussion that started with one of the upcoming scripture readings, but turned into something else – which often happens to us!

It started with this comment from someone: “My day is my own to plan. I do what I want and I make my own schedule.” My response in that moment was, “I plan my days, too, and make my own schedule, which works great sometimes. But then other weeks, like last week and this week, that all goes out the window. And I’m reminded that my day is **not** my own, and I ultimately have no control over it.”

That opened a discussion on who or what **does** control our schedule, and how do we react when those plans get pushed aside. I have to admit that sometimes I don’t react that well when my well-laid plans go awry. For example, when my son Matt called to say his glasses broke, and my hoped-for relaxing evening would be spent driving to Rapid City to get him new glasses, I was not exactly thrilled. Other times, I react better to it, knowing that even though my plans would have to be put on hold, I know that God is calling me to be present with someone who needs support. I know that the Holy Spirit is definitely active in those times when I get interrupted and have to set aside what I thought I would be doing that day.

So ultimately, who is in control of **your** schedule and **your** plans? You and I may think it’s us, but it really isn’t. Sometimes God steps in and puts us on a different path, sending us to different people or situations that God wants us present for. Perhaps you get a phone call in the middle of a project you are working on at home, and are irritated about the intrusion. But maybe that is the Holy Spirit saying that the person calling needs you in that moment – needs you to be present with them, to listen, to support, to love them. And the Spirit knows that **you** specifically are the one that person needs.

So the next time your plans get interrupted, stop and thank God for putting you in the right place at the right time to serve and to love as God needs you to. You never know how those interruptions will serve to help someone else, even if it may not seem like it at the time. When we stop and look for the Holy Spirit working through us, I think we would be amazed at how often it happens.

So stop and see where the Spirit is leading you – and interrupting you – to do God’s work in the world!

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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THANK YOU CLF FAMILY!

The new Woyatan Retreat Center in Rapid City is entering the final stage of construction. We have gotten to this point, in large part, because of the generosity and support received from Custer Lutheran Fellowship. To all of the construction volunteers, people who supplied snacks and meals, and for the financial support (most recently received from W/ELCA), I want to say a huge THANK YOU! If you haven't seen the new Woyatan Retreat Center lately, stop by any time. It is located at 522 Anamosa Street, and I would love to give you a guided tour.

In Lakota, 'woyatan' means praise and thanks. The purpose of the center is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the establishment of better understanding between people of European ancestry and other ethnic groups, especially Native Americans, living in the Rapid City area.

Larry Peterson

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY



We will be celebrating Bread for the World Sunday on October 13th. On this day we join others in offering prayers for those who suffer from hunger in our own country and around the world. We also pray for our decision makers who can change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. There will be information and supplies in the gathering space that day to write letters to our representatives urging them to support measures that improve nutrition for mothers and children especially. Please join us as we work to make sure all people share in the abundance God has provided.



MEET THE SD SYNOD BISHOP

Meet with your new bishop and synod staff for a "Listen, Learn, and Care" session. Bishop Constanze Hagmaier and her new associates are eager to meet with members of the South Dakota Synod to learn what is happening across the synod in your community. One of the new associates is Jonathan Steiner, who serves currently at Atonement Lutheran in Rapid City and Piedmont Valley Lutheran in Piedmont. Pastor Steiner will serve as Director for Evangelical Mission and Asso-

ciate to Bishop Hagmaier for Stewardship and Outreach. All rostered ministers, lay leaders, and congregational members are invited to attend. The session will be at Calvary Lutheran, 5311 Sheridan Lake Rd. in Rapid City, on Tuesday, October 22, from 6:30—8:00 PM.

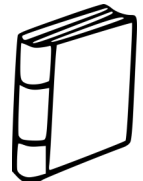
THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

We meet on October 12th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room at CLF. Breakfast will be served, then we watch and discuss a NOOMA DVD. Come to one or come to all. If you have questions, contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.

THURSDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY



Meets weekly on Thursdays, 9:30—11:30 AM with coffee, treats and good conversation.

We read aloud from the selected book, and get interrupted with questions, laughter, reflections, faith and life stories. We are reading The Time is Now—A Call to Uncommon Courage by author Joan Chittister. Joan is a nun who has written about 50 books. Please join us!

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, October 28th, at 11:30 AM at CLF.

HOSTESSES: JoAnn Evans and Lavina Shoop

PROGRAM: A time to share information about our trip to the Abbott House in Rapid City and the Bear Butte Conference W/ELCA retreat at Outlaw Ranch. We will also take this opportunity to visit with each other—sharing joys and concerns and wishing our snowbirds safe travels.



Information summarizing our “field trip” to the Abbott House in Rapid City on September 23rd will be given in the November newsletter.

Marcy Wirth, (center), our speaker in August, told us about her trip around the world and what she learned about “Who is my neighbor?” The W/ELCA group presented Marcy with a quilt to thank her.

Backpack Program: In November, W/ELCA will be in charge of 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 “sock and soap” mission project in September was a success. Thanks for your support of this project. We will divide soap and socks among LSS, the Cornerstone Mission Center in Rapid City, and W.E.A.V.E. in Custer. We are told that socks are the most asked for items in homeless shelters.

Quilting takes place every Tuesday 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. Thanks to Ginny Myers who has made this a major outreach program from W/ELCA and CLF in general.

Bingo at Custer Senior Care—October 4th. 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.

October—November Mission Project: The Storehouse

- Canned food – meats, vegetables, fruits, soups
- Spaghetti, pasta & sauce
- Cake Mixes/Tubs of Frosting
- Soaps – laundry, dish, body
- Paper towels & toilet tissue
- Any other food items you’d like to bring

- Cereals
- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese



SHARING THE DREAM CRAFTS COMING SOON

Sharing the Dream is a fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. The purchase of these crafts not only provides an income for these artisans, but also supports community development projects in Guatemala. These beautiful items make wonderful gifts. Crafts will be displayed and sold on October 27th, October 30th, and November 3rd. Come and look and support.



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

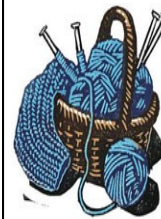


OFFICE HOURS.....

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

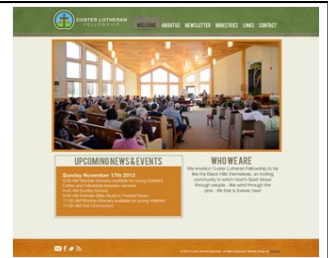


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office.

Everyone is welcome to do so at anytime—just let someone in the office know when you do, as we keep a journal of all activity.

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

On Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s website, www.custerlutheran.com you will find the option to support Custer Lutheran Fellowship’s mission and ministry through the “ONLINE GIVING” link. Whether you’d like to make a one-time donation or set-up regularly scheduled donations, you can do this easily through a secure server by following the instructions. At this time, CLF accepts bank account (ACH) transactions only. You can set up your own login/password and make changes with your giving at any time.



LET’S GET NOISY!

The “*Noisy Offering*” continues one Sunday each month. This month it is October 13th. The September offering was \$77. Offerings from September through December go to Native American Ministries at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center. Your spare change **does** make a difference. Thanks so much!



2019 BUDGET THRU AUGUST 31

	<u>Jan-Aug, 2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offering Contributions	227,047	244,000
Special Offerings	8,653	1,917
Total Income	<u>235,700</u>	<u>245,917</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	60,952	62,974
Worship	6,399	7,376
Education	7,594	10,201
Mission Support	31,250	31,240
Support/Care*	<u>116,952</u>	<u>149,250</u>
Total Expenses	<u>223,147</u>	<u>261,041</u>
NET	12,553	(15,124)

*Support/Care Expenses budgeted but not yet expended:
 Prepay Mortgage 8,000
 Special Projects (Parking Lot) 10,000
 Special Projects 7,000
 (Parsonage Deck & Window A/C)
Subtotal Delayed Expenditures: 25,000

LUTHERAN PLANNED GIVING APPOINTMENTS

Kathy McHenry, Director of Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (LPGSD), is scheduling appointments in the area from Sat., Oct 19, to Wed., Oct. 23. You may reach her at 605.274.5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org to arrange a time to help you create a tax-wise legacy plan that honors your faith and your family. Kathy’s services are provided to all SD ELCA members free of charge as a gift from the SD Synod, the ELCA Foundation, and LPGSD partners across the state. For more information, visit www.lpgsd.org.

RAP Group--Wednesdays 6:30

For all youth in grades 9—12, this is a fun and safe place where we can laugh, play games, and have conversations of issues that are going on in the teenage world. This year, the RAP Group meets each Wednesday from 6:30 -7:30 PM in the basement. All are welcome—invite your friends. Questions? Contact Tim Wicks, 673-1223 or twicks@goldenwest.net.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE KICKS OFF!

We began on **Wednesday, September 11th**. This program is a mid-week faith recharge for your family. Our weekly schedule goes like this:

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 October Wednesday NightLife Meals follow this schedule:

October 2nd—Potluck meal—Chicken provided by CLF
October 9th—Meal prepared by Jackie Hartwick and Women of the ELCA
October 16th—Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
October 23rd—Pizza supplied by CLF
October 30th—Meal prepared by Jackie Hartwick and Women of the ELCA

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

October 2nd—Chosen People liturgy
October 9th—Prayer Around the Cross
October 16th—Communion
October 23rd—Holden Evening Prayer
October 30th—Prayer Around the Cross

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR 2019

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

No practice Sunday Dec. 1st

Rehearsal on Friday Dec. 6th 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

We are in our Sixth Year of SPARK Kids. Every Wednesday afternoon, children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at school and transported to church. Our time together goes fast! We have a wide variety of learning activities including snacks, Bible stories, games, arts and crafts, and more. We will explore Bible stories using the SPARK Activate Faith All Kids curriculum. The program concludes each Wednesday at 5:15 PM. The children and their families are invited to join us for a meal followed by worship. We are done by 6:30 PM.

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 October are as follows:

- ✦ October 2—*The First Sin*—Genesis 3:1-24
- ✦ October 9—*Joseph and His Brothers*—Genesis 37:1-28
- ✦ October 16—*Joseph Helps His Family*—Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21
- ✦ October 23—*Baby Moses*—Exodus 2:1-10
- ✦ October 30—*The Burning Bush*—Exodus 3:1-15

Join us on Wednesdays and experience the fun!

PARISH NURSE NEWS

I'm sure most will know and understand the term, Caring for the Caregiver. Who are caregivers? Besides the obvious medical personnel, there are many among us who take on this role. It may be a spouse, sister or brother, daughter or son, or a friend. Who are we caring for? It can be someone with an acute problem, such as a broken bone from injury or someone who has had surgery, or a chronic issue. We take on these roles out of love and necessity. Whether it's out of love or necessity, we need to be acutely aware of the toll it may take on us.

We all know that before an airplane takes off, instructions are given of actions to be taken in case of emergency. One is to put an oxygen mask on ourselves before anyone else. Why is this so important? If we do not tend to our own safety, we may become incapacitated, and thus unable to help anyone else. The same holds true when caring for another. We need to make sure we are eating well, sleeping adequately and giving ourselves a break. You may need to ask another family member for a respite, or there may be help through an agency that provides for respite care. Do not ignore the need for a break. It does not mean that you are deserting a loved one, or being selfish. It is a loving decision, restoring your mind and body, to continue on with the loving care you provide.

Healthy body, healthy mind,

Mary Klein, RN

Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

I was discussing this topic a few days ago, and I was reminded that September was National Mental Health Month. Sorry I am late with this announcement. I consider that every day, we should be cognizant of those who must deal with mental illness every day. They don't have the option to take a break or put it away for a while. They must take their medication every day, work through the side effects that come with treatment and meet with their mental health providers. Many must continue to work to support their family, do their job to the best of their ability, and interact with others. All of this, and still feel the stigmas in mental illness. It can become overwhelming. How can you help? Learn all you can about mental illness, become empathetic and support one another instead of judging.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Soul,

Mary Klein RN

Parish Nurse



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Ephesians 4: vs 7, 11-12

"But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And the gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

What a great opportunity we have in October to express appreciation to Pastor Pam, and her family. We are able to take this time to celebrate our pastor and think about how they might want to be recognized, appreciated and encouraged.

- * It is an opportunity to ask our pastor what she really wants.
- * It is a time to celebrate as a church family and share our gifts of time, talent, service and presence. Sometimes, it is these gifts that mean the most.
- * It is an opportunity to write a word of encouragement.

Let us all give thanks for the difference Pastor Pam makes in our lives.

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

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota (LOSD) presents 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 RETREATS THIS FALL

Mothers and Daughters Outdoors Retreat—October 4—6

This retreat is a weekend for mothers, daughters, aunts, and sisters of all ages to spend time together in the beautiful Black Hills. We don't check family trees—you can invite anyone to be your mother, daughter, or sister for the weekend! The program includes singing, worship, home-cooked meals, relaxing with a cup of cocoa, and a choice of outdoor activities, such as canoeing, hiking, low ropes course, games, crafts, and horseback riding.

Creative Souls Retreat—November 1-3

Whether you scrapbook, knit, stamp, embroider, draw, make jewelry, or enjoy other projects, it can be hard to find the time to actually finish something. This retreat offers you the time, space, and fellowship to work on your passions. Bring your own projects and tools and honor your gifts by spending time on them; share ideas and techniques, go for a walk in the woods, and meet new friends. Stay at Outlaw on the weekend or commute!

Passionate Quilters Retreats—three weekends available in November

A relaxed weekend 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 any of these retreats, go to www.losd.org/events-and-retreats.



LIVING LUTHERAN

Living Lutheran is a monthly magazine published by the ELCA. The ELCA is a church that encourages diverse voices and lively dialogue in our faith and life. *Living Lutheran* is an opportunity for church members to express individual perspectives. Articles range from study guides and letters to articles on faith, family, youth, spirituality, and a deeper understanding of issues in society. The August issue had an article on Outlaw Ranch.

If you would like a subscription to this magazine delivered to your home, the cost to you is \$19.95 per year. Please contact the church office to request a copy, which will be reserved for you by CLF.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S COFFEE—JOIN US!

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Printed offering envelopes come in a boxed set for each Sunday of the year and for special occasions. CLF will soon order offering envelopes for 2020. If you would like a set, please contact the church office at 673-4691 or clf@gwtc.net to reserve them. There is no cost for the envelopes.

COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2019

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report—Joy reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering/attendance trends. The year to date trend is at 93.05% of budgeted amount. To balance the potential \$25,588 shortfall for the year, a number of efficiency measures and changes in priorities have resulted in a workable solution.

- ✦ It was moved, seconded, and approved that “the existing insurance and coverage for staff member’s health insurance remain the same as last year.”
- ✦ It was recommended that members of committees submit cost/benefit proposals for the upcoming 2020 budget process.
- ✦ Properties needs and progress as it affects the budget were discussed. See Properties and Parking Lot Work in Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in September —\$0; received \$1,901 year to date.
- ✦ **Properties** —The boiler/air handler situation has been remedied and plans for future needs are in place. Bob Timperley is willing to do some of the removal of moldy sheetrock in the Down Under where water leaks are occurring. Progress has been made on the installation of acoustic tiles in the Down Under, with more to be completed.
- ✦ **Parking Lot Work** —Larry Noem has been working on the asphalt repairs .
- ✦ **Active Shooter/Safety Training**— The entire congregation is invited to attend and participate in training on September 28. This has now been postponed to November due to a memorial service on that date.
- ✦ **Discussion on Worship Survey Team**— A number of congregation members have volunteered, including Liz Kleffner as Council representative, to assist in conducting surveys online and in person as we discern the Holy Spirit’s guidance in the one service/two service discussion.
- ✦ **God’s Work. Our Hands. evaluation**—It was felt the participation and work accomplished was a healthy reflection of our congregation.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—No changes.
- ✦ **Stewardship Team**—Pastor Pam asked for assistance in determining dates for the four-week Stewardship drive, being aware that meeting the timeline for 2020 budget work needs to be considered.
- ✦ **Bread for the World Sunday**—October 13th.
- ✦ **Request from Sheriff’s Office** for donation for funds for child safety prevention & education programs. Council determined that the cost/benefit was not clear enough to support this request.
- ✦ **New Synod Staff Member**—It was just announced by the ELCA SD Synod Bishop that Rev. Jonathan Steiner from Rapid City has been named as the new Director of Evangelical Mission. He will be establishing a satellite synod office in the Western area of the state.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam was grateful for the great participation in God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday. She continues to be involved with the Custer Long Term Recovery Group and will keep us updated.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Evangelism**—Pastor Pam will get brochures printed and there will be work to improve the description of committees on the committee list.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**—Wood Haul to be scheduled. Dates for Sharing The Dream Crafts displays between services were discussed.

The next council meeting will be October 15, 2019, at 7:00 PM.



THURSDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST

7:00 AM — “Our Place”

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

ARE YOU LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?

If you are leaving the Black Hills for the winter and will have a different address, please let the office know so your newsletter will get delivered to the correct address. We will need to know approximately when you are departing and when you will return to Custer. Thank you for your help!

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY**Pentecost 16**

Thursday, September 26: Psalm 146; Proverbs 22:2-16; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
 Friday, September 27: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:3-10; Ephesians 2:1-10
 Saturday, September 28: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:11-28; Luke 9:43b-48
 Sunday, September 29: Psalm 146; Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
 Monday, September 30: Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22
 Tuesday, October 1: Psalm 62; Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6
 Wednesday, October 2: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22

Pentecost 17

Thursday, October 3: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11
 Friday, October 4: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29
 Saturday, October 5: Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34
 Sunday, October 6: Psalm 37:1-9; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
 Monday, October 7: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11
 Tuesday, October 8: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
 Wednesday, October 9: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Pentecost 18

Thursday, October 10: Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53; 2 Timothy 1:13-18
 Friday, October 11: Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34—5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7
 Saturday, October 12: Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16
 Sunday, October 13: Psalm 111; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
 Monday, October 14: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29
 Tuesday, October 15: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20
 Wednesday, October 16: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15

Pentecost 19

Thursday, October 17: Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34
 Friday, October 18: Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43—32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26
 Saturday, October 19: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52
 Sunday, October 20: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8
 Monday, October 21: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
 Tuesday, October 22: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12
 Wednesday, October 23: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-26

Pentecost 20—Reformation Sunday

Thursday, October 24: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
 Friday, October 25: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15
 Saturday, October 26: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55
 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

**CUSTER MEET & EAT
OCTOBER 8TH**

Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday of each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on October 8th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

OUR FAMILY UPC CODES EARN MONEY!

Help CLF earn money by saving UPC Codes from any Our Family products. The codes can be cut from bags, boxes, cans, bottles or



any Our Family products. There is a container by the coat rack to deposit these. All that is needed is the black & white UPC code, not the Our Family label.



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Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Our Mission ... is to plant the word of God, nurture growth in children and adults, and scatter the seeds of joy and faith in a diverse community.

We envision Custer Lutheran Fellowship to be like the Black Hills themselves, an inviting community in which God's Spirit blows through people – like wind through the pine – life that is forever new! God's spirit inspires us to be:

A **worshipping** community, hearing the life-giving Word of God receiving Christ's very presence in the Sacraments, and raising our voices in joyful songs of praise and prayer;

A **growing** community, with building and grounds spacious enough for all;

An **intergenerational** community, nurturing children and youth, young adults, people in mid-life, and older people as one family of God;

A **learning** community, in which people of all ages take advantage of multiple opportunities to deepen their understanding of the grace and justice of God;

A **giving** community, generously offering our time, talent and treasure to support each other and share in Christ's ministry;

A **servicing** community, reaching beyond ourselves to stand with the poor, the sick, the hungry and the oppressed;

A **witnessing** community, eager to share with everyone the joy we have received from Christ.

***We believe in the Cross and
our risen Lord and
that through Christ
we have eternal life***

Our Bedrock Beliefs are...

We grow in faith through worship and sacraments

The Word of God is our hope, Support comes from within our family of believers who see and serve Jesus in others

Through prayer we evoke God's love and power as the Spirit intercedes for us "with sighs too deep for words to express"

In crisis God is our strength. He is all loving and accepting and He helps us through these times.

We have faith only through God's grace.

Our Core Values are:

*Faith, Family, Mission,
Service, Worship*



Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

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

Ministers: All Members of CLF!