

# CROSSROADS

## CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

### Firewood Sales

Thanks to all the volunteers, we are off to a great start. As of June 24<sup>th</sup>, (one month after starting our wood sales), we have collected over \$2,300. All these funds will help our youth on their trip to Minneapolis to the National Youth Gathering next year and, help fund other programs at CLF. Several of you have volunteered to fill the Wood Shack for a few days, and every week in June was filled. We now need volunteers again for July and into August. So, if you would, review the signup sheet at the Welcome Table and pick a time period, or maybe even two! As far as supply is concerned, the large pile next to the Wood Shed has been depleted, and we're now working on a couple other piles outside. The Wood Shed is also being stacked with split wood, to keep it dry and in our inventory. The pile of chucked wood is getting fairly large now, and so we need volunteers to work at splitting that pile. We are still not scheduling a time but rather allowing volunteers to go and work at their own schedule. We have two splitters and so the number of workers at one time needed is minimal. If anyone needs help getting started in case you've never split wood before, let me know and I'll get you the support. (605-440-1028, ~ [rockyknol@gwtc.net](mailto:rockyknol@gwtc.net)) And if anyone has wood they would like to donate, let me know. Thanks to each of you for all your help. (God's Work, Our Hands).

Denny McConnell

### Bridal Shower

A few of Erin & Joe Konkol's friends and CLF Friends will be hosting a Bridal Shower for Karley Konkol Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside Room at CLF. It will be a salad luncheon. The couple are registered at [theknot.com/ahokonkolwedding](http://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](mailto:lindafennell@hotmail.com) or text or call 605-673-1603.

### 2027 Youth Gathering

Calling all 8th-12th graders who are interested in going to the Youth Gathering next summer! It is time to start thinking about forming our group,

raising money, and organizing our trip for next summer! Let me know if you would like to have more info! Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236



### Custer Meet and Eat

The Custer Meet and Eat is held every 2nd Tuesday at Custer Community Church on 6<sup>th</sup> and Harney in Custer from 5 - 7 PM.

Gather together for a meal with friends and neighbors at no charge to you. This month's Meet and Eat will be June 9th.

### CLF Office Contact Information

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By the time you read this, Darryn and I will be beginning this new chapter of our life. We both want to thank you for the blessing you have all been in our life. Your kind words, prayers, card, willingness to lift a box or two, and love sustained us through this transition in ways we can never adequately express to you.

When I wrote my last newsletter article and shared that my favorite Bible verse is Ecclesiastes 3:1, I didn't have any idea the season was about to change. That has been the story of my life, and likely most of yours as well. Each new season brings with it its own beauty, and we are looking forward to what this will mean for our new beginning, and for yours as well.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Pastor for the last three and a half years. It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside you in our community and throughout the state with the SD Ministry Partners. My faith has stretched and grown with you, and my prayer is that yours has as well.

As you begin to shift gears to receive new leadership, I pray that you will keep your hearts and mind wide open to the joyful Holy Spirit who is actively at work in this place. Whomever it will be will be blessed beyond measure, as I have been, to work in God's Kingdom with you!

As Intern Juliana begins her internship at CLF, I am confident that you will provide her with all the love and support that you are capable of, and that is a lot of love and support! It is such a gift to be able to be a teaching congregation, and I know she will thrive with you and you with her!

In the coming months, it is possible that you will see us in Custer. We still have lots of family here that we plan to visit often. In order to honor boundaries of your future leaders, I will refrain from talking "church business" if we see each other. I also will not be able to provide any professional pastoral care or official, which includes officiating at wedding or funerals. You will be in excellent hands with the incoming Interim Pastors! However, if we do run into each other, expect a hug!

Thank you for all the ways you have imprinted yourselves on my heart.

God Bless you and Keep you; God's face smile on you and be gracious to you; God look upon you with favor, and grant you Peace.

Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Shannon



### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA:**

We gathered on June 15 at 9 AM for a delicious potluck brunch. Sam Smolinsky, director of the Custer County Search and Rescue, gave us an informational presentation on SAR. WELCA is donating \$300 to SAR for all the volunteer work they do in the Black Hills. Our mission collection in June is going to W.E.A.V.E. The week of June 15 we made sandwiches for the Custer Summer Sack Lunch program. There is no July meeting. The August 17th meeting will start with a potluck lunch at 11:30 AM followed by speaker, Beth-Anne Ferley, regarding Abbott House Youth Services. Our mission project for July and August is to provide school supplies for Pine Ridge & children in Custer. Donations you may give are notebooks of ruled paper, unsharpened pencils, 30 cm ruler, pencil sharpener, box of 24 Crayons, 2 ½ inch eraser. Have a happy summer and let your light shine!

Wendi Rusch

How long have you been a member of CLF? **We moved to Custer in March of 2014.**

**We have always been grateful for the open arms that received us and loved on our kids.**

Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **You can usually find me on the left side of the sanctuary! Our section is getting smaller as kids are graduating, but it's always nice to fill the row when they're home.**



What is your favorite church tradition or event? **I grew up loving the Candle Lighting Christmas Eve service. Two favorite church traditions I learned here at CLF- Holden Evening Prayer and the Good Friday Sunrise Crosswalk around Stockade lake.**

Where did you grow up? **I was born on Ellsworth AFB and raised in Rapid City. I went to Augustana, taught in Des Moines, did camp ministry in WA and brought our kids back to family in SD. I love the Hills!**

What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **I love to craft, be in nature, learn, and adventure with my husband and four kids! I am taking classes at Luther Seminary and enjoying the topics and ways I am being stretched to grow.**

What is your ultimate comfort food? **My mom and Grandma's enchiladas, tamales, bunuelos, green chile, and tortillas. When I make them it just isn't the same as theirs.**

Which is your favorite season and why? **Each season is great for different reasons but I really like Spring! New flowers, baby animals, and warm weather!**

Where do you feel close to God? **In quiet moments, worshiping with many voices in a song, at camp, and in nature.**

What is one Bible passage that you love? **"I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."**

**Psalms 121:1-2 I like the imagery of the beauty of the hills, being small in a vast universe with God present with us, and the Black Hills as home with family to be an extension of God's love.**



## Worship and Choir Information

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. It has been nice to receive at least a little rain now and then. It came as a surprise that we would be embarking upon a season of change with Pastor Shannon leaving. We wish her well on her new endeavors and are thankful that she and Darryn will be able to be closer to their family. We will deeply miss them, but we assure you that even though there will be changes and some uncertainty, our worship services will remain constant. We thank interim Pastors Randy Fett and Kari Webb, and our intern Juliana Jimenez for their upcoming leadership and guidance throughout this process. Please join us on Sunday mornings as we face these new beginnings together as a congregation. Campfire services will still be held on Wednesday nights at the outdoor worship area at 6:30 PM.

One of the announcements that Pastor Shannon made before leaving was a special request by the accompanists of this congregation. During a meeting in June, we discussed how honored, yet awkward, we felt when the congregation clapped following our preludes. I am not sure that there is a tactful way to approach this conversation, but I will try. All of us feel deeply grateful for the way that you recognize our contributions to the service. However, we feel that the preludes are a way of helping the congregation prepare their hearts and minds for the upcoming worship service. We respectfully ask that you do not applaud us following a prelude in order to keep the focus on the service ahead and not feel like our music is a performance. We are not saying that clapping shouldn't be allowed in a church service. We welcome you to applaud our special music contributions and those of anyone else who offer their gifts and talents in that manner. We hope this makes sense and doesn't offend anyone, but pray that you will respect our feelings. Please know that your kind words following a service are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

If you know of anyone who is visiting for the summer who would like to share their musical talents during special music, please reach out and let me know. We would love to welcome them.

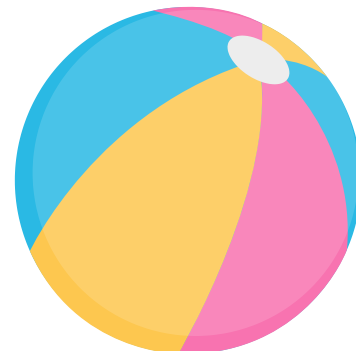
Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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

## YTD Financials

| Custer Lutheran Fellowship    |                                         |                |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| General Fund Budget to Actual |                                         |                |               |
|                               | - - - - Year To Date (May 2026) - - - - |                |               |
| Account                       | Actual                                  | Budget         | Variance      |
| Total Revenues                | \$ 152,966.19                           | \$ 140,308.00  | \$ 12,658.19  |
| Expenditures                  |                                         |                |               |
| Pastoral Leadership           | 35,244.16                               | 35,719.00      | -474.84       |
| Worship                       | 9,119.34                                | 10,555.00      | -1,435.66     |
| Education                     | 12,413.59                               | 13,475.00      | -1,061.41     |
| Mission Support               | 13,321.00                               | 14,216.00      | -895.00       |
| Support/Care                  | 3,554.24                                | 5,368.00       | -1,813.76     |
| Office Administration         | 25,134.15                               | 25,880.00      | -745.85       |
| Office Operations             | 3,512.71                                | 4,435.00       | -922.29       |
| Facilities Expenses           | 43,803.20                               | 50,768.00      | -6,964.80     |
| Total Expenditures            | 146,102.39                              | 160,416.00     | -14,313.61    |
| Total Other Revenues          | 372.54                                  | 0.00           | 372.54        |
| Total Other Expenditures      | 166.50                                  | 0.00           | 166.50        |
| Net Transfers                 | -31,746.15                              | 0.00           | -31,746.15    |
| Change in Net Assets          | \$ (24,676.31)                          | \$ (20,108.00) | \$ (4,568.31) |



## Spark Kids

We have a great time each Wednesday during the school year at SPARK Kids! Thank you to the assistant teachers, drivers, and office staff who make it run so smoothly! (We now have a tradition of celebrating volunteers with ice cream!) 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 JrK-5th grade friends and neighbors to get registered for the next school year 2026-27! We will start back up in September! There is NO cost for this program! Contact Wendi Rusch 509-494-3236 for more info!



## VBS

This summer we will have our FREE Vacation Bible School 9am-3pm on July 27, 28, 29 M-W with a closing campfire at Wed night worship! Volunteers still needed and welcome to our next mtg on July 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. Register with the QR code to save your spot! Rides available! If you have questions contact Wendi ([ruschfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ruschfamily@gmail.com)) or Linda ([lindafennell@hotmail.com](mailto:lindafennell@hotmail.com)).



Bible Stories! Crafts! Snacks! Songs! Games! STEM!

**BE THE LIGHT**

FREE!!

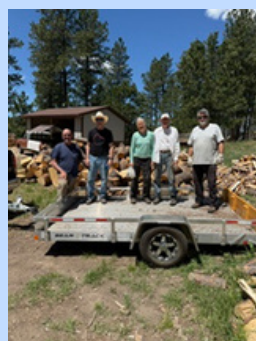
**Vacation Bible School**  
at Custer Lutheran Fellowship  
12622 US HWY 16A  
July 27, 28, 29 (M,T,W)  
9am -3pm  
4&5 yr olds, K-5<sup>th</sup> grades completed

Bring a sack lunch. Register #605-673-4691, [clf@gwtc.net](mailto:clf@gwtc.net), or here!

Rides to Y Kids Camp available!

## Firewood Sales

Thanks SO much for pitching in to help sell firewood! Happy to see several Middle and High School youth families!! We have raised just over \$1,700 so far and have over half of the spots on the sign-up sheet covered for the summer! Anyone can sign-up to put out firewood to sell, so please consider taking a shift to raise money for our Youth and Missions. Contact me with any general questions and Denny McConnell (605-440-1028) with any wood-splitting questions. We appreciate all of your support in this effort to continue the tradition of selling and providing firewood for our neighbors and visitors to the Beautiful Black Hills. Wendi 509-494-3236





Let's  
Pray



## Property “Helpers” Progressing on Projects

Recently several projects were completed or progressed significantly. Playground landscape borders and wood chips were installed on June 9 by an eager team of 10. The improvement is for children's safety while using playground equipment.

The entrance sign to the CLF parking lot was installed also on June 9. After much advance effort of volunteers at Outlaw Ranch to shape, sand, seal and assemble log timbers the sign was erected. The prominent sign will have decorative rock installed around the base in coming weeks. This new sign was made possible by a memorial gift from the Baldwin family.

The administration/education wing is getting much needed updating. The 22-year-old carpet in the halls and administrative office was replaced with vinyl plank flooring. The paneling was also removed and the walls painted and vinyl cove base installed by CLF staff and volunteers. Additionally, the “men's” bathroom is being renovated into a “family restroom”. This project was funded through the capital budget and generous donors. Meanwhile a Growing Roots contractor is remodeling two classrooms and the “women's” restroom to be suitable for a children's daycare/nursery. This project is a part of CLF's ministry to support the community while meeting congregation needs.



## Council Minutes

Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Council Minutes — June 2, 2026

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

Guests: Juliana Jiminez and Jean Pulscher

Not Present: Craig Black

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Helena Buehler.

Gathering of Personal Concerns and Joys

Members shared concerns and joys.

Reading of CLF Mission Statement and Council Covenant

Members read the mission statement and council covenant.

Devotions and Prayers

Pastor Shannon led the prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

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

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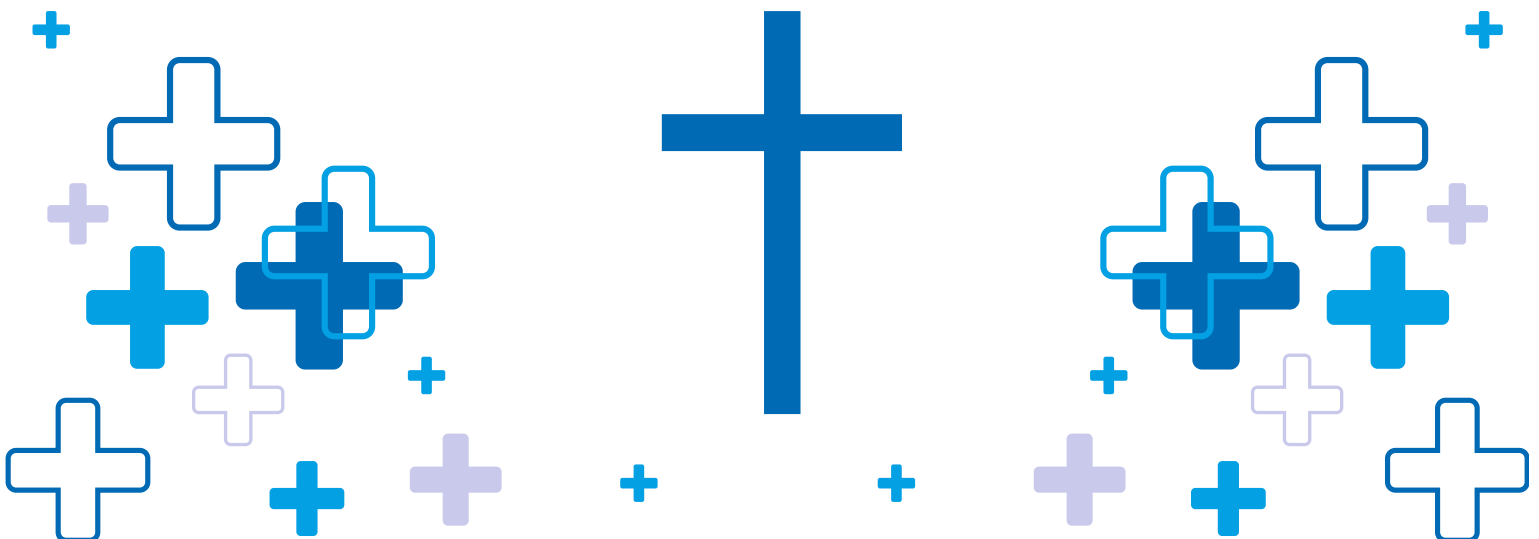








Faith  
Family  
Friends



Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Council Minutes — June 16, 2026

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

Guests: Juliana Jimenez

Not Present: Helena Buehler

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Karen Barness.

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

Karen led the devotion and prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

There were 4 additions to the agenda. There was consensus and the agenda was approved as amended.

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. Craig moved, Dave seconded and the minutes for the May and June 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru May were 109% (\$12,244.93) of budget and expenses were 91% (-\$14,313.61) of budget.

- Thrivent Choice – May - \$ 50.00, YTD - \$628.00
- Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – May - \$ 0.00, YTD - \$700.00

Loan balance is \$24,473.26 – may have an anonymous donor willing to payoff loan.

Lonnie moved, Kathy seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- Intern update – Juliana has been shadowing Pastor Shannon. A Synod endowment grant for \$16,500 has been applied for to help with Juliana's expenses for the year plus the stipend to be paid to Pastor Randy in July & August.
- Audio/Visual bid discussion – Looking to get started on this project. Need to confirm a lead person from the Tech committee to lead it.
- Bathroom remodel update – Remodel work going well. Some mold was found in one of the bathrooms that needs to be addressed. The bathroom attached to the Growing Roots rooms needs to have two toilets so partitions need to be installed for a cost of \$4,000. Growing Roots will pay for half of this cost. Dave moved, Craig seconded to split the cost of the partitions. Motion carried.
- Update on staff reviews – All have been completed and contracts signed.

New Business:

- Membership changes: Add – Danny Conley, Affirmation of Faith
- Growing Roots Contract – Reviewed donation amount. Craig moved, Lonnie seconded to increase the donation amount an additional \$350 for the downstairs rooms for a total of \$750. Motion carried.
- Pact Scholarship – Augustana has a Pact Scholarship where they will match funds. Denali, Kai & Kian Rusch have all requested \$500 from CLF. Lonnie moved, Donna seconded to give each a \$500 scholarship which Augustana will match. Motion carried.

- Pastor computer – The desktop computer in the Treasurer's office is not being used so will be moved into the Pastor's office for Pastor Randy's use. Pastor Shannon would like to keep the laptop she has been using. Darryn & Pastor Shannon personally purchased the washer in the parsonage. They would like to leave the washer and keep the laptop. Craig moved, Lonnie seconded to approve the exchange. Motion carried.
- Household items – Will be leaving some furniture in the parsonage for use by Pastor Kari and Juliana. They will be taking some of it back at a later date when the parsonage is empty.
- Other –
  1. Pastor Kari Webb's Pay – Pastor Kari will be at CLF from July 1<sup>st</sup> to mid-September when Pastor Randy is able to start. She is also willing to provide pulpit supply after those dates if necessary. Craig moved, Kathy seconded to pay Pastor Kari \$2,650/month and will work Sunday–Wednesday. Motion carried.
  2. Pastor Randy Fett's Pay – Lonnie moved, Craig seconded to pay a \$500/month stipend for July & August as Juliana's supervisor. Motion carried. His contract will be finalized in the near future.
  3. Wood Truck – Darryn & Pastor Shannon are willing to leave the truck that is being used for hauling wood to the shed as long as CLF pays the insurance for it. Sara moved, Kathy seconded to pay the insurance from the wood sales proceeds. Motion carried.
  4. Call Process – Discussion was held on when to start. Can either begin in July or wait until Pastor Randy comes in September. The consensus was to begin the process in July.

#### Pastor's Report:

- Review Worship & Activities – Has been grateful for all and for her time here. She has spent some quality time this month with Juliana to help her get acclimated. She advised all to be open to the pastors coming in and to be the light. Lonnie moved, Craig seconded to remove Pastor Shannon from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and to add Sara. Motion carried.

#### Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- Caring Hands, Karen Barness – Visitation team met. All other teams doing well.
- Christian Education, Dave Ruen – VBS meeting was held June 7<sup>th</sup>. Christian Ed meeting was held June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Endowment, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.
- Mutual Ministry, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- Property, Lonnie White – The new committee chair is Shannon Pulscher.
- Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity.
- W/ELCA, Kathy Bradeen – Meeting was held Monday. They are furnishing the Summer Sack Lunches this week.
- Worship, Music & Technology, Donna McConnell – Meeting was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Need to develop a mission statement. Would like to add a few new members who are willing to help plan worship ideas.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2026:

Treats – Lonnie White Devotions – Dave Ruen

August 2026 Greeter – \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



Wednesday, July 1, 2026, Esther 3:1-15  
 Haman Undertakes to Destroy the Jews  
 Thursday, July 2, 2026, Esther 5:1-14  
 Esther's Banquet, Haman's Plans  
 Friday, July 3, 2026, Esther 6:1-11  
 The King Honors Mordecai  
 Saturday, July 4, 2026, Esther 6:12-14  
 Haman's Wife Predicts his Downfall  
 Sunday, July 5, 2026, Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32  
 From Sadness to Joy  
 Monday, July 6, 2026, Esther 7:1-6  
 Esther Accuses Haman  
 Tuesday, July 7, 2026, Esther 7:7-10  
 The Hanging of Haman  
 Wednesday, July 8, 2026, Esther 8:1-2  
 Mordecai's Rise  
 Thursday, July 9, 2026, Esther 8:3-14  
 King Ahasuerus' Decree  
 Friday, July 10, 2026, Esther 8:15-17  
 Susa Rejoices  
 Saturday, July 11, 2026, Esther 9:1-32  
 The Institution of Purim  
 Sunday, July 12, 2026, 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 Have Confidence in the Gospel  
 Monday, July 13, 2026, 1 Timothy 1:1-4  
 Timothy's Mission  
 Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 1 Timothy 1:5-11  
 The Aim of Instruction  
 Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 1 Timothy 2  
 Prayers for Authority

Thursday, July 16, 2026, 1 Timothy 3  
 Qualifications for Church Leadership  
 Friday, July 17, 2026, 1 Timothy 4  
 Nothing is to be Rejected  
 Saturday, July 18, 2026, 1 Timothy 5  
 Widows and Elders  
 Sunday, July 19, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Take Hold of Eternal Life  
 Monday, July 20, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:1-5  
 Slavery  
 Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:6-10  
 Love of Money  
 Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:11-12  
 The Good Fight of Faith  
 Thursday, July 23, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:13-16  
 Unapproachable Light  
 Friday, July 24, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:17-19  
 Set Your Hope on God  
 Saturday, July 25, 2026, 1 Timothy 6:20-21  
 Guard What Has Been Entrusted  
 Sunday, July 26, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Rekindle the Gift of God  
 Monday, July 27, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:1-5  
 Timothy's Mother and Grandmother  
 Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:6-7  
 A Spirit of Power and Love  
 Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:8-9a  
 Do Not Be Ashamed  
 Thursday, July 30, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:9b-12  
 God's Grace Revealed  
 Friday, July 31, 2026, 2 Timothy 1:13-18  
 Sound Teaching

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#### Business:

- Internship & Call Committee, etc. – Pastor Shannon had a phone call with Pastor Renee in the Synod office. Once a Call Committee is formed, there could be a 4-6 week listening period with the synod. Pastor Randy Fett has agreed to be Juliana's supervisor and be ½ time interim pastor. There is another possible interim pastor to work the other ½ time. Juliana will start July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>, instead of August 1<sup>st</sup>. A revised letter needs to be sent to the seminary. Dave moved, Kathy seconded to approve the date change. Motion carried. Jeff Rohr and Sharee Johnson have agreed to help mentor Juliana. Discussion about Juliana using the parsonage once it is empty. Karen moved, Lonnie seconded to approve Juliana moving into the parsonage to also include CLF paying internet costs. Motion carried.
- Growing Roots Update – We need to look at the contract for any possible changes due to their expansion. Right now they pay a \$350 donation each month for the upstairs. Discussion was to increase the donation amount to \$1,000/ month once they have children enrolled in the new area downstairs.
- Staff Reviews – Will be done on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Pest Control – Having issues with mice. Received a bid from Olsen's Pest for \$250 for setup and then \$125/month. Decided instead to purchase 5 ultrasound devices and to research the use of outdoor bait traps.

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:

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 Pastor: [pastor\\_clf@gwtc.net](mailto:pastor_clf@gwtc.net)

**August Newsletter  
Deadline**

Please have articles for the August Newsletter to the office by July 22nd. 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](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 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](mailto:pastor_clf@gwtc.net);  
 or the church office at [clf@gwtc.net](mailto: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

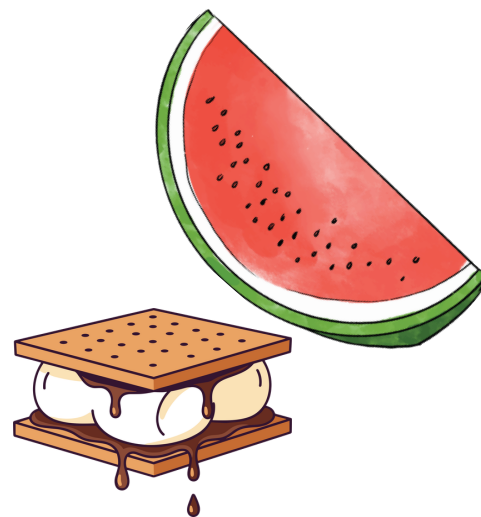
Through prayer we evoke God's  
love and power as the Spirit  
intercedes for us "with sighs too  
deep for words to express"

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



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