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CLF NEWS

CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

Call Committee Update

Greetings and Salutations from the CFL Call Committee,
Since the resignation of Pastor Shannon, the Synod office has been notified of our rostered minister opening. Arrangements for pastoral assistance were made with Pastor Kari serving as interim pastor for the month of August and Pastor Randy taking over in September until a permanent pastor is called.
A Call Committee has been formed by the Church Council.
CLF members are currently in the process of completing a congregational assessment. The call committee and church council are completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP).
There are congregational assessment surveys available for all members to complete. The survey can be found on a table in the narthex of the church. Surveys are to be completed by October 28 and returned to the same location in the narthex.
If a congregational member knows of a pastor they feel would be a great fit for CLF, please fill out a blue nomination form found near where the surveys are located.
A Synod staff representative will be with the congregation on November 22 to review the MSP and clarify what type of pastor CLF is looking for. The remainder of the call process will then be presented by the Synod staff.
Shortly after the first of January, the call committee will begin settling on interview questions and likely begin initial interviews with potential pastors.
It is hoped that a new pastor can be called no later than April 2027.
If you have questions about the call process, please visit with Dave Versteeg, Call Committee Chair Person, or Helena Buehler, Church Council President.

"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 Reconcilliation 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.

Christmas Singing Telegrams

To raise some money for our Youth Gathering, we will once again be offering Christmas singing telegrams! The High school youth will travel to sing a few Christmas carols during Youth Group on Wednesday, December 16th @ 6:30-8:00 PM. For a donation, the first five people that sign-up can request the youth come to your house or you can order one for someone else! Help us share the joy of the season and raise money for our trip!
Contact Wendi #509-494-3236





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.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." - Hebrews 12: 1-2

Since we are fast approaching "All Saints Sunday", let's reflect on these words.

As members of Custer Lutheran Fellowship, you stand in succession of a long line of leaders. CLF has a strong heritage and foundation. You are a vibrant church as compared to many churches across the region and in the ELCA. You are a mighty mid-size church, staffed as a pastoral size church, and thought of as a family church.

In my Bible commentary of these verses from the New Testament letter of Hebrews, it highlights two words; "perseverance' and "endurance". "It is likened to running a long-distance race- slow and steady usually wins. That and grit. Grit is akin to courage and resolve, that we continue to endeavor to persevere together regardless of how bad everything looks around us and how far we have to go to achieve our goal." (Collaborate Lutheran Student Bible, p. 1339, C 2015 Sparkhouse Publishing)

As we approach All Saints Day, we **"Remember"** all members of the church, the leaders of CLF, the volunteers, and the paid staff and pastors who have served here. We **"Remember"** those who have led us and mentored us in faith. **On Sunday, November 1st we light candles and toll a bell,** with names, to remember those who have passed from our midst. Together we recall all the people who have mentored us in life and faith. Perhaps it was a parent or grandparent, a teacher, a coach, or a friend. Spread the word. In our work as a church, as a faith community we remember especially that Jesus set the course and the pace for us. God lays out a vision. It is our part to take that path and follow.

"Remember" your 2027 Stewardship Pledge. We will also bring them forward in a processional along with our weekly offering gifts on **Sunday, November 1**.

On Sunday, November 8, during the worship service, **we will honor all current military personnel, and the Veterans in our midst** who have faithfully served our country.

"Remember" the Call Committee in your prayers. The paperwork is done. **This is the time for you to write up Pastoral Candidate Nominations by using the blue form** that the Call Committee has provided for this. Think of a church that you have visited, churches where you relatives attend - their pastors. You can also go on the web and visit just about any ELCA church across the country, in different states. Watch the worship service, how the Pastor preaches and teaches. Ask yourself, "Could this be a pastor for CLF?" Give us your nominations. These nominations will be received through the month of November.

On Sunday, November 22, at 10:30 am after worship, "Remember" the WELCA Craft and Goodie Fair here at CLF.

At 9:30 am, during the worship service, we will also host **Congregation Self Study Call Process Informational Meeting with the SD Synod Bishops Staff – Please Note:** We will have a shorter 30-minute congregational meeting worship that day, including more of a devotional message rather than a full sermon, the choir will sing, and towards the close of the worship service , (Still a part of the worship service), we will invite Synod Staff member, Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, up to share insights into the pastoral call process here, to take a look at our CLF congregation self-study with us, and the Ministry Site Profile paper work that the CLF Call Committee has put out there on our behalf. (We will have printed copies of the CLF MSP available for you to take home and review before the meeting - beginning on Sunday, November 8th hopefully.)

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We will not celebrate Holy Communion that Sunday. The worship service conclusion will follow with the Prayers of the Church and the Benediction/ Sending. Following the conclusion of the worship service you are all invited to celebrate with WELCA, the annual Craft and Goodie Fair. Pastor Renee will remain in the sanctuary for an open session of questions and answers.

Join me for a "Faith" book study in the Months of November – February. We will read two books together. A potential plan would be to meet after the Sunday worship services, for 45 minutes each time, in the Fireside Room. **A first introductory meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 10:45 am.** From there we will get the books ordered and decide on when and where to meet as an interested group. Here are the two books that we will read and study. ***"The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong"***, by John A. Powell, and ***"Future Church: Seven Laws of Real Church Growth"***, by Will Mancini, and Cory Hartman. You can do a "Google Review" on them via the internet.

God Bless You, "Saints". It truly is an honor to serve with you during this Interim Period.

Pastor Randy



Happy November, siblings in Jesus!
In October, I had the gift of participating in the South Dakota Synod's Candidacy retreat, centered on the theme "Bridging and Belonging."

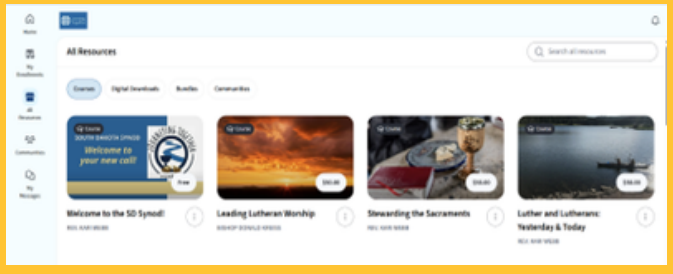
At this retreat, we recognized that we live in a world marked by division and polarization, and that we are called to reflect on how we can create spaces where everyone feels they belong. Spaces where we can co-create healthy, dynamic, interconnected communities that value and respect our differences and uniqueness.

Rather than writing a long article for you to read, I want to invite you to join this conversation and reflection! The Synod offers an online learning portal for all of us, which includes this course about Bridging and Belonging:

1. Visit www.sdsynodlearns.org and create your account.
2. Explore the lectures and resources prepared by theologians, pastors, and deacons. Courses are available for free, as well as for a fee of $50 USD.

This platform is a wonderful opportunity to engage with leaders and members from across the state, learn at our own pace, and strengthen our connection as children of God.







Lonnie White
How long have you been a member of CLF? **3 years**
What is your favorite church tradition or event? **The Crosswalk at Easter**
Where did you grow up? **Northwest Kansas on a small farm**
What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **Building things**
What is the best piece of advice you ever received? **Be honest and treat others with respect.**
What is your ultimate comfort food? **Pizza or Egg Casserole**
Which is your favorite season and why? **Fall, pleasant weather and beautiful colors**
Where do you feel closed to God? **At home in the midst of the forest**
Who is one person who influenced your faith and why? **My mom**
What is one Bible passage that you love? **Psalm 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good, Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture**
What is your ancestry? **Mostly English**



Kathy Bradeen
How long have you been a member of CLF? **41 years**
Where do you usually sit during Sunday Worship? **Middle section middle rows or left section back!**
What is your favorite church tradition or event? **Christmas Eve candlelight service**
Where did you grow up? **A farm in Eastern South Dakota**
What are your favorite hobbies outside of church? **Sewing, reading, riding horse, riding ebike, taking pictures, time with family**
What is the best piece of advice you ever received? **Sometimes you just have to be tough!**
What is your ultimate comfort food? **Candy!!!**
Which is your favorite season and why? **Fall – absolutely the best time to ride horse in the Black Hills**
Where do you feel closed to God? **At church and also when I am enjoying trail riding in the Black Hills**
Who is one person who influenced your faith and why? **My mom – She is an example of a person who has a quiet strong faith – she made time for church, confirmation, Luther League, etc not matter how busy she was. She did chores, field work, made meals, sewed our clothes but always made church a priority.**
What role would you be willing to play in a Christmas pageant? **An angel** 😊
What is your ancestry? **Norweigen/Danish**



Women of the ELCA

WELCA Happenings
Next meeting: Monday, November 16th at 11:30 in the Fireside Room. Meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon at 11:30. Program: Juliann Gramkow, Exec. Director of R.I.S.E – Recovery · Intervention · Support · Education – a nonprofit supporting Custer County. We will also have our annual Thankoffering Service.

At our October meeting Sarah Jane Sanders, Exec. Director of Growing Roots Preschool & Childcare (located in our building) was our guest speaker. She shared her work experience and role as the new Executive Director at Growing Roots. They recently expanded to a 0 – 3 years daycare and explained their blend of a Montessori-inspired classroom and an outdoor program for a whole child learning experience here in Custer.

Our 2027 Budget was approved. WELCA decided to give a monetary donation to Lutheran Social Services, Growing Roots and money to purchase Halloween treats for our church to hand out downtown. We look forward to participating in the tulip planting with Scott Luikart after worship on October 25.

WELCA is sponsoring the annual Craft and Goodies Sale on Sunday, Nov. 22 after worship and congregational meeting. We plan to have lefse making Saturday, Nov. 21 at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen. **All** are invited to bring prepared lefse dough, flour, and lefse making equipment to make lefse to be sold at the Craft and Goodies Sale on Sunday the 22nd. If you don't know how to make lefse, or have the equipment, show up and have fun learning how! The lefse making party is coordinated by Bonnie Thompson and Jan Thom. If you have any questions, please see Bonnie, Jan or any member of WELCA. Your help is greatly appreciated, and fun will be had by all!

You all are invited to donate food or craft items and/or to shop at the Craft and Goodie Sale. This has become a much-anticipated event at CLF. Donated items can be labeled for the sale and left in the sewing room anytime in November. They can also be dropped off in the Narthex at church between 9:30 and 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 21st.

Your generosity enables the WELCA group to help people in need locally, nationally, and internationally. While we focus primarily on local needs, we remain open to opportunities God may provide to serve the wider community. Thank you for your support!

WELCA is collecting donations for the Custer Storehouse for the month of November. Please leave your donations on the ox cart in the Narthex. Hats, gloves and socks are also accepted as a donation for Pine Ridge.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving! God is good!

The Storehouse:

- Canned food—meats, corn, green beans, fruit cocktail, soups, etc.
- Spaghetti, pasta, sauce, cereal
- Instant potatoes, stuffing mix
- Cake mixes/tubs of frosting
- Sugar, flour
- Peanut butter
- Macaroni and cheese
- Large packages of regular Jell-O (not sugar free)
- Laundry soap, dish soap, body soap
- Paper towels, toilet tissue

BREAD & BROTH

Soup season is here if you have a good recipe please share it. We will try having both a beef and chicken meal in freezer to accommodate those with food allergies. Please contact Jean if you are in need of a meal.

LEFSE MAKING

Join us for a fun morning of lefse making on Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen! We are planning to make lots of Lefse to sell the next day at our Craft and Goodie Sale after worship and congregational meeting. Proceeds will be donated to local missions. Bring your prepared Lefse dough, rolling pins, pastry board, cloth set, electric griddle, lefse turning stick, and flour. If you can only prepare the dough, bring it along and join others in rolling and frying the lefse. If you don't have experience, we would love for you to come anyway and help wherever you can. Once the Lefse has cooled, we will fold and package them to sell.

There are many lefse recipes, but here is one that you may use:

Lefse

5 pounds Russet potatoes
1/4 cup butter, room temperature
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon white sugar
2 Teaspoon salt
1 cup of flour per 2 cups of potatoes

Boil the potatoes until tender and drain. Put potatoes through a "ricer" twice. Mix in butter and cream while warm. Cover with paper towels and let them cool in the refrigerator overnight. Add sugar, salt, and flour mixing with your hands. It's best to use kitchen gloves while working. Roll into a log. Cut and measure 1/3 cup round balls. Heat the special Lefse griddle to the highest temperature 500 degrees. It's best to cover the board and rolling pin with designated cloths. Using extra flour, roll until about 14". Fry until golden brown spots appear, then turn it over so both sides are golden. It only takes a minute or so. Place the Lefse rounds on paper towels or dish towels to cool. Once cool, fold them and place them in a baggie or wrap in Saran Wrap.

CLF Quilters

Our hands and hearts have been busy lately sewing and tying beautiful quilts to spread warmth and comfort to those in need. Thanks to the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, we recently completed and distributed several quilts to some truly wonderful causes:

- Outlaw Ranch: 6 quilts were sent to support their ministry and warm the hearts of visitors.
- The Children's Home: 8 quilts were gifted to bring comfort and smiles to the children.
- Bob & Seda: A special, handcrafted quilt was wrapped in prayer and given directly to our dear friends.

Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, cut patches, sewed blocks, and tied knots. Your time and talents are a beautiful reflection of God's love in action!

Do you have an unused Thrivent Action Team card? The Quilters would gratefully appreciate your donation to help purchase batting and backing before the end of the year! To donate your card, please contact Wanda Omodt or EJ Reid. If you need assistance applying for your card, Bonnie Thompson is happy to help you through the process.

We will be taking some time off starting November 24th returning January 5th.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Worship and Choir Information

Greetings!

Our choir will be singing a gospel piece called “Blessing After Blessing.” This piece helps create an attitude of gratitude during the month of November as we end the month with Thanksgiving. It really makes us think as we count our blessings in appreciation for faith, family, friends, and our abundant blessings from God. The song is based on Psalm 3:8 and Ephesians 1:3.

Psalm 3:8: "From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people."

Ephesians 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Upcoming Dates:
Noisy Offering/Communion at the Rail/All Saints Sunday ~ Sunday, November 1

Choir:
CLF Choir Practice ~ Wednesday, November 4 @ 4:30 PM
CLF Choir Practice ~ Wednesday, November 18 @ 4:30 PM
CLF Special Music ~ Sunday, November 22 @ 9:00 AM

I leave you with a line from our song, "Here I stand with grateful hands pointed towards You."

God’s Blessings,

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

YTD Financials

Custer Lutheran Fellowship
General Fund Budget to Actual

Account	Year To Date (September 2026) Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Revenues	**$ 283,192.86**	**$ 240,998.00**	**$ 42,194.86**
Expenditures			
Pastoral Leadership	56,746.57	63,644.00	(6,897.43)
Worship	15,931.79	17,988.00	(2,056.21)
Education	22,444.67	22,690.00	(245.33)
Mission Support	25,316.54	25,508.00	(191.46)
Support/Care	6,823.56	6,477.00	346.56
Office Administration	45,241.47	46,267.00	(1,025.53)
Office Operations	4,938.45	7,453.00	(2,514.55)
Facilities Expenses	72,745.40	83,257.00	(10,511.60)
Total Expenditures	**250,188.45**	**273,284.00**	**(23,095.55)**
Total Other Revenues	**735.92**	**-**	**735.92**
Total Other Expenditures	**163.82**	**-**	**163.82**
Net Income (Loss)	**33,576.51**	**(32,286.00)**	**65,862.51**
Net Transfers	**(31,746.15)**	**-**	**(31,746.15)**
Change in Net Assets	**$ 1,830.36**	**$ (32,286.00)**	**$ 34,116.36**

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 have 21 kids signed up for Spark! CLF is committed to the spiritual education of the kids from our church and community and we would love you to come support Wed. dinners, worships and our youth! Come sit with a family and encourage them as we let them know we love having them at CLF! Contact Wendi for more info! #509-494-3236






Wednesday Night Life Schedule

4:00 PM: Spark Kids
4:30 PM: November 4th and 18th 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 will have our weekly Wednesday night gatherings at 6:30 PM. The HS youth are currently registering for the Youth Gathering! We will have an awesome group! The costs will be lower this time since we are not joining Lutheran Outdoors-they are not taking charter buses of youth this cycle. We have our Progressive Dinner and Lock-In on November 6th @6pm!



Children's Christmas Program

Children's Christmas program on December 6th 9:30 AM during church! Two weeks before Thanksgiving we will start preparing the play during Spark Kids. The program will be directed by Linda Fennell and includes all ages of our CLF youth during Sunday Worship! Contact Wendi to get involved! #509-494-3236



Storehouse Scavenger Hunt

A favorite activity this month will be our annual Storehouse scavenger hunt for non-perishable food and pantry items on Nov 18th! The kids race against the clock to gather as many items as they can to beat the other Middle school and High school teams. An award is given for most gathered AND for most collected themselves! Contact me if you would like to donate or help with an activity that brings faith and fun to our youth!
Wendi Rusch
#509-494-3236
for more info!



National Youth Gathering 2027

The Youth Gathering is 30,000+ 8th—12th grade students from around the country that get together in a large city for faith formation, worship, fellowship and service. Next year the Gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN. If your business or household would like to make a tax deductible donation, we would greatly appreciate it! With food, travel, housing, and other costs, we will need to raise about $13,000!. You can donate with Youth Gathering in the memo line or help with fundraising ideas to reach our goal! Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 with any questions.



Nursery

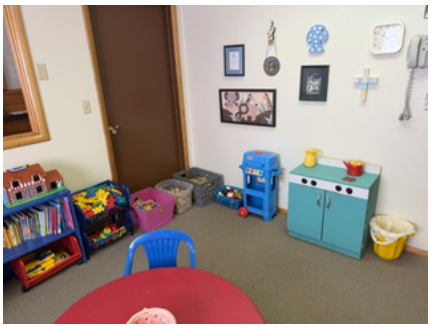
A Fresh Look for Our Nursery!

Children are always more than welcome in our worship service! However, if your little ones need a change of pace, we have great news. A huge thank you to the wonderful group of volunteers who recently spent time deep-cleaning and organizing our nursery. Thanks to their dedication, the room is now a much more functional, beautiful, and welcoming space.

Parents, please feel free to utilize this room during worship as needed. The nursery is equipped with an audio speaker, so you can care for your child without missing the service. To keep this environment safe and ready for the next family, we kindly ask that you remain with your children at all times and tidy up the room before leaving. Thank you for helping us keep this space beautiful!















Dayspring

DaySpring, at Outlaw Ranch, is a newly remodeled “camp B&B” now open for reservations. We have two units, each sleeping six with one queen bed downstairs and four bunks upstairs. Each unit has two bathrooms, a full kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and microwave, and a sitting room and eating area. Units come fully furnished with linens, towels, dishes and cooking utensils, and both sides have air conditioning and wifi.

Outside, you will enjoy DaySpring’s covered porch, grill, and fireplace seating area, as well as the ambiance and hospitality of Outlaw Ranch, a church camp and retreat center near Custer, SD. Outlaw Ranch offers year-round hiking, a peaceful setting for reflection, and, depending on the season, mountain bike and canoe rentals.

This is a place to bring family and friends for a private, no-hassle experience in the heart of the extraordinary Black Hills, a place you will want to come back to.

For information and reservations, call Outlaw Ranch at 605.673.4040 or email outlaw@losd.org.








Firewood – Sales – Red Shirt

Many of you noticed that after the firewood band was lifted, we re-started our firewood sales. It resulted in another $689.90 in sales, with total sales this year, $5,633.40.With the good weather we’ve had, campfires were still popular, so sales were strong in October. Today, (October 22nd), will be our last day of sales so we’ll wrap it up for this year. THANKS to all of you who participated one way or another, donating wood, splitting, filling the Wood Shed, and financial contributions for a new wood splitter. And for Shannon and the Outlaw volunteers who supplied a huge amount of wood for our project.Every little bit helps with our fundraising. Between now and next spring, we have a lot of wood at CLF that needs cutting and splitting, so any help to get ready for next year would be wonderful.

And now we need to get ready for our Saturday, November 7th trip to Red Shirt. This year we have all the wood available that we can haul.Everyone who wants to join the convoy with their pickup and/or trailer, we have the wood. This year, rather than loading at CLF, all the wood we will be taking to Red Shirt will be provided by Outlaw Ranch. Shannon will have a skid steer to load you at Outlaw Ranch, or we can do it by hand. At this writing, the best advice I can give you if you want to load your vehicle, is to contact Shannon and make arrangements for him to load you, (605-864-6627). With that said, Friday, November 6th would be the ideal time to visit Outlaw and get loaded, ready to head out the next day. In the meantime, either contact Shannon, or Jean at the office if you have any questions.

God Bless you all,
Denny McConnell

Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Council Minutes — October 20, 2026
Members Present: Karen Barness, Craig Black, Kathy Bradeen, Donna McConnell, Sara Mooney, Dave Ruen, Pastor Randy Fett and Intern Juliana Jimenez (by Zoom meeting)
Not Present: Helena Buehler, Lonnie White
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
Sara Mooney led the devotion and prayer.
Agenda Additions/Approval
There was one addition to the agenda. There was consensus and the agenda was approved as amended.
Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed. Craig moved, Sara seconded and the minutes for the September meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.
Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru September were 117% of budget and expenses were 92% of budget.

- Thrivent Choice – September $ 0.00, YTD - $ 771.00
- Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – September $300.00, YTD - $1,200.00

Loan balance – $20,826.61
Craig moved, Donna seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
Special Agenda Items:
There were no special agenda items.
Unfinished Business:

- Bathroom remodel update – Partitions are installed in Growing Roots bathroom. The flooring is complete in the family bathroom and ready for the remainder of the baseboard trim to be installed.
- Call Committee update – Will meet next Tuesday to hopefully finalize the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Will then email to council for approval.
- AV Update – New projectors and the TV are installed and working. DB Sound will research why the monitor speaker by the piano is not working.
- Email vote on October 8th – Donna made the motion to surplus the old projectors and leftover bulbs and to allow DB Sound to take them and donate them to the Girls Club in Rapid City. Helena seconded and motion carried.

New Business:

- Membership changes: Loss: Lowell Swedlund – deceased September 3, 2026
- W/ELCA Craft & Goodie Sale Date – The date of their event is the same day the Synod will be at CLF for a Q & A on the MSP. Discussion was to shorten the service that day to accommodate both things.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastors Written Report Highlights – Report was emailed to members. Discussed some of them.
- Monthly Readings from "Healthy Churches/ Faithful Pastors" book – Didn't discuss this month but encouraged all to read through it.
- Interim Pastor Randy works with Church Council to assimilate and collaborate on the church Call Committee paperwork – Pastor Skills and Gifts/ Job Description – Pastor Randy will forward our choices to the Call Committee on the Pastor Skills and Gifts/Job Description.

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Intern's Report:

- Written report was handed out
- Discussion of Growing Roots Outdoor areas – There is some soil erosion on the northeast side of outdoor area. Recommendation is for them to meet with Shannon P and Lonnie to determine best plan of action. They would also like to fence off an area directly behind the 0-3 classroom. This area is not specifically listed in contract so needs further discussion.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- Caring Hands, Karen Barness – No meals made in October but will in November.
- Christian Education, Dave Ruen – Reviewed committee activity from September 21st meeting.
- Endowment, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report
- Mutual Ministry, Helena Buehler – Nothing to report.
- Property, Lonnie White – Nothing to report.
- Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. The committee recommended to send $5,000 to Colombia Disaster Relief. Craig moved, Dave seconded to approve. Motion carried.
- W/ELCA, Kathy Bradeen – Nothing to report.
- Worship, Music & Technology, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2026:
Treats – Pastor Randy. Devotions – Craig Black.
Greeter – _____.
Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer
Adjournment
Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

Thank You

October 20 was one month since the intense fire took our unattached garage. Of course there was shock disbelief, sorrow and some heartbreak with losses, including Bob's '87 Firebird and lots of tools and equipment. However, amidst these troubles we knew blessings and provisions were happening and were coming. No loss of life and our home was unharmed.

As you know, prayer calms the spirit. During the afternoon and firefighting, Intern Juliana came to see us and, standing in the yard, prayed with us. We thank God for prayer—the gift for us to talk to him. Since that afternoon, we have had compassion overflowing around us and for us. We are so grateful for our caring church family. We thank you for the many ways you have shared and we have received your compassionate thoughts and prayers—cards, calls, visits, food, and more. Even help going forward with the demolition, filling dumpsters, and rebuilding of the garage. Please know we thank God for all of you.

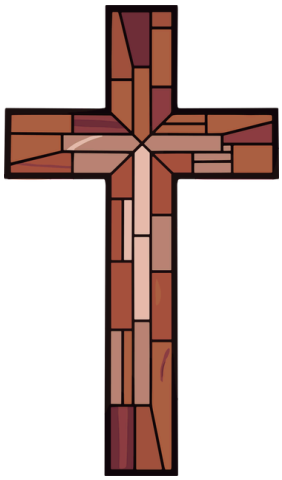
Scriptures and songs also come quickly to mind….

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God…"
"Count Your Blessings"
"How Great Thou Art".
"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" I Thess 5:18

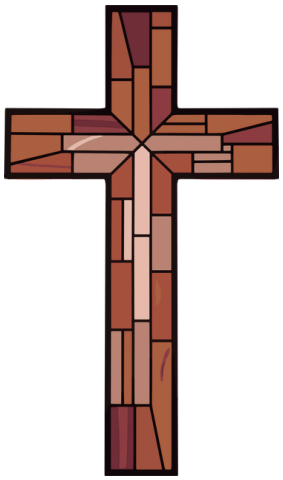
Very truly and gratefully yours,
Bob and Cozy Dorton

Thank You

Awe I got the CLF package in the mail. That made my week! It's so sweet. Thank you so much for putting that together. Makes my heart smile ☺️
Abby Studt




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Sun, Nov 1, 2026, 1 Kings 3:4-9, [10-15], 16-28 Solomon's Wisdom
Monday, November 2, 2026, 1 Kings 6:1-22 Solomon Builds the Temple
Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 1 Kings 8:1-13 Dedication of the Temple
Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 1 Kings 8:54-61 Solomon Blesses the Assembly
Thursday, November 5, 2026, 1 Kings 10:1-13 Visit of the Queen of Sheba
Friday, November 6, 2026, 1 Kings 10:14-29 Visit of the Queen of Sheba
Saturday, November 7, 2026, 1 Kings 11:1-13 Solomon's Errors
Sunday, November 8, 2026, 2 Kings 5:1-15a, [15b-19] Elisha Heals Naaman
Monday, November 9, 2026, 2 Kings 2:13-18 Elisha Succeeds Elijah
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 2 Kings 2:19-25 Elisha Performs Miracles
Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 2 Kings 4:1-7 Elisha and the Widow's Oil
Thursday, November 12, 2026, 2 Kings 4:8-37 Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son
Friday, November 13, 2026, 2 Kings 4:38-41 Elisha Purifies the Pot ofStew
Saturday, November 14, 2026, 2 Kings 4:42-44 Elisha Feeds 100 Men
Sun, Nov 15, 2026, Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 Micah
Monday, November 16, 2026, Micah 1 Judgment and Doom
Tuesday, November 17, 2026, Micah 2 Social Evils Denounced
Wednesday, November 18, 2026, Micah 3 Wicked Rulers
Thursday, November 19, 2026, Micah 4 Peace and Promise
Friday, Nov 20, 2026, Micah 5:1, 5-15; 6:1-5, 9-16 God's Challenge
Saturday, November 21, 2026, Micah 7 Prophecy of Restoration
Sun, Nov 22, 2026, Is. 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4 Christ the King: Swords Into Plowshares
Monday, November 23, 2026, Isaiah 36:4-12 Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem
Tuesday, November 24, 2026, Isaiah 37:8-13 Hezekiah Consults Isaiah
Wednesday, November 25, 2026, Isaiah 37:14-29 Hezekiah's Prayer
Thursday, November 26, 2026, Isaiah 37:30-38 Sennacherib's Defeat and Death
Friday, November 27, 2026, Isaiah 38:1-22 Hezekiah's Illness
Saturday, November 28, 2026, Isaiah 39:1-8 Envoys from Babylon Welcomed
Sunday, November 29, 2026, Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19 Advent I: Faith as a Way of Life
Monday, November 30, 2026, Habakkuk 1:5-11 The Prophet's Complaint



Church E-Mail Addresses

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

Main address: officemanger@custerlutheran.com
Pastor: pastor_clf@gwtc.net

December Newsletter Deadline

Please have articles for the December Newsletter to the office by November 23. 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. 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





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