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## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the many hands that helped with the GWOH event this year. The 9th annual GWOH event was certainly productive, fun and worthwhile. Here's a brief synopsis of the many activities that the Social Ministry Team coordinated with the congregation's help:

- We served meals to 62 members from our first-responders and healthcare Community. The "recognition" meal included a pulled pork sandwich, chips, pork/beans, cookies and a drink. Many hands helped with this successful event including members of Outlaw Ranch.
- A couple dozen Birthday Bags were assembled and delivered to W.E.A.V.E. for their residents. Each bag contained cake mix, frosting, candles, and greeting cards.
- 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.

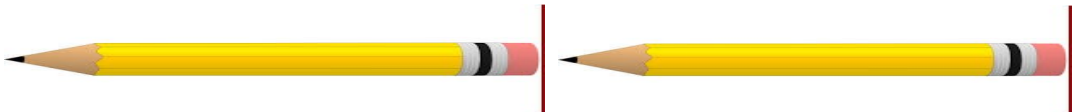


We finished up our GWOH event with a Highway Roadside Cleanup on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> following the service.

Thanks to those who helped!



Nov.  
6<sup>th</sup>  
2022



## SCHOOL YEAR BLESSINGS

Recently, some of the children of CLF brought their backpacks near the starting of the school year to be blessed with a special blessing given by Pastor Sharee Johnson. The children also received a lamb from Pastor Sharee and a pencil with special a special note on it from Pastor Pam.

The school staff also received a special blessing for the coming school year. We wish them all a great school year from CLF with God in their hearts.



### NEW MEMBER CLASS



Custer Lutheran Fellowship will be offering a New Member class on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### “SHARING THE DREAM” Looking for that Special Gift?



Once again, the Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the "Sharing the Dream Alternative Gift Market". It will be held at CLF on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>. "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!

### SPARK KIDS RETURN



Join us for SPARK Kids! During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We have a wide variety of learning activities beginning with a snack that usually ties into the Bible story. It is always a fun time of learning and laughing, with also some great questions and deep thinking! Pickup is 5:00-5:15. 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!

### THE GREAT WOOD HAUL EVENT – NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

The CLF Annual Wood Haul has been a part of our ministry for many years, the last several years working in partnership with the people of the Red Shirt Community (southeast of Hermosa) on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The 2022 project is scheduled for Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Convene at the church at 9:00 AM to load firewood (or bring what you have already loaded). The Social Ministry Team will be assembling sack lunches that morning to be enjoyed by Red Shirt residents and the wood haulers. Depart for Red Shirt at 10:00 AM.

A year ago, 19 CLF'ers and 9 trucks hauled over 7 cords of firewood. Lunch and conversation were enjoyed by all. Come join this service ministry on November 5th.



Preparing wood for 2021/2022 wood hauls: Scot Hoscheid, Gary Williams, Larry Peterson, Rudy Anderson, Dave Thom, and Gary Chappell (Sept. 2021 photo)



**CLF CHOIR ~ October**

**Practices:**  
**Wed., Oct. 5 @ 6:30 PM –Sanctuary**  
**Wed., Oct. 12 @ 6:30 PM –Sanctuary**

**Performance:**  
**Sunday, October 16th @ 9:30 AM**





## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation in October includes:

- Oct. 5 – Class — Reformation
- Oct. 12 – Work with Mentor/Parent
- Oct. 19 – Work with Mentor/Parent
- Oct. 26 – Class — Lutherans and WWII

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. We need 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 5 – James & Valerie Sword
- Oct 12 – Frank & Mindy Dooley
- Oct 19 – James & Valerie Sword
- Oct 26 – Gordon & Wendy Drew

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE SCHEDULE



4:00 PM Spark Kids

5:15 PM Meal

Week 1 — Sandwich Bar

Week 2 — Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Week 3 — Potluck

Week 4 — Pizza

6:00 PM Worship

6:30 PM Confirmation, RAP Group and  
Choir (the first 2 Tuesdays, then sing 3rd Sunday)

See You There!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE RAP GROUP

We would love to see all 9th-12th graders join us for Youth Group! There have been 13 kids each week so far! We will have our weekly Wednesday night gatherings 6:30-7:30pm. I am looking for adults that would like to lead a devotion, game, discussion etc so the youth can see faith and fun from several different perspectives. Please contact me if you would like to help! We have a campfire, game night, and pumpkin carving planned for October. We are also organizing a monthly weekend Fun Activity! Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 28th for a Youth Lock-in!** We will spend the night in the church with games, movies, snacks and more! Any help to provide snacks or for a shift to supervise is appreciated. Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more info! We would love to make this great experience for our youth!

## 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 3:20 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. **We now are needing substitute drivers.** Thank you!



## From Bread and Wine to Faith and Giving

A journey into the spiritual discipline of generosity via the Table of Jesus



Receiving the bread and the cup—also known by names such as Lord’s Supper, communion, Holy Communion, Eucharist, breaking of the bread, sacred meal, and simply “the table”—is at the center of Christian community. At first, it may seem surprising to think about stewardship in connection with passages that focus on the bread and the cup. But as the subtitle of this series suggests, partaking of the bread and the cup can lead to faith and giving.

At the table, God uses the loaf and the cup as visible signs of God’s pure, unbounded love for us and for all and of God’s will for all people to live together in love, peace, justice, and abundance.

When we eat the bread and drink from the chalice, we embrace God’s unconditional love as the basis for our lives as individuals and communities, and we commit ourselves to live in God’s ways of love.

This series looks at four scripture passages with table themes from the standpoint of their implications for faith and giving. The passages come from the four gospel writers: Matthew’s story of the last supper (26:26-29), Mark’s narrative of the feeding of the 5,000 (6:30-44), Luke-Acts’ picture of the breaking of the bread and holding all things in common (Acts 2:43-47), and John’s discourse about eating Jesus’ flesh and drinking his blood as abiding in Jesus (John 6:52-59). Although we will not be using these scriptures as part of our worship service, there will be an insert explaining them in each week’s bulletin starting with September 25<sup>th</sup>. Each passage is considered in its distinctive context. Yet the passages share a common core: God gives to us at the table and, in turn, God’s giving inspires and empowers our own giving.

The title of the series, “The Giving Table,” is a double entendre. It calls to mind God’s giving for us; it also calls to mind the call for those who gather at the table to become a giving people. In a certain sense, God gives so we can give. We receive so others may receive.

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> will be the culmination of this series with Transformation Sunday. On this day, we will bring forward our estimate of giving cards to be blessed. Then after worship we will celebrate with a potluck brunch/dinner! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to sign up for the potluck. You can bring brunch items like egg dishes, muffins, rolls, fruit or you can bring dinner items such as hot dishes, salads, etc. And fried chicken from Lynn’s DakotaMart will also be provided! Let’s make it a big celebration!

*When Jesus abides in us, we act in Jesus’ love and bear the fruit of that love in generosity.*

*Gifts received for our annual operating fund become ministry and mission.*

*Thank you for your investment in what God is calling us to become.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KITCHEN TIME

You have heard the “many hands make light work “. At Custer Lutheran Fellowship we also know that “many hands make light hearts and great fellowship”.

These Wednesday night life opportunities do not take much time and they share the workload and create that fellowship that we love.

From 4 to 5 PM each Wednesday there is a small crew to do the set up for the meal. Sometimes we need extra helpers, like the first Wednesday of each month when we do the sandwich bar.

Once in a while we need food, such as a need for bars or cookies or something for dessert. And on the potluck night (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) people bring something to contribute and the church provides the chicken from Lynn’s Dakotamart. If you are able to help along this line, please contact Cozy Dorton at 605-673-1187 or email her at: [diDirector@goldenwest.net](mailto:diDirector@goldenwest.net)

Even before supper is over the cleaning crew is needed. Each week there is one confirmation parent assigned to head up to clean up for the evening. Sometimes there are two. This is a great example of “many hands make light work and make great fellowship”. Consider using an hour of your time this way on Wednesday evenings. You can let me know as I’m writing up the kitchen schedule or you can let Mary know in the office. We will communicate.

Thank you. Hope to see you on Wednesday night either in the kitchen, or at worship or helping with cleanup.

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605-673-1187

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## CUSTER MEET & EAT

Custer Meet & Eat is being offered on October 11th. 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 Street.

Join us from 5:00pm — 7:00pm. Everyone is Welcomed!



## 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.

## OUTLAW RANCH NEWS

Greetings CLF Friends,  
Here are some upcoming events at Outlaw Ranch.

### **October 14-16<sup>th</sup>: Mothers and Daughters Outdoors**

Mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, and women of all ages gather at Outlaw Ranch in the Black Hills for a weekend of home-cooked meals, relaxing over coffee and crafts, worship and singing, and trying a variety of outdoor activities. We don't check family trees — so you can invite anyone to be your mother, daughter, or sister for the weekend! Friday 7:00 PM. through Sunday 11:00 AM.

### **November 4-6: Creative Souls**

Whether you scrapbook, knit, stamp, embroider, draw, make jewelry, or enjoy other crafts and projects, it can be hard to find 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, sharing ideas and techniques, going for a walk in the woods, and meeting new friends. You can stay at Outlaw for the weekend or commute! Friday 10:00 AM through Sunday 2:00 PM.

Thanks!  
Matt Rusch  
Director, Outlaw Ranch  
Office: 605-673-4040  
email: [matt@losd.org](mailto:matt@losd.org)

Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota welcomes all to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

"I come joyfully into your presence, with good news for our music department."

We are thankful in our church and we hold dear all the accompanists and special music. We have welcomed 2 new pianists who will help us with the music in our church. Janice Albers and Tranda Nelssen, will be sharing their talents to help with the music of the church. I thank God for His many good gifts. A grateful heart has plenty of room to thank Cozy and Jennifer. I thank Carol Torgerson and all of the people that did special music and just offering their talents.

Choir has started with 2 rehearsals a month at 6:30. We thank Jennifer Doyle, for directing the choir, and with Cozy Dorton, as the accompanist. Jennifer extends an invitation to join the choir. Music is so important in our church and we can express the wonderful gifts God has given us. Each element of the service brings us closer to our God. If you know of any people that would like to do special music, please call me at 605-673-2468.

This article is short as I am looking through the rest of the year. I send prayers to those that are suffering from illness and loss of loved ones. I pray for the young people in our church, that they may experience His Presence and feel the love from our congregation.

Let everyone that has breath, praise the Lord!

Margaret Tretheway



## MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST AND STUDY – OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Greetings Beloved People of God!

In last month's September Bible lesson, we moved further in to the 3rd chapter of the Book of Revelation with Jesus' letter to the "angel", or pastor of the church in Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6). We understood that the usage of the word "angel" or messenger, in the original Greek, was referring to the overseer or pastor; the local person in charge.

Jesus spoke as the One who had the fullness of the Spirit and the One in command of the ministry. He knew this pastor's works and the he had a reputation of being alive, but was in fact, dead (spiritually). And apparently, as went the pastor, so went his church. And so, the Lord exhorted him that he must wake up and strengthen what was dying on the vine there in Sardis. The path to that repentance was to remember what he had

received and heard, and to keep it, persevere, and thus turn from anything and everything else that had been preoccupying him. The warning was that if he would not wake up, Jesus would come against him "like a thief", as in the proverbial thief in the night. Often times in the gospels, Jesus urges this vigilance to the disciples, and people of God.

Still, there were some folks there in Sardis who had remained faithful, who hadn't soiled their garments with the cares of the world and the sins of the flesh. They lived in conformity with the new life, delivered to them in baptism, and they had kept their baptismal gown, if you will, spotless. They walk with Christ faithfully. He promised that in the Kingdom a glorious garment will clothe them at His appearing, and that they will shine in white as they stroll with Him. Furthermore, Jesus promises never to blot their name from the book of life, but will in fact acknowledge and confess them as His own before the Heavenly Father and all the angels.

As in the previous letters to the other churches, these words are for us also,,, to hold fast to the faith and the truth of the gospel; to walk the narrow way, fully awake, taking up our cross, and not letting the treasures we have in Christ slip away through worldly distractions, apathy and spiritual laziness.

Moving on, the October 8th at 8:30 a.m. lesson will ponder Christ's words to the pastor and church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13), who have been patient and faithful, even while the Jewish synagogue has derided and mocked them. Jesus promises that their faithfulness will be rewarded in the New Jerusalem that comes down out of Heaven from God.

Grace and peace,  
Allen Canete



PARISH NURSE UPDATE BY MARY KLEIN



With more and more people aging (including me!) there are many who plan to age in place. They don't want to move to a retirement facility but instead stay in their home. Seniors and their families need to discuss this option so that all safety issues are addressed. Of course there are always special circumstances that may dictate a more secure facility, but for those who can, here are seven different modifications and investments to make the home as safe as is possible.

1. Improve task lighting as eyesight may be growing dimmer
2. Medical Alert Device- Shop around and talk to others about their experience with these devices. They should be easy to use but not so sensitive they are sending false alarms all the time. It can be a game changer to keep safe and active in and around your home. You can still garden and exercise or whatever activity you enjoy with the device on you.
3. Minimize trip & fall hazards. Keep all thresholds flush and level, remove or secure loose rugs. Also opt for a low density, short pile carpet with a firm pad.
4. Install faucets with anti-scald features. There are faucets that have built-in anti-scald features or my approach is keeping the water heater temperature lower with the added bonus of a lower utility bill.
5. Make sure there are handrails on both sides of a stairway and that it is at least 1 1/4" in diameter. Handrails are also helpful in the bath and long hallways.
6. Special considerations with appliances include front-loading washer & dryer in case a wheelchair is needed. Also a side-by-side refrigerator/ freezer and the stove should have a red light display for when the stovetop & oven are hot.
7. Video doorbells may be useful. You can add the safety of an alert sent to a family member if someone comes to the door.

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

You may have noticed the larger display on our information table. This is all part of what the state has provided us to help with Mental Health Awareness. In front of the placard are, cards with the information to contact for anyone to take. Also there are bracelets and pens and other items for you to take for yourself, family member, and friend, anyone who you think might want that. If anyone has any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Healthy mind, healthy soul  
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

CLF FRIENDS



OUR RAP GROUP

ENJOYING THEIR TIME TOGETHER.



## 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



## OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Mon., Tues., and Thurs. from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. Wed. hours are 10:00 AM — 6 PM.

## CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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



## DO YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES?

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

Thank You for your assistance!

## SNOWBIRDS



If you are planning to go away from home here in Custer for the winter months, please check with the church office, so that we have your snowbird address correct. We would sure not want you to miss our monthly newsletter and other mailings that go out. Check with Mary in the office at 605-673-4691.

### Custer Lutheran Fellowship Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through August 2022

#### Custer Lutheran Fellowship Income & Expenses

#### Ordinary Income/Expense

##### Income

40000 · Offering Contributions	\$ 171,775	\$ 198,333	\$ (26,559)	87%
Total 40014 · Non-restricted Special Donation	\$ 3,912	\$ 1,445	\$ 2,468	271%
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 175,818</b>	<b>\$ 199,928</b>	<b>\$ (24,110)</b>	<b>88%</b>

##### Expense

61000 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	\$ 61,884	\$ 63,144	\$ (1,259)	98%
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Total 62000 · WORSHIP	\$ 6,903	\$ 7,468	\$ (565)	92%
Total 63000 · EDUCATION	\$ 11,396	\$ 12,065	\$ (669)	94%
Total 64000 · MISSION SUPPORT	\$ 26,868	\$ 27,510	\$ (642)	98%
Total 65000 · SUPPORT/CARE	\$ 79,564	\$ 91,256	\$ (11,692)	87%
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Non-Restricted -Jan thru Aug 2022			
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**W/ELCA HAPPENINGS**

The next W/ELCA meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022. It will be held in the Fireside Room at 11:30. Folks attending are invited to bring a sack lunch.

For the program, we will be working on the budget for 2023 and revising our W/ELCA booklet. Matt Rusch was our speaker at our September meeting. Matt brought us up to date about all of the changes that have occurred at Outlaw Ranch over the past three years. The pavilion has been a blessing in many ways. A person must see it to believe it! Magnificent! There is a new building to house the camp store and it has an area for the staff to relax on their very limited break times. A six mile hiking trail system has been put into place. It can be downsized to fit the fitness level of all folks.

The project for this year is to build a new horse barn. The barn will have sixteen horse stalls and much room for storage. All of this is worth a trip to Outlaw to see and enjoy for yourself!! Matt has made that an open invitation.

The W/ELCA Craft and Goodie sale will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022. We welcome all crafts and goodies from anyone in the congregation. The more the merrier! This is a fun event to help get us into the holiday spirit. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Those of us who attended the W/ELCA Bear Butte Retreat at Outlaw Ranch were treated to a weekend of fellowship and relaxation. We were happy to have the opportunity to be there. It was fun to catch up with folks that we had not seen for a few years and to have time to absorb some new/old Bible information.

We will be packing items for the Back Pack program at the elementary school at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and at 9:30 on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Packing will take place in the Fireside Room or in the Fellowship Hall. All help is appreciated!



**THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MISSION: THE STOREHOUSE**

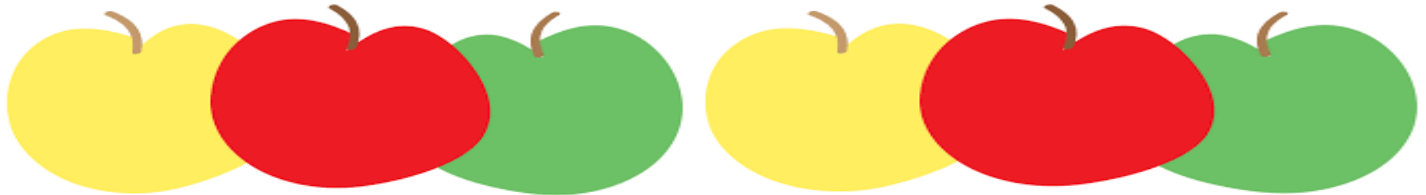
These items include the following:

Canned meat and vegetables; food; spaghetti, pasta and sauce; cereals; stuffing mix; tubs of frosting; sugar, flour; peanut butter; soaps—laundry, dish, body; macaroni and cheese; paper towels and toilet tissue. As always, all donations will be greatly appreciated.



**W/ELCA COLLECTS SOCK DONATIONS**

The ladies of Custer Lutheran Fellowship W/ELCA have also been collecting socks for a variety of school age children. They will be taken along with the wood to Red Shirt Table. The children really appreciated the socks in their many colors, designs and sizes last year. Thank You for socks, CLF!



**BUSY QUILTERS**

The CLF Quilters have been very busy working on many quilts lately. They have produced many very beautiful quilts that will be heading out to a variety of places. WOW! you should come and see all the varieties of quilt bright colors and patterns. I know that the lucky people that will receive them will really appreciate these and all of the hard work that these ladies have put into the quilts. The busy quilters are open to any and all people that know how to quilt or are wanting to start quilting for the very first time.



The busy quilters are always looking for good flat sheets of any color, fabric, mattress pads. Come and see us on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m. anytime.



## COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The offerings thru August were 87% (-\$26,559) of budget and expenses were -\$15,723 of budget.

Christie moved, Jackie seconded to draw down the set-aside for the Youth Coordinator position. Motion approved.

- ✦ **Selection of Portico Benefits Coverage 2023** – Christie moved, Emily seconded to go with the Silver A coverage for employees. Motion approved.
- ✦ **Guest Pastor's Pay** – Discussed Synod guidelines impact on budget.
- ✦ **Discretionary Fund** – need to work up a policy for this fund.

### Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** – \$ 0.00 YTD - \$963.00
- ✦ **Amazon Smile** – \$ 0.00 YTD - \$ 5.00
- ✦ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – \$100.00 YTD - \$900.00
- ✦ **Financial Secretary Position Update** – Ann Snow retiring. Janice Albers has offered to take over this position. Still need one more person.
- ✦ **Montessori School Update** – Joy received a text from Monica right before meeting that stated the school would be leaving the end of the month.
- ✦ **Youth Coordinator Update** – Wendi Rusch has been hired. There were 17 youth at SPARK Kids and 13 youth/6 parents at RAP Groups on 9/14, the first day.
- ✦ **Sabbatical Policy** – went over draft policies. Will finalize at next meeting.

### New Business:

- ✦ **Membership changes:** Remove – Russ & Amy Bailey
- ✦ **Council Members Terms of Service** – Terms expiring at the annual meeting – 2023: Jackie, Scot & Carol; 2024: Christie & Emily; 2025: Shana, Donna & Mark.
- ✦ **Vice-Pastor Update** – Pastor Jeremy Duprey from Hill City has been hired to serve as the Vice-Pastor for the time being to handle some of the administrative duties.
- ✦ **Boiler Update** – Steve Witt to submit a quote for a new boiler in the main part of the building to compare with buying spare parts to have on hand.
- ✦ **Stewardship Campaign** – Reviewed campaign materials.
- ✦ **Other** – A new member class is scheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Need to find someone to lead class.

### Reflections on Mission and Ministry:

- ✦ **Worship – Guest Pastor Update** – List of pastors who will be leading worship services and Confirmation was sent to council members by email.
- ✦ **Review Weekly Communion** – Consensus is to continue weekly communion.

### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Endowment, Donna McConnell** – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Health Ministry, Shana Hindman** – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Mutual Ministry** – Has been meeting regularly with the Council.
- ✦ **Outreach** – Has been meeting regularly. Brought back the Friendship Rosters.
- ✦ **Property Committee, Mark Thompson** – Windows for the main level of the parsonage have been ordered.
- ✦ **Social Ministry, Scot Hoscheid** – Reviewed committee activity. GWOH served approximately 50 first responders at meal on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ **W/ELCA, Jackie Hartwick** – Quilts are displayed in Sanctuary before being donated.
- ✦ **Worship & Music, Christie Behlings** – Met with Margaret Tretheway. She has 1-2 new accompanists who will start this fall. Margaret feels we need to include Cozy Dorton to create a 3-year music plan for consistency.

### Next Meeting: October 25, 2022:

Treats – Christie Behlings    Devotions – Pastor Jeremy Duprey  
 October 2022 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Jackie Hartwick  
 November 2022 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Shana Hindman

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### Pentecost 17

Sat. October 1: Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34  
 Sun. October 2: Habakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-4  
 Mon. October 3: Psalm 3; Habakuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11  
 Tues. October 4: Psalm 3; Habakuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5,13-21  
 Wed. October 5: Psalm 3; Habakuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24



### Pentecost 18

Thurs. October 6: Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53  
 Fri. October 7: Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34-5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7  
 Sat. October 8: Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16  
 Sun. October 9: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19  
 Mon. October 10: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29  
 Tues. October 11: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20  
 Wed. October 12: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15

### Pentecost 19

Thurs. October 13: Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34  
 Fri. October 14: Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26  
 Sat. October 15: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52  
 Sun. October 16: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8  
 Mon. October 17: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
 Tues. October 18: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5: 7-12  
 Wed. October 19: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46

### Pentecost 20

Thurs. October 20: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9  
 Fri. October 21: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15  
 Sat. October 22: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55  
 Sun. October 23: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14  
 Mon. October 24: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19  
 Tues. October 25: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11  
 Wed. October 26: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32

### Pentecost 21

Thurs. October 27: Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
 Fri. October 28: Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21—23:17; 2 Peter 1:1-11  
 Sat. October 29: Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47  
 Sun. October 30: Jeremiah 31:1-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; Luke 8:31-36  
 Mon. October 31: Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3,23-31; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13  
 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

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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 Winter  
 Parish Nurse: Mary Klein  
 Custodian: Augie Heyne  
 Music: Margaret Tretheway  
 Choir Director: Jennifer Doyle  
 Financial Secretary: Ann Snow  
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky  
 Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**