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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Sunday, September 12, 2021

A big shout out of gratitude for all of the many hands that helped with the GWOH event this year. This year's 8th annual GWOH event was certainly worthwhile and absolutely fun and productive.

Here's a listing of the many activities that the Social Ministry Team coordinated with the congregation's help:

- Twenty Birthday Bags were assembled and delivered to W.E.A.V.E. for their residents. Each bag contained cake mix, frosting, candles, and five handmade greeting cards with postage stamps.
- Highway Roadside Cleanup was completed. Seven hardy souls collected a dozen bags of trash from the roadway for the two-mile stretch from the boundary with Custer State Park west to the Dakota Greens Nursery. This year's big finds: a door stop, a witch's leg AND a \$10 bill (deposited in the collection plate for added karma!)
- In the weeks leading up to GWOH Sunday, our CLF quilters focused their efforts toward making dozens of quilts for Lutheran World Relief as well as for W.E.A.V.E.
- Our brethren with green thumbs are independently working on weeding the Healing Garden at the Hospital.
- Congregants wrote many cards and letters of gratitude and support to our military.
- Baskets of healthy snacks were assembled for our hospital's healthcare professionals, each with a sticker of support, gratitude and a promise of our continuing prayers. Cards of thanks were written and distributed with the baskets as well. The Social Ministry Team is planning to follow up the baskets with meat and veggie trays for the hospital in the days ahead.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 12
2021

NEW MEMBER CLASS



Pastor Pam will be offering a New Member class on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 am—12:00 pm. 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 call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP SERIES — FAITHFUL, HOPEFUL, LOVING

Our stewardship series will begin on Sunday, Oct. 3rd with the emphasis of “Faithful.” Pastor Wayne Gallipo from St. Dymas Prison Ministry will be preaching that Sunday on both Isaiah 61 and Luke 1:46b-55, commonly referred to as Mary’s Song. Join us as we begin to explore how we sense the Spirit of the Lord among us. On Oct. 10th, we will experience the “Hopeful” theme as the Apostle Paul proclaims that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord in Romans 8:31-35,37-39. And finally on Oct. 17th we will share our commitments to God and CLF as we complete our series with the theme of “Loving.” Pastor Jonathan Steiner, the Director of Evangelical Mission for the SD Synod will share the message. Join us during this series as we explore our Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving response to God.



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



THE GREAT WOOD HAUL EVENT

The CLF Annual Wood Haul has been a part of our ministry for many years. We have worked together with the people of Red Shirt Table on the Pine Ridge Reservation by providing them with wood. Our coordinators for the project this year have been Dave Thom and Larry Peterson, along with the many volunteers that have helped. This year they have several pick-up loads to go. Everyone that would like to help or just go along is invited to meet at the church on Saturday, October 30th at 9 AM. They will be taking along a lunch with them to eat at Red Shirt. We will leave at 10:00 AM. Our sources of wood for this year came from the CLF tree thinning project, purchased wood through donations as well as direct wood donations.



If anyone would like to donate school supplies for the kids that are in school, you can leave them at the church in the specified box. Thank you so much for your support with this project.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation in October includes a Parent Night, so mark your calendars!

- Oct. 6 – How to Pray
- Oct. 13 – Parent Night – both parents and youth participate
- Oct. 20 – Cheap Grace and Regular Grace
- Oct. 27 – Apostles Creed Part 1

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays after worship at 6:30 pm. See you there!

WEDNESDAY MEAL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for set-up/clean-up for the Wednesday Night Life suppers. There are two families scheduled each week. When you are scheduled for clean-up, we ask that you be at the church and done eating by 5:50 PM to begin the clean-up process. If you are unable to be here on the night you are scheduled, please make arrangements to switch with another family. Thank you for your help!



- Oct 6 – Virtue, Drew
- Oct 13 – Niemann, Suelflow
- Oct 20 – TBD
- Oct 27 – TBD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE



- 4:00 PM Spark Kids**
- 5:15 PM Meal**
- 6:00 PM Worship**
- 6:30 PM Confirmation, Choir**

See You There!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE MEAL SET-UP NEEDED

As our Wednesday Night Life is kicked up and going again, we will need help setting up for our meals each week. Please contact Mary in the church office if you are able to help, even if only once a month. Thank you!

SPARK KIDS DRIVERS NEEDED

We need additional drivers to help pick our SPARK Kids up from school on Wednesdays. We meet at the Elementary school at 3:30 pm, collect the kids, and bring them to the church. Please contact Mary in the church office if you are able to help, even once a month. Thank you!



“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” Albert Einstein

I recently attended the annual SD Synod Fall Theological Conference in Pierre. The speaker this year was Dr. Sam Giere, a professor at Wartburg Seminary. He spoke about imagination, the lack of imagination, and shared this quote from Albert Einstein.

I found this quote fascinating because I always think of Einstein as a very logical, mathematical man, not given to flights of imagination. But I suppose if he didn't have a wonderful imagination, he never would have discovered all the amazing things he did.

It made me think of how often we get so stuck in what we think we know, what we believe, and what we think will happen, that we can't see anything else. We can't imagine anything else. We lose that amazing gift of imagination.



It feels like that is especially true since the beginning of COVID-19. It feels like everyone is stuck in “what used to be” and wanting to get back to whatever that was. We feel depressed or discouraged because things are not the way they used to be, and we wonder if they ever will be.

But I think that's the wrong question. I think the question should be, “What new and exciting things are possible now?” How can we use our imaginations to see new possibilities for ministry now? What new people does God want us to reach out to? Who needs to hear about God's love for them, and our love, too?

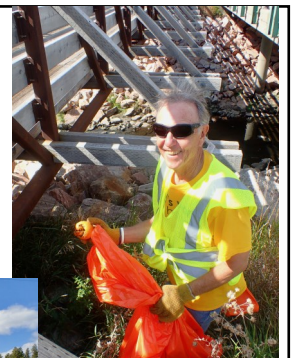
Rather than be discouraged, let us open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit leading us in new ways and into new ministries. Maybe that means not as many people will be sitting in the pews on Sundays or Wednesdays, but it may mean that we are touching people's lives outside of worship in powerful and meaningful ways.

I invite all of us to imagine – to dream – of where God is leading us at Custer Lutheran Fellowship in this continued time of uncertainty. Where will God use our gifts and talents here in Custer and in the wider community? The possibilities are endless if we open our minds and imaginations to the possibilities.

Blessings,
Pastor Pam



TRASH PICK-UP ON GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAYS

The council has set aside Oct. 2nd at 9:00 AM & Oct. 3rd after worship for Deep Cleaning. Every church, home and office needs deep cleaning times. If we have several people attend these days, the work load will be light. There will be some sign-up sheets for the areas in the kitchen, where you can initial when you have the items completed. If you are unable to make it on these days, the sheets will still be in the kitchen for you to work on at your convenience. Help keep your church clean! It belongs to everyone!



FROM THE TREASURER — JOY SMOLNISKY

Great news! CLF has received enough *Pay-Down-the-Debt* pledges to free up cash flow for the Youth Ministries Coordinator Position. Your generosity and commitment to youth ministry is awesome. The position has been posted and CLF is actively recruiting. If you know a likely candidate who would be interested in coordinating CLF's youth ministry in this 20 hour-per-week position, please refer them to Pastor Pam.



In preparation for the October 2021 Stewardship Drive, I have invited **Kathy J. McHenry**, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota, to visit Custer Lutheran Fellowship at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 14th. Kathy will explain the various opportunities you have under current tax law to make noncash donations of appreciated securities or minimum required distributions from IRAs, as well as other planned generosity opportunities. You can specify these gifts are for your pledged giving at Custer Lutheran Fellowship, or perhaps split the gift to go to various other ministries you

support like Lutherans Outdoors of ELCA World Hunger. It is a great opportunity, provided by the federal statute, to redirect your income tax dollars owing on such assets to the missions you most trust. Kathy can show you the paperwork that is needed and explain the steps in initiating a gift.

If you would like to attend, please notify the office. Although Kathy is in the area for other appointments, I don't want to impose on her time if we don't have members in need of this information.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WHY MUSIC IN WORSHIP? Music helps us engage emotionally with words that have a deep meaning and praise to our Lord.

I apologize that this month, I have been running on autopilot and now am back into manual mode. It has been a good month as we met and planned the services for Sept. through most of December. There is an excitement as I go through songs and scriptures to help mold them into the church services. The choir will be singing and I know, that we are excited to have them be a part of the church service again.

I have been working on finding special music now that we are back to a regular schedule. If you know of anyone that would like to share their talents, whether it be vocal, or instrumental, contact Margaret or Bill. I visited with Jennifer Doyle and she has mentioned that she can help prepare some of her students. Michaela Doyle also said she would help prepare some of her students. Wednesday night services will begin at 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Wednesday Night Life continues with the following lineup: Prayer around the Cross, Holden Evening Prayer, and Communion.

As we gather together, give God our best part. One my favorite poems has a first verse that says:

I want you to face the mountain
so that you can see,
when the mountain is out of the way
All there is left is Me (Jesus).

Let's celebrate that we can all be together to celebrate the greatest gift we have received

Thanks to Pastor Pam, Mary, and our music committee.

Margaret Tretheway



CLF YTD Financials 8/31/21	Actual	Budget
Income		
4000 — Offering Contributions	203,926	180,000
40018.9 — Non-Taxable PPP Income	26,667	26,667
Total 40014 — Non-restricted Special Donation	2,504	0
40300 — Interest	252	267
Total Income	233,349	206,934
Expense		
Total 61000 — Pastoral Leadership	59,092	61,557
Total 62000 — Worship	5,505	6,446
Total 63000 — Education	650	1,327
Total 64000 — Mission Support	27,348	28,059
Total 65000 — Support/Care	82,774	86,215
Total Expense	175,369	182,625
Net Ordinary Income	57,890	24,309

PARISH NURSE UPDATE BY MARY KLEIN



Stand Up to PAD (Peripheral Artery Disease). Leg Pain is not Normal!

PAD affects 1 in 8 people over 60. In Diabetics it is 1 in 3! PAD increase your risk for Heart attack, stroke and limb loss. The most common symptom is "claudication" which is cramping, fatigue, pain or discomfort in your legs, and buttocks caused by poor circulation. It is a common and potentially deadly disease and if left untreated can progress to gangrene and limb loss. It is especially common in diabetics and those with advanced kidney disease. For that reason esp. if you fall in those categories, make sure your provider does a foot examination, and have toenails clipped by a Podiatrist.

Other signs & symptoms include a temperature difference between one leg and the rest of your body, burning or aching in your feet & toes while at rest with your legs up, cramping in the hip, thigh or calf muscles, redness or color change in an arm or a leg, slow growing toenails and slow or non-healing sores on your toes or feet.

If these symptoms show up, it is very important to be evaluated by your provider.

How can you prevent PAD?

- *Don't smoke or use tobacco products
- *Lose weight if you are overweight
- *Know your cholesterol & blood sugar numbers and keep them well controlled
- *Control your blood pressure and take your medications as directed
- *Stay active and exercise 3-5x a week
- *Eat a heart healthy diet, use lo-fat products and limit sweets, sugar-sweetened drinks, limit salt, processed foods and meats

Treatment is focused on life style changes including a healthy diet and exercise program, medications and if severe, revascularization procedures.

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

It has been great to begin to see more high profile people coming out about their own mental health issues. There are so many more people who live with these issues daily, than anybody realizes. There is still such a stigma involved in mental illness & treatment. Hopefully with more people being open & honest with others about these issues we will lose some of these stigmas. How many people do you know who suffer from Mental Health issues?

CLARINNE KOEPPE'S ART SHOW





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 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!

LET'S GET NOISY!



The "Noisy Offering" continues one Sunday each month. This month it is October 10th. The offering donation so far has been a total of \$403.53. Offerings from August through December go to the Lutheran Disaster Response to help the people in Haiti and the disasters un the US like flooding in Tennessee. Your spare change **does make a difference. Thanks so much!**

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Next meeting: Monday, October 18 at 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room

The next meeting will be held on the **THIRD Monday** of the month, not the fourth Monday, as we have done in the past as a motion was made at the last meeting and carried to change our meeting day from the fourth to the third Monday of the month. Hostesses will be: Rosemary Chappell, Bonnie Thompson, Barb Lewison and Jackie Hartwick.

In place of a program, we will work on the budget for 2022 and discuss details concerning the Craft and Goodie Sale. If it is deemed appropriate at that time, the Craft and Goodie Sale will be held Sunday, November 21. We will keep a close watch on the Covid situation and, hopefully, be more definite about the sale and what it will involve by the time the November newsletter is published.

We met at the pavilion at Outlaw Ranch for our meeting in September. Larry Peterson was our speaker. Pastor Larry talked about the history concerning the native Americans and special use of Outlaw, by some folks from Woyatan, that came to spend time there during the summer. The Black Hills are a special place for all of us and especially to those who are part of the Lakota culture. We all know that Outlaw is special place in the hills. It became even more special to many folks as it was used as a true retreat center.

It was a very interesting and delivered with heartfelt emotion. A huge thank you to Pastor Larry! We always learn so much when he speaks to us.

W/ELCA provided items for the backpack program at the elementary school during the last half of September. We packed items for 200 backpacks to be distributed to the students who needed them. Thanks to all who helped pack items. It was a great team effort!! The backpack program provides food for students to use over each weekend during each month. Different organizations in the community take a month during the school year to make this program possible. The Storehouse helps fund this program.

At our August meeting, motions were made and passed to give \$300 to help folks in Haiti who had suffered loss from the earthquake and hurricane that had occurred there. In the same way, we gave \$300 to folks in Tennessee that were affected by the seventeen inch rain fall that occurred there in August. We also asked that at least part of the noisy offering in September would go to Haiti and Tennessee. The use of the noisy offering became our mission project for September.

Our mission project for October and November is The Storehouse. There will be cards with the list of items to be collected on the collection cart in the narthex.

JOYOUS QUILTERS



The Joyous Quilters are in need of some flat sheets to use for the quilts on backs or inside of quilts.

We are also looking for some volunteers to help sew some quilt tops together. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We have such fun during our coffee time. Come join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM.

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! - I would like to use this opportunity to invite you to our "Fall Leadership Night". Please, join us on Zoom for an evening with your ministry partners. We had a zoom gathering for leaders in the Spring, over 100 congregation leaders gathered to spend an hour discerning and learning "I have been elected to council, now what?" This fall we hope to gather as many lay and rostered leaders to think about stewarding the church into the future. Representatives from Portico, Lutheran Planned Generosity will join your synod staff in a 1 1/2 hour interactive time with you.

I understand that Zoom is not everyone's favorite way to meet, but we can invite many partners around the table that we would not be able to gather into a physical space, because they are spread out. As we move into the future, strengthening our partnership and relationship with those that journey with us is essential and the truth is that not all partners are close to where we are in physical location. What matters is that we all focus on the same thing proclaiming the Living Word and hope that is found in Christ alone. And yes, that may need to look different than it did a few years ago. But if we believe God is at work in HIS church and is at the heart of what we do and believe, we can pivot. I have full trust in the people of the South Dakota Synod. Therefore mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 10th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**. A zoom link will be sent to all those who register. You can access the registration link via the synod's webpage sdsynod.org/layleader. And as always, spread the word in a good way let's go "viral" with the leaders' night.

NEED A GIFT?



Once again this year the Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the "Share the Dream Alternative Gift Market". It will be held at CLF on Sunday, October 24, Wednesday October 27th and on Sunday, October 31st. Sharing the Dream is a volunteer based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala by providing a living wage to artisans. We will have available a wide variety of unique

hand-crafted items including beaded jewelry, hand woven scarves, and ceramics. Your purchases will go to provide support for families in need. So join us and get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

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.

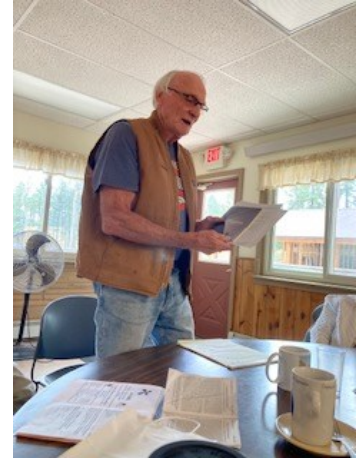
Join us from 5:00pm — 7:00pm.

MISSING ITEMS?



Tis the season for needing a jacket. Are you or any members missing any jackets? Here at Custer Lutheran Fellowship we have several jackets that have been left at church.

If you are missing a jacket, please check out the coat racks.



UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Leigh Reeves memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 7th at 11:00 AM, at CLF followed by lunch.

Ardelle McPherson's memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 9th at 10:30 AM at CLF followed by lunch. The family is requesting that everyone who attends wear a mask. Masks will be provided for those who do not have one.

ST. DYSMAS GUEST

Pastor Wayne Gallipo, pastor of the St. Dysmas congregation in the State Penitentiary, will be preaching on Sunday, October 3rd at 9:30 AM. Please come to hear his words and to learn more about St. Dysmas, one of the ELCA ministries supported by our congregation.

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).

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

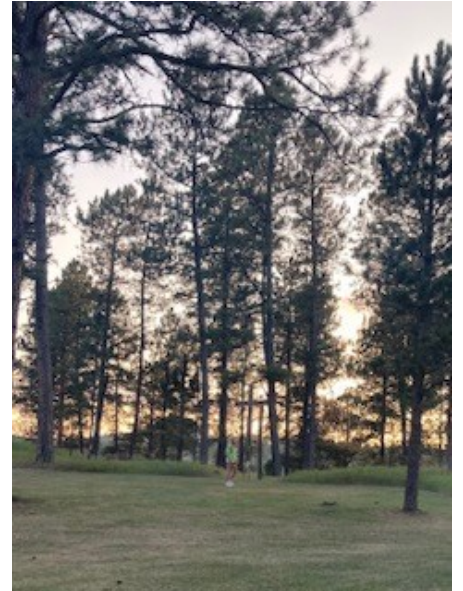


Yes, this fall there will be a ladies Bible Study happening on Thursday nights at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room. Joy Smolnisky will be the leader of this group. If you have any questions about the bible study give Joy Smolnisky a call at 605-929-1244.

GENTLE YOGA CLASSES



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



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Pentecost 20

Thursday, Oct. 6, Psalm 90:12-17, Deuteronomy 5:1-21, Hebrews 3:7-19

Friday, Oct. 7, Psalm 90:12-17, Deuteronomy 5:22-33, Hebrews 4:1-11

Saturday, Oct. 8, Psalm 90:12-17, Amos 3:13—4:5, Matthew 15:1-9

Sunday, Oct. 9, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Monday, Oct. 10, Psalm 26, Obadiah 1-9, Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday, Oct. 11, Psalm 26, Obadiah 10-16, Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday, Oct. 12, Psalm 26, Obadiah 17-21, Luke 16:19-31

Pentecost 21

Thursday, Oct. 13, Psalm 91:9-16, Genesis 14:17-24, Romans 15:7-13

Friday, Oct. 14, Psalm 91:9-16, Isaiah 47:1-9, Revelation 17:1-18

Saturday, Oct. 15, Psalm 91:9-16, Isaiah 47:10-15, Luke 22:24-30

Sunday, Oct. 16, Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Monday, Oct. 17, Psalm 37:23-40, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, Hebrews 6:1-12,

Tuesday, Oct. 18, Psalm 37:23-40, 1 Samuel 10:17-25, Hebrews 6:13-20

Wednesday, Oct. 19, Psalm 37:23-40, 1 Samuel 12:1-25, John 13:1-17

Pentecost 22

Thursday, Oct. 20, Psalm 126, Jeremiah 23:9-15, Hebrews 7:1-10

Friday, Oct. 21, Psalm 126, Jeremiah 26:12-24, Hebrews 7:11-22

Saturday, Oct. 22, Psalm 126, Jeremiah 29:24-32, Mark 8:22-26

Sunday, Oct. 23, Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

Monday, Oct. 24, Psalm 119:17-24, Exodus 4:1-17, 1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday, Oct. 25, Psalm 119:17-24, 2 Kings 6:8-23, Acts 9:32-35,

Wednesday, Oct. 26, Psalm 119:17-24, Jeremiah 33:1-11, Matthew 20:29-34

Pentecost 23

Thursday, Oct. 27, Psalm 119:1-8, Exodus 22:1-15, Hebrews 9:1-12

Friday, Oct. 28, Psalm 119:1-8, Leviticus 19:32-37, Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, Oct. 29, Psalm 119:1-8, Numbers 9:9-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, Oct. 30, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 119:1-8, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

Monday, Oct. 31, Psalm 51, Deuteronomy 6:10-25, Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tuesday, Nov. 1, Psalm 51, Deuteronomy 28:58—29:1, Acts 7:17-29

Wednesday, Nov. 2, Psalm 51, Micah 6:1-8, John 13:31-35



Family
Devotion
Helps

Council Minutes continued:

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

Endowment, Liz Kleffner – Nothing to report.

Evangelism, Pastor Pam – Nothing to report.

Health Ministry, Carol Niemann – blood pressure checks were available after the last worship service.

Property Committee, Samuel Ainsley, and Dave Pickford – Nothing to report.

Social Ministry, Scot Hoscheid – Reviewed committee activities.

W/ELA, Jackie Hartwick – Reviewed activities.

Worship & Music, Emily Hiatt – Reviewed upcoming worship and music plans.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2021:

Treats – Scot Hoscheid. Devotions – Dave Pickford.

September 2021 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Dave Pickford.

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

COUNCIL MINUTES —**Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Council Minutes— September 21, 2021**

Members Present: Samuel Ainsley, Christie Behlings, Jackie Hartwick, Emily Hiatt, Scot Hoscheid, Liz Kleffner, Carol Niemann, Dave Pickford, Pastor Pam Power and Treasurer, Joy Smolnisky.

Not Present: None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Christie Behlings.

Gathering of Personal Concerns and Joys

Members shared concerns and joys.

Reading of CLF Mission Statement and Council Covenant

Members read the mission statement and council covenant.

Devotions and Prayers

Scot led the devotions and prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

There were no additions to the agenda. Liz moved, Jackie seconded, and the agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. Dave moved, Carol seconded, and the minutes for the August meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The year to date offering is 13% over budget. June expenditures were under the monthly budget and are 84% of budget year to date.

The Capital Campaign has \$33,200 in pledges and \$33,200 in matching pledges to date for a total \$66,400.

Emily moved, Carol seconded, to select the Gold+ Portico Health plan for 2022.

Liz moved, Dave seconded, to authorize the treasure to proceed with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund application process.

Special Agenda Items: None

Unfinished Business:

- Discussed Spark and RAP group attendance and leadership.
- The council again agreed to continue following the COVID 19 protocols of the Custer schools by meeting in person and mask wearing will be optional.
- A Financial Audit Committee is being selected. The committee will meet in January 2022. The evaluation will be discussed at the October 19th council meeting.

New Business:

- A new member class is being planned.
- A Stewardship Committee is being selected. The Stewardship campaign starts October 1st.
- Starting a Pastoral Support Committee was discussed. Christie and Pastor Pam will form a committee.
- The council will meet to complete a pastoral evaluation October 10th after worship. The evaluation will be discussed at the October 19th council meeting.



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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!