

# CROSSROADS

Monthly Newsletter for:

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# A CALL FOR FAITH STORIES

by Cozy Dorton

Everyone most certainly has a faith story....maybe it was a time when you had prayed for wisdom and felt Gods help with you; or maybe you were in a earful situation and needed your faith to get through; or maybe you have eflected on your life and can clearly see the role your faith played in the way you live your life.

We are inviting you and hoping you will consider writing a faith story. It will be good to share with your family as well as with the CLF family.

In 2002 we compiled a Faith Stories Booklet when we were conducting a campaign called "Making Room for All" to build the new sanctuary and entry way area to the church.

If you would like to look at the first booklet, contact Linda Zachow, Cozy or the Office. We will have them with us at church. As you look at those, you will see that most started with a scripture and then their story and then some ended with a short prayer.

If you would like to share a faith story, it is most helpful if it is submitted by email. <u>didirector@goldenwest.net</u> (Cozy) or <u>rckyknol@gwtc.net</u> (Donna). If that isn't possible for you, please contact Cozy or bring it to the office. We are aiming to print the booklets by May 19th. We are grateful for Donna McConnell for creating the actual 2025 Faith Stories Booklet by the time of the Anniversary, which is June 14-15, 2025.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE MAY 7TH AND 14TH

4:00 PM: Spark Kids 5:15 PM: Meal 6:00 PM: Worship Prayer Around the Cross 6:30 PM: Confirmation, RAP April 30th: 5th Sunday Family Night NO Meal, Worship, Confirmation or RAP

# MEALS ON WHEELS

For years, CLF has taken the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels on Fridays. We are looking for more volunteers, please pray about this volunteer opportunity and consider signing up to help. Please reach out to the church office if you are interested in helping with this important



# **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

What is most meaningful for you during worship? That's a very personal question, with a variety of answers. For some of you, it's the view out the windows, for some it is the music, for others it is the sermon, and for some it is the quiet time of prayer. The list goes on. For decades pastors and worship planners have debated what to do to hold people's attention, or how best to inspire people to live their lives in faith and hope, and most importantly, how to keep people coming back week after week. Some weeks,

everything will seem to flow together nicely, and other weeks, it may seem that things are disjointed and confusing. Sounds like life, doesn't it?

One thing that I want you to know for sure, is that those of us who are part of the planning for the worship service take it very seriously. We try to have a good mix of traditional liturgy and music along with new and/or more contemporary songs and settings. When I preach, you may notice that sometimes I stand behind the lectern, and others I move about a bit. These choices are intentional in that I want the worship experience to be mean-ingful and impactful to a broad range of people, personalities, and attention spans. Something else that I take seriously every week is my hope that you hear the Good News of the Grace of God woven throughout every element of the service.

An important thing to know about Lutheran Church services and the reason we have a liturgy—prayers and litanies where the congregation speaks alternately with the worship leader—is that worship is supposed to be engaging for your mind, body, and spirit. We stand up and sit down in order to engage your body. We pray silently and with the others out loud to engage our minds and spirits. We sing and make a joyful noise to engage with our senses and to hear each other worship.

Now the next question, or thought to ponder, is what is the worshippers responsibility during the service? My hope is that you come with an open mind and heart to actively listen, learn, and grow each week. Worship is not meant to be an entirely passive experience where you just come and sit and go through the motions and prayers on auto-pilot. The more you put into it personally, I'm convinced, the more you will get out of it! I truly appreciate feedback, and would love to hear your suggestions and ideas!

In gratitude for the opportunity to worship with you, Pastor Shannon

#### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

We only have two Wednesdays in May that we will meet. May 7<sup>th</sup> is Mentor night and May 14<sup>th</sup> is family night. Mentors, please join us for the meal at 5:15 pm and class until approximately 7:30pm. On family night, I would like at least one adult from each household to come and bring your summer calendars so that we can plan some summer activities.



#### PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON 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 Fellow-ship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

Pastor Shannon Witt 1-563-542-6080(cell) pastor\_clf@gwtc.net 605-673-4691 (church)



# FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE



#### **CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are: Pastor Shannon: pastor\_clf@gwtc.net Main address— clf@gwtc.net

#### JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the June Newsletter to the office **by noon May 21.** Thank you!



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM—4:00 PM. Wednesday from 10:00 AM — 6:00 PM.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Capital Assets.



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, <u>www.custerlutheran.com</u> 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 and credit card payments. You can set up your own login/password and make changes with your giving at any time. You can scan this QR Code and it will take you directly to the Online giving page.



# ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER AND PLEASE PRAY FOR RAIN!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars for May 31st as the Church Clean-Up Day. A list of areas and items to be cleaned up is currently being gathered.



#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Custer Lutheran Fellowship

For the Year-to-Date Ending March 31, 2025

	General Fund				esignated, estricted &	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Endowments		Total
Total Revenues	\$106,641.44	\$88,662.00	\$17,979.44	\$	54,861.16	\$161,502.60
Total Operating Expenses	83,306.30	92,021.00	(8,714.70)		2,460.32	85,766.62
Other Revenues & Expenses, Net	(317.14)	-	(317.14)		9,168.91	8,851.77
Net Change of Funds	\$ 23,018.00	\$ (3,359.00)	\$26,377.00	\$	61,569.75	\$ 84,587.75

General fund contributions were \$120% of budget and operating expenses were 90% of budget. We received a technology/sound grant from the SD Synod.

# **CLF YOUTH**

# RAP YOUTH GROUP

We would love to see all 9th-12th graders join us for Youth Group! We will have our weekly Wednesday night gatherings at 6:00pm in May since there is no Wed Worship that month. We have a great time chatting about so many topics and playing games! <u>Our last meeting for the school year will be a campfire at the Rusch house on May 21st @ 5:45pm.</u> The Youth group partnered with the church to provide Easter Brunch between the 6:30 Sunrise Service and 9:30 Worships. Thank you SO much to all the families who sent food and especially the youth that helped serve & clean up! Special THANKS



to Nancy Suelflow & Danielle Wheeler for their help and Bonnie Thompson for requesting the Thrivent card.

# SPARK KIDS

During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We sing songs, have a snack, and do a game or craft that ties into the Bible story. CLF loves to give kids their very own SPARK bibles! Let us know if your child would like one! We will hand them out on Sunday, May 18th during the 9:30 worship service.

Our last day of SPARK for this school year will be May 14th. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers assisting or driving the 28 kids signed up this year! Contact Wendi #509-494-3236 for more info!



# CLF YOUTH RECEIVE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION AT CLF

Two youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17th, 2025 during the 6:30 PM Worship Service. Students receiving their First Communion this year were Waylon Webster and Declan Doyle.





Mark your calendars for <u>Graduation Morning breakfast</u>. Our 9th-11th grades host a breakfast on Graduation Day, May17th @ 9am for the church's Seniors and families. Anyone can sign-up to help and we can use multiples of each food item. Graduates can contact Wendi with how many in their group will be attending. It has been a fun tradition that Senior families appreciate each year when they have a graduate!

Contact Wendi Rusch for more info 505-494-3236

Come to honor our high school graduates on Sunday, May 11th during the 9:30 Worship with cake after the service. We will miss our Seniors and celebrate them as they take the next steps into their future.





# **CLF YOUTH**

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We had a blast at the Youth Church sleepover! Current and former high school youth spent the night in the Down Under during Easter Break. We had snacks, checked in and did a devotion, played a silly group game & went on a photo scavenger hunt! We laughed SO much! Pastor Shannon stopped in to try to scare us but we got her back! Thanks to Jaycie Pulscher for helping to chaperone. Wendi



#### FIREWOOD

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Firewood Fundraiser! Anyone can sign-up to put out firewood to sell, so please consider taking a shift Th-Sat or Sun-Wed to raise money for our Youth and Missions. We start Memorial Day weekend! Contact me with any questions and Darryn Witt with any wood-splitting questions. We appreciate all of your support in this fundraising effort to continue the tradition of selling and proving firewood for our neighbors and visitors to the Beautiful Black Hills. Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 to get signed up!



If you would like to help split firewood, Darryn will be heading up two days in May. The first will be Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm, and the second will be Wednesday May 28 from 3-5pm. If there are other days that work best for you, and you have experience using the log splitter, you are welcome to get some wood cut on unscheduled times. If you do plan to split, please just let Darryn know when you will be there. Also, if you have wood to donate, please call him and he will let you know the best way to deliver it and the best sizes to bring in order to efficiently and safely split the wood. Darryn's number is: 563-542-7526.

It was so fun to see all the young faces in church on Youth Sunday! They did a great job with the readings and singing! We enjoyed them as greeters and in the skit! The special music was touching and seeing them in the audience made us smile. Thank you to the families for bringing your kids to church! Remember you are always welcome at worship! Wendi Rusch







Vacation Bible School will be July 30th, 31st and Aug 1st! (Wed-Fri) 9am-3pm here at CLF! Our next planning meeting is on May 18th after worship. Come see how you can help! There will be fun crafts, outdoor games, STEM activities and creative snacks! All 4&5 yrs olds and K-5th (finishing those grades) are welcome

and we'd love it if you brought a friend! The program is free and transportation to Kidstop is available! Contact the office to sign up! <u>clf@gwtc.net</u> or call #673-4691. For more info call: Wendi 509-494-3236



# MINISTRY

#### PARKINSON'S DISEASE INFORMATION

- 1. The cause is unknown and there is no cure, but there are treatments and medications that help.
- 2. There is no one treatment that fits all. Each person has different combinations in symptoms and needs calling for different combinations of treatment.
- 3. Changes in cognition, moods, fatigue, delusions, sleep disorders and sexual problems can be difficult. This calls for frequent medical attention as changes occur.
- 4. Very early changes that may be seen are inability to smell things like: dill pickles, bananas and anise. Also, handwriting may become quite small.
- 5. One important management tool is exercise, which helps mobility, balance and other every day activities.
- 6. Another Parkinson symptom is a flat or lack of facial movements to express one's self. This is because the muscles have become stiff and take longer to move leading to miss-reading reactions. It is important to listen.
- 7. The treatment of Parkinson's is a team approach with Neurological Specialists, Physical, Occupational and Mental Health Therapists and families.
- 8. There is support for individuals and families through the Parkinson's Foundation. The foundation is global in nature. Their HELP Line number is 1-800-473-4636 and is a 24 hour line that helps with questions or disease management and referrals.

Source: Parkinson's Foundation

Written by Rosemary Chappell, Parish Nurse Support

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

The men's monthly breakfast study will meet again on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am** in the Fireside Room. We have enjoyed breakfasts, fellowship and studying the book of Genesis.



Greetings!

It is difficult to believe that we will be wrapping up another choir year this month. Lent and Easter proved to be quite busy with the choir singing throughout Palm Sunday, Holy Week services, and Easter. It will be nice to take a little break over the summer months. I am blessed to be able to work with such dedicated people that help make each service more meaningful through song. We will be singing a song called *"Song of Peace" in May.* 

Be thinking of joining to help celebrate CLF's 60th anniversary. We are busy planning and hope to have a choir of people to sing a simple song in celebration. Please watch for more details to come. If you are interested in special music during the program on Saturday night or church on Sunday morning, please let me know.

The CLF choir will be meeting during the following times in May. Please note the time changes. Wednesday, May 7 ~ Practice @ 5:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Wednesday, May 14 ~ Practice @ 5:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Sunday, May 18 ~ Special music @ 9:30 a.m. church service

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle jenniferkaydoyle@gmail.com or (605) 864-1322

#### FIRST FRIDAY'S

Attention: 20-40 something's: Watch your mail for info on the Paint and Sip Pizza Party! Ask Pastor Shannon for more info.

# LYNN'S RECEIPTS

We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We wanted everyone to be aware that we do not collect the gas discount receipts, though. We want you to keep those to get your gas discount! But continue to drop off your receipts in the office or in the can at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

# "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **April through June 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.



# **RECYCLING PLASTIC FILM**

The Social Ministry Team has started to recycle plastic film. They have a collection box located in the Narthex for you to help recycle various forms of plastic film.

#### CAN RECYCLE

PRODUCE BAGS

STORE BAGS CEREAL BOX LINERS

BREAD BAGS

ICE BAGS

Case Overwrap

ZIPLOC & OTHER RECLOSABLE BAGS

NEWSPAPER SLEEVES BUBBLE WRAP

DRY CLEANING BAGS

PLASTIC E-COMMERCE MAILERS

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

# CAN NOT RECYCLE

FROZEN FOOD BAGS CANDY BAR WRAPPERS

CHIP BAGS 6-PK. RINGS LAMINATION FILM

PET FOOD BAGS SILAGE OR HAY BAGS

DEGRADABLE/COMPOSTABLE BAGS OR FILM PACKAGING

POOL COVERS PRE-WASHED SALAD MIX BAGS

VINYL SHOWER CURTAINS/TABLECLOTHS

Bedding and Linen packaging

HOT DOG OR MEAT WRAP PACKAGING

NET OR MESH PRODUCE BAGS

PPE-GLOVES, MASKS, OR PROTECTIVE WEAR

SHINY, CRINKLY FILMS LIKE FLORAL WRAP

#### More info is located at trex.com/recycling



#### Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, Pastor Shannon for her visit at the hospital, Jackie and the Caring Hands food group for the fabulous meal and Bob and Cozy for bringing it out. The hip gets better every day but I am not registered for any 5Ks yet. May God bless all of you. Mickey Schelcht

## Thank you

To my CLF Family, Thank you for your support and caring during my recent hospitalization and recovery time at home. I'm getting stronger everyday! Ginny Myers YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

# SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2025: GATHERING: 4:00-5:00 PM MEAL: 5:00-6:00 PM PROGRAM: 6:30-7:30 PM AT THE CHURCH CAMPFIRE: 7:45-9:00 PM AT OUTLAW RANCH

# SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2025: WORSHIP: 9:30 AM ICE CREAM SOCIAL: FOLLOWING WORSHIP

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

AS YOU THEREFORE HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, CONTINUE TO LIVE YOUR LIVES IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISH IN THE FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING.



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THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE THANK OFFERING "RAISE THE ROOF ON DAYSPRING" AT OUTLAW RANCH AT THE EVENT OR YOU CAN SCAN THE QR CODE AND CONTRIBUTE THERE AS WELL



Please RSVP QR code, email clf@gwtc.net, or call 605-673-4691

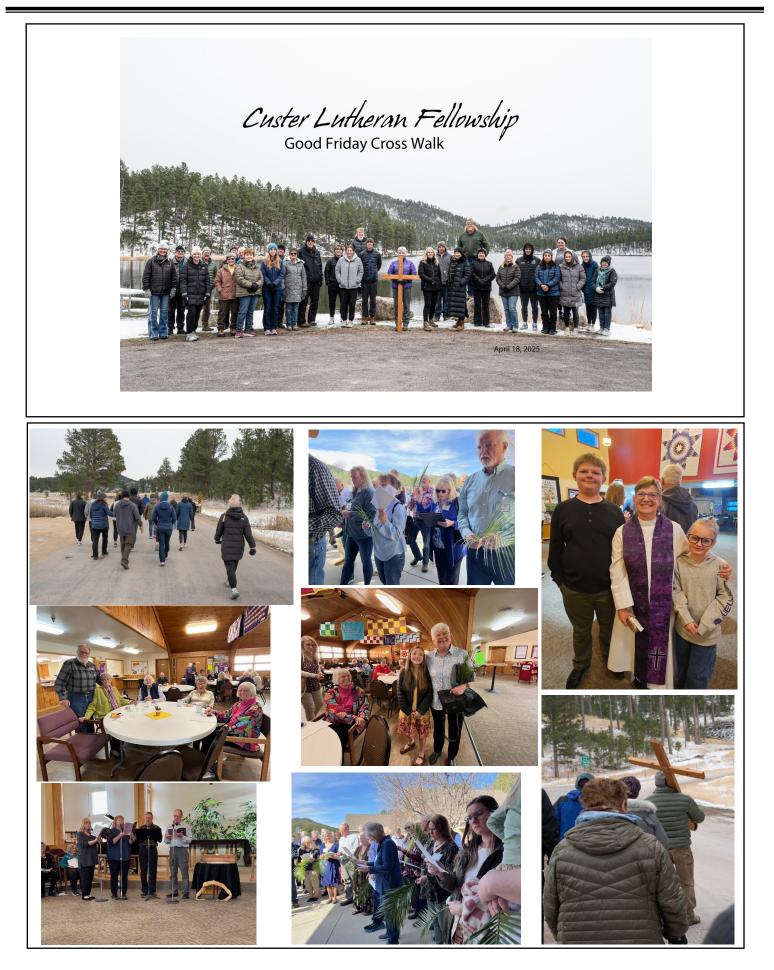


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# **EASTER PICTURES**



# SOCIAL MINISTRIES 'MAY MISSION'

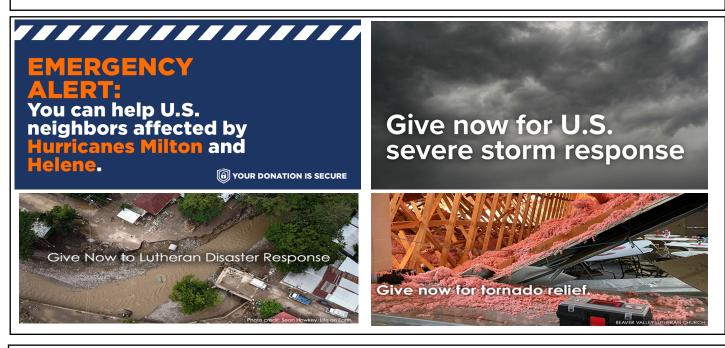
#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – DISASTER RESPONSE

Following the example Jesus sets in the story of the Good Samaritan, Lutheran World Relief expresses faith through action, serving people in need without regard for religious affiliation. This commitment often permits Lutheran World Relief to work in areas prohibited to other church groups. It was founded in 1945 by National Lutheran Council for the purpose of providing relief to Europe after World War !! by shipping material resources that Lutheran congregations gathered.

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope to those in the United States and around the world who have been struck by disaster, and the severity of the situation is more than the local, state, and national organizations can handle. Lutheran Disaster Response works with local partners, community members, and organizations to determine the appropriate response for the affected area, and that the project meets professional international standards and guidelines. 85% of donations are used directly for the projects and regular reporting on the use of funds and how it impacts the community are made to the organization. They provide short and long-term assistance.

Lutheran World Relief receives funding from individuals, congregations, and congregational groups and the three major Lutheran church bodies (NALC, LCMS, ELCA). Additional funds come from charitable foundations and from US government grants. They take stewardship and accountability seriously, and they are audited yearly by an external firm with records are made public.

When the dust settles and the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response stays to provide God's hope, healing and renewal with ongoing assistance to those in need.



## BUILD-A-MOUNTAIN SUMMARY

Your Social Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their generous altar offerings during our Build-a-Mountain Lenten event. Donations included:

The Storehouse - 117.5 lbs of food,

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive - 2,706 diapers of various sizes (29 boxes), plus wipes and more than a dozen quilts,

W.E.A.V.E. - approximately 160 rolls of Angel Soft toilet paper,

Custer Humane Society - 300 lbs of dog food, 30 lbs of cat food, assorted cat toys, and 12 dog beds, Lutheran Social Services - four large tote bags of art supplies.

In addition to the "wish list" items, cash offerings were also collected: W.E.A.V.E will receive \$ 185.00, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive, \$226.00, Custer Humane Society, \$ 146.00, The Storehouse, \$184.00, and Lutheran Social Services, \$201.00.

Thank you fellow parishioners!

#### OUTLAW RANCH SUMMER STAFF SUPPORT

Once again you are invited to participate in the wonderful partnership with the ministry of Outlaw Ranch. Would you be willing to "adopt" one of the amazing summer staff and provide some love and encouragement to them as they so lovingly serve others? Last year some of you took a few staff under your wings, and some of you just had a couple. It is best if you have at least two staff so that if you do off camp activities they have a friend with them. Some ideas on ways to support the staff are to bring small care packages on a regular basis, invite them to your home for a meal on their time off (Friday evenings and Saturdays), invite them to join you in worship and fellowship on Sundays, and to show them around the beautiful Black Hills. There are several staff who don't have vehicles, so offering to take them to the store, or to a fun activity is always appreciated! Let Pastor Shannon know by May 19<sup>th</sup> if you would like to plan a great summer with some amazing young people! At the end of the summer there will be a gathering with all of the summer staff and their "adoptive" families!



# CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, from 5-7 PM, located at the Custer Community Church, located at 6th & Harney. Gather for a meal with

friends and neighbors.

no charge and for more information call (605)673-4090.



# W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

#### W/ELCA Happenings:

Jessica Lillebo from LSS was the speaker at our April meeting. She shared information concerning a few of the many LSS programs that are available to help people in our area. It is a pleasure to realize that LSS strives to keep programs that are working well while continually adding new programs to be able to reach even more folks. Several quilts and the art supplies from the "Build a Mountain" were given to Jessica to take back to LSS. We appreciate that our quilters strive to help LSS keep up with the quilts that they need to distribute.

We put together and packed 25 hospice kits for Pine Ridge and ELCA Global Missions before our April meeting. W/ELCA has been asked to supply cookies and bars for the meal that will occur on June 14th as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration. We will work to make that happen.

A motion was made to donate \$500 to LSS. That amount will be matched as part of the LSS Day of Giving. Jessica Lillebo will decide where the monies are most needed.

We have been asked to participate in Custer's Summer Sack Lunch Program during the week of June 9. The Summer Sack Lunch Program is financially backed by the Storehouse. It will be our job to shop for the items for the lunches, pack the lunches and to deliver them to the Y each day of that week. Children who need them will pick them up from there.

Our next meeting will take place in the Fireside Room on Monday, May 19th at 11:30. Our meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon. Janet Serino will be our speaker. Janet will share some of her very interesting stories about what it was like for her to grow up in Custer. Janet has seen many changes in Custer and it will be fun to get her up close and personal perspective on those changes!



#### **QUILTING NEWS**

CFL Quilters have been very busy. Eighteen quilts have been donated this Month. We donated 8 to Pine Ridge, 8 to Children's Home in Rapid City. We donated one to Augie for all the work he does for us quilters, we really appreciate it! As always thanks for all your donations. Wanda Omodt

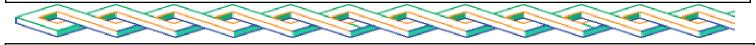




Custer Lutheran Fellowship	
Council Minutes — April 15, 2025	
Members Present: Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Dave Mertz, Sar	ra
Mooney, Dave Ruen and Pastor Shannon Witt.	
Not Present: Joy Smolnisky	
Call to Order:	
The meeting was called to order by President Helena Buehler. Gathering of Personal Concerns and Joys	
Members shared concerns and joys.	
Reading of CLF Mission Statement and Council Covenant	
Members read the mission statement and council covenant.	
Devotions and Prayers	
Pastor Shannon led the devotion and prayer.	
Agenda Additions/Approval	
There were three additions to the agenda. There was consensus and the agenda was approved as amended.	
Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. Craig moved, Sara seconded and the minutes for the March	1
meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.	
Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru March were 120.8% (\$17,949.44) of budget and e	€X-
penses were 90.53% (-\$8,714.70) of budget.	
Have added QR codes to Vanco online giving for funds to be specified for the General fund, 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundrais	ser
and Firewood.	
Craig moved, Dave M seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.	
Special Agenda Items:	
There were no special agenda items. Unfinished Business:	
Thrivent Choice – April \$0.00, YTD - \$949.00	
Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – April \$0.00, YTD - \$300.00	
Pictorial Directory – Donna gave update. 136 families entered. Still working on activity pages.	
60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Invitations going out this week. Main fundraiser is for Outlaw Ranch to "Raise the Roof" on the	
Dayspring building.	
Insurance – May 1 <sup>st</sup> is deadline for old insurance. We have received one bid which is double what we're paying now	Ν.
Will look at two other options before making a decision.	
Internet/Technology – Have received one bid for rewiring for Internet. Have formed a Technology committee and d	lis-
cussed other options.	
New Business:	
Membership changes: Add – Ed & Shelly Anderson from Lutheran Memorial Church, Pierre, SD (ELCA) Other –	
Growing Roots Signage – Growing Roots would like to put up moveable signs to direct people to their location	n
Pastor's Report:	
Review Worship & Activities – Things going well.	
On Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , will be going to Pine Ridge to deliver the diapers, etc.	
Will be gone from Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> to 29-30 <sup>th</sup> .	
Committee & Ministry Team Reports:	
<b>Caring Hands</b> , Helena Buehler – Pastor Shannon met with the Visitation Team – could use one more member.	
<b>Christian Education</b> , Kathy Bradeen – VBS planning is underway – dates are July 30-31 <sup>st</sup> and August 1 <sup>st</sup> . High	
school and college youth are doing a lock-in the night of Maundy Thursday.	
Endowment, Sara Mooney – Committee met to start determining what programs to donate to.	
Mutual Ministry, Dave Mertz – Nothing to report. Property, Karen Barness – Asphalt has been bought to repair patch in parking lot. A de-clutter day was held on th	20
12 <sup>th</sup> with items donated for the Y's sale.	е
Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed Build-A-Mountain donations. Possible Pine Ridge Immersion on Octobe	r
5 <sup>th</sup> .	
W/ELCA, Dave Ruen – Auction of Talents on Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> . Jessica Lillibo, LSS will the be program at the Ap	oril
meeting.	
Worship & Music, Donna McConnell – Committee met Monday. The humidification unit has been installed in the	
new grand piano. It will be tuned every 6 months.	
Next Meeting: May 20, 2025 – 6 PM:	
Treats – Pastor Shannon. Devotions – Pastor Shannon.	
May 2025 Care & Share Calling Coordinator –	
Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer	
Adjournment	
Donna McConnell, Council Secretary	

#### **ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY**

Week around Easter 3 Thursday, May 1: Psalm 30, Isaiah 5:11-17, Revelation 3:14-22 Friday, May 2: Psalm 30, Isaiah 6:1-4, Revelation 4:1-11 Saturday, May 3: Psalm 30, Genesis 18:1-8, Luke 14:12-14 Sunday, May 4: Third Sunday of Easter, Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19 Monday, May 5: Psalm 121, Ezekiel 1:1-25, Acts 9:19b-31 Tuesday, May 6: Psalm 121, Ezekiel 1:26-2:1, Acts 26:1-18 Wednesday, May 7: Psalm 121, Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11 Week around Easter 4 Thursday, May 8: Psalm 23, Ezekiel 11:1-25, Revelation 5:1-10 Friday, May 9: Psalm 23, Ezekiel 20:39-44, Revelation 6:1-7:4 Saturday, May 10: Psalm 23, Ezekiel 28:25-26, Luke 12:29-32 Sunday, May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30 Monday, May 12: Psalm 100, Ezekiel 37:15-28, Revelation 15:1-4 Tuesday, May 13: Psalm 100, Ezekiel 45:1-9, Acts 9:32-35 Wednesday, May 14: Psalm 100, Jeremiah 50:17-20, John 10:31-42 Week around Easter 5 Thursday, May 15: Psalm 148, Ezekiel 2:8-3:11, Revelation 10:1-11 Friday, May 16: Psalm 148, Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 11:15 Saturday, May 17: Psalm 148, Daniel 7:27, Revelation 11:16-19 Sunday, May 18: Fifth Sunday of Easter, Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35 Monday, May 19:, Psalm 133, 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42, Acts 11:19-26 Tuesday, May 20: Psalm 133, 2 Samuel 1:4-27, Acts 11:27-30 Wednesday, May 21: Psalm 133, Leviticus 19:9-18, Luke 10:25-28 Week around Easter 6 Thursday, May 22: Psalm 67, Proverbs 2:1-5, Acts 15:36-41 Friday, May 23: Psalm 67, Proverbs 2:6-8, Acts 16:1-8 Saturday, May 24: Psalm 67, Proverbs 2:9-15, Luke 19:1-10 Sunday, May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter, Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 Monday, May 26: Psalm 93, 1 Chronicles 12:16-22, Revelation 21:5-14 Tuesday, May 27: Psalm 93, 2 Chronicles 15:1-15, Revelation 21:15-22 Wednesday, May 28: Psalm 93, 2 Chronicles 34:20-33, Luke 2:25-38 Week around Easter 7 Thursday, May 29: Ascension of Our Lord, Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53 Friday, May 30: Psalm 97, Exodus 33:12-17, Revelation 22:6-9 Saturday, May 31: Psalm 97, Exodus 33:18-23, John 1:14-18 Sunday, June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter, Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26 Monday, June 2: Psalm 29, Exodus 40:16-38, Acts 16:35-40 Tuesday, June 3: Psalm 29, 2 Chronicles 5:2-14, Acts 26:19-29 Wednesday, June 4: Psalm 29, Ezekiel 3:12-21, Luke 9:18-27



THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The study on the Lord's Prayer will wrap up on May 1st. On May 8th, a new series using the Rob Bell Nooma videos will begin. All women are invited to attend! We meet from 5:30-6:30pm every Thursday.

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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 **worshiping** 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 **serving** 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

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