

CLF NEWS

CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Firewood Sales Update

Thanks again, and again for all the hard work so many have given to this project. As of today, (July 20th), sales total \$4,627.00. We still have a little over a month to go, so we are still counting on your help. Wendi has been keeping the sign-up sheet updated, and as of today, all of July is covered. However, some of the spots to fill the Wood Shack for August are open, so you can pick any of those dates. The signup sheet is on the Welcome Table. Each time period is for ½ of one week, so one slot is 3 days, and another is 4 days. Please help us finish out August by signing up.

To haul the wood from the wood supply by the Outdoor Worship area, you can use your own vehicle to haul the wood. The pickup that the Witt family let us use is no longer there. I have 2 trailers, one small and one medium sized, that will be located by the wood supply for you to use if you don't have a vehicle such as a pickup. Feel free to use the trailers to haul the wood.

The supply of wood has been fantastic. Shannon and the Outlaw Ranch team have already supplied five loads of wood that are already split. That has made it especially easy for us to have a ready supply of wood all summer. Thanks Shannon and Outlaw crew.

For those of you who will be willing to fill the Wood Shack, continue to use the wood outside. There are three new loads of wood from Outlaw, just east of the Wood Shed. Use that wood. Also, the Scandinavian, round wood pile is also ready to use, so please draw from the outside wood as we continue to "squirrel away" wood into the Wood Shed for future use.

And finally, we need to start thinking about our annual Wood Haul to Red Shirt. Outlaw has a huge supply of split wood ready for us to deliver to Red Shirt. What we need is for a convoy of vehicles and trailers to haul the wood there. Social Ministry will be promoting the time and place shortly, and when they do, we will start making plans to get the wood loaded and hauled. So, plan on helping us haul a huge convoy to Red Shirt.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us on Aug. 30th during worship with your Backpacks and Laptops for a special blessing as the School Year kicks off! Teachers, school staff, students and parents will be invited to come forward for a prayer and words of support and encouragement!



Call Committee Forming

Are you interested in joining the Call Committee? We are looking for members who represent diverse ages, life experiences, ministries, perspectives, and areas of congregational involvement. Our goal is to form a trusted group that can listen attentively, pray faithfully and represent the congregation with care and integrity. If you would like to be considered for this crucial mission, please contact Pastor Kari, Intern Juliana, or any council member.

Worship Times

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM with coffee and fellowship following
Campfire Worship: 6:30 PM

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Pastor Kari's Devotional

Custer Lutheran Fellowship is living through a season of transition. You have said a fond “goodbye” to a beloved pastor who shared in the life and ministry of this congregation, and you are beginning to discover what comes next. Seasons like this can hold many things at once: grief, gratitude, uncertainty, hope, and the steady work of continuing to gather as the people of God.

I am entering into your transition as an interim pastor for the summer and, together, we are welcoming Intern Juliana as a new leader in the ministry of CLF! How perfect that our lectionary invites us into a six-week worship series on 1 and 2 Timothy. These letters from the Apostle Paul are written for a young leader growing into ministry and to the community of faith surrounding that new leader.

Reading these letters through the lens of interim ministry at CLF, I found myself wondering, **“What would the apostle Paul have written to your congregation?”**

Perhaps it would sound something like this:

To the Lutheran Fellowship in Custer, beloved children in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God when I remember you in my prayers. I give thanks for the faith that lives among you, for the love you share, and for the hospitality you have extended to those who have come to serve with you. For the donuts and coffee, the mousetraps and campfires, the stars at night and the near musical roar of engines on the road into the park.

I have seen your warmth and welcome. I have heard your laughter and your stories, some of which have already become increasingly epic with each re-telling. I have witnessed the care you offer one another and the joy with which you are receiving Intern Juliana. For this, dear church, I give thanks to Christ Jesus who has called you, not according to your own works but according to God's own purpose and grace, given to you in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Continue to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Rekindle the gift of God that is among you, and guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Make room for questions, learning, mistakes, grace, and the new gifts that emerge whenever God brings people together in ministry.

May your life together continue to reveal “the life that really is life.”

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to exploring learning with you and discovering more of the many ways that God is nurturing your faith, love, and life together at CLF. I am beyond grateful to be journeying together with you. I have been praying the “Prayer of Good Courage” for you:

*O God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the end.
By paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us grace to go
out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand
is leading us and your love is guiding us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.*

*With Good Courage,
Pastor Kari Webb*



¡Feliz día, hermosa familia!

I am Intern Juliana Jiménez, and I am deeply grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to continue my pastoral formation within the congregation that has been my support and spiritual home for the last four years.

While this role brings a completely new experience for me, my connection with CLF goes back much further, to 2017, when I first attended Outlaw Ranch camp as a counselor and would come to this sanctuary every Sunday as a visitor for a total of 5 summers. It was through that experience (counselor), and in these places (Outlaw and CLF), that I finally decided to listen to and accept God's call. And thanks to the support, trust, and guidance of so many of you, I was able to confidently say "yes" to moving 3,126 miles away from my home and family and be at the place God was calling me to be, Wartburg Theological Seminary.

A little bit about myself:

I was born in the city of Bucaramanga, in the beautiful country of Colombia. My parents were childhood neighbors and lifelong family friends before they married. Faith has always been the cornerstone of my family. For generations, my great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents were devout Catholics, and I was raised in that same deep tradition: baptized as an infant, attending Mass every Sunday, going to confession every Saturday, and praying the weekday rosary with my maternal grandmother. But after facing a series of personal challenges, my mom made the difficult decision to leave the Catholic Church, setting us on a brand-new spiritual path.

After a few years of downs in my mom's spiritual journey (and my own), in 2006, we found the Lutheran Church of Colombia, located in a humble garage house but wealthy in love, care, and fellowship. It was there that we found our spiritual refuge and faith family, and above all, where we felt for the first time the transformative grace of God and the boundless love of Christ.

Through that enduring love, expressed by both my family and the congregation, I learned that tomorrow is never guaranteed, and today is a gift from God. For that reason, I strive every day to overcome the fear of "what people might say," taking every opportunity to express love, forgiveness, care, support, and give thanks for every blessing and companion God places in my life.

Even so, human weakness sometimes gets the better of me. There are moments when doubt, uncertainty, or anger cloud my thoughts, making it hard to recognize the people or events the Spirit sends to help me. During those times, I always return to the prayer my nona (my father's mother) and I used to pray to calm our minds and reconnect with our faith.

Psalm 121 became our favorite passage. It reminds us that God's faithfulness and love never take a break, never succumb to the darkness of this world, and cannot be stopped. It reminds us that no matter what happens, God's presence and grace will always be with us.

This is just a small part of my story. My heart is overflowing with joy, gratitude, and enthusiasm to walk alongside you, to hear your stories, and to discover how God's Spirit will guide and teach us during this internship year.

May God's grace, protection, and light accompany us today and always, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Craig Black

How long have you been a member of CLF? **46 years**

Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **In a pew 😊, wherever it is open if I am late, near the Pulschers**

What is your favorite church tradition or event? **I like a lot of things, but probably Christmas Eve is a favorite.**

Where did you grow up? **Mitchell, SD**

What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **I like to hike and spend time with family and friends. Help at Outlaw, hunt, and watch the World Cup 😊**

What is the best piece of advice you ever received? **You have to be honest with yourself and see the best in others.**

What is your ultimate comfort food? **Anything! Pizza, donuts, pancakes, trail mix.....you get the idea.**

Which is your favorite season and why? **WinSpriSumFal I love to welcome each new season and love all four! Maybe Fall and Winter a little more.**

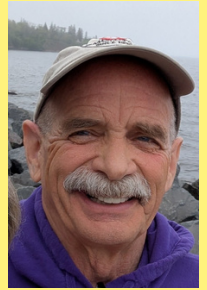
Where do you feel close to God? **Sitting quietly out in nature, watching everything around me. Being with a new baby.**

Who is one person who influenced your faith and why? **My wife Becky has helped me grow all of these years by being honest with me. My summer that I worked at Outlaw and Atlantic Mountain Ranch was big, and God has dropped numerous special people in my life to help me grow.**

What role would you be willing to play in a Christmas pageant? **The donkey, I could just sit back and watch and wonder as it all unfolds!**

What is one Bible passage that you love? **One day when I was worried about some things I opened the Bible and read Matthew 6:25-34. I couldn't believe it! So, when I remember to allow God to take care of things, he does.**

What is your ancestry? **Norwegian, German, English, Scottish**



Helena Buehler

Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **I usually find a spot in the center section about 2-3 pews from the back**

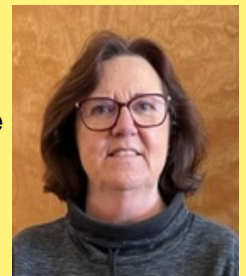
What is your favorite church tradition or event? **I love the Christmas Eve candlelight service**

Where did you grow up? **I was born and raised in central Wisconsin. My hometown is Hancock, WI – population was ~360 when I was growing up.**

What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **I'm an avid Pickleball player and I love decorating cakes and making sugar flowers.**

Which is your favorite season and why? **I love the cool, crisp days and evenings of the fall, and of course it's football season. I'm an avid Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer fan.**

What is one Bible passage that you love? **My confirmation bible verse, John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**



WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

In July we did not have a meeting. WELCA will meet on Monday, August 17th starting with a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Following lunch our speaker, Beth-Anne Ferley, will share information about Abbott House Youth Services in Rapid City. Our mission project for August is to provide school supplies for Pine Ridge & children in Custer. Congregation members may donate the following: notebooks of ruled paper, unsharpened pencils, 30 cm ruler, pencil sharpener, box of 24 Crayons, 2 ½ inch eraser. Thank you for your donations to benefit students this school year!

CLF Quilters

The CLF Quilters sent 15 quilts off to LWR. We are working on quilts to donate to the VA in Hot Springs. We recieved a donation from Custer 4H for a sewing project that Bonnie and Wanda helped them with.



Bridal Shower

A few of Erin & Joe Konkol's friends and CLF Friends will be hosting a Bridal Shower for Karley Konkol Saturday, August 1st at 11:30 in the Fireside Room at CLF. It will be a salad luncheon. The couple are registered at theknot.com/ahokonkolwedding. Also, we plan to put together a 'Basket of CLF Love', such as embroidered dish clothes, bowl hot pads, scrubbies, notecards, etc, if anyone would like to contribute to the basket! Erin was such a special person to so many of us, that we just want to send Karley into her marriage with the warmest of wishes from CLF Folks! Please RSVP to lindafennell@hotmail.com or text or call 605-673-1603.



Worship and Choir Information

Greetings!

By the time you are reading this, I will have already been in my classroom preparing for the school year to begin. When August 1st rolls around, it sets the tone for preparation and anticipation of the upcoming school year. The same is true for our church life as far as music goes. I have listened to several pieces of music, read upcoming scripture, and carefully chosen the pieces for the choir to sing beginning in September. We will be ready to go, and I look forward to singing with everyone once again. We love to put together special music that helps enhance our services for all of you. Please prayerfully consider joining us. It truly is a time of fun and fellowship as we joyfully prepare the music.

A few upcoming dates:

Noisy Offering/Communion at the Rail ~ Sunday, August 2

Last Campfire Worship ~ Wednesday, August 19.

Backpack Blessings~ Sunday, August 30

First CLF Choir practice ~ Wednesday, September 16 @ 4:30 PM

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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

YTD Financials

Custer Lutheran Fellowship			
General Fund Budget to Actual			
	- - - - Year To Date (June 2026) - - - -		
Account	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenues	\$ 198,832.20	\$ 164,112.00	\$ 34,720.20
Expenditures			
Pastoral Leadership	43,836.10	42,526.00	1,310.10
Worship	10,601.44	12,158.00	-1,556.56
Education	14,115.71	14,953.00	-837.29
Mission Support	15,921.98	17,386.00	-1,464.02
Support/Care	6,760.81	5,539.00	1,221.81
Office Administration	30,160.98	30,976.00	-815.02
Office Operations	3,726.00	5,252.00	-1,526.00
Facilities Expenses	51,581.02	58,242.00	-6,660.98
Total Expenditures	176,704.04	187,032.00	-10,327.96
Total Other Revenues	488.54	0.00	488.54
Total Other Expenditures	166.50	0.00	166.50
Net Transfers	-31,746.15	0.00	-31,746.15
Change in Net Assets	\$ (9,295.95)	\$ (22,920.00)	\$ 13,624.05

Spark Kids

We are so excited to begin Spark Kids for the 2026-27 school year. Our first Wednesday Night Life will be Sept 16th! During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Jr Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. Parent Pick up is 5:00- 5:15 or you can stay for supper! We have so much fun learning about Bible stories with games, crafts, and snacks that tie into the Bible story. There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/ guardians in order to participate. Use this QR code to sign up! Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors! All are welcome! We are looking for adults to be substitute drivers or set up for Wed meals. Contact Wendi Rusch for more info! #509-494-3236



VBS

Our VBS took place July 27, 28 and 29th, but that was after the newsletter was done. So look for all of the VBS fun in the September newsletter! We couldn't do it without our dedicated volunteers who planned fun crafts, snacks, songs, and activities! THANK YOU to all those who helped make it happen! - Wendi Rusch



Youth Gathering

All 8th-12th graders are invited to go to the Youth Gathering next summer June 28-July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, MN! We are so excited to be taking another group for this amazing experience with around 30,000 other high school students from around the country! It is time to start thinking about forming our group, raising money, and organizing our trip for next summer! Let me know if you are interested in going! Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236



Firewood Sales

Our Firewood Fundraiser has been going great! We have raised just over \$4,600! With the summer heat, we are going on fire restriction and expect it to remain that way for August. We can still use your assistance splitting the wood for next year and Red Shirt Table donations. Contact Denny McConnell (605-440-1028) with questions about splitting or donating wood. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on our firewood sales to raise money for our youth and to bless others in our community! Wendi #509-494-3236



RAP Youth Group

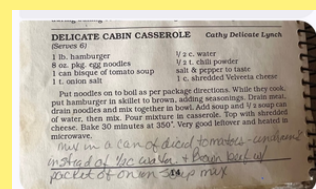
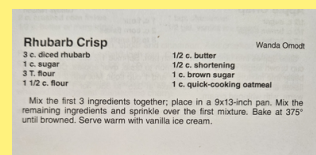
We can't wait to welcome all 9th-12th graders to join us at HS Youth Group!! On Weds @ 6:30pm we meet at the church and try to include fun activities like scavenger hunts, lock-ins, progressive dinners, Christmas caroling, baking and more! Let me know if you have ideas or would like to get involved! Our first Wednesday will be Sept 16th. Invite someone to come along. All are welcome! It's so fun to learn more about our faith, have fun, and enjoy friendships. For more information, contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236



Bread and Broth Brigade

Thank you to Marvin and Sharee Johnson for the wonderful rhubarb. We are increasing our freezer meals to 8 as we try to reach out to more people. This month's freezer meals are the Delicate Cabin Casserole recipe from the old cookbook and rhubarb crisp. We have a great group. Missing from the picture is Becky Black.

Wanda Omodt



Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Council Minutes — July 21, 2026

Members Present: Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Sara Mooney, Dave Ruen, Lonnie White, Pastor Kari Webb and Intern Juliana Jimenez.

Not Present:

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

Dave Ruen led the devotion and prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

There were one addition to the agenda. Craig moved, Sara seconded and the agenda was approved as amended.

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. A correction was made to the June Meeting minutes to read: to pay the SD Synod \$2,650/month for Pastor Kari's salary. Craig moved, Sara seconded and the minutes for the June meeting were approved as amended. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru June were 121% (\$34,306.94) of budget and expenses were 94% (-\$10,627.96) of budget.

- Thrivent Choice – June \$ 0.00, YTD - \$628.00
- Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – June \$ 0.00, YTD - \$700.00

Loan balance is \$23,673.86 – an anonymous donor may pay it off in August.

Dave moved, Karen seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- Intern update – Has met with Pastor Randy twice. Has goals to work on and things are going well.
- Audio/Visual bid discussion – Would like to get a more detailed bid from DB Solutions before making a decision. Lonnie to check with Shannon on getting the banners moved.
- Bathroom remodel update – Old men's bathroom is now ready for fixtures. The partitions won't be in until sometime in August.
- Growing Roots Contract – Meeting with them to go over contract.

New Business:

- Membership changes: None
- Call Process Discussion – Discussed how soon a call committee should be formed. Will put article in newsletter to start gathering names of potential committee members. Dave to compile a questionnaire/expectation form for interested members to complete. Donna moved, Lonnie seconded to accept Pastor Randy's timeline. Motion carried.
- Confirmation Group Mission Trip – A small group of middle school students will take a mission trip to Sioux Falls to help with Church on the Street in August. Lonnie moved, Karen second to help pay the trip costs. Motion carried.
- 2nd Worship Headset – The Technology committee has been working on reducing the interference noises from the different types of headsets. Sara moved, Lonnie seconded to purchase a second worship headset if necessary. Motion carried.
- Other –
 1. Continuing Education – Wendi looking for \$100 for deposit on classes. Policy states financial help is for full-time employees at this time.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Kari handed out report with her monthly activities at CLF. Pastor's office needs a new office chair.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- Caring Hands, Karen Barness – Bread & Broth team met this afternoon and made 8 meals. In August, will start sending birthday cards to those members aged 80 and over.
- Christian Education, Dave Ruen – Nothing to report. VBS starts July 27th.

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Saturday, August 1, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Share in Suffering
Sunday, August 2, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Remember Jesus Christ, Raised from the Dead
Monday, August 3, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:8-13
The Word of God is Not Chained
Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:14-15
Wrangling Over Words
Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:16-21
Special Utensils
Thursday, August 6, 2026, 2 Timothy 2:22-26
Shun Youthful Passions
Friday, August 7, 2026, 2 Timothy 3:1-9
Distressing Times Will Come
Saturday, August 8, 2026, 2 Timothy 3:10-13
Persecution of the Righteous
Sunday, August 9, 2026, 2 Timothy 3:14--4:8,
16-18
The Lord Stood By Me
Monday, August 10, 2026, 2 Timothy 3:14-17
Scripture is Inspired by God
Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Be Persistent
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 2 Timothy 4:6-8
I Have Kept the Faith
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 2 Timothy 4:9-15
Only Luke is Faithful
Friday, August 14, 2026, 2 Timothy 4:16-17
Paul Deserted
Saturday, August 15, 2026, 2 Timothy 4:18-22
God Rescues

Sunday, August 16, 2026, Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2
Nineteen Comes Before Twenty
Monday, August 17, 2026, Exodus 12:33-42
The Exodus: From Rameses to Succoth
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, Exodus 13:17-22
Pillars of Cloud and Fire
Wednesday, August 19, 2026, Exodus 14:1-25
Crossing the Red Sea
Thursday, August 20, 2026, Exodus 16:1-21
Bread from Heaven
Friday, August 21, 2026, Exodus 17:1-7
Water from the Rock
Saturday, August 22, 2026, Exodus 17:8-16
Amalek Attacks Israel and is Defeated
Sunday, August 23, 2026, Exodus 20:3-11
Tuned Into God
Monday, August 24, 2026, Exodus 18:1-12
Moses Reunites with His Wife
Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Exodus 18:13-27
Jethro's Advice
Wednesday, August 26, 2026, Exodus 19:7-25
The People Consecrated
Thursday, August 27, 2026, Exodus 20:18-20
The People Feared God
Friday, August 28, 2026, Exodus 20:22-26
The Law Concerning the Altar
Saturday, August 29, 2026, Exodus 23:10-13
Sabbatical Year and Sabbath
Sunday, August 30, 2026, Exodus 20:12-16
Tuned toward the Neighbor
Monday, August 31, 2026, Exodus 21:1-11
The Law Concerning Slaves

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- Endowment, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.
- Mutual Ministry, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- Property, Lonnie White – Bathroom remodel going well. Vinyl plank is being installed on the two stairways this week.
- Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. Plans are underway for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” in September. Habitat for Humanity has purchased a large lot in Custer and will build 3 homes on it.
- W/ELCA, Kathy Bradeen – Nothing to report.
- Worship, Music & Technology, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report

Next Meeting: August 18, 2026:

Treats – _Helena Buehler Devotions – Craig Black

September Greeter – _____.

Closing Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

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

September Newsletter Deadline

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office by August 24th. 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

Contact 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 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.

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.



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: Kari Webb - Interim
Intern: Intern Juliana Jimenez
Office Manager: Jean Pulscher
Custodian: Rob Conn
Worship and Music Director: Jenn Doyle
Financial Secretary: Steve Baldwin &
Janice Albers
Treasurer: Sara Mooney
Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch