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TWO SUNDAY SERVICES START SEPTEMBER 15TH
 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM with Fellowship between services

SEPTEMBER 8TH—OUR SIXTH ANNUAL “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY!

We are so excited that once again this year CLF will be participating in a nationwide Day of Service in our community. ELCA churches from around the country will be a visible witness of the faith on **Sunday, September 8th** as members step outside of the church doors and into the community to serve our neighbors. Our Sixth Annual **“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”** Sunday will be held on **September 8th**.

Our focus this year will be on service projects that benefit our community. Our plans include:

- Trash Pick Up around Stockade Lake (5 to 8 volunteers) as well as in ditches along the road into the town of Custer (8 to 10 volunteers)
- College care packages and military notes of appreciation (4 to 8 volunteers)
- Quilting
- Assisting flood victims with clean-up (4 to 6 volunteers per site)
- Installing acoustic ceiling panels in the CLF basement (5 to 6 volunteers with hand tools)
- Assembling birthday celebration bags for persons at the W.E.A.V.E. shelter (4 to 5 volunteers).
- Nursing Home visits & service at 2:30 PM after Ice Cream.

We will begin with worship at 9:30 AM. After the service, we will be sent out to do God’s Work. We assemble sack lunches to take to our work projects. Upon completion of the projects, we return to CLF at 1:00 PM for a Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Bar. This is great fun for everyone!

We encourage you to wear your bright yellow “God’s Work. Our Hands.” T-shirts. We will have additional shirts available for the low, low price of \$9.00 or wear your Thrivent T-shirt on that day. Let’s have people really see us in the community!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks – and brief-cases!

– to worship on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:30 AM or Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 6:00 PM to receive a blessing for your school year. All are welcome to receive a blessing, even the adults!

NURSING HOME VISIT

Join us **Sunday, September 8th** at Custer Regional Senior Care to visit our CLF members and join with them in worship led by Pastor Pam. We will gather at 2:30 PM to visit, then come together with the nursing home community for worship at 3:30 PM.

ACTIVE SHOOTER/SAFETY TRAINING

Deputy Matt Tramp will be holding an active shooter and safety training here at CLF on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. He will be training us using the **ALICE** system – Alert, Lock Down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It is so important to be prepared in the highly unlikely event that something would happen here, especially in worship. This is not only for leadership or ushers in the church, but for **everyone in the congregation.** This is training that you can use anywhere you go – grocery shopping, at a restaurant, on vacation, everywhere. There will be class time and then we will have hands-on training as well. Nerf guns will be involved! Please see Pastor Pam if you have any questions.



I am excited to welcome the 7th and 8th graders back for confirmation, and to welcome the 6th grade class as we begin this time of exploring our faith. **Our Wednesday NightLife activities begin Sept. 11th**, and Orientation for Confirmation begins that night, too. Join us for a meal at 5:15 PM, worship at 6:00 PM, and then orientation at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. This is a mandatory meeting for both parents and youth. I am

making a few changes this year, so it is vital that everyone is here to learn what we will be doing, and what the expectations are for everyone. I am looking forward to growing in our faith together, and supporting one another along the way! If you are unable to be at orientation, please contact me at 701-955-5282 or pam_clf@gwtc.net.

See you soon! — Pastor Pam

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



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

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

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

SPARK KIDS

We begin our Sixth Year of SPARK Kids **September 11th**. Every Wednesday afternoon, children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be picked up at school and transported to church. Our time together is a fast-moving pace of learning activities including snacks, Bible stories, games, arts and crafts, and more. We have lots of fun and make great friends. This year we will explore Bible stories using aThe SPARK Kids multi-age classroom. The program concludes each Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Please pick up your child before 5:15 PM. The children and their families are invited to join us for a meal 5:15-5:45 PM followed by worship from 6:00-6:30 PM. There is NO cost for this program. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome! Children need to be registered by their parents in order to participate. Registration materials are available in the church office.



Mothers and Daughters Outdoors Retreat at Outlaw Ranch

This retreat, held October 4-6, is a weekend for mothers, daughters, aunts, and sisters of all ages to spend time together in the beautiful Black Hills. Activities include canoeing, hiking, low ropes course, games, crafts, horseback riding, worship, and music. To register, go to www.losd.org/mothers-and-daughters-outdoors-2019

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE KICKS OFF!

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

SPARK Kids from 4:00 to 5:15 PM
Family Meal from 5:15 to 6:00 PM
Worship from 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Confirmation from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
RAP Group from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Choir Practice at 7:30 PM

The September Wednesday NightLife Meals follow this schedule:

September 11th—Meal prepared by Jackie Hartwick and Women of the ELCA
September 18th—Make-Your-Own Sandwich Bar
September 25th—Pizza supplied by CLF

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

September 11th—Prayer Around the Cross
September 18th—Communion
September 25th—Holden Evening Prayer

Hope to see you all on Wednesdays!

**RAP GROUP NEWS**

We will have our first **meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM** following the Worship Service. We are really excited about RAP group this year. We look forward to seeing some new faces from the confirmands of last year and maybe some faces of new friends. We are also excited to see some faces of parents to help plan some new activities, service projects, and a trip or two.

In case you hadn't heard, on August 10 we completed splitting the entire pile of wood that we have had by the outdoor worship area. Thanks to everyone who helped us out with that. After cleaning up our mess, we will order a new pile and begin cutting and splitting for next year. Hopefully, we can get a jump on it before winter hits, and hits again, and again. It would be great if we could get all the wood split before the campers show up next summer.

Tammy and I will be attending a meeting on Thursday, September 12, with a group called the Bear Butte Area Youth Leaders. We are sure to get some suggestions and helpful hints from other members of this group to help make our own RAP group more fun and meaningful.

If you want information, please contact Tim at 605.673.1223 or twicks@goldenwest.net.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. – Tim and Tammy Wicks

There was a wonderful paragraph in a Gather magazine Bible Study from July/August last year that I just have to share. It's called **A Job for "Anybody"**.



There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized Everybody wouldn't do it. So Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I love it because it's so true! We all, myself included, assume that someone will jump in and do whatever is being asked. Maybe we feel like we don't have time, or maybe it's that we feel like someone else would do a better job than we would, or maybe we're afraid to try something new in case we fail. So we don't volunteer – we don't jump in and say, "I'll do that" or "Sure, I'll try that." And it doesn't get done.

This Bible Study was all about conflict and reconciliation – stressing that we've all been chosen to fulfill Jesus' mission to work for peace and reconciliation, and so we've been called to be the Anyone who will jump in and do whatever is required of us to create peace.

That doesn't just apply to reconciliation, though. So often, we think that there are plenty of people to do all the things we as pastors and staff ask people to do. So we don't take that step forward. It can be hard and challenging and intimidating to try something new, or to push through our own insecurity to say, "Yes I'll try." But God is the one who has chosen you to fulfill his mission; God gives you the power and the gifts you need to do the work God is calling you to do.

And that applies to everything in our lives, not just church. Whenever we are given the opportunity to be part of something that will help others, or help our environment, or stand up and speak out for the oppressed, be the one to say, "I will be there! I will help!"

And next time we ask for Someone to volunteer for something at CLF, be the Anybody who does it, trusting that God – and we – are here to support you and help you be who God created you to be!

Blessings,
Pastor Pam

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

- *There is a hospitalization in your family
- *You would like a pastoral visit
- *Someone becomes homebound
- *There is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy
- *There is a death in your family
- *There is a birth or adoption
- *Someone becomes unemployed

Hospitals don't notify the pastor that a member is in the hospital, even if they ask your church membership when you arrive. So please let the pastor know if you or a family member is in the hospital. Custer Lutheran Fellowship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

Pastor Pam Power
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CHOIR STARTING FOR FALL



Choir begins September 4th, 7:30 PM. The first three weeks of practice in September are at 7:30 PM.

We hope to see some "New" choir members. If you love to sing, please come and join us. We would love to have you!

We welcome back all "old" choir members. Oops – I meant to say "former" choir members. You make choir so enjoyable.

"Come and sing praises to our Lord."

-- Marlene Sellevold

CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

Don't miss the last campfire worship of the season Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM.

WALKING WORSHIP

Please join us—only two more Walking Worship this fall: Thursday, Sept. 5th and Monday, Sept. 16th. Locations will be listed in the bulletin.

FORUM ON SANCTUARY CHURCH BODY DECISION

The 15th Churchwide Assembly for the ELCA, of which we are a part, was held in Milwaukee in August. The churchwide assembly is the highest legislative authority of the ELCA. Over 900 voting members from all 65 synods participated in the week-long triennial assembly to discuss and deliberate important matters of the Church. One of those topics which you may have heard about through national news outlets was the decision to declare the ELCA as a "sanctuary church body". Information about this decision and what it does and doesn't mean is at the Welcome Center at the church.

I would like to offer CLF the opportunity to discuss this declaration. I will facilitate a forum about it between services on September 22nd and 29th. If you are excited about it, come. If you are upset about it, come. If you're not sure what it means or how you feel about it, come. And if you would like to discuss it privately with me, please call me at 701-955-5282 or email me at pam_clf@gwtc.net.

Thank you and blessings! – Pastor Pam

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS

Beginning on Sunday, **September 8th at 4:30 PM**, Custer Lutheran Fellowship will be hosting a Financial Peace University class. FPU classes meet for an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. You and your friends are invited to be part of this course.

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

For more information on the class, please look online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/ or contact Duane Martinz.

Lesson 1: Super Saving Common Sense

Lesson 2: Relating With Money Nerds

Lesson 3: Cash Flow Planning and Budgeting

Lesson 4: Dumping Debt, Breaking the Chains of Debt

Lesson 5: The Power of Marketing on Buying Decisions

Lesson 6: The Role of Insurance Protection

Lesson 7: Retirement & College Planning & Investing

Lesson 8: Real Estate and Mortgages

Lesson 9: Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving

CLF GOES TO PRISON

Thursday morning, August 22nd, three people from CLF and two from the Woyatan Re-Entry Program were off to prison. Cozy Dorton and Woyatan Re-Entry board members Glenn and Marlene Sellevoid from CLF, along with Hanna Fleming, Director of Woyatan Re-Entry, and Jim Bishop, also a board member, from South Canyon Lutheran Church, were on our way to the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls to visit the St. Dysmas worship service there.



This has become an annual trip. Every Thursday evening, St. Dysmas has a worship service for the inmates. Usually, outside church members from various churches will also worship with them. St. Dysmas is a member of the ELCA. The service is led by Pastor Wayne Gallipo. The inmates must sign up ahead of time to attend the worship service. We heard their Praise Band, their Choir, and a sermon from Pastor Wayne.

We were greeted by the church council when we entered the sanctuary. We had a chance to visit with the inmates before and after the church service. This is a time for the men to feel as if they are not in prison! It is also a time for us visiting to get a feel of what they feel inside. It is truly a blessing for all!

Visitors worshiping with the guys will say that it is one of the most spiritual experiences they have had! The inmates we worshiped with that evening were there because they truly wanted to be there. They gave up their last day of outside rec for the year to attend church that evening. We were thanked individually many times for driving 400 miles just to worship with them! The St. Dysmas Congregation really appreciates CLF's support.



CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

If you would like to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:

Pam — pam_clf@gwtc.net
 Mary — clf@gwtc.net
 Sara — sara_clf@gwtc.net



OFFICE HOURS.....

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—3:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

Mary: in office Monday to Thursday
 Sara: in office Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

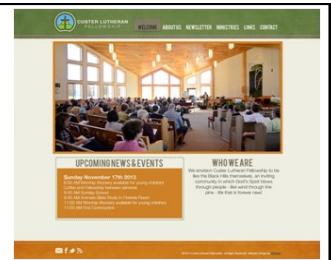


If you have someone in your life who needs some extra comfort and prayers, please pick up a prayer shawl from the office.

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

CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS...

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



LET'S GET NOISY!

The "*Noisy Offering*" continues one Sunday each month. This month it is September 15. The August offering was \$101. The three-month summer offerings totaling \$251 went to Emmaus Road, our ministry partner in Colombia. Our 2019 offerings from January through August have totaled **\$744**. Your spare change **does** make a difference.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP

As we begin working on scheduling the music and musicians for September through December, we reflect on the past summer months. We are thankful for the wonderful support from the accompanists and those providing special music – Outlaw Ranch staff, guest musicians, college students, and community youth. We so appreciate the talents that they share with us all.

Our Sunday services alternated between "Light Into the World" (blue grass), Chicago Folk Liturgy, and a regular service consisting of all types of music. We thank all those who offered instrumental talents – Cozy Dorton, Jennifer Doyle, Becky Black, Carol Torgerson, Camille Riner, Anna Pickford, Bob Timperley – guitar and liturgist, and Bill and Margaret Tretheway. We also thank Michaela who lent her voice on special music.

The Wednesday campfire worships (which at times were inside) were relaxing, yet very refreshing. We had a nice turn-out, good message and music provided by Bob Timperley, Anna and Dave Pickford, Mary Stutz, and Bill and Margaret Tretheway. Pastor Pam shared the message and communion was served each week.

We have planned the liturgies for Fall for Sundays and Wednesdays. Choir begins in September. Thank you to director Margaret Sellevold and to accompanist Cozy Dorton and substitute accompanist Becky Black.

Thank you to those who suggested favorite songs. We were very happy to see such participation.

We want to thank Pastor Pam, Mary Stutz, and Sara Jansen for all their work and also Donna McConnell for making many slides so we can add new songs to our services.

We are always looking for special music participants and pianists. Contact us at 673-2468 or 673-1470.

We give thanks for all our blessings—Margaret and Bill Tretheway

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This evening Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 12th. We meet each week at 5:30 PM. In this past year, we have studied *Women of the New Testament*, *Meeting the Spirit*, and *Fruits of the Spirit*. It is so wonderful when we hear Pam preaching on a passage and think "Oh, we talked about this in Bible Study!"

Participation in the group is designed to be fluid. New members have joined throughout the year; existing members take breaks for travel or other priorities and then jump back in when schedules allow. There is a closeness and trust that is developing among us as we discuss and ponder God's Word together. And, even more importantly, we are experiencing God's blessing of spiritual growth.

We resume in September with a study on the Gospel of John. Members have the opportunity before the meeting to read a short Bible passage (less than one chapter) and ponder responses to a list of 8-10 study guide questions. In the meeting we re-read the passage out loud and talk about our responses to the questions. The questions are framed to elicit closer reading of the text and personal reflection. Participation in discussion is voluntary. There aren't "right" or "wrong" answers. We are finding the dialogue to be very spiritually rich. If members don't have time to read the lesson ahead of the Bible study, that's OK.

You don't need to be a biblical scholar, or even particularly familiar with the Bible, to participate. As Pastor Pam says when serving communion, "All are welcome here".

If you'd like to participate in the September study of John's Gospel, please notify Joy Smolnisky (605-929-1244) or Ginny Meyers (605) 673-3056 and we will order a study guide for you (\$8). — Joy Smolnisky

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S COFFEE

Come to Calamity Jane's in downtown Custer at 10:00 AM every Wednesday for coffee with other CLF women. Please join us! If the weather is nice and Calamity Jane's is too busy, coffee is at the Healing Garden at the hospital. Call Jane Skaar at 507-360-3799 for more information.

2019 BUDGET THRU JULY 31

	<u>Jan-July, 2019</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Offering Contributions	199,506	213,500
Special Offerings	<u>1,704</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total Income	201,210	215,417
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	53,275	55,102
Worship	6,008	6,730
Education	6,079	9,834
Mission Support	28,217	27,191
Support/Care*	<u>97,889</u>	<u>124,593</u>
Total Expenses	191,468	223,451
NET	9,742	(8,034)

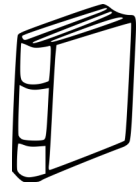
*Support/Care Expenses budgeted but not yet expended include:

Prepay Mortgage	7,000
Special Projects (Parking Lot)	10,000
Special Projects	<u>7,000</u>
(Parsonage Deck & Window A/C)	
Subtotal Delayed Expenditures:	24,000

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

We meet on September 14th from 8 - 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room at CLF. Breakfast will be served, then we watch and discuss a NOOMA DVD. Come to one or come to all. If you have questions, contact Allen Canete at 673-3753.

THURSDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY



This group meets weekly on Thursday. We start at 9:30 AM with coffee, treats and good conversation and end our book study by 11:30.

We read aloud from the selected book, so you do not have to read or prepare ahead of time! The reading is interrupted with questions, comments, laughter, challenging thoughts and reflections, faith and life stories. We have just started The Time is Now—A Call to Uncommon Courage by author Joan Chittister. Joan is a nun who has written about 50 books.

Please join us!

CARRY ON

By Neysa CM Jensen

(This poem, written by Wanda McClanahan's daughter in honor of her mom, was read at Wanda's memorial service.)

Wanda's legacy was her life.

To remember her, honor her,
Do likewise:

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
Care for the sick and elderly,
Share what you have with others.
Give of yourself with a glad heart.

Sit on the floor with children,
Read to them, bake cookies with them,
Be like them.

Live like they did in the Great Depression,
Spend less than you make,
Use resources thriftily,
Reuse, repair, repeat.

Drink in the beauty of the earth, the multitude of it,
The elk and deer,
The birdsong,
The wild fruits.

Revel in the music of others,
And find your own talents,
Sing, use your voice,
Even if others cover their ears.

Commit to things, but also seek
Solitude and renewal.
Go for a walk
As often as possible.

Embrace others as your family,
Find someone who always has your back.
Try to do better than those
Who came before you.

Remember that pies need sugar,
And a little salt,
Eat the tomato basil soup,
And always, always, the ice cream.

Wanda was an artist who created many pencil drawings and oil paintings, many of Black Hills scenes and animals. Her artwork is for sale on this website:
<https://www.wandamccclanahan.com/434260344>

Neysa said "We would love for her art to be out in the world instead of in my brother's garage!"
You are welcome to take a look.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

After all my years of nursing, I look back at the **most powerful health care I could give... human touch.** Curious, I looked up the benefits of human touch.

When you stimulate the pressure receptors under the skin, the heart slows down, food in the digestive track is absorbed into our bodies better and serotonin (a feel good hormone) is released into the bloodstream.

Human touch can ease pain, help with infant growth, promote better sleep, reduce irritability, increase socialization, and help with depression.

Human touch enhances a sense of well-being, lowers blood pressure, lowers the stress hormone, cortisol, gives comfort and reduces sadness. Human touch can increase our happiness and joy. I could go on and on. **Don't be afraid to give that joy, peace and happiness to others.**

Healing Thoughts,

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

This news is really not news. We have a crisis in our country, our state and community.

Compared to national statistics, South Dakota has an alarming rate of suicide. It hits the elderly, farmers and ranchers, teachers, health care workers, store clerks, and on through the children. I'm sure you know of at least one person who has at least tried suicide. Often it was heard to be just a cry for help.

While this may be the case in a few, most have spent a lot of time considering it. By the time they have decided to end their life, they have convinced themselves that they are a burden on others, have no other options, and see death as an end to their pain. Yes, this thinking is clouded, but they cannot see it any other way. That is why it is so important to get help for yourself, friend or family member as soon as possible before these thoughts become ingrained. There is definitely help out there. Do not ignore it; if you are having trouble finding what you need, call the help line and they will assist you. **There is hope for everyone.**

Healthy Mind, Healthy Spirit,

Mary Klein RN, Parish Nurse

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:



W/ELCA at CLF is an active group of women who get together once a month for a meal, fellowship and programs of interest in the church and community. We invite all women to join us!

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 23. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 AM.

PROGRAM: We will car pool to Rapid City for a visit to the Abbott House for girls. This home is set up for girls who have been in foster care and are in need of a home after they turn 18. A special thank you to DeMaris Nesheim for coordinating the details to make this trip happen. We will have lunch in Rapid City after our visit to the Abbott House.

Marcy Wirth was the speaker at our August meeting. Marcy is a gifted story teller and used this gift to share some of the experiences that she encountered during her trip around the world last year. Marcy's presentation was enhanced by pictures and hands-on-items that she picked up during her journey. We appreciate Marcy's ability to see the best in people and situations.

On Thursday, September 26, W/ELCA will provide a supper for folks who are participating in classes provided by LOVE, INC. in Rapid City. LOVE, INC. is an organization that provides support to folks who need clothing, furniture and skills to live productively. These items need to be earned. They are earned by giving folks the chance to take life skills classes or to volunteer in situations that help each other. Classes are held in churches throughout Rapid City. A meal is shared before the classes. That is where we have been able to help. This is the third year that we have the program at LOVE, INC by taking a meal. In the past, we have met people from Custer who benefit from this program.

Quilting will take place in September on Sunday, September 8, then every Tuesday after that at 9:00 AM. Our quilters provide a valuable outreach and are greatly appreciated. Anyone is welcome to attend quilting — there are jobs for every level of talent — even those who do not know how to quilt.

Bingo at Custer Senior Care—The first Friday of each month, four to five people gather to call and help residents enjoy an hour of Bingo from 2:00—3:00 PM. We welcome new people to join us for a fun afternoon! Any questions, please call Arbutus Winter, 673-5283.

September Mission Project: Socks and Soap

The W/ELCA mission project for September is to collect socks and bars of soap. White and dark socks in all sizes will be greatly appreciated. We will assess needs as we go into September. Socks and soap will be sent to flood victims here in Custer, to LSS, and/or to Lutheran World Relief, depending where the need is greatest at the time.



W/ELCA BEAR BUTTE CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT

“Exercising Our Faith”

Friday and Saturday, September 13 & 14, 2019
at Outlaw Ranch

5:30 PM Friday through 2:00 PM Saturday
Speaker: Pastor Deb Grismer

We exercise to improve our health. But what about our faith? Faith is like a muscle and needs to be exercised! Let's gather together as women of God to learn how to build spiritual muscles and practice exercising our faith. Practical and fun ideas will be presented. All ages are invited to come!

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**BE STRONG
IN THE LORD
AND IN HIS
MIGHTY
POWER.**
Ephesians 6:10

COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2019

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report—The council reviewed the treasurer's report. The strategies developed by the Finance Committee to address a potential shortfall were presented and discussed. While contributions during July were 97% of budgeted expectations, the year-to-date contributions are at 93.45% with a projected shortfall of \$22,726 for the year.

- ✦ The recent Properties Expertise Meeting led to a priority of maintenance projects with repairing of the leak in the basement deemed the top need. It was moved, seconded, approved that quotes for spending up to \$7,500 to repair the leak in the basement wall be honored.
- ✦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$1,000 for crack seal in the parking lot. Larry Noem has volunteered to coordinate the crack project which will require 5-6 volunteers on a Saturday morning. Rosemary will contact Larry authorizing him to get supplies.
- ✦ There are issues with the boiler for the sanctuary wing which will require some more work to determine the best path forward.
- ✦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize a contract for propane at \$1.21 per gallon for a locked in, year-round price with McGas.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice**—Received in August —\$0; received \$1,901 year to date.
- ✦ **Amazon Smile**—\$8.09 received in August. Received \$23.25 year-to-date.
- ✦ **Attendance/Financial Statistics** were reviewed.
- ✦ **Properties Meeting**—Held August 15. See Treasurer's Report. Meeting was very productive.
- ✦ **Parking Lot Evaluation** —See Treasurer's Report. Larry Noem had evaluated and determined that the chip and seal could be put off for one to two years as long as crack repair was done this summer.
- ✦ **Update on the Surge Protection** for well pump and electric panels: This is complete as Elmer Smolnisky has hooked them up.
- ✦ **Removing Hazardous Limbs**— Aim High Tree Service has been contacted and will provide service when they are in Custer.
- ✦ **Safety/Security**— A meeting between Matt Tramp and Pastor Pam is scheduled. A training for the congregation will be held in the near future.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership Changes**—Scot and Mary Hoscheid were welcomed on July 28 .
- ✦ **Discussion on Worship Service Times**— Pastor Pam has determined it is time to develop a committee to thoroughly review all aspects of one service vs. two services. This will include a survey monkey as well as one-to-one discussions with members of the congregation.
- ✦ **A sink hole/drain pipe**—was brought up, with safety concerns noted as it is close to the playground. Pastor Pam will further investigate this with Augie Heyne.

Reflections on Mission and Ministry—Pastor Pam reported she had attended a meeting regarding emergency preparedness and will be part of a new group, Custer Disaster Response Team, which will be a non-profit organization under the auspices of Custer Ministerial Association. She also enjoyed her vacation time.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Evangelism and Social Ministry Teams**—are working together on the 'God's Work. Our Hands.' day scheduled for September 8, 2019.
- ✦ **Worship and Music**—Pam met with musicians for the Fall season. Council members want to again thank musicians and volunteer musicians that provide such wonderful music.

The next council meeting will be September 17, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:00 AM — "Our Place"

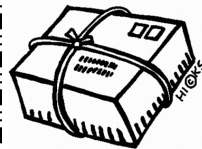
Come join us for breakfast. There's always much good conversation and good food! Open to all! Bring a friend!

COLLEGE/MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

On "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, we will put together care packages for college students and make cards for those in the military.

Please sign up to bring items so we can brighten up the day of our young people and military families.

We are still looking for addresses of students. If you have a child who is in college, please call (673-4691) or email clf@gwtc.net. We need to know their name and address right away. We want to make sure everyone receives a package! Thanks for your help!



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Pentecost 12

Thursday, August 29: Psalm 112; Proverbs 15:13-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday, August 30: Psalm 112; Proverbs 18:6-12; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Saturday, August 31: Psalm 112; Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26; Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday, September 1: Psalm 112; Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday, September 2: Psalm 119:65-72; 2 Chronicles 12:1-12; Hebrews 13:7-21

Tuesday, September 3: Psalm 119:65-72; Isaiah 2:12-17; Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday, September 4: Psalm 119:65-72; Isaiah 57:14-21; Luke 14:15-24

Pentecost 13

Thursday, September 5: Psalm 1; Genesis 39:1-12; Philippians 2:25-30

Friday, September 6: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 7:12-26; Colossians 4:7-17

Saturday, September 7: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 29:2-20; Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday, September 8: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 20:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Monday, September 9: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Tuesday, September 10: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:9-18; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday, September 11: Psalm 101; 2 Kings 18:19-25; 19:1-7

Pentecost 14

Thursday, September 12: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday, September 13: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday, September 14: Psalm 51:1-10; Genesis 8:20—9:7; John 10:11-21

Sunday, September 15: Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Monday, September 16: Psalm 73; Amos 7:1-6; 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tuesday, September 17: Psalm 73; Jonah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Wednesday, September 18: Psalm 73; Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Pentecost 15

Thursday, September 19: Psalm 113; Exodus 23:1-9; Romans 3:1-8

Friday, September 20: Psalm 113; Ezekiel 22:17-31; Romans 8:31-39

Saturday, September 21: Psalm 113; Isaiah 5:8-23; Mark 12:41-44

Sunday, September 22: Psalm 113; Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 23: Psalm 12; Proverbs 14:12-31; Acts 4:1-12

Tuesday, September 24: Psalm 12; Proverbs 17:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wednesday, September 25: Psalm 12; Proverbs 21:10-16; Luke 20:45—21:4

Pentecost 16

Thursday, September 26: Psalm 146; Proverbs 22:2-16; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Friday, September 27: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:3-10; Ephesians 2:1-10

Saturday, September 28: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:11-28; Luke 9:43b-48

Sunday, September 29: Psalm 146; Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Monday, September 30: Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22

Tuesday, October 1: Psalm 62; Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6

Wednesday, October 2: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22



CUSTER MEET & EAT SEPTEMBER 10

Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney St. Join your neighbors on September 10th from 5:00—7:00 PM.

AMAZONSMILE

It's back-to-school season and many of us are shopping Amazon for supplies. Remember to support Custer Lutheran Fellowship by shopping at smile.amazon.com or smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0374233. Amazon donates a percentage to CLF.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GAYLE ZELENKA

A memorial service for Gayle Zelenka will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 21. Gayle is a former member of CLF who lived in Custer for 33 years. Lunch at CLF will follow the service, with burial at the National Cemetery in Sturgis.



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Custer Lutheran Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Bedrock Beliefs are...

We grow in faith through worship and sacraments

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

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

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

We have faith only through God's grace.

Our Core Values are:

*Faith, Family, Mission,
 Service, Worship*



Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

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

Ministers: All Members of CLF!