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## 2025 WEDNESDAY CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

Join us for Campfire Worship this summer! We meet in the Outdoor Worship Space in the woods behind the church on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning June 4th. There will be singing, prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection around our campfire. Afterwards, we can linger over the making and eating of s'mores. In the event of rain, we will hold worship inside the church in the Fellowship Hall, we will substitute root beer floats for the s'mores. Bring a friend for this fun mid-week time of worship, music, and conversation. We can always use more guitar leaders and campfire song leaders for this service, so if you are interested in playing and/or singing, please let our Worship and Music Director, Jenn Doyle, or Pastor Shannon know. But you are always welcome to bring your guitar and play along!

## OUTLAW RANCH SUMMER STAFF HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

The Summer Staff at Outlaw Ranch have arrived! It has been a very long tradition of CLF to support the ministries of OR, and part of that includes supporting the amazing folks that come to serve the campers all summer. The staff begin arriving the week after Memorial Day for their two week training time. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, during worship, we will offer a special blessing and commissioning to the whole Outlaw staff. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to meet and welcome them.

Would you and/or your family be willing to support two or more of these wonderful people? This is what it means to be a Host Family: Send notes or small gifts of encouragement regularly throughout the summer. Be willing to sit with them in worship on Sundays...invite them to join you and be willing to pick them up and drop them off if they don't have their own transportation. Invite them to have a meal with you at least 3 times during the summer. Offer a weekend or two where they could maybe come and do a load or two of laundry (they do have laundry facilities, but they get pretty busy on the weekends when everyone is trying to do laundry at the same time.) If they are an international student, or have never been to the Black Hills before, be willing to take them to some of the traditional "tourist" sites or maybe even on one of your favorite hikes! Really the sky is the limit! One thing that happened last year that we'd like to avoid is that some of the staff was really showered with love from their sponsor, and some only had one or two interactions. One idea to level things out is to make the suggestion that at the beginning of the summer, the first week of June, to introduce yourself personally if possible, to be here on the day of their blessing and commissioning, June 8<sup>th</sup> during worship and fellowship, then after that try to touch base a minimum of twice a month and no more than once a week. However, it is largely up to you! Let Pastor Shannon know if you are interested and how many staff you will be willing to host. You not only will be a gift to the staff person(s) you host, you will also be very blessed by their faith and energy and willingness to work at our partner in ministry, Outlaw Ranch.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CLF Men's Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study/Discussion is taking a Summer Break from June through August. We'll start up again on September 13th.



## CLF FIREWOOD

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Firewood Fundraiser! Anyone can sign-up to put out firewood to sell from Memorial Day Weekend until at least Labor Day. Please consider taking a shift Thurs-Sat or Sun-Wed to raise money for our Youth and Missions. To make it so much easier, there is a truck available that volunteers can drive back and forth from the wood shed/pile to the designated parking spot near the church playground/little library. This holds a lot of wood so it just needs to be checked daily to make sure it is at least half full. We also now have a QR code for people to pay if they don't have cash. If you can help split wood or have some to donate call Darryn Witt #563-542-7526. There is a sign-up sheet to put out firewood at the Narthex or contact Wendi Rusch with any questions. #509-494-3236.

## JOY AT CLF— COME TO THE PARTY!

The 60th Anniversary excitement is building as plans come together to celebrate the Goodness of God \* at CLF and as we once again remember we are blessed to be bound and rooted in Him!

June 14th: From gathering at 4:00 PM to greet friends and see displays from the past 10 years of work and activity at CLF to sharing a scrumptious dinner prepared for us at 5:00 PM to enjoying an entertaining program at 6:30 PM to hopefully having campfire fun (music and smores) at our lovely Outdoor Worship Area at 7:30 PM. It is easy to see what a special evening we will celebrate together!

For our hardworking Food Team your RSVP would be ever so helpful. They've made it easy ~ call the church office at 605-673-4691, email the office at [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net), or if you're tech savvy use the QR code on the invitation.

June 15th: The culmination of our special gathering will be Sunday morning starting at 9:30 AM with Worship and an Ice Cream Social to follow at coffee time.

\*The Goodness of God reveals grateful hearts, it shows in our care for others and for one another. It shows in those who can offer and contribute large or small thank offerings. This weekend our thank offerings are shared in support of God's work through Outlaw Ranch (called "Raise the Roof"). ALL offerings are being matched by other generous hearts.

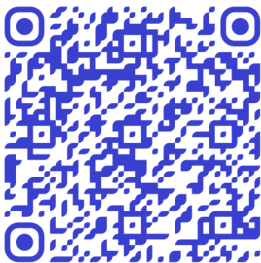
Please RSVP by email [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net)  
Call the church 605-673-4691 or use  
the QR Code



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## VBS

**Vacation Bible School is July 30th, 31st and Aug 1st! (Wed-Fri) 9am-3pm here at Custer Lutheran Fellowship!** There will be fun crafts, outdoor games, STEM activities and creative snacks! All K-5th (finishing those grades) are welcome plus we are adding 4&5 year olds! 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 [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net) or use this QR code! Call Wendi #509-494-3236 for more info! ***Our next meeting is June 29th after Worship!***



Volunteers to be shepherds for our 4-5 year olds are needed. Let us know if you can help!



## Pastor's Ponderings

On June 8, the day we celebrate the Birthday of Christianity, otherwise known as Pentecost, we will hopefully all be wearing RED to symbolize the power of the Holy Spirit blowing through our lives and showing us the love of Jesus in the whole world! This will also be the end of the year in terms of the Narrative Lectionary, the scripture schedule for Sunday Worship. I have loved spending so much time in the Gospel of Luke and then the Book of Acts and Paul's Letter to the Galatians this Winter and Spring.



This summer we will be switching things up a little bit and then we will start in September with a deep dive for 9 months into focusing on John's Gospel bookended by Old Testament Stories and New Testament Letters. For the summer, if you would like to join me in some deep Bible Study, I will be mainly focusing on two particular Books of the Bible for my sermon/preaching texts. Beginning on June 15 through July 20, we will be focusing on the Prophet Jeremiah. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, we will move into the book of Revelation. Each week there will also be a secondary Scripture from the Book of John, but the main focus for preaching and praying will be on Jeremiah and Revelation.

I'm hoping that many of you will join me in really spending some time focusing on these very rich, deeply theological, and beautifully complicated books of the Bible. If you would like to join me for an overview of these books before we begin these two series, please let me know and I will arrange a time for us to gather together some afternoon or evening at the beginning of June. However, I would encourage all of you to get those bibles and pencils ready and get a jump start on the readings! You will find the exact readings I will be focusing on the last page of this newsletter. I would encourage you to read each passage every day for the week and to do some of your own studying before the service on Sunday. Then I would love to hear your feedback regarding how the sermon, music, and worship service as a whole helped you with a deeper understanding of each week's particular Scripture readings.

Looking forward to studying the Prophet Jeremiah with you this month!

Pastor Shannon

## 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 Fellowship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

Pastor Shannon Witt  
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pastor\_clf@gwtc.net  
605-673-4691 (church)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Wednesday June 4: 4pm-7:30pm

Refinish the Welcome Center cabinet, have a hot-dog/campfire/cook out

Help lead the first Outdoor Campfire Worship at 6:30 with s'mores after the service

Saturday June 14: 5:00-8:30

Participate in the CLF 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and lead skit during the program beginning at 6:00pm with a campfire at 7:30

Sunday June 15: 9:30am

Worship with an ice-cream social afterwards

July—somewhere around the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>---Trip to Sioux Falls to work with Church on the Street (details RBD)

July 30-Aug 1: Helping with Vacation Bible School from 8:30am-3:30pm

\*Day at the lake followed by an overnight camping outside at the church---Date to be determined for sometime in August

If you have any questions, please call or email Pastor Shannon



### CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES..

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

Shannon — pastor\_clf@gwtc.net  
Main address— clf@gwtc.net

### JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the July Newsletter to the office **by June 18th**. Thank you!



### OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open  
Monday to Thursday from  
8:00 AM—4:30 PM.



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



### LYNN'S RECEIPTS

We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We want 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. We have collected **\$ 600.00** so far for 2024. Thank you for your assistance!

### "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

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

Bear Butte Conference is hosting a gala fundraiser for Outlaw Ranch. All of the funds raised will go to purchase a reliable vehicle for staff use as they travel around the state.

When: June 28, 2025

Starting at 3:30pm and into the evening

Cost: includes the meal and afternoon activities

\$20 per youth and adult

\$200 for a table for 8 can be reserved

Free: Children 5 and under

A meal of buffalo joes, made from buffalo donated by Sacred Storm, and pulled pork will be served from 5:00-6:00 PM. It will include baked beans and a pasta salad.

In the afternoon there will be opportunity for pony rides and brief hikes. After the meal there will be music featuring Tangled Blue. In addition there will be dancing with a line dancing instructor. There will be silent auction items and a live auction during the evening. Live auction items will include a week of family camp and other experiences. Come join us for a great Night Out at Outlaw. Shuttle buses will transport people to and from Custer Lutheran Fellowship and Outlaw Ranch starting at 3:15.

Thank you to everyone who has sent a card; wished me congratulations or good luck. I will be heading to SDSU this fall with interests of studying Biology and competing in Track and Field. Go Jacks!

Thanks again, Kincade Lehman



## WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

Hello!

Our choir season has come to an end. We will be taking a little break over the summer to refresh and rejuvenate ourselves for a fresh start in September. We hope you have enjoyed the time and effort that was put into each piece to help spread God's word through song. We enjoyed our time together and look forward to the fall. We will be singing to help celebrate CLF's 60th anniversary and hope that you will join us for this special occasion. All are welcome to sing with our choir on June 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Please watch the bulletin for more details as to when we will gather to practice.

A new free-standing light was purchased to use at the piano. This type of light made the most sense as we continually close the piano up and cover it to help keep it in beautiful condition. We are grateful for the monetary gifts that were given that allowed us to purchase this equipment. We continue to enjoy the new piano as it acclimates to its surroundings. It sounds better and better each time it is played!

Our next Worship Committee Meeting is on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at CLF.

Campfire services will begin on June 4<sup>th</sup> at CLF Outdoor Worship Area @ 6:30 PM.

Blessings in Christ,  
Jenn Doyle

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## CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION IN RAPID CITY JUNE'S SOCIAL MINISTRY MISSION

The Cornerstone Mission started with the missionary work of Dave and Cheryl Adams in the early 1980s. They first sheltered the homeless in their own home and then created the Mission in a house at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and St. Joseph. The Cornerstone Mission was incorporated April 2, 1982.

Today the Cornerstone Rescue Mission is the main provider of shelter and the only ongoing and free source of meals for the homeless in the Black Hills region. The main facility houses as many as 160 homeless nightly and feeds twice that many. During the holiday season, they serve between 400 and 500.

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission strives to provide programs that will help each individual become more self-sufficient. They meet the needs of more than 500 people every day and they've impacted the lives of thousands over the years. Many have gone on to lead fulfilling, independent lives and contribute to the community.

The Cornerstone Mission is privately funded, nondenominational, and a 501©3 tax-exempt organization. More than 80% of their annual support comes from individual donors with the rest from churches, businesses, civic organizations, foundations, and other grant-making organizations.

For less than \$25 a day, the Mission can provide three meals, clothing, shelter, case management, transportation to and from jobs, providing for personal needs items, and Biblical counseling. Your contribution can significantly impact the lives of those in need.

Thank you prayer chain, Jackie and the Caring Hands food group for the prayers, meal and for delivering it to the house when Greg was so sick. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Buffalo and Connie Werner

We would like to thank everyone for prayers, visits, food and Pastor Shannon for her visits during Jim's surgery and stay in the hospital. He is getting stronger everyday.

Jim & Pat Hattervig

Thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers when I had my heart valve replaced. Thank you to the women of Custer Lutheran who prepared meals for us. Thank you to Judy and Steve Baldwin and Jackie Hartwick for delivering the meals and for the meals they prepared. I am doing well. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Jerri & Darwin Hoeft

## SPARK KIDS

We have had a lot of fun learning and growing together each Wednesday during the school year at SPARK Kids! We will keep them all in our prayers as we hope to see the K-5th graders again this fall for Spark or those who graduated to 6th grade starting Middle School Youth Group. There was a small gift for our 5th graders moving up: Sheadyn Gray, Wesley Bolen, Miles Frederick-Medlen, Canyon Svoboda, and Amelia Wiederholt. We will miss you!! Special THANKS to all of the assistants (Linda Fennell, Carol Niemann, Lise' White, Bonnie Thompson and Camille Riner) and drivers (Augie Heyne, and Shannon Pulscher & the Outlaw crew) who helped with the 28 kids registered! I couldn't do it without you and the support of our church staff. We are on summer break, but invite your friends and neighbors to get registered for the next school year 2025-26! We will start back up in September! There is NO cost for this program! Contact Wendi Rusch 509-494-3236 for ways to volunteer!



## BIBLE PRESENTATION

CLF loves to give kids their very own Bibles! We have the Spark Storybook Bible with pictures (used each Wednesday during Spark Kids) and one for older kids interested in a complete Bible. On May 18th, we presented Declan Doyle with his very own to read and grow in God's Word! Contact Wendi #509-494-3236 for more info!





## 2024 GRADUATION BRUNCH

Thank you to all the families who brought food, set up and cleaned up for our Grad breakfast. We were able to honor 6 seniors before the day's graduation festivities. This class was in Spark when I took it over, so it has been fun to see them grow up! Others have done special music or been really involved in Youth Group... making great memories! I will miss you all as you make your way in the world and know you are always welcome back!  
Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236



class of  
2025

## HIGH SCHOOL RAP YOUTH GROUP

What a great year of developing friendships and faith! We celebrated our Seniors on Mother's Day! We are proud to be a part of your faith journey and know that CLF will keep you in our prayers as you begin your next chapter! The high schoolers closed out the school year with our annual campfire at the Rusch house. Youth group will begin again in September for all 9-12th graders! We would love to see you there!  
Contact Wendi #509-494-3236 with any questions!



## W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Janet Serino was the speaker for the May meeting of W/ELCA. Janet provided an interesting view of growing up in the 1940s in Custer, SD. Her presentation was filled with humor and a definite love for her family and the town. Janet said she would not have changed a thing about her time growing up except for WWII. There was a train station in Custer at that time and she said it was sad to see so many men and boys being taken away to serve their country. Her father served for four years. Janet said that it was hard to sell her "good ideas" to her mother during that time. One of those ideas was a plan to have a horse and keep it in the alley by Janet's house. We thank Janet for her lively and informative presentation.

During our meeting, a motion was made and carried to donate \$500 to the new sound system plan that is currently being put into action at CLF. We also discussed the Custer Community Action Team and all that they do for the residents of Custer. A motion was made and carried to donate \$200 to the CCAT. The money will be used by the team to purchase food that will then be made available to folks in Custer. Of course, these actions were made possible by the support from each of you! Thanks to our caring congregation, the W/ELCA Auction of Talents that was held in April brought us over \$2700 to use for missions as we become aware of needs. We want to express our appreciation to each and every one of you! Thanks!!

We also discussed our role in providing lunches for the Summer Sack Lunch Program in Custer. We will have our turn to provide those lunches during the week of June 9-13. This is a program financially supported by the Storehouse. During the summer, various organizations in Custer do the shopping for and the packing of lunch items to support this very worthwhile cause. We will be packing lunches on Monday, June 9 at 9:00 and on Wednesday, June 11 at 9:00. If anyone is interested in helping, it will be greatly appreciated. The lunches are packed in the kitchen at CLF.

The areas that we will be responsible to clean during the Clean up Day on Saturday, May 31 were discussed. We will be working in the kitchen and in the sanctuary to clean the pews. This is an FYI for anyone who did not attend our meeting in May. We need all of the help that we can get!!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 16. That meeting will begin at 9:00 with a potluck brunch! Please note the special time for this meeting. Brunch items include egg bakes, muffins, fruit and juice. Bring one or bring none. There is always plenty of food to share! Helena Buehler will be our speaker. Helena will provide a cake decoration demonstration. There will be edible samples! Yum!

## QUILTING

The quilters have been busy! We sent 8 quilts to Children's Society in Rapid City. A quilt was gifted to Dan Edwards. Sylvia likes the new iron! CLF Quilters will be meeting the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays in June, July and August.





We are currently selling down the items on the Equal Exchange cart. We will not be purchasing those items any longer. If you would like to purchase items from them, we have added a link to their website that you can use to order directly. You can set up an account and browse the selections.

<https://shop.equalexchange.coop/account/login>

## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Church clean up day is going to be May 31st starting at 9:00 AM. There is a sheet in the Narthex with the list of jobs to be done. Please feel free to sign up on it or take a peek at the list here and call or email the church office to sign up. Thank you for being good stewards of CLF!

Paint stairwell to "Down Under"

Fill and paint the crack in sheetrock corner near ceiling above the altar.

Wash or paint the "long streak" on wall behind altar.

Paint the area that is peeling on the ceiling by the Fireside Hallway exterior door.

Clean ceiling lights in Fireside Hallway (flies, etc.) and the hallway windows.

Patch the parking lot with bagged asphalt (already purchased).

Sidewalk lights to Growing Root/Down Under (2 are out and unable to loosen the fasteners to access bulbs. Bring ass't screwdrivers

Outdoor Ministry Area – (TBDone before June 6/14) Saw up and dispose of 3 rotten utility poles in the west/grassy parking lot. 2-3 others are in good shape, so could be used elsewhere; Purchase and grade 4 loads(?) of gravel @\$50/load w/CLF business card for billing address; install drain dips to slope towards parsonage side.

Install insulation on exterior air conditioner coolant pipes (west end).

Paint the administrative office (TBD at later date)

Clean inside of sanctuary windows (hand prints and fly specks)

Move wooden "Down Under" picnic table to BB court.

Stain (Penofin) the rail fences, swing set, & bell tower; Stain (Penofin) the entrance "columns" to office, narthex and Down Under

Thoroughly vacuum/clean pews and Murphy's oil soap where needed.

Thoroughly clean the Down-Under (vacuum couches, mop, windows, sanitize bathrooms, etc.) for RAP and summer groups (e.g. a group arrives June) Important

Clean kitchen

Trim shrubs around church. Grub out the shrub alongside the walk to Down-Under

Rake and smooth paths to Outdoor Ministry Area in prep for 60th Reunion.

**Custer Lutheran Fellowship****Council Minutes — May 20, 2025**

**Members Present:** Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Dave Mertz, Dave Ruen, Pastor Shannon Witt and Joy Smolnisky.

**Not Present:** Sara Mooney

**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 prayer.

**Agenda Additions/Approval**

There were 4 additions to the agenda. Craig moved, Dave R seconded and the agenda was approved as amended.

**Secretary's Report:** The correspondence was reviewed. Dave R moved, Craig seconded and the minutes for the April meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

**Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report:** The offerings thru April were 121.7% (\$15,023.81) of budget and expenses were 90.84% (-\$10,934.45) of budget.

Craig moved, Dave M seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Special Agenda Items:**

There were no special agenda items.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Thrivent Choice** – May – \$419.00, YTD – \$1,368.00

**Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – May – \$400.00, YTD – \$ 700.00

**Pictorial Directory** – Donna gave update. Should be printing it by the beginning of June.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Please encourage people to RSVP for the events.

**Internet/Technology** – Tabled making a decision until June meeting on the internet bids. A committee (Helena, Karen B, Pastor Shannon, Jean and Donna) to meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to look at the options.

**New Business:**

**Membership changes:** Ed Anderson has passed – funeral is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Displays Discussion** – Will set up a display of the council members and names. Helena to do a welcome video for the program.

**Building Use Fees** – Tabled until June meeting in order to look at the actual forms.

**Custodian Position** – A sub-committee (Dave R, Karen B, Augie and Pastor Shannon) was formed to define the job description.

**Equal Exchange Cart** – Items on the cart will be sold and not replaced. Will continue to purchase Equal Exchange coffee for use during the fellowship time after worship. An article will be submitted for the newsletter.

**Other –**

**Outdoors Sign** – Steve Baldwin leading committee to replace sign. Dave M moved, Karen seconded to approve the sign bid. Motion carried.

**Synod Assembly** – At this time, Pastor Shannon and Donna will be attending.

**Growing Roots Expansion** – Would like to start an ages 0-3 room. They have received a \$4,000 grant to research the possibilities.

**Pastor's Report:****Review Worship & Activities –**

Will be gone over Memorial Weekend. Pastor Becky Piper, Bear Butte Conference Rural Ministry Ambassador, will be the guest pastor. Jamie Duprey, Outlaw Ranch Director, will also speak on Sunday about the re-model of the Dayspring Building.

Will also be gone on vacation the last two Sundays in June.

**Committee & Ministry Team Reports:**

**Caring Hands**, Helena Buehler – Met and decided what info to put on 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display board. Next meeting in June.

**Christian Education**, Kathy Bradeen – Pastor Shannon will be taking a group of Middle School kids to Sioux Falls to work with Church on the Street. VBS planning going well.

**Endowment**, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.

**Mutual Ministry**, Dave Mertz – Nothing to report.

**Property**, Karen Barness – Reviewed Clean-up Day items.

**Social Ministry**, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity.

**W/ELCA**, Dave Ruen – Janet Serino was the program at the May meeting. They will be cleaning the pews and kitchen on Clean-up Day. Will prepare Summer Sack Lunches the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship & Music**, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting: June 17, 2025:**

Treats – Helena. Devotions – Kathy.

June 2025 Care & Share Calling Coordinator – Donna.

**Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer****Adjournment**

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



## NARRATIVE LECTIONARY SUMMER READING SCHEDULE

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Jeremiah (6 weeks): June 15-July 20

• 6/15/2025: Jeremiah 1:1-10 (Call and Temple Sermon)

Accompanying text: John 2:13-22 (The Cleansing of the Temple)

• 6/22/2025: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Potter and the Clay)

Accompanying text: John 15:1-8 (The Vinedresser)

• 6/29/2025: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31 (Scroll Burned and Rewritten)

Accompanying text: John 5:31-38 (Testimony about Jesus)

• 7/06/2025: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 (Letter to the Exiles)

Accompanying text: John 16:7-15 (The Sending of the Paraclete)

• 7/13/2025: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Planting and Building

Accompanying text: John 4:34-38 (Fields Ready for Harvest)

• 7/20/2025: Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34 Messiah and New Covenant

Revelation (7 weeks): June 27-August 31

• 7/27/2025: Revelation 1:4-8 (Greetings and 1st Vision)

Accompanying text: John 8:13-20 (Jesus' Testimony)

• 8/03/2025: Revelation 4:1-11 (The Elders and the Four Living Creatures)

Accompanying text: John 17:1-5 (The Glorification of the Son)

• 8/10/2025: Revelation 5:1-13 (The Seven Seals)

Accompanying text: John 1:29-31 (The Lamb of God)

• 8/17/2025: Revelation 7:9-17 (The Multitude from Every Nation)

Accompanying text: John 14:1-4 (The Father's House)

• 8/24/2025: Revelation 13:1-18 (The Beast and the Dragon)

Accompanying text: John 12:30-32 (The Judgment of the World)

• 8/31/2025: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5 (The New Heaven and the New Jerusalem)

Accompanying text: John 4:1-14 (The True Place of Worship) Accompanying text: John 17:1-8 (The Glorification of the Son)

### Custer Lutheran Fellowship

For the Year-to-Date Ending April 30, 2025

	General Fund			Capital Assets, Designated, Restricted & Endowments	Total
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$133,239.81	\$118,216.00	\$15,023.81	\$ 62,877.34	\$196,117.15
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	108,468.55	119,403.00	(10,934.45)	2,750.86	111,219.41
<b>Other Revenues &amp; Expenses, Net</b>	(54.27)	-	(54.27)	6,343.71	6,289.44
<b>Net Change of Funds</b>	\$ 24,716.99	\$ (1,187.00)	\$25,903.99	\$ 66,470.19	\$ 91,187.18

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

### CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 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).



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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 **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 Custer Lutheran Fellowship**

Pastor: Shannon Witt

Office Manager: Jean Pulscher

Parish Nurse: Jean Witt

Custodian: Augie Heyne

Music & Worship Coordinator:  
Jennifer Doyle

Financial Secretary: Janice Albers  
Steve Baldwin

Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky

Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch

**Ministers: All Members of CLF!**