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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH) Sunday may look a bit different this year. In light of COVID-19, we will be celebrating GWOH over the next two months - not just a one-day event as in the past. There will be plenty of fun and meaningful ways for all of us to participate. The Social Ministry and Evangelism Teams have planned the following activities:



**God's work.
Our hands.**

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- In the weeks leading up to GWOH Sunday, we will be assembling birthday bag/kits for WEAVE residents. (These kits contain cake mix, frosting, candles, and other items for residents who are celebrating birthdays.) If you are interested in helping with this activity, let Barb Lewison know.
- We will be doing our annual highway cleanup following the GWOH Sunday Service, September 13th. Bring your own water, snacks, gloves and wear your masks! We will maintain social distancing while we work. Team Leaders will also complete and submit the required Small Group Log-In sheet.
- Quilters will be focusing on GWOHs during their weekly (Tuesday morning) gathering at the church. Much of their efforts have been towards making quilts that will eventually be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Eight quilts for LWR have already been completed. If you are interested in helping with this activity, let Ginny Myers know.
- Volunteers can independently work at the Hospital Healing Garden at any time. Weeding is a constant need. Also, perennials may be purchased and planted as the weather cools. Those willing and able to work on this project are asked to bring their own tools. Participants will be asked to report their efforts/hours to the Social Ministry Team (bradmckinney@gmail.com) for summarizing our GWOH efforts.
- Volunteers are needed to write cards to our military, nursing home congregants and anyone you feel could use an uplifting card. A list of military addresses is available at the Church. Blank cards, if needed, will also be available at the office. Card writers are asked to complete this project at home. Cards are to be returned to CLF for a special blessing to occur on September 13th, GWOH Sunday. We will mail the cards and even put the address on if you are unsure of it. Join us in showering Custer with cards!
- On Monday, September 14th, we will be delivering snack trays (from Lynn's DakotaMart) to the staff at the Sheriff's Office, Monument Hospital, Custer Ambulance, Courthouse, and both school buildings. Baskets of individually wrapped snacks will be provided to Search and Rescue and Fire Department volunteers.



September

Ministry outside the Walls.....continues....

Custer Lutheran Fellowship remains a place where All Are Welcome....inside the walls and outside the walls...it is our spirit of ministry and it is our spirit of worship.

Please be assured that this ministry is still going on.

At first it was a puzzle to us that we had not heard from anyone. We have prayed about it and know there are needs and there are desires to help "out there". It seems possibly people are nervous or maybe even fearful to reach out....either to ask for help or to offer help.

Please be assured that any offer or any request is confidential and would be handled as you wish. We are just wanting to make certain you know there are no closed doors—to those who call CLF home or to others you might know in need or with resources to share. And if you have an idea...please share that.

For so long, our Senior Care Center eluded COVID infection. The news today is that there are 18 cases there. How worrisome for the people there and for their families and of course for the staff! They have worked hard to not be in this position.....however, it is here. Identification is so important and the effort then to separate and contain for everyone's sakes.

What a difficult task and heartbreaking to some who do not understand....and for their families. Lord be with the residents there that they would not be fearful...be with staff who are caring for them and for doctors as well. We also lift up our whole community as we work to keep our numbers from exploding with our recent influx of visitors in August. Keep us mindful of our own lives and of those all around us.

Please continue to join us in prayer for our community, its healthcare and essential workers, and especially that we are making our mission and ministry available to anyone who desires to receive or offer assistance of any kind. We remain the hands and feet of Jesus and his arms and ears and heart as well. May Jesus Christ be raised and praised.

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BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Join us in person or online during worship on **September 13th** as we bless backpacks for our children – and teachers! – as they return to school, whatever that looks like for them this year. We will also be giving out "Walking with Jesus" backpack tags to all the children. They will also be available the afternoon of the 13th at church if you are unable to come to worship that morning. Or let Pastor Pam know, and we will mail one to you. We want all of our children to have this reminder that Jesus walks with them every day. School may look and feel different this year, but Jesus walks with you whether you are at home, at school, at a friend's house, and everywhere. Blessings to you all this school year!





Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27



I was reading a devotional from "Jesus Calling" on Aug. 26th that I want to share with you:

"Trust me in the midst of a messy day. Your inner calm – your Peace in My Presence – need not be shaken by what is going on around you. Though you live in this temporal world, your innermost being is rooted and grounded in eternity. When you start to feel stressed, detach yourself from the disturbances around you. Instead of desperately striving to maintain order and control in your little world, relax and remember that circumstances cannot touch My Peace.

Seek My Face, and I will share My mind with you, opening your eyes to see things from My perspective. *Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.* The Peace I give is sufficient for you."

This devotion is what I needed to hear today! "Your inner calm – your Peace in My Presence – need not be shaken by what is going on around you." It's so easy to lose any sense of peace and calm with everything going on around us. Between COVID-19, protests, violence, politics, hurricanes, wildfires, and so much more, it's so hard to maintain a sense of the peace that Jesus has given us. At least it is for me!

The devotion from the day before states, "I have taken up residence within you; I am central in your innermost being." God has taken up residence within each of us! The Holy Spirit permeates our beings so much that it is an integral part of who we are. Jesus peace and love dwell in our innermost being, and nothing can ever take that away – not anything going on around us, nor anything going on within us.

Sometimes we have a hard time returning to that peace when we have so many worries and anxiety about what is happening in our lives or with those we love. For example, I have a great deal of concern for the residents and staff at the Custer Senior Care Center as I've learned there are now a number of COVID-19 cases there. I worry for our members who live there, and I worry for all the staff who work there. And it hurts my heart that I cannot go visit them.

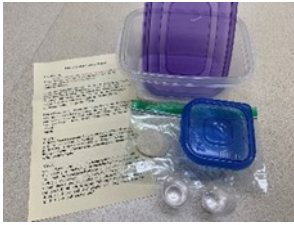
But I also know that they are all under God's care and love. I know the Holy Spirit permeates their beings just as it does mine. I know that Jesus peace dwells within all of them, even in the midst of their worry and uncertainty. I can close my eyes, take a deep breath and breathe in that peace I need so badly, and feel it entering my lungs and going deep within me. I can pray that those in the Care Center feel that peace surrounding them and dwelling within them, too.

That is one of the ways we can reclaim Jesus peace – closing our eyes, blocking out the world for a moment, and breathing in the peace that surpasses all understanding. Then we can open our eyes and return to the world with a better sense of Jesus peace and love dwelling within us, and giving us more ability to share that peace and love with others.

I pray that Jesus peace be with each of you today and always,
Pastor Pam



COMMUNION KITS FOR HOME...



Holy Communion is such an important part of our faith journey, and I know many of us are missing it during this time of COVID-19, including me! We have begun celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month, but for those who are not comfortable attending worship in person, Communion kits will be available on those Sunday afternoons at the church.

The kits have everything you need to have Communion at home. It has wafers, grape juice, disposable cups, and a sheet with the liturgy you can say alone, or with your family. I do ask that you return the plastic containers some time after you use it so that they can be re-used. And if you do not feel comfortable coming to church to pick up a kit, let me know and I can drop one off for you.

I have always felt Holy Communion is so important in my faith life as a tangible reminder of God's love for me and for everyone. I am hoping we can all gain the comfort and hope revealed to us in this sacrament.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE CHANGES

Wednesday NightLife will certainly look different this Fall! The Church Council has decided that due to COVID-19, we will not have SPARK Kids or a meal in the Fall. We feel it would be too difficult – and risky – for our children to have them here for SPARK, and especially for a meal.

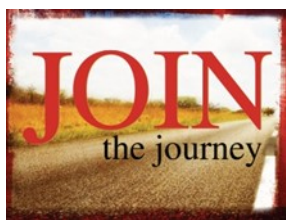
We will have worship on Wednesday evenings at **6:00 PM starting on September 9th**. We will also have **Confirmation and RAP Group at 6:30 PM** following worship. There will be no choir at this time as well. This was a difficult decision, and we know that it will be disappointing to many, but we feel it is important to continue to protect our children and all the staff and volunteers who help with these programs. We will continually re-evaluate, though, as we move through the Fall and will make changes if we feel it's appropriate to do so.

Thank you for your understanding! And see you in worship on Wednesday, September 9th!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION...

Confirmation will look differently this year, too! We will have **Orientation for youth and parents on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM** after worship in the Sanctuary. Physical distancing and masks will be required. If you are not comfortable attending because of COVID-19, please let me know. I do not want anyone to do anything you are uncomfortable with. But if you want your youth to be involved in confirmation this year, I will need at least one parent or adult to come with them to orientation to learn what will be happening, and to fill out forms. Classes will not be split by grade as we usually do. We will all meet together in the Fellowship Hall for class beginning Sept. 16th with appropriate distancing and masks. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I want to make this confirmation year as fun and helpful as I can!

NEW MEMBER CLASS



Pastor Pam is offering two opportunities for a New Member class in September. On **Sunday, September 20th** she will lead a Zoom class online beginning at 2:00 PM for those not comfortable coming in person. On **Saturday, September 26th** from 9:00am – 11:00 am we will meet in person in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We will be wearing masks and distancing from one another.

Whichever class you participate in, during our time together 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 let Pastor Pam know that you will attend so she can send the Zoom link to you, and plan for the in-person class.*

PARISH NURSE NEWS



Well I for one, hope the dust has settled after all of the extra traffic in & out of town. I also realize it is a part of the reality we need to accept for the opportunity to live in our beautiful Black Hills. I hope everyone has done their best to protect their health and their families. This COVID-19 has gone on well beyond what we could have imagined.

Unfortunately we have seen a steady rise in cases of our communities. We must be extra vigilant as we need to get our groceries, medications, gas and other necessities. **Be alert to symptoms of COVID-19.** The most common symptoms are fever and respiratory issues. If you feel you may have the virus, call Monument Health and they will ask a series of questions. If they feel you should be tested, they will set up an appointment right here in town. The test is not pleasant, but it's the only kind they have access to at this time. You will get results in a few days and they will also tell you what you need to do, including if you will need to quarantine yourself. **We also need to be aware that flu season is coming up.** This is different than the COVID, so the shots are different than a "vaccine" for COVID. The flu vaccine is developed to work on several of the most common flus that may be active this season. It is recommended that you get the flu shot by the end of October. They also have a higher potency one for seniors. If you miss that window, get it when you can. If it is not specific for a virus you may have, it usually still will lessen the severity. *Healthy body/ healthy soul...*

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Have you found yourself feeling more sad, isolated, afraid, helpless or hopeless? This is very common right now with consideration of the COVID Pandemic. *Remember that our community is a caring, loving one.* We help our neighbors in our community, and our Church. As Cozy said, **We are the Church.** Helping others is what we do as the Church. Cozy & I are trying to develop groups of people who can be there to help. You may be a listener, helper, voice to comfort and support one another. We also want those who could use that kind of help to contact us. There is never shame in asking for help. This is a difficult time for all of us. Please give Cozy or myself a call to get started. *Let's share our love of our neighbor as Christ has asked us to do.* *Healthy mind/ healthy soul...*

Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse
673-4424





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

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

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the October Newsletter to the office by September 21st. Thank you!

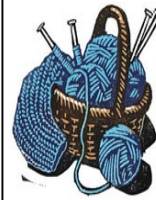


OFFICE HOURS.....

The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office hours for individuals are as follows:

Sara: in office Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday

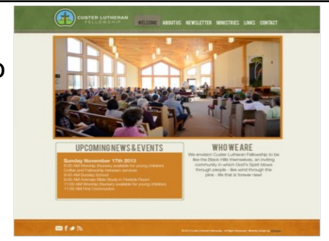
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...



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 any time—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.



"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **July to September issue** is here. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.

If you would like an issue, you can stop by the office to pick one up, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAM WHEN:

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

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.

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2020 BUDGET THRU JULY 31

	July 2020	Budget
Income		
Offering Contributions	191,782	202,943
Non-restricted Special Donation	6,947	1,444
Interest	376	0
Total Income	<u>199,105</u>	<u>204,387</u>
Expenses		
Pastoral Leadership	50,973	55,103
Worship	6,042	6,483
Education	3,349	8,456
Mission Support	23,187	24,090
Support/Care	80,365	105,902
Total Expenses	<u>163,916</u>	<u>200,034</u>
Net Ordinary Income	35,189	4,353



WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS...

We began some inside services this past month and gradually we have been getting some people there to help us get back to as normal as we can get at this time.

We will continue to have 9:30 AM services and September 13th will be "God's Work. Our Hands." We will be delivering fruit/veggie/snack trays from Lynn's DakotaMart and cards of appreciation to the various organizations and the schools who have been so active in helping the community.

We will begin Wednesday night services on September 9th at 6 PM. We still will not be able to have choir and the meals will not begin at this time. Confirmation orientation will begin at 6:30 that night.

We will keep in touch with you about the line-up for changes in worship or additions.

Looking at the various hardships that so many people are going through in our country has kept us close to our heavenly Father. The epidemic, the fires, the D'erecho storm in Iowa (which involved our daughter and family), the hurricanes and so many events. But through it all, we have endured and I pray that listening to music and sharing with others who are there for each other can help us get through these times.

God, the beauty of music tells us how much we love harmony. The sound of voices and instruments working together, creating a beautiful sound, bring us praise and draw us nearer while the sounds of hurt and even disagreements distance us from our God. Let a song of praise fill our thoughts. Let the melody wash over us until we remember that working together is harmony, and harmony is worship. We can express emotions of praise, thanksgiving, joy and sorrow through music. We have a community of love and care and yes, some sadness and fear. Let all our interactions be as harmonious as a symphony, or music in church, or on the CD's. We can glorify our creator and find relief to help us through.

"Let us aim for harmony in the church and our world and try to build each other up." Romans 14:19

Thinking of all of you with love and prayers. We wish to inspire and nourish our congregation and all that surround us.

If you have any music ideas please contact me at 673-2468 or 673-1470

Margaret Tretheway



We wish to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th Anniversary on August 1st. We received so many cards, phone calls, gifts, flowers, food and many who were able to come through our dive-by. What a beautiful time to see so many smiling faces.

Our Daughters and families did a tremendous job of family time. They made it a family affair and we did not have to do anything but come. Our grandson in New York did a beautiful job of 600 slides (we weren't sure when they swiped all of them) and they ALL fixed the meal and entertainment.

We live in a community of love and friendship and we thank each and everyone of you for making our day special.

We were not sure that we wanted to celebrate because of so many mixed emotions of sadness when Bill's sister, Marilyn, died unexpectedly after a knee surgery, just a week before the anniversary. But her husband assured us that she would want us to celebrate as she loved any family events.

We also express our love and gratitude for the sympathy cards, calls, gifts of food and money. We appreciated your kindness. Thank you so very much.

Lovingly in Christ,
Margaret & Bill Tretheway



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK...

Siblings in Christ,

"Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old, it will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

Easier said than done these days when all things education seem to be everything they weren't last year at this time. As you read these lines, many school districts and higher education facilities have opened their physical and virtual doors to students and educators. Some walk through these doors fully confident that everything will be just like it was when they left the building. Others are not ready to return to any facility or "normal" activities yet. Wherever you are, please know that we hold you in prayer, and we understand. These times are stretching us all and show us our limits and boundaries.

At a staff meeting one member of the team shared that they had attended a bible study in which they were invited to think of this crisis as a classroom. Therefore what are we learning? And how are we applying what we are learning? Your synod staff learned that we will need to remain flexible in what we offer to people as they look at us to find Christ's word of new life and hope.

Therefore, the synod staff and a team of dedicated rostered and lay leaders have been working hard to create a "Canvas" of online curriculum that aid your congregation's faith formation opportunities (Confirmation and Sunday School).

If you would like to learn more about these resources and how you can use them in your context and connect with others that use them also, feel free to reach out to your synod office and one of our staff members will share with you how we can be partners in forming faith in times that are uncertain, but where Christ remains the same today, as he was yesterday and will be tomorrow.

Grace and peace,
Bishop Constanze



FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, as indeed you are doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Even in the midst of everything going on, we have lots to be thankful for! In the month of August, we received yet another round of grants to support our ministries here in South Dakota. This is the third grant of \$7,500 from the ELCA for the COVID-19 response. This grant money has been used to support vulnerable ministries like Pueblo de Dios, First Lutheran African Ministry, Church on the Street, Woyatan, and the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. We have also been able to direct funds to congregations focused on providing essential feeding ministries, such as Trinity in Rapid City and Shalom in Harrisburg. We have also received \$30,000 from Lutheran Disaster Response, aiding ministries in a similar manner.

These ministries are also supported by members and congregations like you. Donations of finances, equipment, and supplies help keep everything moving, even during the pandemic. Please check in with your partner ministry leaders, and see how they are doing. Let them know that you care about them and the work they do. Ask if there is anything your congregation can do to help support them. Pray for them, personally, and as a group. We are stronger as a church when we continue to build our relationships with each other!

Thank you for all you do, and for God blessing us with generosity.



TECHNOLOGY BRAINSTORMING!



Pastor Pam needs a few people to help brainstorm ways to make our online and social ministry presence more vibrant. We need to dream about what technology we need to be able to share God's love through our website and social media in ways we are unable to do so now. Please join Pastor Pam on Sunday, **October 4th at 11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall to brainstorm ideas. Snacks will be provided!

W/ELCA HAPPENINGS...

Next Meeting: Monday, September 28th @ 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Hostesses: To be determined

Program: To be determined

It was good to meet in August. There were eight in attendance. It was nice to visit with one another and to get a feel for what is happening in our W/ELCA world.

Motions were made and accepted to give \$150 to Lutheran Social Services to help with West River projects and \$150 to the Custer YMCA for their scholarship program.

Last September, we visited the Abbott House for girls in Rapid City. The Abbott House is a foster home. Last year there were two in Rapid City; one for girls and one for boys. Each home has foster parents and can serve six boys or girls. At our meeting this August, DeMaris Nesheim shared information about the new home for girls that has recently opened. There is a new home for boys under construction. We are fortunate to have these four homes in our area. ~ Jackie

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**QUILTING**—Quilting will resume on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9 AM. We will meet regularly after that on Tuesdays. The huge explosion that took place in Beirut, Lebanon destroyed an ELCA warehouse with 47,000 quilts in it. The concern is that winter is coming soon to the region. So, we will designate our quilting this fall to be sent to the Warehouse in Minneapolis for them to distribute as needed.

Bring your own snacks and beverage. We do take a break. Hope you feel comfortable in coming. Wear your mask. We do social distance. ~ Ginny

## PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

(taken from Women of the ELCA)

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we settle in for a quarantine at home and remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our Neighbors. AMEN

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Pastor Pam will be offering First Communion class on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm for youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and older. They will then receive their first communion on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.



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 let the church office know by October 10<sup>th</sup> that your child will attend 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 please contact Pastor Pam.

## COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2020 MEETING

*Treasurer's & Finance Committee's Reports*—Joy's submitted reports reviewed the current statement of financial position and the offering trends. Currently, the giving levels are approximately 13-14% below budget. Expenditures are also down significantly. The Payroll Protection Plan Loan rules are still not finalized so Joy will keep abreast of this item with potential forgiveness hoped for. An e-mail vote approved a pre-buy of 6,500 gallons of propane from McGas at a rate of \$1.21/gallon after having obtained four bids. These bids ranged from \$1.21/gallon to \$1.79/gallon. In response to Finance Committee recommendations: 1) Dave moved and it was seconded to *not* resume payments for 1099 contract employees who are not providing monthly services secondary to cancellation of choir and Spark Kids programs. The Council approved this motion. 2) Dave moved and it was seconded to pay \$576.90 in dues to the Bear Butte Conference to cover the cost of the missions the conference supports. This motion passed. 3) Liz moved and it was seconded to hire a temporary, part-time office help as Mary Stutz is now on disability and unable to work. Discussion included the need for revising a job description. This position would not involve benefits and would not include all of the duties of the full time job description. This motion passed.

### *Unfinished Business:*

- **Thrivent Choice**— \$1868 YTD
- **Amazon Smile**—\$15.39 in August, \$238.41 YTD
- **Review in-person worship**—Council members were generally satisfied with the steady attendance of in person worship as well as the on-line attendance of Facebook and You-Tube. Discussion of future criteria for changing worship practices was held, using school and business models as examples.

### *New Business:*

- **Membership Changes**—No changes. New Membership Class to be conducted in September.
- **Parsonage Deck**—Sam moved and it was seconded that Capital Improvement Funds be used to replace the deck of the parsonage as per detailed plan amounting to \$3,195.57. The council approved this motion.
- **SD Synod Day** is scheduled for November 7, 2020 from 11:00 AM—5:30 PM. This is a Saturday. At this time, it appears this conference will have a live stream component and will invite people from throughout the state to join online.

*Reflections on Mission and Ministry*—Pastor Pam is returning to work after 2 weeks of vacation with new thoughts and ideas for the Fall. One of those ideas includes increased use of technology for worship and general administration of the business of the congregation. A team of people from the congregation is desired. So far, no one has stepped up

### *Committee & Ministry Team Reports:*

- **Evangelism & Social Ministry Teams**—have met. Birthday Kits have been provided to W.E.A.V.E. A whole host of activities including road cleanup, Healing Garden projects, Greeting Cards, etc. are planned for "God's Work. Our Hands."

The next Council Meeting is September 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

On **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**, Bob & Cozy Dorton will be celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in a variety of ways and hope family and friends will be able to be part of at least one of them:

- Greeting friends at Custer Lutheran Fellowship parking lot east of Custer from 2-4 PM, on their actual anniversary, Sunday, August 30, 2020.
- Enjoying cards from family and friends sent to Box 809, Custer, SD, 57730.
- Receiving other contacts by calls, emails and messages of any kind.
- Anticipating a family gathering, hopefully, next summer at Outlaw Ranch to celebrate the **51<sup>st</sup>** anniversary.

The couple has two sons, Michael (Jenna) and Bill Dorton of Lincoln, Nebraska, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren--all wishing they could be joining this event on August 30, 2020.



## ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### 13 Pentecost

Tuesday, September 1: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15; Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday, September 2: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32

### 14 Pentecost

Thursday, September 3: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Friday, September 4: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21

Saturday, September 5: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36

Sunday, September 6: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 7: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Tuesday, September 8: Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7

Wednesday, September 9: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22

### 15 Pentecost

Thursday, September 10: Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16

Friday, September 11: Psalm 103: 1-13; Genesis 42:53—42:17; Acts 7:9-16

Saturday, September 12: Psalm 103: 1-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15

Sunday, September 13: Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, September 14: Psalm 133; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday, September 15: Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29—50:14; Romans 14:13—15:2

Wednesday, September 16: Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25

### 16 Pentecost

Thursday, September 17: Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Friday, September 18: Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday, September 19: Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30

Sunday, September 20: Psalm 145:1-8; Jonah 3:10—4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Monday, September 21: Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16

Tuesday, September 22: Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20

Wednesday, September 23: Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5

### 17 Pentecost

Thursday, September 24: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16

Friday, September 25: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41

Saturday, September 26: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33

Sunday, September 27: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Monday, September 28: Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, September 29: Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, September 30: Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8



## MEALS ON WHEELS

For years, CLF has taken the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels on Fridays. We are now down to four volunteers and can really use some more! We will be happy to train you and show you the ropes if you can commit to one weekend a month! The recipients are always so appreciative, but more than that we are doing our Father's work and are always so very blessed for doing so! Please contact Mark Hogg or the church office if you know of anyone who can help. Thank you!!







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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  
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SPARK Kids: Wendi Rusch

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**