

CLF NEWS

CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Trunk or Treak

Join us for our 2nd TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Wed October 28th! We need volunteers to make an alley of decorated car trunks in CLF's parking lot for children to collect candy, toys, stickers, and goodies. Remember to keep the themes Merry and not Scary! Plan on parking around 4:30 to set up with the kids coming through when they are done with Spark at 5:00-5:30pm. Contact Wendi #509-494-3236 with any questions!



Youth Sunday

CLF loves to see kids in church! We plan on doing Youth Sundays each first Sunday of the month. We welcome preschoolers, elementary schoolers, middle schoolers, high schoolers and returning college kids to get involved! The next Youth Sundays will be Oct 4th, Nov 1st and Dec 6th (Kids Christmas program date). If you would like to be a greeter, usher, serve communion, do special music, read, or help in another way, let Wendi or Jean in the office know!



Pastor Appreciation

Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Day. We are incredibly blessed by the dedication, leadership, and spiritual guidance of our pastoral team. They invest so much of their hearts into our church family, and now it's our turn to pour back into them. Please take a moment on or before October 11 to show your gratitude. A simple thank-you card, a kind note, a small gift, or a commitment to pray for them are wonderful ways to say "we appreciate you!" Let's overflow their baskets with love and gratitude!



"Annual Wood Haul" Event Saturday, November 7th

The Annual Wood Haul Event is woven into the fabric of CLF and has been an important part of our ministry for many years. We continue to work in partnership with the Red Shirt Community and the Reconciliation Center. Please feel free to join this experience and lend a hand where you can. We will caravan from the CLF parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 7.

If you'd like to take a load of firewood to Pine Ridge but don't have wood to contribute yourself you can gather a load of split firewood at Outlaw Ranch the day before: Friday, November 6.

Worship Times

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM with coffee and fellowship following
Wednesday Worship: 6:00 PM

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It's Interim Time at CLF; Please know that your staff members are here and ready to help you; listen, and pray with you.

Dear families of CLF,

Worship

Join us for worship on Sundays. Bring your friends. Spread the word. We are sharing a special Fall sermon series called “Sacred story – Moving Transitions”. Each week we will highlight 3 connected scripture passages. And each week a theme is presented. This month come to hear the good news.

Sunday, October 4 “Prepare the Way”, John 1:6-7

Sunday, October 11 “Rebuilding Together” Nehemiah 2:17-18, 3:1a, 3a,6 a, 16a, and 6:15-16

Sunday, October 18 “Honoring the Shaping of our God” 2 Corinthians 4:7

Sunday, October 25 “Trusting the Power of God” Acts 1:6-11

Join us for worship again on Wednesday evenings. This is a worship service for all ages, all generations. This is a different biblical story and devotional sermon than you will have on Sunday. Come to learn with Children, Confirmation, students, High School Youth, and Young Families. We are striving to make this a very engaging, simple, camp style worship service with volunteer leaders each week, and with the sacrament of Holy Communion. Bring your friends. Spread the word

CLF Call Committee

Please keep the CLF Call Committee in your prayers. They were installed and trained this last month. In this month of October they will piece together your CLF church resume - called the church “Ministry Site Profile”. Once the profile is done, it is shared with the church council for any edits or additions, and then it is shared with all church members. Look for this to come out in November.

Here is your CLF Call Committee: ” Dave Versteeg - Chair of the team, Helena Buehler – secretary for the team, Lise’ White, Becky Black, Michelle Lehman, Keri Cochran, Rex Jorgensen, Dave Mertz, Scott Luikart, and Mark Thommpson.

Pastoral candidate name nominations begin this month. We will collect the names through the month of November and share them with the Bishop’s synod staff in December when we hope to hold our synod and congregation self-study meeting. If you have the name of a pastor that you think would serve well here at CLF, please speak direct to the Call Committee Chair - Dave, or your Church Council President - Helena. We will have a form for you to fill out: How do you know this pastor? Where do they currently serve? Why would they be a good fit for CLF? Thank you for your nominations and prayers.

Call Committee Prayer of Discernment - September 2026

“Lord God, we pray for our CLF Call Committee, and our church, during this time of discernment in calling forth a new pastoral leader. Give us your help again, just as you have always done. Remind us of your care. Invite us into church anew in our time and in our place and give us vision. Help us to lean into the prayers of all the members of the faith community to uphold us. Call on our spiritual gifts now, and use us, in service to your church. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, grant your Holy Spirit the lead to enlighten the gifts we seek and to confirm these gifts clearly in the candidates whom we meet. And, at the last, help us to welcome with open arms the one whom you are sending our way, to lead us in the new days ahead. Amen”

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Interim Ministry

Thanks to everyone who attended the Round Table Listening Events. We had 27 participants. I will be printing up the shared thoughts from these gatherings and will be summarizing the main themes that are presented. I will have these available for you to look at and to take home on Sunday, October 4th. This all goes into the work of the Call Committee, which will help them write up who CLF is today. You can still stop in and I will lend an ear to your thoughts.

Teachings / Learnings each week. Each week I have prepared and have ready-made take home lessons to share with you for this interim time. People in the churches that I have served in the past have found these articles helpful. You can pick them up each week at the tables in the narthex entryway and in the fellowship hall.

Coming Up: A short and simple all congregation -all ages - survey. I will pass these out on the first Sunday and first Wednesday in October. It will take only a moment of your time. Let's get them turned into the church office by the middle of October - October 15th. Alongside of this, I will be conducting a deeper leadership survey with present and past church council members, WELCA leaders, Youth leaders, Wednesday children's learning teachers, and Call Committee members. It is critical that CLF do a thorough study of itself and hear from all people. All these surveys will be summarized with themes and learnings and then reported back to the Call Committee, Church Council and congregation by the end of October

Interim Requests; Remember there may be times that we have to hit the pause button, take a break, and reassess with programs. Remember to be kind and generous to staff. We as staff are always available. We care for each one of you. We love to have you stop in and say Hi. But let's be cognizant that Office Manager, Jean, is only one person, Interim Juli is at 20 hours a week, and I serve $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Remember to honor the pastoral office and bring your hopes, dreams, and concerns directly to me. I am here to listen, help you sort out, get things on the table, and to pray with you. You can also speak with your elected church council members if you have an idea / hope for the future, or if you have a concern. Once you speak to church council they will bring your thoughts to me. Thank you.

It is a joy to serve you as your Interim Pastor. Please do stop in and say, "Hi". Let's get acquainted better. God Bless You.

Pastor Randy Fett

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Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship

As expected, a seminarian's life is filled with articles to read, Bible Commentaries to study, and required books to reflect on (and write several papers about).

The list of readings I have done so far in 2026 is extensive and diverse. Authors from different countries, contexts, and centuries have inspired me and enriched my formation as a future church minister, including this month's recommendation: the writer, journalist, and faithful Dorothy Day (1897-1980).

Dorothy's life and legacy are an advocacy movement, rooted in Gospel service that aims to transform both individuals and society by fostering nonviolence, personal responsibility among all people, and fidelity to God through care for the community.

In the Book "Dorothy Day: Spiritual Writings," edited by Robert Ellsberg, a recurring theme is her vision of all humanity as children of God and of all the baptized as members of the living Body of Christ. She extends this vision through her invitation to recognize Christ's presence in others. She strengthened it by the reminder to live in accordance with the Great Commandment that Jesus gave us: to love one another according to His teachings (John 13:34-35 | John 15:12 | Romans 13:8-10 | 1st John 4:7-8 | etc.).

From her conviction and faith in this calling, Day presents an inescapable question for those of us who profess faith in the Messiah: 'How can we love God whom we have not seen, if we do not love our fellows whom we do see?' (D. Day. Spiritual Writings, p.136)

In our current context, we clearly face disagreements over Jesus' commandment. We live in a constant "us vs them" dynamic, in which people are judged and categorized based on their race, lifestyles, attitudes, beliefs, or "imperfections." A culture that tends toward standardization or the dehumanization of the "other" simply for being or thinking differently.

In this book, the reader can see how Dorothy proclaimed and embodied the Gospel of Jesus. How she invites all the children of God to remember that as members of the living body of Christ, we have the call to return to the essence of this Golden Commandment: 'Just as I (Jesus Christ) have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34-35).

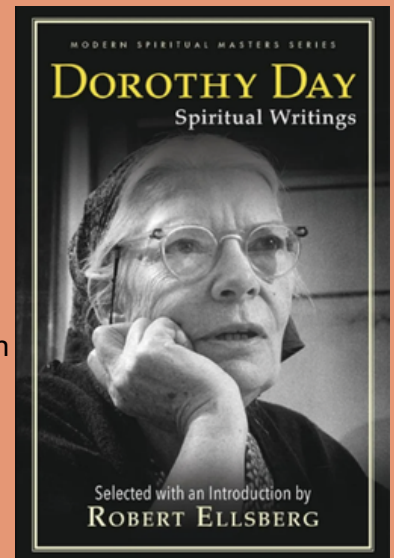
A love that is generous and personal for each of us; that renews us and gives us the courage and humility to overcome the fear of our body and the temptations of this world. A love that doesn't see the "us vs them," but rather everyone caring for one another. A love that shapes connections, one that 'makes the kind of society where it is easier for people to be good' and feel loved. (D. Day. Spiritual Writings, p.75- 141).

CLF, let us take Dorothy Day's words and wisdom and strive to continue creating a warm, loving community where everyone feels valued and cared for!

Thank you for being part of this journey together.

Love and blessings,

Intern Juliana Jiménez



How long have you been a member of CLF? **My husband, Denny, moved to Custer in 2005 to build our house. I followed in 2006 when I moved here to begin the position of Office Manager.**

Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **Usually in the back in case help is needed in the sound room. 😊**

What is your favorite church tradition or event? **A favorite tradition is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. I also enjoy the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy. The interactive learning classes held during Lent were also great.**

Where did you grow up? **Sioux Falls, SD**

What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **Reading and I enjoy all types of needle crafts but not anything that involves a sewing machine. 😊 Right now my “go-to” is crocheting.**

Which is your favorite season and why? **Fall...I like the cooler temps and the changing colors of nature.**

What is one Bible passage that you love? **Jeremiah 29:11 – “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”**

What is your ancestry? **German**



Sara Mooney

How long have you been a member of CLF? **About 10 years, between high school and returning to Custer a few years ago.**

Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **Always in the back.**

What is your favorite church tradition or event? **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Silent Night.**

Where did you grow up? **Pennsylvania until 1994 when Dad retired from the Navy and we moved to Custer.**

What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **Keeping up with Grayson, mostly! I also enjoy hiking, cooking, reading, and of course our dog Charlie.**

What is the best piece of advice you ever received? **I don't really think this is advice but found it to be true. Whether you think you can, or can't, you're right!**

What is your ultimate comfort food? **Pasta, tacos, spinach artichoke dip, barbeque... I just like food.**

Which is your favorite season and why? **Fall. While we still have sunlight soon after waking and the cooler temperatures return. Also, the changing leaves.**

Where do you feel closed to God? **Outside**

Who is one person who influenced your faith and why? **My parents. Growing up there were several times we needed to rely on faith. I learned to trust God during the uncertain times and sometimes decisions don't make sense, but if I have faith, everything turns out all right.**

What role would you be willing to play in a Christmas pageant? **Anything in the background. I'll support those in the spotlight.**

What is one Bible passage that you love? **Proverbs 4:23. “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”**

What is your ancestry? **German, Polish, and Irish. We're a determined bunch.**



Women of the ELCA

Wendi Rusch's Seminary Studies and Germany Trip

At our September meeting, our fellow CLF member and Youth & Family Coordinator, Wendi Rusch, shared highlights from her summer trip to Germany as part of her coursework at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Wendi studied at the Bonhoeffer Haus in Berlin, where her work focused on the writings and witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident. She also traveled to Wittenberg, where Martin Luther preached and posted his Ninety-five Theses in 1517.

Wendi has a couple years remaining to complete her graduate certificate in Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary. We wish her all the best as she continues her studies. WELCA voted to donate \$350 to help with her seminary expenses.

Three WELCA members attended the SD WELCA Bear Butte Conference at Outlaw Ranch. The conference theme was "Grace & Gratitude," and attendees enjoyed engaging speakers and a lively sing-along.

WELCA Mission Collections: Thank you for supporting CLF WELCA's September mission for the Pine Ridge Reservation by donating socks, stocking hats, gloves, and other needed items. For October and November, WELCA will collect goods for the Storehouse in Custer. Needed items include canned food, spaghetti, pasta and sauce, cereal, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cake mixes and tubs of frosting, sugar, flour, peanut butter, laundry soap, dish soap, body soap, macaroni and cheese, paper towels, toilet tissue, and large packages of regular Jell-O (not sugar free).

Looking ahead, we are excited for the Craft and Goodie Sale on November 22. Please consider making crafts, baked goods, canned goods, and candy for the sale. Hopefully, we can have a lefse making day on November 21 to provide lefse, too! Look for more information next month.

Our October meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Please bring a potluck dish to share for lunch. Our speaker will be Sarah Jane Sanders, Executive Director of Growing Roots Preschool & Childcare. Learn about what is happening right in our CLF building with Growing Roots. SD Bear Butte Conference WELCA is collecting heavy duty yarn for stocking caps that the SD prisoners are knitting. If you can donate the yarn, that would be awesome. Please reach out to Beth Nielsen from Spearfish at bethn2005@gmail.com so she can figure out how to get it from you by Oct. 11.

CLF Quilters

The Quilters are Back!

Our church Quilters have returned to their regular meeting schedule on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to join the fun—absolutely no quilting experience is necessary!

We had a wonderful time this past month when Pastor Randy dropped by to share coffee, great fellowship, and wonderful conversation with us.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has generously donated quilting items recently. We are so incredibly blessed by your continued support!

Current Need: We are currently collecting gently used or new pillowcases to transform into dog beds. If you have any extras at home and would like to donate them to this great cause, please bring them by!



Worship and Choir Information

Greetings!

Our choir will be singing a piece called "And All the People Said Amen!" The message declares that human brokenness becomes the foundation for divine community. The song presents suffering not as isolation, but as the universal condition that connects every person to God's mercy and to each other. Please join us!

Upcoming Dates:

Youth Sunday/Noisy Offering/Communion at the Rail ~ Sunday, October 4

Reformation Sunday ~ Sunday, October 25

Choir:

CLF Choir Practice ~ Wednesday, October 7 @ 4:30 PM

CLF Choir Practice ~ Wednesday, October 21 @ 4:30 PM

CLF Special Music ~ Sunday, October 25 @ 9:00 AM

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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YTD Financials

Custer Lutheran Fellowship

General Fund Budget to Actual

- - - - Year To Date (August 2026) - - - -			
Account	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenues	\$ 248,597.33	\$ 211,782.00	\$ 36,815.33
Expenditures			
Pastoral Leadership	50,936.10	56,376.00	(5,439.90)
Worship	14,229.41	15,714.00	(1,484.59)
Education	19,914.63	20,336.00	(421.37)
Mission Support	22,432.02	22,800.00	(367.98)
Support/Care	6,988.35	5,881.00	1,107.35
Office Administration	40,214.64	41,170.00	(955.36)
Office Operations	4,579.83	6,886.00	(2,306.17)
Facilities Expenses	66,104.24	74,837.00	(8,732.76)
Total Expenditures	225,399.22	244,000.00	(18,600.78)
Total Other Revenues	690.92	-	690.92
Total Other Expenditures	208.33	-	208.33
Net Income (Loss)	23,680.70	(32,218.00)	55,898.70
Net Transfers	(31,746.15)	-	(31,746.15)
Change in Net Assets	\$ (8,065.45)	\$ (32,218.00)	\$ 24,152.55

Spark Kids

Join us for SPARK Kids! 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. We sing songs, have a snack, and do a game or craft that ties into the Bible story. We currently have 20 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! Come sit with a family and encourage them as we let them know we love having them at CLF! Contact Wendi for more info!

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Wednesday Night Life Schedule

4:00 PM: Spark Kids
 4:30 PM: October 7th & 21st Choir Practice
 5:00 PM: Meal
 6:00 PM: Worship
 6:30 PM: Confirmation and RAP Youth Group



RAP Youth Group

We would love to see all 9th -12th graders join us for Youth Group! We have our weekly Wednesday night gatherings at 6:30 PM. This month we will start our Youth Gathering themed Bible Study "Imagine More" and do pumpkin carving!

November 6th @ 6pm

The High School Youth group planned a Progressive Dinner followed by a Lock-In! We will travel together to four different homes for our meal and ride the fun bus to each stop! When we return to the church we will be "locked-in". Contact me if you would like to help with an activity that brings faith and fun to our youth! Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more info!



God's Work, Our Hands September 13 and 20, 2026

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the many hands that helped with the GWOH event this year. The 13th annual GWOH event was certainly productive, fun and worthwhile. Here's a brief synopsis of the many activities that the Social Ministry Team coordinated with the congregation's help:

- Twenty Birthday Bags were assembled and delivered to W.E.A.V.E. for their residents. Each bag contained cake mix, frosting, candles, and greeting cards.
- CLF gardeners filled six "contractor" bags with weeds pulled from the hospital's Healing Garden.
- Large food trays were delivered to each of the local schools including the Administrative Offices.
- Congregants wrote many cards and letters of gratitude and support to our military. Each included a prayer shawl.
- Our college students were sent care packages.
- Quilts were displayed at the railing. This year's quilt-giving focus was for the Veteran facility in Hot Springs.
- Three hardy souls collected a dumpster full of litter from the roadway for the two-mile stretch from the Custer State Park west entrance to the Dakota Greens Nursery.

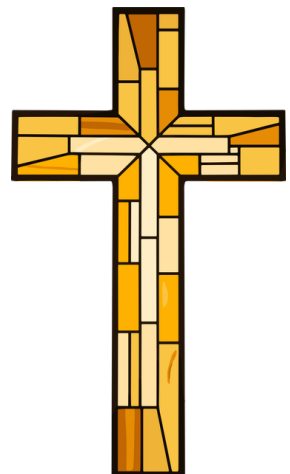
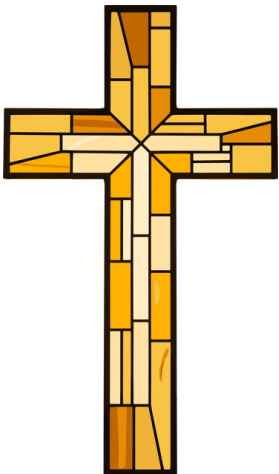
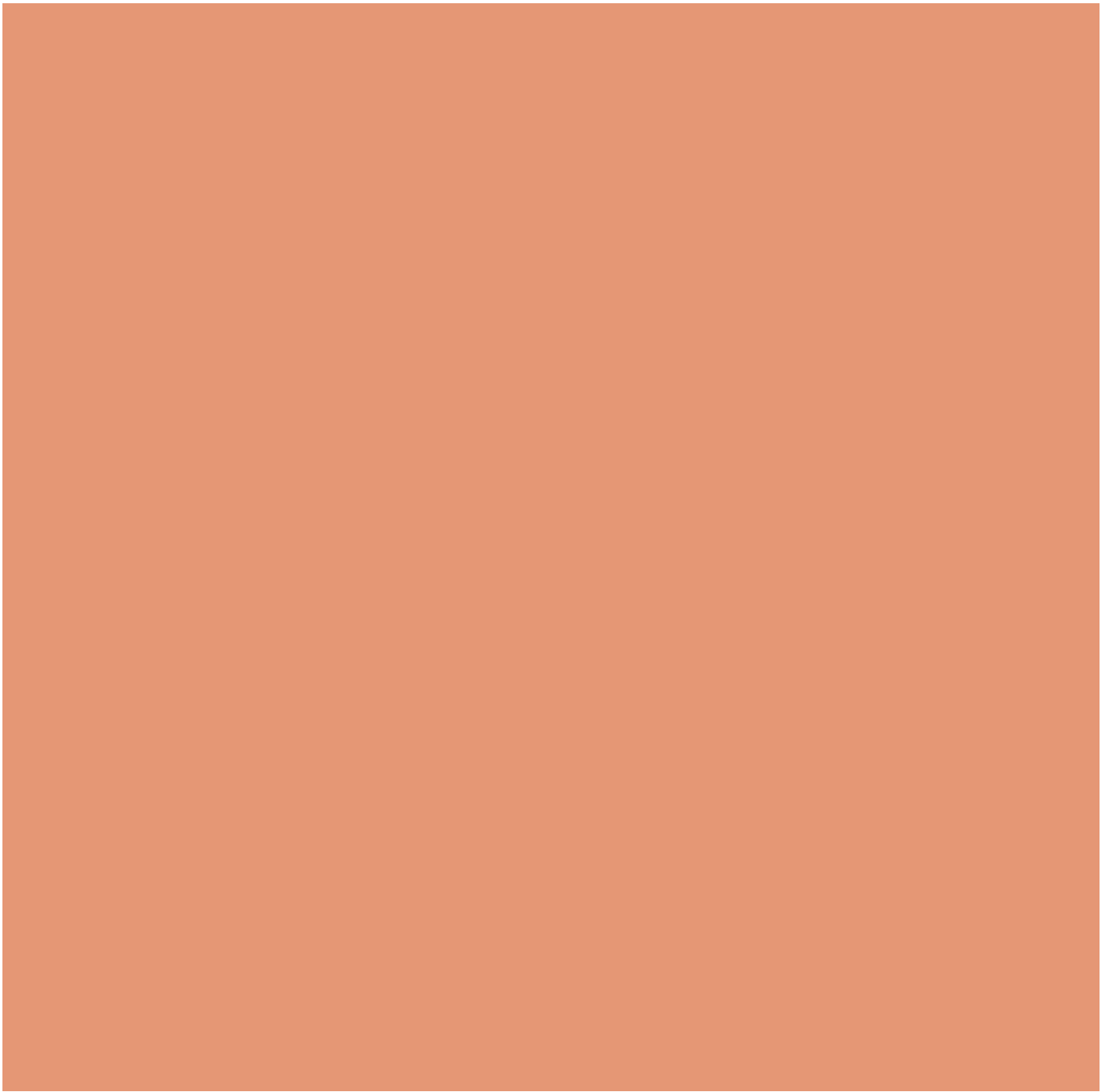


Sharing the Dream October 4, 7 and 11 - Mark Your Calendar

Looking for that Special Gift? Once again, the Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the "Sharing the Dream Alternative Gift Market". It will be held following the services listed above. "Sharing the Dream" is a volunteer based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala by providing a living wage to artisans. We will have available a wide variety of unique hand-crafted items including beaded jewelry, hand woven scarves, and ceramics. Your purchases will go to provide support for families in need. So join us and get a jump on your Christmas shopping! Credit cards will be accepted on October 4 only.







Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Council Minutes — September 15, 2026

Members Present: Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Sara Mooney, Dave Ruen, Lonnie White, Pastor Randy Fett 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

Intern Juliana led the devotion and prayer.

Agenda Additions/Approval

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

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

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru August were 117% (\$36,121.74) of budget and expenses were 92% (-\$18,600.78) of budget.

- Thrivent Choice – August \$143.00, YTD - \$771.00
- Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – August \$ 0.00, YTD - \$900.00

Lonnie moved, Craig seconded to approve the Housing Allowance Resolution for Pastor Randy. Motion carried. (Copy of resolution attached to the minutes)

A grant for \$16,145 has been received from the Synod for the internship.

Loan balance is \$21,648.71

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

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- Wall Chart of Church History – Discussed timeline.
- Bathroom remodel update – Partitions installed in Growing Roots bathroom. Cabinets are ready to be installed in the other one.
- Call Committee update – Call Committee has been selected and approved by the Council. The committee was installed on Sunday. First meeting is tonight.
- AV Update – Projectors are in and TV will be delivered on 9/16. DB Sound will get us on their schedule to get them installed.

New Business:

- Membership changes: Loss: Lisa Pickford – by request via email
Loss: Dennis Wicks – deceased September 10, 2026
- Lighting for New Sign – Lonnie has received a quote from Kyle Beltman \$1,500 to install lighting for the new sign which will also fix the parking lot lights. Craig moved, Karen seconded to approve this quote. Motion carried.
- Parsonage Internet – By email vote - since CLF is no longer paying lodging at Outlaw Ranch for Juliana, Dave moved, Donna seconded to cover the cost of internet in the parsonage. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Presented written report.
- Council should help encourage people to come to him with their concerns.

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Intern's Report:

- Presented written report.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- Caring Hands, Karen Barness – Met last week. All teams doing well.
- Christian Education, Dave Ruen – Next quarterly meeting is 9/21.
- Endowment, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.
- Mutual Ministry, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report. Pastor Randy would like the council to be the committee during the interim process.
- Property, Lonnie White – Nothing to report.
- Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. October 4-11 will host the Sharing the Dream Crafts. Looking into doing a retreat to Pine Ridge in late October.
- W/ELCA, Kathy Bradeen – Nothing to report.
- Worship, Music & Technology, Donna McConnell – Next quarterly meeting will be in November.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2026:

Treats – Donna McConnell Devotions – Sara Mooney

October 2026 Greeter – _____.

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



Thank You's

I would like to take this opportunity to thank CLF for 40 summers years.

What a wonderful experience. Also want to thank Margaret Tretheway and Jennifer Doyle for allowing me to be a piano participant during those 40 summers. What a Blessing for me. The friendships I have made through the years have meant so much to me. 2004 was definitely a hard year for me and my family. Losing Don and Jay the same year was a hard part of our lives. My thanks to Augie for keeping the 2 taller green plants alive for 22 years as they were given to the church in Jay's memory. Thanks again for CLF - God Bless each of you and God Bless America.

Sincerely

Carol Ann Torgerson

Thank you so much for the care package! It's nice to know people from home are wishing us well and sending some encouragements as we start a new semester. Sending lots of love and thanks back. - Denali Rusch

Thank you I really appreciate you thinking of me and taking the time to send me goodies.

-Kai Rusch

Thank you for your thoughtful card. I appreciate the support from my hometown as I work towards my future. - Kian Rusch

Thursday, October 1, 2026, Exodus 3:1-12 Moses at the Burning Bush

Friday, October 2, 2026, Exodus 12:29-32 The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

Saturday, October 3, 2026, Exodus 13:17-22 The Pillars of Cloud and Fire

Sunday, October 4, 2026, Ex 14:10-14, 21-29 Rescue at Sea

Monday, October 5, 2026, Exodus 15:1-21 Songs of Moses and Miriam

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, Exodus 15:22-27 Bitter Water Made Sweet

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, Exodus 16:1-21 Bread from Heaven

Thursday, October 8, 2026, Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the Rock

Friday, October 9, 2026, Exodus 17:8-16 Amalek Attacks Israel and Is Defeated

Saturday, October 10, 2026, Exodus 18:13-27 Jethro's Advice

Sunday, October 11, 2026, Ex 19:3-7; 20:1-17 Covenant and Commandments

Monday, October 12, 2026, Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Moses Dies

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, Joshua 1:1-9 God's Commission to Joshua

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, Joshua 2:1-21 Spies Sent to Jericho

Thursday, October 15, 2026, Joshua 3:1-17 Israel Crosses the Jordan

Friday, October 16, 2026, Joshua 6:1-14 Jericho Taken and Destroyed

Saturday, October 17, 2026, Joshua 6:15-27 Jericho Destroyed and Rahab Spared

Sunday, October 18, 2026, Josh 24:1-15, [16-26] Joshua Renews the Covenant

Monday, October 19, 2026, 1 Samuel 1:1-28 Samuel's Birth and Dedication

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 1 Samuel 3:1-18 Samuel's Calling and Prophecies

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 1 Samuel 7:3-15 Samuel as Judge

Thursday, October 22, 2026, 1 Samuel 8:1-22 Israel Demands a King

Friday, October 23, 2026, 1 Samuel 9:27 – 10:8 Saul Anointed as King

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 1 Samuel 16:1-13 David Anointed as King

Sunday, Oct 25, 2026, 2 Sam 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9 David and Bathsheba

Monday, October 26, 2026, 2 Samuel 12:15b-23 Bathsheba's Child Dies

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 2 Samuel 12:24-25 Solomon Is Born

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 1 Kings 1:1-21 The Struggle for Succession

Thursday, October 29, 2026, 1 Kings 1:22-27 The Struggle for Succession

Friday, October 30, 2026, 1 Kings 1:28-53 The Accession of Solomon

Saturday, October 31, 2026, 1 Kings 2:13-25 Solomon Consolidates His Reign

Wednesday Night Life

Do you enjoy sharing a great meal or having a meaningful conversation? Are you passionate about connecting with someone new and helping them feel included? Wednesday nights at CLF are built just for you!

Join us Wednesday's for a wonderful time of fellowship. Supper is served at 5:00 PM, followed by Worship at 6:00 PM.

We are also looking for a few more friendly faces to help make these Wednesday night meals happen. If you are interested in serving, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center, or you can see Jean in the office to claim your spot!



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

November Newsletter Deadline

Please have articles for the November Newsletter to the office by October 22.. 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 worshiping 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

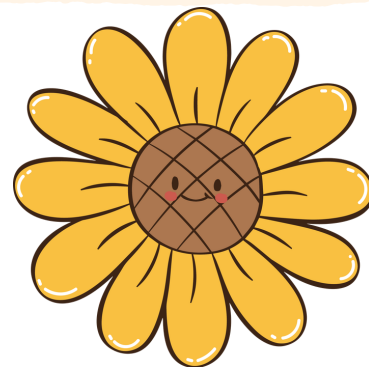
Through prayer we evoke God's love and power as the Spirit intercedes for us "with sighs too deep for words to express"

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

OCTOBER



Ministering at Custer Lutheran Fellowship

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