

CROSSROADS

Monthly Newsletter for:

CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

12622 US HWY 16A
PHONE: 605-673-4691
EMAIL: clf@gwtc.net

CUSTER, SD 57730

www.custerlutheran.com

VOLUME 22, ISSUE 3

MARCH 2024

Inside This Issue

2	CLF Happenings
3	Pastor's Ponderings
4	CLF Youth Activities
5	Social Ministry
6	From the Church Office Financial Report
7	Miscellaneous
8	Music & Worship
9	The Women of CLF
10	Wednesday NightLife
11	Parish Nurse
12	CLF Life
13	Jesus Loves Us!
14	Council Meeting Minutes
15	Daily Devotions
Inserts	- March Calendar - Birthdays & Anniversaries

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

During the last week of this month our Journey through Lent will end. We will enter into Holy Week where we will experience the Passion story from beginning to end. On Palm Sunday we will be participating in the Passion Story as we use Walter Wangerin's beautiful service *The Cry of the Whole Congregation*. On Maundy Thursday, many of our Spark kids will celebrate their First Communion. During our Good Friday Service we will have a service where we hear and contemplate the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. And then, we will break out the Alleluias on Easter Sunday and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Please join us to hear this amazing story and be willing to let the Holy Spirit be stirred in you as we worship together!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Soup Suppers began starting with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We gather for a simple, yet hearty meal of soup and bread with meat and cheese from 5:00 PM — 5:45 PM on Wednesdays. Lenten Soup Suppers go from February 14th through March 20th. Please consider signing up to bring a batch of soup or provide some bread one of these weeks! Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Plan to join us for Lenten Worship at 6:00 PM on Wednesday's
March 6th March 13th March 20th

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24th—9:30 Worship
Maundy Thursday, March 28th—6:30 Worship
Good Friday, March 29th—6:30am Cross Walk; 6:30pm Worship
Easter Sunday, March 31st—6:30 am Sunrise Service;
9:30 am Easter Service



EASTER LILIES



If you would like to provide lilies to help decorate the church for Easter, please bring them to the church by Thursday, March 28th. If given in honor or in memory of someone or to the Glory of God, please let the office know by Monday, March 25th, so the names can be listed in the bulletin. Email clf@gwtc.net or call 673-4691.



TIME CHANGE IS COMING SOON!



Don't forget to change your clocks ahead on Saturday, March 9th before bed or you could be late for church on Sunday, March 10th. Remember to spring forward!

LENTEN SEASON OFFERING - HELP US BUILD A MOUNTAIN

“On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” Genesis 22:14

Your Social Ministry Team is once again planning an exciting way for us to participate in a Lenten Season Offering. As in recent years, we will be building a mountain at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits conducting God's work in our community will be collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for five weeks beginning February 26. We will focus on the following organizations: W.E.A.V.E., The Storehouse; Pine Ridge Diaper Drive, Humane Society—Custer, and LSS “Loads of Love”.

Listed below is a list of items needed by each of these non-profit organizations:

Shopping List

W.E.A.V.E. (Women Escaping a Violent Environment):

A very special organization in our community that has been helping women and children in need for over 30 years.

- ✦ Toilet paper, Paper towels, shampoo and conditioner, Suave Children's shampoo, new or gently used sleepers, twin sheets that are new or gently used.

The Storehouse:

Their mission is to serve people in Custer County by receiving and distributing with respect and compassion donated food and household items.

- ✦ Canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, cranberry sauce boxed cereals, 32 oz. shelf milk, canned meat and soups.

Pine Ridge Diaper Drive:

Diapers are as essential to a child's basic needs as food and shelter—yet state and federal programs do not offer special funding for those in need.

- ✦ Disposable diapers, especially sizes 5's & 6's.

Humane Society—Custer:

- ✦ Dry dog food: Purina, or other name brand,
- ✦ Dry cat food: Purina or other name brand
- ✦ Monetary donations to assist with bills, etc. are helpful as well.



Lutheran Social Service, “Loads of Love”

Laundry baskets, bath mats, shower curtains, towel sets, toilet paper, hand soap, small waste baskets, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products, body wash, toothpaste, nail clippers, pillows (new), twin or twin XL sheets (new), blankets, kitchen waste baskets and trash bags. Kitchen towels, hot pads, dish soap, dish cloths, sponges, scrub brush, plates, bowls, eating and cooking utensils, storage containers, basic cookware or bakeware, window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, Paper towels, dishwasher pods, gift cards for Walmart—Target—straight talk phone cards—McDonalds—Starbucks—Little Caesars—etc.

You are welcome to bring any and all donations to the altar (or church office) during the first 5 weeks of Lent. You are also welcome to bring in a special monetary offering for the non-profit to the altar (or church office) as well.



MINNESOTA STATE CONCERT CHOIR VISITS CLF

The **Minnesota State University, Mankato Concert Choir** will be touring in South Dakota March 2 - 5th, and they will be giving a **community concert at Custer Lutheran Fellowship at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 3rd**. Their director, Dr. Elisabeth Cherland, taught grades 6-12 vocal music in Custer from 2009 - 2014 and Elisabeth is married to Pastor Kent Narum who served at CLF from 2006 - 2014. All are welcome to attend and hear this wonderful choir give a varied and enjoyable concert!



Following the concert, there will be a community potluck meal at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, with time for visiting with the choir, Elisabeth, and other attendees. Please join us!



Wasn't it wonderful to have so many spring-like days during February? I wonder if this happens to anyone else, that when we have days that feel like Spring is here, that Spring just might be here? The truth is, however, not yet. You are receiving this newsletter at the beginning of March, with lots of announcements about Easter. Unless you are reading this on March 31st, we still have a few more weeks of Lent, it's not Easter yet.

And yet...we know that Jesus has already been raised from the dead, that the cross and the tomb are empty! So why Lent? Why Holy Week? Why do we retell the story of Jesus' death and not just skip to retelling the story of the Resurrection?

For the last several weeks we have been reading from Mark's Gospel. In the first chapter, Jesus tells the people "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:15). It is still true today, the Kingdom of God has come near. But it is not fully here, not yet. The work of conquering death on the cross has been accomplished, but there is still despair and sin in this world. Until God has accomplished what God sent Jesus to do, and through the power of the Holy Spirit has empowered the Body of Christ to accomplish, then God still has work to do.

This is such mysterious and sometimes confusing theology, this idea of already and not yet. It is also very beautiful to think that because of Christ's death, because of his Resurrection, there is still hope for us. If it was done and over and there was still so much suffering and oppression, and injustice in the world, it would be a pretty sad and maybe even hopeless feeling. The Good News is that Christ is still at work in us, in the world, in the Cosmos!

During these last few weeks of Lent we get the opportunity to live in this tension. We are still human with mortal bodies, hard work to do, and no way to know what will come next in our own lives or the life of the church. But we come to strip away our ego and our arrogance and our sinful nature that tries to tell God what to do. And we wait. We wait to sing Alleluia. We wait to bring Wednesday Worship back into the Sanctuary. We wait and we remember all that Jesus has done and is still doing on our behalf. We trust that the Kingdom of God is here, but we are not fully there, not yet. And yet, we believe that on that Glorious day, when we are all gathered around the Heavenly banquet, we will indeed be surrounded by the Glory of God! We will then finally understand the words Paul wrote, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:5)

In the wait with you,
your sister in Christ,
Pastor Shannon



PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR SHANNON 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

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.

Pastor Shannon Witt 563-542-6080

pastor_clf@gwtc.net

church office 605-673-4691





CONFIRMATION DURING LENT

Students will meet and eat on Wednesdays between 5-5:30 pm, then join Pastor Shannon in preparing for the Wednesday Lenten Services. There will not be Confirmation March 27 or April 3rd.



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. We have a great time chatting about so many topics and playing a wide variety of games. We are using the Bible Study that goes along with the Youth Gathering theme: **CREATED TO BE.... BRAVE, AUTHENTIC and FREE!** Please contact me if you would like to help with fundraisers or any activity that brings faith and fun to our youth! Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more info!



SPARK KIDS BY WENDI RUSCH

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!



Reminder Regarding Dishes



Remember that there are several dishes that have names and no names on them that are left from events that were served here at CLF. You can find them in the hallway by the kitchen. Please check to see if you have a dish that belongs to you. **Those remaining after March 6th will be donated. Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2024

"The Chiefs Win the CLF Pancake Breakfast Bowl!"



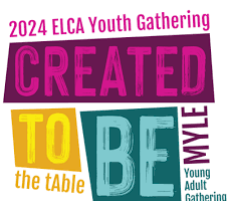
Over 100 hungry CLF'ers enjoyed sharing breakfast and fellowship at this year's Pancake Breakfast. Our RAP group helped out in a big way cooking, serving and cleaning up. We had fun with asking our "customers" to place their free-will offering in one of two baskets identifying who they thought would win that evening's Super Bowl LVIII game. The Kansas City Chiefs won, walking away, with over two-thirds of the pot. The San Francisco 49ers came in a distant second.

A total of over \$1,425 was collected from the free will offering. Our proceeds this year will go to support the Wambli Ska Youth Center and the CLF Youth travelling to this year's World Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Thank you for your generosity!



2024 ELCA NATIONAL 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! Way to go! 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! We are also looking for fundraising ideas. Contact Wendi 509-494-3236 with any questions.



CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you would to e-mail someone in the church office, our e-mail addresses are:
Pastor Shannon: pastor_clf@gwtc.net
Main address (Mary): clf@gwtc.net

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the April Newsletter to the office by March 20th. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.
Wednesday's open from 10 AM—6 PM.
Phone number is: 605-673-4691

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.



CLF FINANCIAL REPORT

The CLF Financial Report for this month is not available due to transitioning to new financial programming.

If you have any questions, please make contact with
Treasurers Joy Smolnisky 605-929-1244
or Sara Mooney 605-440-1899



EASTER VIGIL

EASTER
VIGIL



Outlaw Ranch will be hosting an Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th with lunch served at noon and an interactive service will be from 1-3pm. This service will be using symbols and stories to teach about Jesus' passage from death to life. Pastor Jeremy Duprey from The Community Lutheran Church in Hill City and Pastor Laura Beall from St. John's Lutheran Church in Hot Springs will be leading the service. This services is for people of all ages!



INK CARTRIDGES

We are currently collecting empty ink cartridges here at CLF. You may bring and drop off your ink cartridges by the Welcome Center.

The Social Ministry Committee recycles them and then in turn puts the credit received back towards our purchases.

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!

THANK YOU

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone that has been praying for me, brought food or has asked how I was doing before and since my recent surgery.

It was all greatly appreciated!
Jack Winter

The CLF church pianists traveled to Rapid City and shopped for a new piano bench at Hagerty's Music at the end of January. Donation money was used to purchase the new bench. We are very appreciative that we will no longer have to sit on books to be able to see our music as many of us are in the bi-focal/tri-focal era of our lives! We are extremely excited as the new bench has storage. It can also be raised or lowered to a desired height, and it is extra long for playing duets. Following our shopping, the ladies shared breakfast together at The Park. It was a wonderful morning of great conversation and time spent together.

March Choir

Wednesday, March 6th ~ Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13 ~ **NO CHOIR**

Wednesday, March 20th ~ Choir Practice ~ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) Special Music ~ 9:30 a.m.

The choir will be singing a piece entitled "*Who Is This King?*" and also helping with the Palm Sunday drama "*Cry of the Whole Congregation.*" Palm Sunday will be a day for rejoicing as Jesus makes his triumphant ride into Jerusalem.

The jubilation will quickly be overshadowed by the events that follow. From eating the Last Supper, to the agony in the garden, Pilot's judgment, and ultimately the crucifixion of Jesus, we will be taken through the events that led to the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



AUCTION OF TALENTS COMING SOON

REMINDER TO ALL:

April 7th after the service, stay for the Auction of Talents.

Last year it was a blast!



Everyone has a talent, share it and have fun at the same time.

WORSHIP TIMES

Our Sunday worship starts at 9:30 AM, followed by fellowship time.

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services start at 6:00 pm.

Maundy Thursday Worship is at 6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship is at 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Worship is at 6:30 AM

Regular Easter Worship is at 9:30 AM



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

The next WELCA meeting is Monday, March 18th at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. It will be a POTLUCK. The children from Growing Roots Preschool will sing.

Donna Talley of W.E.A.V.E. spoke to the group at the February meeting. It is amazing at how much they do for women. They offer shelter, counseling, and help with living needs.

Attention: If you have a dish on the shelf outside of the kitchen, please get it picked up right away as they will be given away soon.

QUILTING

Check out the ox-cart for old pictures, some of our quilts and needs.

Thank you for so many gifts that have been received. They will be put to good use.

A lot is getting done at church and at home.

“The Joyful Quilters”



“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.



PARISH NURSE NEWS/ MARCH 2024



March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death but it also is preventable thanks to screening. Screening can find signs of colon or rectal cancer letting doctors take action to prevent disease.

Screening can find colorectal cancer early when treatment is most effective. There are two types of screening options. You should discuss options with your doctor. One is stool based where you have a sample of your stool sent to a lab for testing. If it is positive you will need to undergo a colonoscopy. The second option is a colonoscopy, where your rectum and colon can be visualized through a scope for any evidence of potential cancer. A sample can be taken for testing through this scope. With the colonoscopy there is a prep done with the intention of cleaning out your bowels before the procedure. The prep can be unpleasant but benefits outweigh the discomfort. During the actual procedure you will be under anesthesia and monitored.

Who should be tested? Adults from age 45-75, sooner if there is family history. You can also go beyond 75 if your doctor recommends it.

Risk factors include having certain polyps (growths), family history, smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, drinking too much alcohol and inflammatory bowel disease or chronic problems with small intestine and colon. Unfortunately many people ignore warning signs or routine screening. Waiting too long can be deadly.

Healthy body/ Healthy life,
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

This month I am going to discuss Substance Abuse Disorders and especially how they can interact with Mental Illness. Repeated misuse of alcohol and/or drugs often occur simultaneously in individuals with mental illness, usually to cope with overwhelming symptoms. This combination has its own term, "dual diagnosis" or co-occurring disorders. Either one can develop first. This disorder affects over 17 million adults in the US.

Symptoms vary widely. A person withdraws from family & friends, sudden changes in behavior, engaging in risky behaviors, developing a high tolerance and withdrawal symptoms, and feeling like you need a drug in order to function.

Best treatment involves an integrated intervention where the person receives treatment for their mental illness and substance abuse disorder. First the person needs to go through a monitored withdrawal of the substance, usually done on an inpatient basis. This can take up to 7 days. Then Inpatient Rehabilitation is started in a treatment facility. They provide therapy, supportive medication if needed, and health services. Psychotherapy plays a large part in an effective treatment plan. Cognitive Therapy is also often included in treatment to help learn how to cope and change ineffective patterns of thinking. After this they may enter into supportive housing like a group home or sober house. Once out of treatment it is recommended to get involved in a self-help or support group. This can be a challenging and isolating time. In these kinds of groups you can feel safe to share frustrations, celebrate successes, find referrals, community resources and swap recovery ideas. Several of these groups are "Double Trouble in Recovery", AA or NA. We have local groups in our area.

Healthy mind/ Healthy spirit,
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

LENTEN ASHES





**JESUS LOVES
THE LITTLE
CHILDREN
BUT HE LOVES
BIG PEOPLE
TOO!**



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D FROM PAGE 14

▲ **Other –**

- ◇ **Music Accompanist Books & Choir Music Binders** – Jenn would like to purchase 2 new ELW Accompanist books as the old ones are missing pages and the Choir's music binders need replacement. Funds to come from Music Ministry Savings Account.

Pastor's Report:

Have been doing a lot of visitations. Grateful for the Caring Hands committee. Also grateful for Joy & Sara as treasurers, Jenn for music and Phil for covering Sundays. Feels a call for Pine Ridge and Woyatan and would like to do more with them. Would like people to be thinking of a possible mission trip.

**Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer
Adjournment**

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING

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 There was consensus and the minutes for the January meeting were approved. Worship attendance records were reviewed.

Mark moved, Helena seconded to elect Donna McConnell as Secretary. Motion passed.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: Sara explained the new look of the financial reports from the ICON software. They will continue to work on them.

- ▲ **Review & Approve 2024 Bank Authorization** – Mark moved, Helena seconded to approve the 2024 Bank Authorization. Motion passed.
- ▲ **Review & Approve 2024 E-Payment Authorization** – Shana moved, Mark seconded to approve the 2024 E-Payment Authorization. Motion passed.
- ▲ **Approve Youth Policy** – Guideline sheet was revised to agree with the insurance requirements. Mark moved, Craig seconded to approve the Youth Policy as amended. Motion passed.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ▲ **Thrivent Choice** – February \$480.00, YTD - \$607.00
- ▲ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – February \$100.00, YTD - \$200.00
- ▲ **Fellowship Hour** – Continued discussion. Mark moved, Helena seconded that once a month if needed, if no one is signed up by Thursday to be coffee hosts, the church will provide the treats and Mary will find someone to clean dishes. Motion passed.
- ▲ **Piano Bench** – a new piano bench has been purchased
- ▲ **Upper Room Apartment** – other options have come available at this time, but still looking at using it as an apartment. Still pursuing any insurance requirements.
- ▲ **Employee Contracts** – Pastor Shannon had copies of the employee contracts for those who wished to look at them.

New Business:

- ▲ **Membership changes:** Transfer – Robert & Kathleen Hales to Little White Church, Hill City, SD – Non-Denom.
- ▲ **Duties of Council** – Pastor Shannon stated that the duties of council members can be found in the Constitution. If anyone at some time feels they can't continue, please let her know.
- ▲ **Assign a liaison from Council to each committee** – See below for assignments.
- ▲ **Review & Approve Sexual Harassment & Misconduct Policies** – Craig moved, Sara seconded to approve the policies as amended. Motion passed.
- ▲ **Financial Review Committee** – Possible names: Brian Albers, Scot Hoscheid, Dave VerSteeg, Teresa Obenauer. Craig to talk with them.
- ▲ **Sam's Club Business Card** – Discussed purchasing a Sam's Club Business card. Mary to research costs.
- ▲ **Pictorial Directory** – Tabled until next meeting.
- ▲ **Funeral & Wedding Fees** – Reviewed current fees. Craig moved, Kathy seconded to raise the \$200 fees to \$250, the \$50 fees to \$75 and to add PA person to the wedding fees at \$75. Motion passed.
- ▲ **Council Retreat** – Tentatively set for March 22-23, from 4 PM to Noon at Outlaw Ranch. Pastor Shannon to check availability at Outlaw.
- ▲ **Certificate of Boiler Operation** – Is included in the agenda packet. Certificate is good until December 2025.

Continued on page 13.

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Lent 3

Thursday, February 29: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Friday, March 1: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

Saturday, March 2: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8;

Sunday, March 3: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Monday, March 4: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tuesday, March 5: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28

Wednesday, March 6: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19

Lent 4

Thursday, March 7: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6

Friday, March 8: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14

Saturday, March 9: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13

Sunday, March 10: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Monday, March 11: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 12: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday, March 13: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20

Lent 5

Thursday, March 14: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday, March 15: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14—5:4

Saturday, March 16: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

Sunday, March 17: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10;
John 12:20-33

Monday, March 18: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday, March 19: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday, March 20: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50

Passion/Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 21: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11

Friday, March 22: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday, March 23: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sunday, March 24: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Monday, March 25: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, March 27: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Easter

Maundy Thursday, March 28: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, March 29: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30: Resurrection of Our Lord—Vigil of Easter: Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18

Sunday, March 31, Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9;
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Sunday, March 31, Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

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





Custer Lutheran Fellowship, ELCA
12622 US Hwy 16A
Custer. SD 57730

Return Service Requested

U.S. Postage Paid
 Non Profit Organization
 Permit #5
 Custer, SD 57730

Place label here.

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*



**Ministering at
 Custer Lutheran Fellowship**
 Pastor: Shannon Witt
 Office Manager: Mary Winter
 Parish Nurse: Mary Klein
 Custodian: Augie Heyne
 Music: & Worship Coordinator:
 Jennifer Doyle
 Financial Secretary: Janice Albers
 Steve Baldwin
 Treasurer: Joy Smolnisky
 Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch
Ministers: All Members of CLF!