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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Outlaw Ranch Work Day — Sunday, September 10, 2023

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the many hands that helped with the GWOH event this year. Our 10th annual GWOH event was certainly productive, fun and worthwhile.

Here's a brief rundown of the projects that the Social Ministry Team coordinated with the congregations help:

- ~a total of 55 members of CLF joined in the fun!
- ~20 birthday bags were assembled for residents of W.E.A.V.E.,
- ~letters were written to college students, shut-ins and military personnel, And the majority of our attention was focused on Outlaw Ranch where we:
- ~cleaned the lodge, cabins and barns,
- ~washed windows in all buildings,
- ~painted trim and installed siding to the office,
- ~heavy forestry work cleaning up deadfall,
- ~followed by the consumption of copious quantities of Sunday Sundaes and lovely cookies (provided by WELCA!)

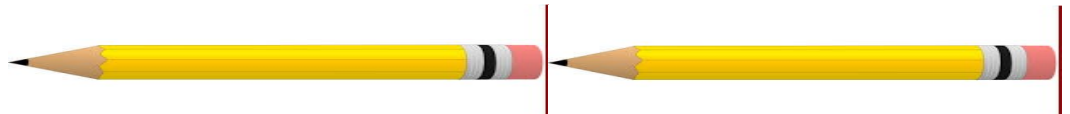


DID YOU KNOW... CLF's origin story includes a time when our "founders" met in the Chapel at Outlaw Ranch! It was nice to give back!

We will continue our GWOH event with our annual roadside trash pick up from the park boundary, along our CLF frontage, to Dakota Greens Nursery following the service on Sunday, October 15th. Bring your gloves and wear work clothes!



Nov.
5th
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SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING

Recently, some of the children of CLF brought their backpacks and laptops near the starting of the school year to be blessed with a special blessing given by Pastor Shannon Witt.

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 SUNDAY



Custer Lutheran Fellowship will be receiving New Members on Sunday, October 8th at the 9:30 AM worship. There will be a formal welcome for New Members with a reception to follow. The new members joining CLF are: Joel & Sharon Ziebarth, Dick & Darla Klinger, Dave & Joan Ruen, Jack & Mary Winter, Pastor Shannon and Darryn Witt, Deserie (Dez) Newton, Karen Barness, Caden Barness, Juliana Jiminez and Renae Scofield.

“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 22nd, Wednesday the 25th, and Sunday the 29th. "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 Wednesday's, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary Building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We have a wide variety of learning activities that begin with a snack that ties into the Bible story. It is always a fun time of learning and laughing, with also some great questions and deep thinking! Assistants are needed once or twice a month to help with snack and craft. 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 27 signed up so far! All are welcome!

THE GREAT WOOD HAUL EVENT – NOVEMBER 4TH

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 on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The 2023 project is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Look for more Information in our weekly worship bulletins.



CLF CHOIR ~ October

We will be singing an upbeat medley entitled "Old Time Religion."
We are sure to have lots of fun!

Practices:
Wed., Oct. 4 @ 6:30 PM –Sanctuary
**Wed., Oct. 11 @ 6:30 PM –
 Sanctuary**

Special Music:
Sunday, October 15th @ 9:30 AM

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation in October includes:

- ✦ **New Confirmation Students** will be meeting on October 4th & 18th from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Large Sunday School Room. Students will be going through the Meal line first, then head to the classroom.
- ✦ **2023 Confirmands** (Ayden, Koleden, Brandon, Jayse and Austin) will be meeting October 11th & 18th from 5:30 P--6:00PM. Faith Papers are due by October 15th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL VOLUNTEERS



We are looking for some volunteers to help with providing a meal for the SPARK Kids at about 5:00 PM-6:00 PM each Wednesday. If you are willing to help with this please sign-up at the Welcome Center or call the church office as we are looking for set-up, serve and clean-up volunteers. Thank you for your help!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE SCHEDULE



- 4:00 PM Spark Kids
- 5:15 PM Meal
- 6:00 PM Prayer Around the Cross Worship– October 4th
- 6:30 PM RAP Youth Group
Choir (the first 2 Wednesdays, then sing 3rd Sunday)

See You There!

CONFIRMATION/AFFIRMATION OF FAITH SUNDAY

The 2023 Confirmation/Affirmation of Faith Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 9:30 AM during worship with a brunch reception to follow. Those students that will be confirmed/affirming their faith will be: Ayden Dooley, Austin Drew, Koleden Niemann, Jayse Noem and Brandon Suelflow. Come and attend this great accomplishment for the young men.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE RAP GROUP



We would love to see all 9th-12th graders join us for Youth Group! We will have our **weekly Wednesday night gatherings at 6:30pm**. 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! So far we have had a pizza party, a campfire with a game night and pumpkin carving planned for October. We are also organizing a monthly weekend Fun Activity! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 28th from 7PM-Midnight 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP – OCTOBER 4TH

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 6:00 PM

PLANNED AND LED BY RAP YOUTH GROUP



A TIME OF STEWARDSHIP

This month on October 8th, we will begin our Stewardship. Our theme this year will be— Stewardship: The Kaleidoscope: the Creative, Colorful dimensions of Giving. Each week you will hear new ideas on ways to live your commitment to the ministries of CLF and to the mission of Christ in the world. You will be receiving your commitment cards in the mail and asked to prayerfully commit to your annual offering. However this is not just for money, this will include ways to offer all of you, your time, talents and possessions! On November 12th, we will have our Consecration Sunday as we bless our offerings and commitments for 2024. Pastor Renee from the Synod Office will be here on that Sunday, as our guest Preacher.

CLF FRIENDS



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 NightLife opportunities do not take much time and they share the workload and create that fellowship that we love.

From 3 to 6 PM each Wednesday we are looking for a couple people or a small crew to do the set up, serving and clean-up after the meal with the SPARK Kids.

Once in a while, we will need food provided for the meal of SPARK Kids and their families.

Even before supper is over the cleaning crew is needed. Each week there is a need for a couple people to head up to clean up for the evening. Sometimes there are two. Consider using an hour of your time this way on Wednesday evenings. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are able to assist with any of these opportunities to serve.

HEAVENLY HARP



Last Sunday, September 24th, we had the chance to hear some very beautiful harp music along with a great message from Karin Gunderson. Karin was traveling through and asked about performing here at our church.

Karin Gunderson, a Christian International English teacher, author, musician, songwriter, and founder of Heavenly Harp, this program offers a unique and unforgettable experience. Karin's presentation, "Lift the World: An Experience of Love's Transforming Power," promises to take attendees on an extraordinary journey to the heart of Afghans and the refugee crisis, shedding light on the lives of those she has taught and revealing unimaginable bravery and strength.

Gunderson emphasizes that true change in the world starts with the individual and how we choose to value each person that exists. This program is not limited to a specific demographic. Whether you are a parent, student, retiree, young adult, or a passionate advocate for change, "Lift the World" will leave you feeling motivated, enlightened, and ready to be a bright light in your everyday world.

Thank You Heavenly Harp, Karin Gunderson!





CUSTER MEET & EAT

Custer Meet & Eat is being offered on October 10th. 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!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The Youth Gathering is 30,000+ 8th -12th grade students from around the country, that get together in a large city for faith formation, worship, fellowship, and service. The next Youth Gathering will be held July 14-20 in New Orleans, LA. Our youth group will join Lutheran Outdoors of SD and other SD youth groups to go together on a charter bus. The paperwork needs to be turned in to me ASAP with a non-refundable \$200 deposit. (Scholarships are available.) Looking forward to this exciting opportunity for our kids! Contact Wendi at 509-494-3236, with any questions.

THANK YOU!

Fellow CLF Members,

I want to commend and thank those that help support our yarn ministry for St. Dysmas (St. Dysmas is an ELCA (Evangelical Church in America) congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD.)

St. Dysmas supports a work program in the prison for men to knit stocking caps and mittens. These are then used in hospitals and given to other people in need.

Donations have slowed so it may be time to take a break until spring. There will be an announcement made when we will start collecting again. But in the meantime if anyone just had some yarn they need or want to get rid of please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you again for all the great support already received!!

Teresa Obenauer

SELECT-A-GIFT ANNUAL BENEFIT

Save the Date! Select A Gift is hosting the 4th annual Benefit concert Saturday November 4 from 5:30-9pm at the Custer Beacon. The evening starts out with Magician Phil Heckman entertaining the entire family with an emphasis on the kids in all of us. Silent and live auction plus door prizes will fill in between music provided by two local bands.

Bring the entire family. Kids free. Adult Donations for entrance includes a door prize ticket.

For questions or more information contact Juli Ames-Curtis at (970)391-9921.



CLF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have you heard the latest news? Custer Lutheran Fellowship has started a Sunday School Program that meets each Sunday Morning from 8:45AM-9:15 AM. Sunday School is open to children ages of Birth – Grade 5. If you are wanting your child, Birth – age 3 to attend, we are asking an adult to attend with them.

Come and join in the learning through a story and song. Everyone is welcome!



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Have you thought about how you could show Pastor Shannon how much you appreciate her?

“Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.” Hebrews 13:7

Here are some of the various ideas for you: write an encouraging card, tell her how much you appreciate her and all that she has done for CLF, invite Pastor Shannon over for a meal, make her something homemade, a gas card, share some special moments for you, that you have shared together; have your child/children make a “thank you gift” for her; help her with community outreach; make them a dessert or maybe you have your own idea to show her how much you appreciate her.



Pastor Shannon may “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

THANK YOU!

Thank You for all of your well wishes, words of support and love that you offered to me and my family in September. The graduation celebration for our son was wonderful. Eli will be stationed in Kodiak, Alaska serving as a Helicopter Rescue Swimmer with the US Coast Guard. Our daughter, Grace and her new husband Nate had a beautiful wedding. We celebrated with friends and family from near and far. We are blessed beyond measure!

Praying that you, to find joy and reasons to celebrate everyday!
Your Sister in Christ, Pastor Shannon

THANK YOU!

Thank you CLF for all the hard work at Outlaw for God’s Work, Our Hands. You are truly a blessing for us!

The Outlaw Staff,
Matt Rusch, Chris Baker, Shannon Pulscher, Larry Peterson, Skyler Schwab, and Jean Pulscher

PARISH NURSE UPDATE BY MARY KLEIN



I receive a lot of information from the Parish Nurse main group out of Sioux Falls. The problem is that the information I get will always be a month behind when I need to write my articles. The month of September is **“Fall Prevention Month” and “Fire Safety Month”**.

This always seems to be relative to many of us, and if not us, then your parents or grandparents. When our Health Ministry Team meets, I want to discuss an activity that might be fun and very informative! Here are the stats regarding falls and fall risk.

- ✦ One in 3 older adults fall each year
- ✦ One in 17 who fall, will end up in the emergency room
- ✦ Adults over age 65 are twice as likely to die in a fire as the rest of the population.
- ✦ All of these events are preventable!!!

Another important piece of information I received is regarding a program beginning October 4th through Monument Health Custer. It is a 16 week **“Pathway to Wellness” Program**. The journey to wellness can seem overwhelming but with the right support and resources, it is achievable. This program is taught by lifestyle coaches who are ready to work with you every step of the way toward your wellness goals, disease prevention and a healthier lifestyle. I will hang some flyers around the church and have Mary print some extra for the office. You may also call me for more info.

Healthy body/ Healthy soul

MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE BY MARY KLEIN, RN PARISH NURSE

I received a flier from NAMI regarding access to Mental Health care. **“There is no health care without mental health care.”** Everyone deserves access to mental health care. Makes a whole lot of sense to me.

The federal government is considering new policies to ensure that mental health care is covered at the same level of care as physical health conditions. Take Action and inform policymakers. To be honest I thought that was the case already, but then I have always had to be sure I had health policies to insure my mental health care was covered. I do remember when I first became a “mental health patient”. At that time there was no parity. A good portion of my care was not covered by insurance. I was at one point supposed to attend group behavioral health meetings but our insurance only covered 3 or 4 meetings a year when my doctor wanted me to attend daily for 6 weeks! You were only allowed a set number of appointments with the doctor which was only twice a year. What do you do when you are expected to see them once a month! Here are more new proposals:

- ✦ Require insurance plans to prove that they offer equal coverage of mental health care
- ✦ Evaluate insurance plans’ provider network based on wait times, prior authorization requirements, provider payment rates, and more.
- ✦ Implement penalties for insurance plans that do not comply with parity requirements.

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The journey to wellness can seem overwhelming, but with the right support and resources, it is achievable. Monument Health is offering a “16-week Pathway to Wellness Program” is taught by lifestyle coaches who are ready to work with you every step of the way toward your wellness goals, disease prevention and a healthier lifestyle. There will be a meeting held in Custer on Wednesday, October 4th from 4:30-5:30 PM at 1220 Montgomery Street or call 605-673-9423 to register or for more information to a healthier you!

CLF FRIENDS





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
 Pastor Shannon — pastor_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 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.



RECENT CHANGES?

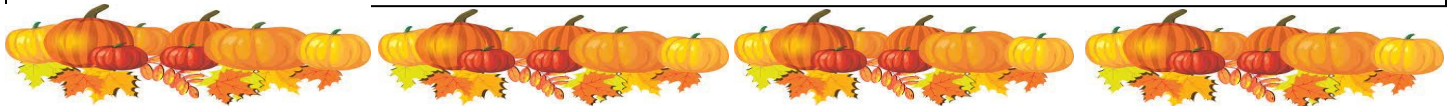
Please let the church office know of any recent address changes, new email addresses or changes in your phone numbers whether home or cell phone. We are trying to keep our records up to date.

Thank You for your assistance!

SNOWBIRD ADDRESSES



If you are planning to go away from Custer for the winter months, please check with the church office, so that we have your snowbird address. 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 Statement of Activities YTD 8-31-2023	Non-Restricted Income & Expense			
	Actual YTD Spending	YTD Budget	Variance	% Variance
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Offering Contributions	214,132	193,472	20,660	111%
Non-Restricted Special Offerings	3,354			
Interest	1,290	200	1,090	645%
Total Income	218,776	193,672	21,750	113%
Expense				
Pastoral Leadership	43,366	46,638	-3,271	93%
Worship	8,255	7,771	484	106%
Education	12,594	12,801	-207	98%
Mission Support	24,963	24,896	67	100%
Support/Care	83,899	83,553	346	100%
Total Expense	173,077	175,659	-2,582	99%
Net Ordinary Income	45,699	18,013	24,332	254%

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

Those attending are invited to bring something for the potluck.

PROGRAM: Sherri Hartman will talk about "The Pandemic of Trafficking."

WELCA is still collecting Children's socks and mitten's/gloves for the children at Red Shirt Table. We will also accept gently used comforters and blankets.

The ladies moved to give a \$300 donation to the "Growing Roots Preschool and \$500 to the Custer YMCA. Backpacks will be filled on October 2nd at 9:00 AM and October 16th at 10:00 AM followed by the WELCA Meeting.

THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MISSION: THE STOREHOUSE

These items include the following:

- Canned food - meats, vegetables, fruits and soups
- Spaghetti, pasta and sauce
- Cereals
- Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Cake mixes/Tubs of Frosting
- Sugar & Flour
- Peanut Butter
- Soaps— laundry, dish & body soap
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Paper Towels, toilet paper & 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!



THE BUSY "HAPPY" QUILTERS

The CLF Quilters are back to their fall schedule, every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

A volunteer is needed to deliver 5 boxes of quilts to Midwest Trucking in Rapid City. If you are available and willing to help us out, please call Ginny at 605-673-3056.

The busy quilters are always looking for good flat sheets of any color, mattress pads and thinner blankets, too.

Come and see us on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m. anytime.

The Busy "Happy" Quilters



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship,
Thank you so much for your donation of \$130.00!

We really appreciate it!
May God richly bless you all!

Jamie Pacer, Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center



COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed There was consensus and the minutes for the August meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru August were 124% (\$5,827) of budget and YTD remains above budget by 111% (\$20,660). Expenses were 98.5% (-\$2,582) of budget.

Council Action:

- ✦ **Add Preschool Rider to Insurance Policy** – cost is \$79 to be reimbursed by Growing Roots.
- ✦ **Rap Funds** – Mark moved, Christie seconded to move the RAP funds from First Interstate Bank to BHFCU, with fund merged with current account before 2024 Accounting Program Transition. Motion approved.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** – September \$ 0.00 YTD - \$441.00
- ✦ **Amazon Smile** – September \$ 0.00 YTD - \$ 18.41
- ✦ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – September \$100.00 YTD - \$800.00
- ✦ **Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator** – will be working on finalizing the job description for a full-time (36 hours/week) position starting the first of the year.
- ✦ **Boiler** – will be covered under Property Committee Report
- ✦ **Phone System–Outdated Upstairs & Downstairs** – still working with Golden West.
- ✦ **Internet Cable** – still working out the details
- ✦ **Mutual Ministry Committee** – Dave & Pastor Shannon to set up a meeting time.
- ✦ **Wednesday NightLife** – will know better about Confirmation numbers and RAP Group input after September 13th meetings. Need volunteers to help prepare meals for SPARK kids and families.
- ✦ **Wednesday Night Meals–\$ for Food** – Meals for SPARK and RAP will be separate and held at different times. SPARK meals are paid for by freewill donations and the general fund. RAP meals are paid from the RAP account.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership changes:** None. There were 9 people attending the August new member class and there are 3 people so far signed up for the September class. Will hold a new member recognition on Sunday, October 8th.
- ✦ **Growing Roots Update** – things are going fairly well. Working on the transition timing on Wednesdays.
- ✦ **Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser** – held by the Social Ministry Team with funds to go for mission & outreach. Fundraiser will be on the Friday morning of the Buffalo Roundup. Food prep will be on Thursday.
- ✦ **National Youth Gathering** – Council discussed what amount the youth should pay as a non-refundable deposit. Decided on an amount of \$200.
- ✦ **Margaret Tretheway's Letter** – with regrets Council accepted her letter of resignation as Music Coordinator. Will hold a recognition for her years of service on Sunday, November 26th.

Pastor's Report

- ✦ **Review Worship & Activities** – Started the Narrative Lectionary on September 10th. On Sunday, September 24th, Karin Gunderson with Heavenly Harp will lead our worship service.

Will be gone from September 19-24 for daughter's wedding.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry – approximately 50 people assisted with “God's Work. Our Hands.”

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Property**, Mark Thompson – Reviewed committee activity. Discussed downstairs boiler. Will have a third party look at it to determine if replacement is necessary. Council acknowledged the Property Committee and all the volunteers who have done a tremendous amount of work on the church and parsonage.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022:

Treats – Mark Thompson Devotions – Mark Thompson
October 2023 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Mark Thompson

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Pentecost 18

Sunday, Oct. 1: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
 Monday, Oct. 2: Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14
 Tuesday, Oct. 3: Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21
 Wednesday, Oct. 4: Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8

Pentecost 19

Thursday, October 5: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23
 Friday, Oct. 6: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
 Saturday, Oct. 7: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52
 Sunday, Oct. 8: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
 Monday, Oct. 9: Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10
 Tuesday, Oct. 10: Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Wednesday, Oct. 11: Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57

Pentecost 20

Thursday, Oct. 12: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
 Friday, Oct. 13: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10
 Saturday, Oct. 14: Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22
 Sunday, Oct. 15: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
 Monday, Oct. 16: Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25
 Tuesday, Oct. 17: Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13—4:1
 Wednesday, Oct. 18: Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4; John 6:25-35

Pentecost 21

Thursday, Oct. 19: Psalm 96:1-13; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12
 Friday, Oct. 20: Psalm 96:1-13; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5
 Saturday, Oct. 21: Psalm 96:1-13; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12
 Sunday, Oct. 22: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
 Monday, Oct. 23: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
 Tuesday, Oct. 24: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24
 Wednesday, Oct. 25: Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

Pentecost 22

Thursday, Oct. 26: Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16
 Friday, Oct. 27: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25—10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
 Saturday, Oct. 28: Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47
 Sunday, Oct. 29: **Reformation Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
 Monday, Oct. 30: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13
 Tuesday, Oct. 31: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26
 Wednesday, Nov. 1: Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22



GUIDELINES FOR POSTING PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

The Synod office has sent out some information regarding best practices regarding when and how to post videos and pictures. In summary this is what is best:

Make sure you have received permission from people before you post a picture or video. We do ask for consent from our Spark program, but not from our congregation. Remember that sometimes there are people in the background of the picture or video, and they may not want their picture published. When videoing our worship service, we also need to make sure that if music is played that we have the copyright permissions to replay them on our YouTube channel. It is wonderful to see the joy and the people and we love to share these images with the world, we just need to make sure we are getting proper consent from those who we are sharing images of.





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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: Shannon Witt
 Office Manager: Mary Winter
 Parish Nurse: Mary Klein
 Custodian: Augie Heyne
 Music: Margaret Tretheway
 Choir Director: Jennifer Doyle
 Financial Secretary: Janice Albers
 Steve Baldwin
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky
 Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch

Ministers: All Members of CLF!