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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY IS HOLY HUMOR
 SUNDAY, CLEAN CHURCH JOKES
 AND MISMATCHED CLOTHES



Holy Humor Sunday, April 7th, is going to be "Silly Sunday!"

Come dressed in your silliest, brightest clothes while we laugh and play and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! It will be so much fun!

COUNCIL RETREAT



CLF is so blessed to have such strong leaders on our Church Council. All nine of us gathered at Outlaw Ranch from March 22nd at 4pm to 12:30pm on March 23rd. We spent time studying scripture, getting to know each other better, eating great food and most importantly contemplating the ministries of CLF. After many hours of brainstorming and goal setting, it was decided that we want all of our members to join us in some more brainstorming. There will be a whiteboard set up in the Narthex with some of our ideas and we'd

like you to add to the lists. Then in May, there will be a survey made available to all of us to take in order to prioritize our ideas as well as to see what our collective gifts are as a congregation. Please watch for more information in the bulletins and next month's Crossroads Newsletter.



GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK — MARCH 29 AT 6:30 AM

One of the favorite traditions at CLF is the "Good Friday Cross Walk" around Stockade Lake. We gather at the church at 6:30am to carry the cross together in remembrance of Jesus journey through the streets of Jerusalem. The pace is not fast, and we stop several times to hear scripture and pray together for those who suffer near and far. Back at CLF, we celebrate the beginning of this best and worst of all days with a potluck breakfast. There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center for people to read a scripture, carry the cross and pray, as well as bring breakfast items.

Maundy Thursday – March 28th at 6:30 pm
Good Friday – March 29th at 6:30 pm
Easter Crosswalk — March 29th at 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday – March 31st
Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 am
Easter Worship at 9:30 am



For over 40 years I have shouted "Alleluia" on Easter morning and have never really thought about what the word meant. So on a whim I looked it up and found out it means "Praise the Lord." Which probably seems obvious, but I'm really glad we say Alleluia because it's fun to say! Since then it's been a little bit of a code word for me to say to people who aren't particularly religious. Saying "Praise the Lord" to them or around them could make them feel a little awkward, and I want to be respectful of their feelings. Now when I hear good news, I often will exclaim, "Alleluia!" I've even been know to say it when I see a new shoot of grass pushing through the ground, or a bird returning for the Spring! What makes you say "Alleluia?" I'd encourage you during this Easter Season to keep a running list of Alleluia moments, and you will likely be surprised at how often you want to "Praise the Lord!"



One Alleluia subject has to do with the fact that I have now completed a full year cycle of worshipping participating in the life of CLF. What a joy it has been! Last year after Easter I prayed about what new life looks like in our life together, and for God to reveal to us how together we are participating in the Resurrection of Jesus. This year has been one of new growth in this place. Our youth ministry programs are thriving, our building is always buzzing with activity, our sanctuary is full on Sundays and Wednesdays, and there is a genuine openness to how and where God is calling us to live out Jesus' mission.

During this Easter Season, along with paying attention to Alleluia moments, I would ask you to pray about how we as a church can continue to grow in faith and action in our world. Where would God invite us to share our abundance? During Lent we heard powerful stories about many of the ministries that CLF supports with money and goods. That mountain was amazing! Now I'd like to stretch us even more and consider ways that we can personally get involved. How can we be God's Work, Our Hands with the ministries that are right here in our back yard. Can we help recruit staff and volunteers and support Outlaw Ranch? Can we put together a mission trip to go work together with the Reconciliation Center in Pine Ridge? Can we go to Rapid City and help with the feeding ministries of Woyaton Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran Church? What about sponsoring a family in Foster Care or a women in the prison Re-entry program through LSS? Are we ready to start thinking about taking a group to Columbia again? This list could go on and on. So let's start brainstorming! Then let's make a plan! Be watching for an opportunity this June for us to come together and put dreams and plans and visions into action. We are a generous, talented, passionate group of Jesus Followers, and God is calling us! Alleluia!

Looking forward to working alongside you!

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Shannon



PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON WHEN:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ There is a hospitalization in your family ✦ You would like a pastoral visit ✦ Someone becomes homebound ✦ There is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a death in your family There is a birth or adoption Someone becomes unemployed |
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Hospitals don't notify the pastor that a member is in the hospital, even if they ask your church membership when you arrive. So please let the pastor know if you or a family member is in the hospital. Custer Lutheran Fellowship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

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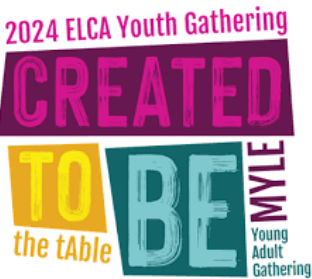
My preferred method of communication for regular information is through email, which I check twice daily. You are welcome to call or text my cell phone during the day/regular work hours, but I ask that please only call or text after 7pm if it is an emergency. I also would love to meet with you at the church or in your home. It's probably a good idea to call the office first to see if I am there, as I am trying to get out and about in the community as much as I can! I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

SPARK KIDS

Join us for SPARK Kids! During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We sing songs, have a snack, and do a game or craft that ties into the Bible story. It is always a fun time of learning and laughing, with also some great questions and deep thinking! Pickup is 5:00-5:15. There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/guardians in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the office. Substitute drivers needed if you can help since we have 35 kids signed up now! All are welcome!



THE YOUTH GATHERING



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. This year the Gathering will be in New Orleans, LA. Fourteen kids from our youth group will join Lutherans Outdoors of SD and 200 other SD youth to go together on charter buses on July 13th-21st! South Dakota is once again sending the most kids to the gathering! 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 more than \$20,000 for our group. You can donate with Youth Gathering in the memo line and help us reach our goal! Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 with any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE SCHEDULE



Meal at 5:15 pm
April 3th – Lasagna
April 10th – Sandwich Bar
April 17th – Jackie’s Surprise
April 24th – Pizza

Worship at 6:00 pm
No Worship today
Worship at 6:00 pm
Worship at 6:00 pm
Worship at 6:00 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Middle School Students: There will be no Wednesday classes during April, but watch your emails for weekend days that we will meet for longer classes.



WORSHIP & MUSIC



Back Row Bases: Rex Jorgensen, Gene Fennell, Bill Tretheway, Brian Albers; Third Row Tenors: Dennis Wicks & John Kirk; Second Row Altos: Ginny Myers, Annette Peterson, Tranda Nelssen, Janice Albers, Janna Jorgensen; Front Row Sopranos: Barb Lewison, Jane Looyenga, Lavina Shoop, Clarinne Koeppe, Margaret Tretheway, Jenn Doyle; Not pictured: Accompanist Cozy Dorton, Katie Hoegermeyer, Leslie Noem, Dave & Jan Thom.

Greetings!

I just wanted to give you an update on our piano bench. It was placed on backorder, and we are still awaiting its arrival. In the meantime, we thank Augie Heyne for repairing our current bench. We know that it may not last very long, but we are extremely thankful for being able to use it while we are waiting for our new one to arrive.

I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge our CLF Choir. These people pour their heart and soul into the music we sing. They work hard and devotedly share their talents to help spread God's word through song. When we meet for choir, it is not only a time for practice. It is also a time for fellowship. This group of people warm my heart and have become family. All are welcome, so feel free to join us anytime.

Recently, two of our CLF Choir members decided to retire. Harold Snow and Lavina Shoop have been dedicated members of the choir for many years. We appreciate the gift of music they have shared with us over the years and wish them well in their retirement. They will be greatly missed! Thank you for sharing your time and talents! It was an honor to work with you!

God's blessings to each of you:
Jenn Doyle



WORSHIP AND NOISY OFFERING



As you know, we collect a noisy offering on the second Sunday of each month, that we send to a mission or to do something special with it. We are currently collecting the noisy offering that will be going to LSS, Lutheran Social Services. Thank you for your support to help with this mission.

We collected a total of \$ 108.99, for the Operation Black Hills Cabin in March. April Noisy Offering will be Lutheran Social Services (LSS).





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:

Pastor Shannon — pastor_@gwtc.net
Main address (Mary) — clf@gwtc.net

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the May Newsletter to the office by April 23rd. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS



The church office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. The office days and hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM—4:30 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM—6:00 PM
Friday OFFICE CLOSED

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.

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 only. You can set up your own login/password and make changes with your giving at any time.



**Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Statement of Activities
For the Year-to-Date Ending February 29, 2024**

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Contribution Revenues	\$ 75,883.18	\$ 60,748.00	\$ 15,135.18
Operating Expenses			
61.0 Pastoral Leadership	\$13,734.42	\$ 13,561.00	\$ 173.42
62 Worship	5,157.63	5,221.00	(63.37)
63.00 Education	13,347.63	13,306.00	41.63
64.00 Mission Support	3,645.00	6,190.00	(2,545.00)
65.00 SUPPORT/CARE	10,299.03	988.00	9,311.03
66.00 Office Operations	5,712.13	11,775.00	(6,062.87)
67.00 Facilities Expenses	10,021.92	20,563.00	(10,541.08)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 61,917.76	\$ 71,604.00	\$ (9,686.24)
Other Revenues	\$ 6,483.80	\$ 334.00	\$ 6,149.80
Other Expenditures	681.22	-	681.22
Net Other Revenue & Expenditures	\$ 5,802.58	\$ 334.00	\$ 5,468.58
Total Net Revenue(Loss)	\$ 19,768.00	\$ (10,522.00)	\$ 30,290.00





CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, April 9th from 5-7 PM. at the Custer Community Church located at 6th & Harney.

Gather for a meal with friends and neighbors
(no charge and for more information call (605)673-4090)

MISSING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have noticed that your birthday or anniversary has been missing from our birthday and anniversary list, please do not be offended! We are not omitting you on purpose! It is because we do not have the information sheet we need that has birthdays, updated phone numbers, and email addresses. This is true even if you have filled out information for your children through the confirmation or SPARK Kids program. We may have children's birthdays, but not the parents. Please stop by the office and fill out a form so we may update our lists to include your very important dates! You can also give us your birthday without providing the year! Thank you!

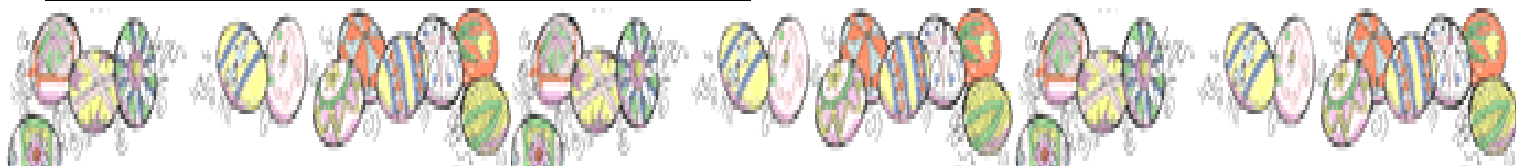
"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **April through June issue** is here. We give thanks to W/ELCA for providing this devotional for your personal use.

If you would like an issue, you can stop by the office to pick one up, or contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.

LYNN'S RECEIPTS

We are still collecting receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart. We appreciate so much everyone who brings their receipts. We wanted everyone to be aware that we do not collect the gas discount receipts, though. We want you to keep those to get your gas discount! But continue to drop off your receipts in the office or in the can at the Welcome Center. Thank you!





CLF LIFE IN PICTURES



PARISH NURSE UPDATE



High blood pressure or hypertension is a common condition that affect the body’s arteries. When the blood pressure is too high the heart has to work harder to pump the blood through the arteries. A blood pressure over 130/80 is now considered to be hypertension.

Untreated high blood pressure increases the risk of heart attack, stroke and other serious health conditions. Usually there are no symptoms of high blood pressure as it usually develops over time. It is important to have your blood pressure checked at least every 2 years ages 18-39 unless there are risk factors, then at least yearly. People age 40 and older should have their blood pressure checked at least once a year. This is a great reason to stop & see me when I am taking blood pressures!

Risk factors include age, race and family history, obesity, tobacco use or vaping, low potassium levels, too much salt, stress, drinking too much alcohol, pregnancy and certain chronic conditions including kidney disease, diabetes and sleep apnea.

There can be some major complications of prolonged high blood pressure including heart attack, stroke, aneurysm, heart failure, kidney disease, eye problems, metabolic syndrome, changes in memory or understanding and dementia.

The sooner you are able to manage your high blood pressure the less risk of severe complications. If you have questions please speak to your provider.

Healthy body, healthy soul
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



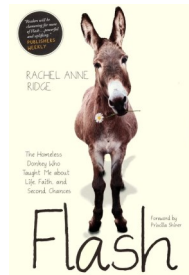
MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

I attended a webinar about mental health and faith a few weeks ago. They spoke about mental wellness when discussing mental health issues. I like this term so much more. When someone is going through a mental health crisis, it is difficult to feel God’s presence. We know that God is with us at all times, whether it is a very difficult time or times of joy. It is also an important time that the church stands beside you as well. You all must know you are never alone.

Healthy mind, healthy life
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse



THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY



The Thursday Morning Christian Book Study group meets at Monument Health Assisted Living each week at 9:30 am. All women are encouraged to attend. We are reading this new book called “Flash”

They welcome anyone that would like to join them.





Build-a-Mountain Summary

Your Social Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their generous offerings during the CLF Build-a-Mountain Lenten event. Carloads of items have been delivered to each of the five non-profit organizations doing God's Work in our community. In addition to the "wish list" items, cash offerings were also collected: W.E.A.V.E. will receive \$ 250, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive \$246, Custer Humane Society \$309, The Storehouse \$201, and LSS Loads of Love \$221. Thank you fellow parishioners!





CLF CHOIR ~ APRIL

Practices:

Wednesday, April 3rd ~ **NO CHOIR**
 Wednesday, April 10th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary
 Wednesday, April 17th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Special Music:

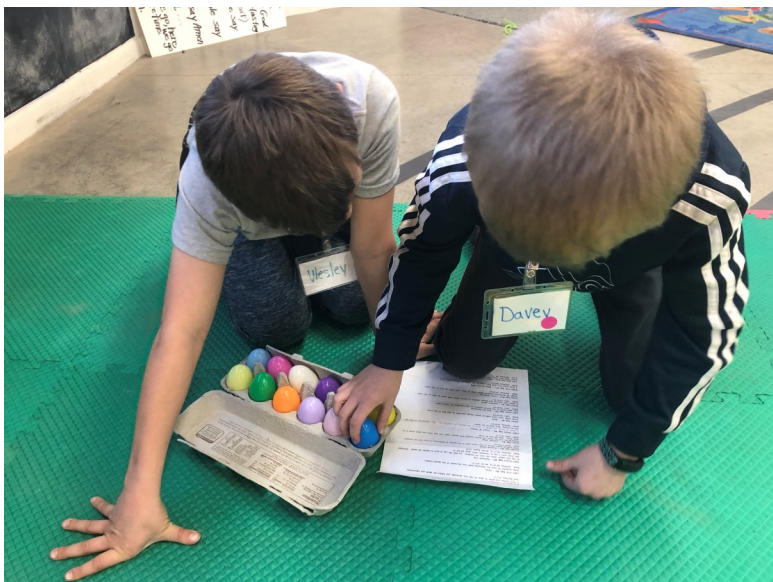
Sunday, April 21st @ 9:30 a.m. church
 We will be singing a contemporary piece called "10,000 Reasons." It almost feels as if spring is in the air. We definitely have over 10,000 reasons to be thankful for, especially following the Easter season and all the sacrifices that were made for us. Feel free to join us! We would love to sing with you!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES—CONTACT US!

A special Graduation Breakfast will be on **Saturday, May 18th**, for all 2024 high school graduates who are members of CLF. We want to celebrate with your graduate and your family. We want to be sure we are aware of all who are graduating and that we have their names spelled correctly. Please let the office know if your child will be graduating this year and how many people will attend the breakfast. Email clf@gwtc.net.



Great Friends at CLF





W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 11:30 am. It will be a Potluck lunch in the Fireside Room. The program for our April meeting will be Jessica Lillebo, from Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. Should be a meaningful time for all.



The March Program was the Growing Roots Preschool Children singing. They did an excellent job! We greatly appreciated having them for our program. Thanks Ladies

The WELCA made the decision to donate \$500 to the YMCA for scholarships.

REMINDER: The "Auction of Talents" will be held on Sunday, April 7th following church. All are welcome to bring an auction item or two. Please bring your talent to church, we will auction it off. We have had photographs, quilts, paintings and etc. It is a fun time for all.

Everyone has a talent!!! You may bring it early and leave it in the Sewing Room. We will be setting up on Saturday, April 6th from 3-5 pm, if you wish to drop it off early.

W/ELCA Mission Project for April — June is for W.E.A.V.E.

Items needed are:

Paper products — tissues, toilet paper
Shampoo, soaps, and lotion

Feminine products
Laundry Soap

QUILTING



We continue to meet every Tuesday morning from 9--11AM doing all the different steps it takes to put a quilt together.

So thankful for all the gifts of fabric and money received that keeps us supplied.

Come join us. We have fun.

"The Busy Quilter's"



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the prayer chain and to those who have been praying for my recovery from back surgery on January 22nd.

We felt the power of prayers on January 21st as we drove to RC to spend the night. Both Alan and I felt an overwhelming calmness that day and evening that carried us through surgery and the following days and nights. We felt covered

in God's love. Thank you too for the visits at Custer swing bed and cards that I received. We feel blessed and I sincerely thank you for your love and kindness.

Love, Kim Webster

Council Minutes – March 19th, 2024 Meeting

Secretary's Report: The correspondence was reviewed There was consensus and the minutes for the February meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru February were 106% (\$3,366.77) of budget and expenses were 86.5% (-\$9,686.24) of budget.

Still working on the ICON Accounting module implementation.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ **Thrivent Choice** – March \$217.00, YTD - \$824.00
- ◆ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – March \$200.00, YTD - \$400.00
- ◆ **Correction to February Minutes** – Helena moved, Mark seconded to remove Mary Winter from all the Black Hills Federal Credit Union accounts. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Upper Room Apartment** – Not pursuing the apartment at this time due to issues with our insurance company
- ◆ **Growing Roots Update** – They want to extend the contract for another year. Helena moved, Shana seconded that we are willing with some adaptations to the contract. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Employee Contracts** – All but one have been signed and returned. Dave will also sign them.
- ◆ **Sam's Club Business Card** – Mary has researched the costs. Shana moved, Helena seconded to purchase a Sam's Club Business Plus for \$115/year and get 2 cards. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Pictorial Directory** – Would like to do this in the early fall. Donna to research.

New Business:

- ◆ **Membership changes:** None. There were 9 people in the new membership class and the welcome will be at the end of April.
- ◆ **Stove/Oven in Kitchen** – Have received a donation towards the purchase of a new one. Helena moved, Craig seconded to authorize the Property Committee to remove and dispose of the old stove. Motion passed.
- ◆ **Approve Audit (Financial Review) Committee Report** – Report was not included in the agenda, will approve at the next meeting. Discussion on developing finance policies.
- ◆ **Other** –

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Review Worship & Activities** – Felt the mid-week lent services went well with the intergeneration participation. Gave accolades to Jenn for her work with the music. Discussed how long to continue Wednesday night services. Craig moved, Helena seconded to suspend Wednesday night worship service for the month of May and to resume in June with outdoor worships. Motion passed/.
- ◆ **Upcoming Times Gone** –
 - ◇ April 2-4 – Spring Theological Conference / April 11-19 – Vacation
 - ◇ May 5-7 – First Call Retreat Presenter

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ◆ **Caring Hands**, Helena Buehler – Reviewed committee activity. New committee structure is working well.
- ◆ **Christian Education**, Sara Mooney – VBS dates are set and planning is underway.
- ◆ **Endowment**, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.
- ◆ **Health Ministry**, Kathy Bradeen – A new display has been set up in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Mutual Ministry**, Dave Mertz – Have met again.
- ◆ **Property**, Mark Thompson – Property Committee will meet in April to discuss list of items that needed attention.
- ◆ **Social Ministry**, Craig Black – Build-A-Mountain was successful.
- ◆ **W/ELCA**, Shana Hindman – The Auction of Talents is scheduled for April 7th after worship.
- ◆ **Worship & Music**, Donna McConnell – Nothing to report. Have been working on new music slides.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM:

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY



Monday, April 1: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Tuesday, April 2: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20—2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Wednesday, April 3: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
Monday, May 1: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34: 17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday, May 2: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
Wednesday, May 3: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Easter 2

Thursday, April 4: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47
Friday, April 5: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31;
Saturday, April 6: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50;
Sunday, April 7: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31
Monday, April 8: Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11
Tuesday, April 9: Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17
Wednesday, April 10: Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27

Easter 3

Thursday, April 11: Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25
Friday, April 12: Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28
Saturday, April 13: Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30
Sunday, April 14: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
Monday, April 15: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16
Tuesday, April 16: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15—6:6; 2 John 1-6
Wednesday, April 17: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18

Easter 4

Thursday, April 18: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26
Friday, April 19: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28—47:6; Acts 4:1-4
Saturday, April 20: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34
Sunday, April 21: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
Monday, April 22: Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday, April 23: Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17
Wednesday, April 24: Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

Easter 5

Thursday, April 25: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8
Friday, April 26: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25
Saturday, April 27: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32
Sunday, April 28: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Monday, April 29: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday, April 30: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18
Wednesday, May 1: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31



THANK YOU

Thank you so very much to the volunteers that helped in any way with the Lenten Soup & Sandwich Meals on Wednesday nights during Lent.



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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 **servicing** 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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