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Monthly Newsletter for:

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### PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR 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

Call Pastor Shannon at  
563-542-6080 or the church  
office 605-673-4691



As I write this, I'm still in the glow of the joy, and the exhaustion, of our wonderful celebration of our 60th anniversary celebration! The feeling that I had over and over again during the planning and during the event was incredible deep gratitude. I have known since the day I began serving CLF that I was joining something really special, but in learning more about the history of CLF and dreaming about the future, my love for this congregation grew even more.

I recently finished a book called The Serviceberry by Robin Wall Kimmerer. As I was reading I kept thinking about the community that CLF has intentionally become. The main theme of the book is what I would call the economy of gratitude. The author talks about how the earth is naturally designed to be abundant for the sake of all creatures. The Serviceberry, also known as the Juneberry, produces a very sweet nutritious berry for the birds and the birds in return help to distribute the seeds so the tree/bush can stay in production. It's basically a book paying homage to the food chain and natural life cycles in creation. She then explores the question of the possibility of humans living in such an economy.

While I was reading, I kept thinking that this is what CLF strives to do with all of the gifts we have collectively. Each and every one of you is a gift to the community and over and over again the gifts you share bring back an abundance of gifts into our ministries. The cycle of giving and receiving for the sake of the health of our community and world in Jesus' name is a beautiful thing.

The outpouring of generosity during the planning and celebrating our 60 years of ministry and partnership with Outlaw Ranch was truly incredible. Do you realize that in less than 6 months because of your enthusiasm and generosity nearly 125 people gathered in person to celebrate?! The gift that was grown is \$120,000. This give will be shared with Outlaw Ranch! While \$60,000 of that came from the Nesheim family, the remaining \$60k came from all of you. The fruits of this generosity will now be shared for generations of young adult summer staff and campers who will be blessed by the ministry of their time at Outlaw. And who knows where the love and joy that they are filled with will go from there.

The even more apparent connection between the Serviceberry and CLF is that our community is built on the hope of Jesus and our commitment to share all that we are given so generously with others. The book ends with this paragraph, "Regenerative economies that reciprocate the gift are the only path forward. To replenish the possibility of mutual flourishing, for birds and berries and people, we need an economy that shares the gifts of the Earth, following the lead of our oldest teachers, the plants. They invite us all into the circle to give our human gifts in return for all we are given. How will we answer?"

Thank you for answering with such love and hope for the future of God's love poured out for all!

Your sister in Christ, Pastor Shannon



### CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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

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### AUGUST NEWSLETTER

#### DEADLINE

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office **by July 16<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Thank you!



### OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.  
Wednesday's: 10:00—6:30 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 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 **July — 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.



### SEMI-ANNUAL GIVING REPORTS

Watch for your **Semi-annual Giving Reports** which will be mailed out in July. These reports are CLF records of your 2025 pledge and year-to-date giving. Thank you for your generous support of Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

For those of you who made contributions from non-deductible accounts (like IRAs) check that they are included on your report. It is your responsibility to exclude such giving from your tax deduction.

Any questions or discrepancies? Please contact the office 605-673-4691.

Joy Smolnisky/Sara Mooney

### ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

Are you interested in having access to the photo directory online? Download the "Instant Church Directory" app from your app store. Look for this picture in the app store. Open the app and click on the create login button. Enter **your email address that is used in the directory**, create a password and click login. Check your inbox for an email from [service@instanchurchdirectory.com](mailto:service@instanchurchdirectory.com). Verify your email by clicking on the link sent. Then you can open the app and click **sign in**. If you need help, you can always stop by the church office and we will do our best to help you out!



## THE JOY OF FELLOWSHIP AND BRINGING GLORY TO GOD

One week has passed since the CLF 60th Anniversary Celebration. For those able to attend or be part in any way, the enjoyment of renewing friendships, the warm fuzzy feelings about the present, and the inspiration for the future all remain in our hearts and minds. For those who were not able to join us in Custer and for those who joined us in spirit from afar, I would like to share with you reflections of each of the pieces that made our event meaningful, and some of the comments the committee has received.

We know there was great anticipation for the weekend, but most noticeable was the All Are Welcome spirit from the moment each one stepped in the front door. The narthex looked welcoming and sounded welcoming. Familiar faces, smiles, greetings, flowers, signs, and booklets. Those sounds of fellowship grew louder as more people arrived and saw old friends....such beautiful evidence of God's presence among us. This was the most frequent comment and observation we heard! Thanks be to God!

Our friendly greeters helped each one get acclimated with events and pointed out the amazing Window Displays in the sanctuary from the very active groups in the church: Caring Hands, Endowments, Music, Social Ministries, WELCA, Youth Activities (VBS< SPARK, Christmas programs, MS and HS RAP Groups), and Authors Among Us. Some folks had never seen the extraordinary Sanctuary which was added 2004. One comment overheard by one of our interim pastors Herb Cleveland, "That is something about this congregation—it is always moving forward." These displays will be accessible for a couple more weeks. Please take time to enjoy and appreciate them. Thanks be to God!

Although this event was emphasizing the most recent 10 years, the thorough Anniversary booklet reflects our 60 year history and our 60 year connection to Outlaw Ranch. The Faith Stories booklet shares stories from current writers and those from over 20 years ago, during the All Are Welcome campaign, for building the new sanctuary. Both booklets reveal the faithfulness of God to this Congregation and the faithfulness of so many over these 60 years who built and continue to build this body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Singing our blessing helped us move from our social gathering time to dinner time. The hard working food committee provided everyone with a delicious meal of brisket, pulled pork, coleslaw, rolls, and desserts. Tables in the fellowship hall and more tables spilling out in to the narthex made for continued fellowship time while enjoying the feast prepared for us. Thanks be to God!

Those joyful sounds of fellowship moved from the tables into the sanctuary for the program. Of course, Lutherans would have music, a young people's skit (Jesus is coming to visit), an I-Movie with messages from former Pastors and seminarians we sponsored, introductions to many special guests, Connections with Outlaw Ranch, (who knew Scot Hoscheid was a stand up comic!?) and Thank Offering opportunities. Thanks be to God!

Special Guests included Pastor Renee Splichal Larson (assistant to the Bishop), Pastor Dick Borrud, CLF's first pastor while he was Outlaw Director. Yes, the Church met in the barn, and Gerald Scott who is the only living Charter Member from 60 years ago, traveled with his daughter Cynthia, who was the first baptism in the church. Twice interim pastor, Herb Cleveland, Chuck Hazlett (20 years) Jamie Duprey, current director of Outlaw, and a former director of Outlaw Ranch, Jeff Rohr were all in attendance. Each person there was a special guest. Thanks be to God!

The closing event for the evening was the campfire at our newly re-done outdoor ministry area. This hour was filled with sweet guitar music and lovely singing mixed in with Atlantic Mountain and Outlaw Ranch reflections. What a blessing to end the day with song and stories. Thanks be to God!

Sunday morning Pastor Shannon led another meaningful worship service that had several reflections and memories from the weekend. Hearts were full of Thanksgiving for our time together and for the generous hearts bringing us closer to reaching our goal of \$60,000 for Outlaw Ranch and Raise the Roof at Dayspring. Thanks be to God!

The joy of fellowship could be heard once again as we had an Ice Cream Social at coffee time—yes ice cream sundaes with toppings at 10:30 a.m. —and it was fun to share that joy of belonging that we seek to specialize in at CLF. Thanks be to God!

The 60th Anniversary Committee found great joy and satisfaction in being part of this planning. We met weekly beginning after the annual meeting. It is easily noted that with any special project at CLF, like the Anniversary celebration, the whole church joins in as part of a specific project or with prayer support. Thanks be to God!

Three leaders made everything run smoothly for those 20 weeks of planning and then for the special weekend. Jean Pulscher managing and juggling about 50 items beautifully....helping me and helping all committees. Donna McConnell managing input and technology to carry out three major projects at the same time—the 60th Anniversary Booklet, the Faith Stories Booklet, and the new 2025 Church Directory and Pastor Shannon kept that vision of treasures from the past, most pointedly the I-Movie with other pastors, and Leading it all with Love into our future. Thanks be to God for this provision of extraordinary leadership at this special time in the histories of Custer Lutheran Fellowship and Outlaw Ranch—both places where ministries continually bring Glory to God, which was a main purpose of the celebration.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

With a grateful heart for this Body of Christ, Cozy Dorton, Anniversary Committee











## FAITH STORIES SHARED AT AND AFTER THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When I think of my faith story, my very early years at AMR, experiences at & with Outlaw, Pastor Hazlett and our confirmation class, among others, come to mind. I still haven't come across my confirmation pictures, but here is one I took of Kathie's—not a great picture but you can tell there were 8 students! CLF was and is a special place and wonderful church of people who love and serve God. I continue to walk with Jesus and serve him at my current church as the Coordinator of Grief Ministries. May God continue to work through CLF and those you have touched and sent out!

Blessings,

Peggy (Semmler) Beck

It's hard to pick a testimonial because God has been so good and faithful to me. It started with the wonderful opportunity of being raised on a Lutheran Bible Camp and seeing God's love everyday through my parents, Gerhart and Verna Mae Semmler. When I was confirmed in this very church, I remember sitting on the front row and realizing that I was about to stand up tell everyone that I was going to live the rest of my life for Jesus. So glad I made that decision. When I was praying about if my husband was the right one, Ephesians 5:31, literally light up in bright yellow and stood out, saying a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife. That October I married the man of my heart at Outlaw Ranch with Pastor Chuck performing the ceremony. I have stood on that verse many times over the last 41 years of marriage. A supernatural testimony of God's healing power was when I had a tumor the size of a bowling ball in my uterus. I was told I wouldn't be able to have any more kids because of it. I then found out I was pregnant and when I went in for an ultrasound, the tumor was completely gone and my daughter Nicole was there instead. Every day I depend on Him and He's been faithful.

Faye (Semmler). Braaten

Story from Sunny Reeves. Member since 1975.

Our Mom's story about her wonderful journey with CLF began in the most unexpected way - through jury duty! As she so often says "How about that?" Mom and Dad had been members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Custer for several years, where Mom served as both the organist and Release Time teacher on Wednesdays. I have memories of sitting upstairs in the organ loft watching Mom's face as she played through the hymns I remember today that filled the sanctuary. When their minister was transferred and replaced with someone whose style which didn't quite match our family's spiritual needs, Mom and Dad found themselves searching for a new church home.

Then came June 1975 - what a whirlwind month that was! Mom and Dad had just purchased their ranch on Carroll Creek Road and were excitedly packing up their life from 4 Mile Road when Mom received a jury duty summons. Not only was she selected for the jury, but it was a sequestered jury - an adventure she never expected!

While Dad, my sister, and I continued the exciting move to the ranch, Mom packed her bags for what would become a life-changing week...and then two weeks...and then month. Her assigned roommate was Jane Olson, and what a blessing that pairing turned out to be! After days of being confined to the courthouse and hotel, both were feeling restless. When Jane suggested they ask permission to attend church together, Mom eagerly agreed. Jane introduced our Mom to Custer Lutheran Fellowship, and from that very first Sunday, Mom knew she had found her spiritual home.

That chance meeting with Jane blossomed into a 40-year partnership teaching Confirmation Classes together. They became the dynamic duo that guided countless young people through their faith journey from 1975 to the early 2000s. Mom has great stories about all the kids who grew up, got married, and brought their own children to CLF. She and Jane created such a welcoming environment that made learning about faith feel like an adventure rather than a chore.

Mom has watched CLF grow and flourish over the decades - from the single room where everyone gathered, to the addition of the beautiful reception hall on the west side, and through all the wonderful expansions that created the magnificent building that stands today. Each addition represented not just physical growth, but the expanding heart of a community that welcomed everyone with open arms.

The relationships Mom built at CLF became the cornerstone of her happiness. Whether she was serving communion, bringing comfort to members who couldn't attend services, enthusiastically teaching Confirmation Classes, or joyfully "banging the drum and singing in the Praise Band" (as she loves to say), she found her purpose in serving this incredible community.

Dad, who worked for the Forest Service, discovered that many of his colleagues were also CLF members, which created wonderful connections between work and worship. The Reeves family was embraced by an amazing network of people who didn't just attend church together - they became extended family, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other through challenges. One of Mom's most treasured traditions was her weekly lunches with a group of dear friends, many of whom she's known for over 60 years now! These spirited ladies would gather to discuss everything under the sun - from politics to parenting, from faith to furry pets, and everything in between. The laughter that filled those lunch meetings was infectious, and these friendships became some of Mom's most precious gifts.

Even though Mom moved to Heritage Assisted Living in Rapid City in 2023, her heart remains connected to CLF. She eagerly follows the CLF Facebook page, delighting in seeing familiar faces and staying updated on all the happenings. When friends call or visit, she loves to catch up on the latest news from her church family including the Monthly Newsletter.

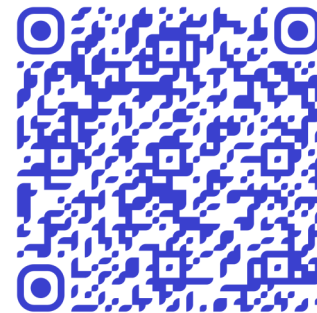
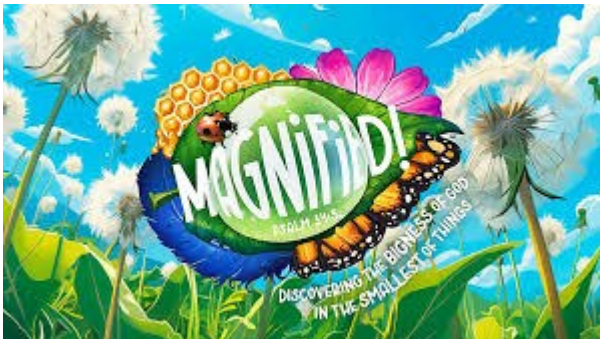
Mom's journey with Custer Lutheran Fellowship has been filled with joy, friendship, service, and countless blessings. She often reflects on how that unexpected jury duty assignment led her to exactly where she was meant to be. Her message to the current CLF community is simple but heartfelt: "Treasure these relationships and this special place. The love and fellowship you share will carry you through life's journey with joy and purpose."

As CLF celebrates its 60th Anniversary, Mom sends her love and warmest congratulations to everyone who continues to make this church family such a beacon of hope and happiness in the community. Her story is just one of countless tales of lives transformed and hearts filled through the welcoming spirit of Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

We have a great time each Wednesday during the school year at SPARK Kids! It is so fun to use games, crafts, and snacks that go with the Bible story. We are on summer break right now, but invite your K-5th grade 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! THANK YOU to our teaching assistants, drivers and church staff that help each week. We are celebrating with ice cream and sharing Jesus with others! (see the tiny figure?) Contact Wendi Rusch 509-494-3236 for more info!



It's finally here!! **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! Remember to bring a sack lunch! We will start the fun with a Campfire Wed night. Get signed up soon! Contact the office [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net) or use this QR code! Call Wendi #509-494-3236 for more info! ***Our last meeting is July 27th after Worship!***



Thanks SO much to the Middle and High School youth and other families for putting out firewood to sell!! The truck makes it easy to load and park for people to purchase. Anyone can sign-up to put out firewood, so please consider taking a shift to raise money for our Youth and Missions. Contact me if you'd like to help or Darryn Witt with any wood-splitting or wood donation questions. We appreciate all of your support in this effort to continue the tradition of fundraising and providing firewood for our neighbors and visitors to the Beautiful Black Hills. Wendi #509-494-3236



Hello!

What a wonderful celebration of Custer Lutheran's 60th Anniversary! Thank you to everyone who helped plan and put together such a memorable event. A special thank you to the CLF choir for enriching the worship service with the meaningful song of peace. As we look ahead to the next 60 years, may we draw on that message and spread the message of God's peace and love to everyone we meet.

The choir will be taking a couple of months off during July and August. I look forward to the break as we prepare for a new season of preparing special music in the fall.

Our next Worship Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at CLF.

Campfire services are being held at the CLF Outdoor Worship Area @ 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for a time of worship, fellowship, and s'mores!

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

[jenniferkaydoyle@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferkaydoyle@gmail.com) or (605) 864-1322

## CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, July 8th 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.

## OUTLAW RANCH STAFF COMMISSIONED

On Sunday, June 8th, the Outlaw Ranch Staff was Blessed & Commissioned for the 2025 Summer. It is so great to have these faithful friends to help share the word of God with the youth campers, family campers and visitors. May God continue to bless each and everyone as they do his work.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 10-12—Trip to Sioux Falls to work with Church on the Street

Leave Custer at 8am on Thursday, July 10;

return to Custer by 6pm July 12

July 16—Teen hang out! Open to students who have finished 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

4-5:30pm games/activities

5:30 Cook out over the campfire---families welcome!

6:30 Worship/campfire

7:00 s'mores



**Custer Lutheran Fellowship**

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

	General Fund			Capital Assets, Designated, Restricted & Endowments	Total
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$161,545.33	\$147,770.00	\$13,775.33	\$73,509.64	\$235,054.97
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	137,966.86	154,467.00	(16,500.14)	3,046.38	141,013.24
<b>Other Revenues &amp; Expenses, Net</b>	(32.25)	-	(32.25)	6,423.99	6,391.74
<b>Transfers</b>	(24,763.00)	-	(24,763.00)	24,763.00	-
<b>Net Change of Funds</b>	\$ (1,216.78)	\$ (6,697.00)	\$ 5,480.22	0	\$ 101,650.25

General fund contributions were \$109.32% of budget and operating expenses were 89.32% of budget.



This is a long overdue 'thank you' to all of you, my friends at CLF. Since returning to Custer in 2022, you have supported me through some of the most difficult and joyful times of my life. As I prepare a move to Rapid City, I pray for many blessings over all of you. Continue following Jesus' lead as you serve the community – just as you have helped me. You are the best!

Tracy Bauer

## W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

Helena Buehler was the speaker at our June meeting. We learned from Helena how to bake and decorate the perfect cake. Her presentation was detailed and fun to follow. Helena donated the two cakes that she had decorated to W/ELCA. We had an auction for the cakes that yielded \$130. The money will be given to Outlaw Ranch for the Raise the Roof on Dayspring project.

We will not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be August 18th at 11:30 in the Fireside Room. Our speaker at that meeting will be Jamie Duprey. Jamie is the director at Outlaw Ranch. She will give us a recap of events that took place at Outlaw this summer.

We wish everyone a fun filled, beautiful summer here in the hills!



## QUILTING

The quilters have been busy this month!

We are currently meeting the 3rd and 4th Tuesday's of the month during June, July and August.

We have sent 15 dog beds off.

We continue to work on getting quilts ready for Lutheran World Relief.

If you are interested in quilting come the 3rd or 4th Tuesday at 9:00 AM and meet the ladies!

## CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE PROJECT

Please excuse our mess starting July 21 through August 1 as we work to complete a couple of projects at the church. We will be working on fixing a drainage problem to prevent water from entering the basement and erecting a new church sign to replace the current one which is starting to deteriorate pretty badly. There will be some equipment around along with grass and dirt torn up so we can expect a mess but we will appreciate all of the work done to improve our building and grounds! Thank you to the many volunteers that are planning on helping with these projects!





## DEVOTIONS FROM THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

**Sunday, June 29, 2025, Jer 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31**

**Scroll Burned and Re-Written**

Monday, June 30, 2025, Jeremiah 26

*Jeremiah Prophecies in the Temple*

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Jeremiah 27

*The Sign of the Yoke*

Wednesday, July 2, 2025, Jeremiah 28

*Hananiah Opposes Jeremiah and Dies*

Thursday, July 3, 2025, Jeremiah 30:1-9

*Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah*

Friday, July 4, 2025, Jeremiah 30:10-17

*Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah*

Saturday, July 5, 2025, Jeremiah 30:18-24

*Restoration Promised for Israel and Judah*

**Sunday, July 6, 2025, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14**

**Letter to Exiles**

Monday, July 7, 2025, Jeremiah 31:1-9

*The Joyful Return of the Exiles*

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Jeremiah 31:10-17

*The Joyful Return of the Exiles*

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, Jeremiah 31:18-26

*The Joyful Return of the Exiles*

Thursday, July 10, 2025, Jeremiah 31:27-30

*Individual Retribution*

Friday, July 11, 2025, Jeremiah 31:31-37

*A New Covenant*

Saturday, July 12, 2025, Jeremiah 31:38-40

*Jerusalem to be Enlarged*

**Sunday, July 13, 2025, Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

**Planting and Building**

Monday, July 14, 2025, Jeremiah 32:16-25

*Jeremiah Prays for Understanding*

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, Jeremiah 32:26-35

*God's Assurance of the People's Return*

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Jeremiah 32:36-44

*God's Assurance of the People's Return*

Thursday, July 17, 2025, Jeremiah 33:1-9

*Healing After Punishment*

Friday, July 18, 2025, Jeremiah 33:10-13

*Healing After Punishment*

Saturday, July 19, 2025, Jeremiah 33:19-26

**Sunday, July 20, 2025, Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34**

**Messiah and New Covenant**

Monday, July 21, 2025, Jeremiah 34:8-22

*Treacherous Treatment of Slaves*

Tuesday, July 22, 2025, Jeremiah 35

*The Rechabites Commended*

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, Jeremiah 36:11-21

*Jeremiah Imprisoned*

Thursday, July 24, 2025, Jeremiah 38:1-6

*Jeremiah in the Cistern*

Friday, July 25, 2025, Jeremiah 38:7-13

*Jeremiah is Rescued by Ebed-melech*

Saturday, July 26, 2025, Jeremiah 39

*The Fall of Jerusalem*

**Sunday, July 27, 2025, Revelation 1:4-8**

**Greetings and First Vision**

Monday, July 28, 2025, Revelation 1:9-20

*A Vision of Christ*

Tuesday, July 29, 2025, Revelation 2:1-11

*Message to Ephesus, Smyrna*

Wednesday, July 30, 2025, Revelation 2:12-17

*Message to Pergamum*

Thursday, July 31, 2025, Revelation 2:18-29

*Message to Thyatira*

Friday, August 1, 2025, Revelation 3:1-13

*Message to Sardis, Philadelphia*

Saturday, August 2, 2025, Revelation 3:14-22

*Message to Laodicea*

**Daily Readings**

Narrative Lectionary Summer, Program 1, and Program

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Narrative Lectionary

2025-26



## FLOWERS

If there is anyone that is growing beautiful flowers this summer and is interested in sharing some with the church for Sunday mornings on the alter, please contact the church office and let us know when you can bring them. 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 **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*

**4TH OF JULY**

### **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!**