

CROSSROADS

CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

W/ELCA Auction of Talents

The Auction of Talents will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026. The Auction of Talents provides an opportunity for fun and involvement for the entire congregation. Folks are invited to share their talents to help support the missions of W/ELCA.

Talents can be in the form of food items, craft items, or an offering of a service.

Examples of food items:

Frozen pheasant, salmon, farm fresh eggs, pies, rolls, cookies and cakes.

Craft items have come from wood, ceramics, paper, yarn, and fabric.

Examples of service products:

Babysitting, baking cookies for a particular event, providing a meal, providing wood for heat, and dog sitting or walking.

Let your imagination be your guide!

This year, the donated items will be brought to church and then sold with the help of our own talented auctioneer---Alan Webster. Whether you are a person who likes to donate or a person who likes to bid or both, come prepared to have fun. Also, see a competitive side of the folks in our congregation that you have not seen before!

Please save the date and plan to attend the CLF Auction of Talents. That date is Sunday, April 26 after the worship service. Of course, coffee and refreshments will be provided!

Come and be amazed at all that is offered!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29th: Worship at 9:30 AM

We will begin outside, weather permitting, and process in waving our palms.

Wednesday, April 1st: NO WNL (no meal, or worship)

Thursday, April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM, service of Holy Communion

Friday, April 3rd: Good Friday—Cross Walk, 6:30 AM, Worship 6:30 PM

Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunday, 6:30 AM Sunrise Worship, breakfast, 9:30 AM Worship

Easter Brunch


Easter Brunch will be served between the 6:30am Sunrise Service and the 9:30am Easter Service. Join us for egg bakes, sausage, fruit, baked goods, juice and coffee! The Middle and High School youth groups will take donations for the Youth Gathering trip next summer! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would also like to help bring food. Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 for more info.




Easter Lilies

If you are interested in providing an Easter Lily to help decorate the church for Easter, please bring them to the church by April 2nd. If giving in honor or memory of someone please let the office know by March 30th so the names can be listed in the bulletin.

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Pastors Ponderings

When the Spirit moves, sometimes it moves quickly! At the end of January, I read the newsletter from International Health Partners (IHP) in Tanzania with an update about the Hospital they have been building there for several years. Some of you may remember when Paula Loffstrom and her son David were here in November of 2024 to speak to us about the work they are doing with this most recent hospital. They displayed and sold some of the art and wares they brought from Tanzania, Paula spoke during worship, and we had a potluck dinner with them that evening.

Paula and I have kept in touch since then off and on with progress updates. When I read in the newsletter that the hospital was opening for patients the first week of February, I reached out to her to congratulate the team and to find out if and when they might be ready for groups to come and serve there. She said they just needed to finish the guest house and were hoping to be ready by this summer. At the nudge of the Holy Spirit, I replied and asked if Darryn and I could come and help finish that project, and to my amazing and very pleasant surprise she replied with a resounding, "YES!" A couple of weeks ago we finalized our plans and Darryn and I are headed to Chihoni/Dodoma, Tanzania from April 19-29. We will be staying on site to help with the building of the guest house and anything else that their construction crew needs assistance with. We will also be exploring options to see if this could be a good fit for a group from CLF to go and work alongside the staff at the hospital or in their community at a future date.

In 2019 I had committed to and was in the process of finalizing a trip to Dodoma, Tanzania with a church in Minnesota. I was invited by their pastor because I had made a trip to Tanzania with a group from one of the congregations I had previously served, and they were hoping to have someone who had been there before. I was very excited about the trip, and then very disappointed when the Covid-19 Pandemic hit and the trip was cancelled. During my conversation with Paula when she was here, I discovered that she was the one who had been organizing that trip! What a Holy Spirit moment when I thought maybe I could someday try again to make it to serve IHP in Tanzania. Now, it is actually happening!

Darryn and I ask for your prayers for guidance, health, safety, and the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit as we go to assist in this incredible work. This hospital is vital to the region of Chihoni and their surrounding community and we feel honored and blessed that we can have the opportunity to go and work alongside this amazing group of people!

Thankful for the work of the Spirit,

Pastor Shannon

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION

This is the new schedule until May 13, which will be our last formal gathering for the school year.

April 1—NO Class

April 2—Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm—MS Students are asked to help clear the alter at the end of the service. Please dress in black.

April 3—Good Friday Worship Service 6:30pm—The Last Words of Jesus from the Cross

April 5—Easter Sunday breakfast—need helpers at 7:30am, worship is at either 6:30am or 9:30am

April 8—Supper at 5:15, class from 6:00-7:30pm

April 15—Supper at 5:15, class from 6:00-7:30pm —MENTOR NIGHT

April 22—Supper at 5:15, class from 6:00-7:30pm

April 29—NO WNL (Spark kids will meet, but no meal or class) Family Fun Night!

May 6—Supper at 5:15, class from 6:00-7:30pm

May 13—Supper at 5:15—POTLUCK (Church will provide main dishes), Worship 6:00, closing campfire service after the service until 7:30—MENTOR NIGHT

Church E-Mail Addresses

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

Main address: clf@gwtc.net
 Pastor: pastor_clf@gwtc.net

May Newsletter Deadline

Please have articles for the April Newsletter to the office by April 20th.
 Thank you!

Office Hours:

The church office is open from 8:00 AM—4:30 PM Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 10:00 AM—7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

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.

Thursday Men's Breakfast

7:00 AM — Maria's Mexican Restaurant
 Come join us for breakfast each week. There's always good conversation and good food! Open to all! Bring a friend!

Do you have any changes?

Please let the church office know of any recent address changes, new email addresses or changes in your phone numbers whether home or cell phone.

CLF website offers online giving options

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

Please notify the church office 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

Pastor Shannon at 563-542-6080; pastor_clf@gwtc.net;
 or the church office at clf@gwtc.net or 605-673-4691.

"Christ in Our Home" Devotionals

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

Mission of the Month

As you know, we do a Mission of the Month with our noisy offering, this year we are going to be supporting the philosophy of "kids helping kids" and have decided that the noisy offering will go to help Pine Ridge kids projects. Thank you for all of your support that you have continually given to our Mission of the Months! The noisy offering will be gathered on the first Sunday of each month.

Wednesday Night Life Changes

Now that we are in the Easter Season, and our Lenten Journey around the Cross has come to a close, we are shifting a few things for Wednesday night life. Here is what is staying the same:

- SPARK KIDS after school until 5pm
- Supper for the whole community 5:15-6:00pm
- Middle School and High School Youth Groups 6:00pm-7:30pm

Here is what is changing:

- NO Worship services until the last night of Spark, which is May 13.
- Instead of Worship, while the student's are gathering for their youth group activities, we will have fellowship opportunities or speakers for the parents/guardians of the youth in the Fellowship Hall.
- At the end the meal time, there will be a devotional time in the Sanctuary for all youth and their families, and any Spark kids/families who came to eat
- May 13: After Spark Kids we will have a brief concert with the kids, then a potluck (the church will provide the protein options), then a closing Worship Service with all the kids and families.
- The High School Rap Group will have their closing campfire at Wendi's house after the service
- The Middle School Youth group will their closing campfire at the church Outdoor Ministry Area.



Worship and Choir Information

Greetings!

What a wonderful Lent it has been. The soup and sandwich suppers and Lenten services have fed our bodies and souls in preparation of what is to come. There will NOT be a service on Wednesday, April 1st! No foolin'! We will continue our Lenten journey with services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Both services will be held at 6:30 PM.

We will celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday, April 5. There will be two services that morning. One will be held at 6:30 AM and one at our normal 9:30 AM time. Come and celebrate the risen Christ!

There will NOT be regular services held on Wednesday nights following Holy Week. We will continue with Campfire Worship services when the weather cooperates at the outdoor worship center. Please stay tuned for upcoming dates as to when those services will begin.

Our choir will meet on the following Wednesdays in April. Please note that we will be meeting at 4:30 PM. We will be singing a song entitled "Once Again." All are welcome.

March Choir Schedule:

Rehearsal ~ Wednesday, April 15 @ 4:30 PM

Rehearsal ~ Wednesday, April 22 @ 4:30 PM

Special Music ~ Sunday, April 26

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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

Spark Kids

Join us for 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. We currently have 21 kids signed up for Spark. CLF is committed to the spiritual education of the kids from our church and community and we would love you to come support Wed dinners, worships and our youth! Please come on Wed to sit with a family or help with the meal. We want to keep the SPARK alive! Contact Wendi for more info! #509-494-3236

Spark Kids learning about Communion and the Last Supper!



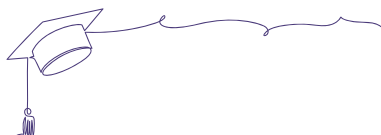
RAP Group - Youth Group

We are so excited to welcome all 9th-12th graders to join us at Youth Group! Each Wed we meet downstairs around 6:30 following worship at the church. We are looking forward to learning more about our faith, having fun and enjoying friendships. You don't have to be a member of the church to join Youth Group! Invite your friends! All are welcome! Contact Wendi #509-494-3236, for more info or ways to get involved.

Coming up:

May 10th- Grad Sunday: honoring our Seniors at 9:30am worship

May 16th- Graduation Day Breakfast @ 9am: 9th-11th grade families provide egg bakes, fruit, baked goods, juice and coffee for Grad families. This has been a fun tradition graduates enjoy!



VBS

Vacation Bible School 2026!

This summer we will have our VBS 9am-3pm on July 27, 28, 29 M-W with a closing campfire at Wed night worship! We had our first meeting with so much enthusiasm to get planning! We couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers! If you have ideas or want to join the fun, come to our next mtg on April 12th after worship in the Fireside room. Please invite ages 4yrs old through completing 5th grade to participate! Kids who are finishing 6th grade and older can be helpers. If you have questions contact Wendi (ruschfamily@gmail.com) or Linda (lindafennell@hotmail.com).



WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

W/ELCA met on March 16th at 11:30 in the Fireside Room. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Arbutus Winter. The "Purpose of WELCA" was read by all. We prayed the table prayer and enjoyed a potluck. Our guest speaker was Diana Edwards, who gave a presentation on "Life in the Polish Concentration Camps." Both of her parents were captured and survived the camps.

Devotions were given by Rosemary Chappell.

Bonnie read the minutes from the February meeting. Approved as read.

Barb gave the treasures' report. Balance of \$729.33. Mickey made a motion to accept. Rosemary seconded. Motion passed. Julie and Wanda offered to audit the 2025 Treasurer's books.

Signup sheets were sent around for the Lenten soup suppers; The April 14th Custer Meet and Eat at the Community Church, the April 26th Auction of Talents; and the Easter Breakfast on April 5th.

We especially want to draw attention to the annual "AUCTION OF TALENTS" on April 26th. We request donations of items that you believe would sell at a church auction, such as: handmade wooden tables or stools; handmade quilts; paintings; crafts; baked goods; handmade cards; baby and dog sitting; lawn care; airplane rides; cabin rentals; firewood, etc. Items can be dropped off at the church on either Saturday or Sunday. Please attend this fun event and help us raise money for our missions.

Mission projects are listed in our WELC/A handbook on page 7. We are collecting "socks" for Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center. Please put them in the cart in the Narthex.

The SD W/ELCA Convention will be June 16-20 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Watertown.

The Triennial W/ELCA Convention in Des Moines, IA, is July 17-19. There will be a bus departing from Sioux Falls for \$125.

Joys and Concerns: We visited about the current Qury Fire, the displaced families, and are grateful for all of the firefighters and first responders.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 20th; Jessica Lillebo of LSS will give us a tour of the LSS Arise Youth Center at 1:00 pm in Rapid City in place of our next meeting. We will meet at the Custer Library to carpool to Rapid City.

Rosemary offered to do devotions.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bonnie Thompson
Secretary

Quilters News

CFL Quilters gifted 6 quilts to Pastor Dan for the Reconciliation Center at Pine Ridge, 12 quilts to Abbott House in Rapid City, and 7 dog beds to Battle Mountain for the Humane Society in Custer. The quilters are busy working on quilts for the VA Hospital in Hot Springs and for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for donations of batting and fabric.

Have a blessed Easter.

CLF Women of the ELCA



Holy Humor/Silly Sunday—April 12

Come dressed in bright silly clothes, and be ready to laugh and celebrate the Risen Jesus!

Here is a great explanation of the day found at www.joyfulnewsletter.com

Holy Humor Sunday is a resurrection of an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity, as celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter," with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang and danced.

The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humor Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party."

Bread and Broth Brigade

During the season of Lent, on Wednesdays, we have had a soup and sandwich supper every week before our Mid-week worship service. This year we changed up the practice of having people bring soup, and instead had people sign up to come and make soup each Wednesday. The response to this has been excellent and so tasty as well! Those of you who did sign up to cook, I hope you will take this opportunity to consider joining this Brigade. We will be working to support the Visitation Team, as they will likely be the one's most often delivering food to people in our community. We are having a meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00pm. At this meeting we will discuss how often and when is the best time to come together to cook, what meals we will cook, if there are people who prefer to bake instead of cook meals, and if we need to have times during the day and evening so that we can include people who work during the day. A big thank you to the cooks who came to prepare the Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals, as well as an invite to everyone to prayerfully consider being part of this ministry!

High School

Graduates—contact us!

A special Graduation Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 16th, for all 2026 high school graduates who are members of CLF. We want to celebrate with your graduate and your family. We want to be sure we are aware of all who are graduating and that we have their names spelled correctly. Please let the office know by May 4th if your child will be graduating this year and how many people will attend the breakfast. Email clf@gwtc.net.

Dayspring Ribbon Cutting and Open House

You're invited to the ribbon cutting and open house for Dayspring at Outlaw Ranch. Join them on May 5th, 2026 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with the formal program to begin at 4:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments, appetizers, tours, and fellowship as they mark this exciting new chapter, made possible through generous donor support! Please RSVP by emailing Carol at Lutheran Outdoors at carol@losd.org or by calling Carol at 605-274-5332.

Spring Cleaning & Storage Refresh

Saturday, April 11 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
It's time to shake off the dust! Join us for a morning of fellowship and tidying as we deep clean and organize our church storage rooms. We will also be staging items to donate to the upcoming YMCA Yard Sale.
Calling All Committees: If you or your group have a specific interest in how your supplies are stored or organized, please plan to attend! Your input is vital to making our shared spaces work for everyone.
Many hands make light work—see you there!

Volunteer Opportunity

Help Us Get 'Fired Up'! We're looking for a volunteer to organize our wood-splitting and stacking sessions. We need someone to lead the charge and rally our youth to join in on the hard work and fellowship. Please reach out to Jean in the office if you can help lead this effort!

Property Committee

Our Property Committee is looking for new faces! We are seeking a dedicated individual to step into a leadership role as Committee Chair, along with two or more members to join the team. If you have a heart for stewardship and caring for our church home, we'd love to have you. If you would like more information on what the committee does, please reach out to Dave Thom, Denny McConnell or Larry Noem. Thank you!



Newsletter renaming

Help us turn the page! We're looking for a fresh name for the Crossroads Newsletter and want your creative input. Please share your ideas with Jean at the office (605-673-4691 or clf@wtc.net) or stop by to chat in person. Once we've gathered your suggestions, we'll put them to a congregational vote!

OUR
CONGREGATION IS
PART OF
SOMETHING
BIG!

SD Synod's 2026 Holy Playground Cohort—
a year-long journey with other churches to
strengthen intergenerational relationships and
imagine new ways of being church together.

We are asking faithful, hope-filled questions:

What if children helped shape our faith life and worship—not just observe it?
What if curiosity was welcomed as holy?
What if every generation truly belonged?

In the months ahead, you may notice new
conversations, small experiments, and invitations to
share your ideas and stories.

**This is a season of listening, dreaming, and
discovering—together.**

For more information on how to get involved, contact:

Holy Playground

Belong. Wonder. Worship. Together.

Growing Roots Update

Congratulations Growing Roots on your upcoming expansion! As a giving community, we strive to use our building and grounds to serve everyone. We are excited to announce that Growing Roots is entering a new chapter with the Council-approved remodel of 2 storage rooms and a restroom to include a birth-to-three program. To be good stewards of our resources and minimize disruption, we are aligning this birth-to-three project (paid for by Growing Roots) with our scheduled and budgeted replacement of church flooring and painting. Together, these updates will create a cohesive, beautiful environment where God's spirit can continue to inspire us all.

Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to Dave Thom, Denny McConnell, and Larry Noem for their dedicated years leading the Property Committee. Custer Lutheran Fellowship has been truly blessed by your leadership, time, and unique talents. We appreciate everything you have done for our church home!

Custer Lutheran Fellowship

General Fund Budget to Actual

Account	- - - - Year To Date (February 2026) - - - -			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Total Revenues	\$ 61,796.49	\$ 56,318.00	\$ 5,478.49	
Expenditures				
Pastoral Leadership	13,878.76	14,598.00	-719.24	
Worship	3,750.08	4,928.00	-1,177.92	
Education	5,082.94	5,013.00	69.94	
Mission Support	5,465.98	5,474.00	-8.02	
Support/Care	1,356.22	1,250.00	106.22	
Office Administration	10,053.66	10,194.00	-140.34	
Office Operations	1,477.22	2,384.00	-906.78	
Facilities Expenses	18,056.54	22,002.00	-3,945.46	
Total Expenditures	59,121.40	65,843.00	-6,721.60	
Total Other Revenues	271.50	0.00	271.50	
Total Other Expenditures	-738.58	0.00	-738.58	
2025 Net Transfers	-32,651.23	0.00	-32,651.23	
Change in Net Assets	\$ (28,966.06)	\$ (9,525.00)	\$ (19,441.06)	



Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Council Minutes — March 24, 2026

Members Present: Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Sara Mooney, Lonnie White and Pastor Shannon Witt.

Not Present: Dave Ruen

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

Helena led the devotion and prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

There were no additions to the agenda. Craig moved, Lonnie seconded and the agenda was approved.

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

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru February were 109% (\$5,167.16) of budget and expenses were 90% (-\$6,721.60) of budget.

- Thrivent Choice – February \$ 25.00, YTD - \$ 79.00
- Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – February \$ 0.00, YTD - \$300.00
- Loan Balance – \$26,944.80
- Restricted Funds received \$6.1K donation towards the Mission Endowment Fund bringing the total to \$41,802.77. The Youth Endowment Fund balance is \$142,070.17.

Craig moved, Lonnie seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- Policy and Procedure update – Sara to get Financial Policy revisions done by Saturday Council Retreat
- Council Retreat – This coming Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Intern update – Nothing new – announcements will be made in March or April.
- Book study update – Will meet one more time after Easter with the Growing Roots Staff.
- Building Use Goals update – Some of the areas involved are contingent on the Growing Roots expansion.
- Audio/Visual – Still waiting on written bids from Audio Visual and Haggerty Music. Discussed moving banners and where the projection would be.
- Birth to Three – Action needed – Karen moved, Sara seconded to remodel the two storage rooms and bathroom for their use for the Birth to Three expansion. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Membership changes: None
- Discussion and approval of painting the hallways & installing flooring in offices and hallways – Craig moved, Sara seconded to the approve the flooring bids from Thornton Flooring. Motion carried.
- Discussion of bathroom remodel timeline – Karen moved, Sara seconded to coordinate flooring and bathroom remodel to happen during Mid-May to July. Motion carried.
- Discussion of van use and adding a driver – Scott Luikart would like to use van to take youth to a conference in Sioux Falls. He is also willing to be a fill-in driver for SPARK Kids. Lonnie moved, Craig seconded to add Scott as a van driver. Motion carried.
- Dayspring ribbon cutting – May 5th – Please RSVP if planning on attending.
- Church clean-up day – Will be held on April 11th from 8 AM to Noon.

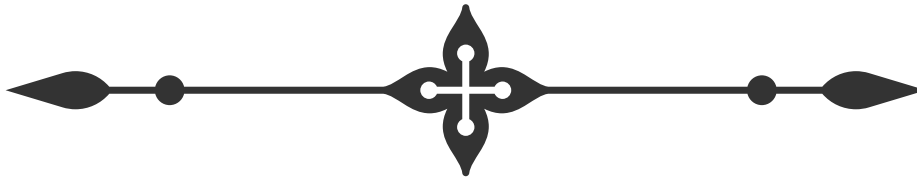
Pastor's Report:

- Review Worship & Activities – Committees and leadership work going well.
- Plans are coming along for her and Darryn to go to Tanzania from April 19-29.

Sunday, March 29, 2026, John 19:16b-22
The Crucified Messiah
Monday, March 30, 2026, Psalm 24
Entrance Into the Temple
Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 2 Samuel 22:2-8
Lord Is My Rock
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, Isaiah 43:8-12
God Delivers
Thursday, April 2, 2026, John 19:23-30
Jesus' Last Words
Friday, April 3, 2026, John 19:31-37
Jesus the Passover Lamb
Saturday, April 4, 2026, John 19:38-42
Passover Lamb
Sunday, April 5, 2026, John 20:1-18
Resurrection
Monday, April 6, 2026, John 21:1-14
Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples
Tuesday, April 7, 2026, John 21:15-19
Jesus and Peter
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, John 21:20-25
Jesus and the Beloved Disciple
Thursday, April 9, 2026, Acts 5:1-11

Ananias and Sapphira
Friday, April 10, 2026, Acts 5:12-16
The Apostles Heal Many
Saturday, April 11, 2026, Acts 5:17-42
The Apostles Are Persecuted
Sunday, April 12, 2026, John 20:19-31
Thomas
Monday, April 13, 2026, Acts 6:1-7
Seven Chosen to Serve
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Acts 6:8-15
The Arrest of Stephen
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Acts 7:1-22
Stephen's Speech to the Council
Thursday, April 16, 2026, Acts 7:23-43
Stephen's Speech to the Council
Friday, April 17, 2026, Acts 7:44-53
Stephen's Speech to the Council
Saturday, April 18, 2026, Acts 7:54-8:1
The Stoning of Stephen
Sunday, April 19, 2026, Acts 9:1-19a
Paul's Conversion
Monday, April 20, 2026, Acts 9:19b-22

Saul Preaches in Damascus
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Acts 9:23-31
Saul Escapes from the Jews
Wednesday, April 22, 2026, Acts 9:36-43
Peter in Lydda and Joppa
Thursday, April 23, 2026, Acts 10:1-16
Peter and Cornelius
Friday, April 24, 2026, Acts 10:17-23a
Peter and Cornelius
Saturday, April 25, 2026, Acts 10:23b-33
Peter and Cornelius
Sunday, April 26, 2026, Acts 16:16-34
Paul and Silas
Monday, April 27, 2026, Acts 16:35-40
Paul and Silas
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Acts 15:1-11
The Council at Jerusalem
Wednesday, April 29, 2026, Acts 15:12-21
The Council at Jerusalem
Thursday, April 30, 2026, Acts 16:1-5
Timothy Joins Paul and Silas



Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- Caring Hands, Karen Barness – Nothing to report. Next meeting is April 14th.
- Christian Education, Dave Ruen – Nothing to report. VBS planning meeting was held.
- Endowment, Sara Mooney – Committee met and the following distributions from the Youth Endowment Fund were decided: Library - \$1,000; CHS Angel Fund - \$1,000; 4H - \$600; Freshman Impact - \$1,000; YMCA - \$1,000; CLF Scholarship Fund - \$600.
- Mutual Ministry, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- Property, Lonnie White – Nothing to report.
- Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. April 7th, 8 AM to take supplies to Pine Ridge. Build-A-Mountain tear down is Friday, 1 PM.
- W/ELCA, Kathy Bradeen – Diana Edwards was the speaker at the March meeting.
- Worship, Music & Technology, Donna McConnell – Monitor speakers in Sanctuary are getting close to working. After Easter there will be no worship service. Instead, there will be a 15 minute devotion before the youth activities. Will hold outdoor worship starting in June and starting in September WNL worship will be once a month.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026:

No April Meeting.

Treats – Karen Devotions – Pastor Shannon

April 2026 Greeter – Karen

May 2026 Greeter – Sara on May 3rd

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



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: Rob Conn
 Worship and Music Director: Jenn Doyle
 Financial Secretary: Steve Baldwin & Janice Albers
 Treasurer: Sara Mooney
 Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch