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CLF MEMBERSHIP

We are so glad that you have been a part of our worshipping community recently. We hope that you have felt the Holy Spirit working in the congregation and in you as we join together in worship, fellowship and ministry.

Our mission at Custer Lutheran Fellowship 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 welcome all people with a variety of gifts to do God's work in our community and the world.

We would love to have you join our faith community. We are holding a New Membership Class on Sunday, May 19th after worship at approx. 10:30 AM. Join me as we talk about who we are at CLF, what it means to be Lutheran Christian, and explore how to use our gifts throughout our lives. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center, or you can let Pastor Shannon know you will be attending.

If you have questions, email me at pastor_clf@gwtc.net, call the church office or call my cell phone at 563-542-6080.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE



4:00 PM Spark Kids
5:15 PM Meal
Confirmation
6:30 PM RAP Youth Group
Choir

There will be meals on May
No Wednesday night worship in May.

We will begin Campfire Worship on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:30 PM

MAY

RECOGNITION, BRUNCH AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Join us as we recognize, celebrate and bless our high school graduates in worship on Sunday, **May 12th** at the **9:30 AM worship service**.



Mark your calendars for Graduation Morning breakfast. Our 9th-11th grades will host a brunch on May 18th @ 9am for the church's Seniors and families. Anyone can sign-up to help on the sheet in the Narthex and we can use multiples of each food. It has been a fun tradition that Senior families appreciate each year when they have a graduate!

As a congregation, we are tremendously grateful for the graduates, for their families, and for our life together in the congregation.



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, playing games, and even crafting! We are using the Bible Study that goes along with the Youth Gathering theme: **CREATED TO BE.... BRAVE, AUTHENTIC, FREE and DISRUPTIVE!** The Youth group partnered with WELCA to provide Easter Brunch between the Sunrise Service and 9:30 Worships. Thank you SO much to all the families who sent food and especially the 11 youth that helped serve & clean up! We appreciate their hard work and together we raised over \$1700! Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more info!



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.

CLF loves to give kids their very own SPARK bibles! Let us know if your child would like one! We will hand them out on Sunday, May 5th during the 9:30 AM worship service.



Our last day of SPARK for this school year will be the 15th. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers assisting or driving and the 36 kids signed up this year! Contact Wendi #509-494-3236 for info!

CLF YOUTH RECEIVE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION AT CLF



Three youth received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, during the 6:30 PM Worship Service. They recently held their First Communion Class with Pastor Shannon Witt during SPARK Kids.

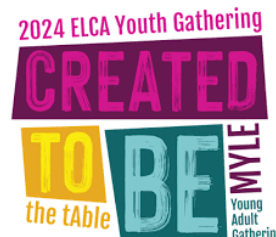
Students receiving their First Communion were: Phoenix Barrick. Arianna Arsenault and Grayson Arsenault.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW WALK WITH GOD!

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. Thirteen 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 at 509-494-3236 with any questions.



MARY STUTZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a Memorial Service honoring the life of Mary Stutz on Saturday, June 22nd, at 1 PM at Custer Lutheran Fellowship, with a lunch following the service.

Oh how I hope that the saying "April Showers bring May flowers" is true! I am so excited to start planting flowers and watching things grow! Of course, after last year's un-welcoming response from the voles and moles, I've decided I need to be a little more creative this year. I've done research on plants that voles and moles and rabbits and deer don't like and plan to plant a few of those. Darryn has helped me design and build some raised beds, and as soon as I'm mostly sure the frost/snow days are over, I will be scattering seeds and planting plants that the critters can't reach! Then I will cross my fingers and toes, call upon whichever saints are supposed to protect the flora and fauna, and probably say some convincing prayers that things will grow.



This is a very minor example of what Hope looks like. But as we all know, even with all the preparation, planning, trying and trying again, superstitious practices, and prayers, there is no guarantee. I am well aware that I'm trying to change the natural course of things by trying to outwit Mother Nature Herself. Zinnias and dahlias and tomatoes and sugar snap peas don't grow naturally in the Black Hills. Yet, I'm still going to try because I like fresh flowers and fresh vegetables, and darn it...I really don't like voles and moles! Even as I type this I realize how ridiculous I sound. So you may ask me, "Why do you do this?" Honestly, I ask myself this every time I try something new.

My friends, I believe that we are called to keep trying to do new things that bring beauty and health and hope to our world, even when it doesn't seem possible. I believe we are called to never stop trying to figure out how to be "in the world and not of the World" as we are taught in the Gospel of John 17:14-17. The whole 17th chapter of John is Jesus prayer to his Father, God, to help his disciples have hope even in a world that has been corrupted by so much darkness, especially due to death, disease, dangerous political ideologies, and despair. Jesus doesn't want his disciples to become jaded and hopeless. In fact he prays, "But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves." (John 17:13).

This prayer is for us today as well. Yes, there are many reasons to feel frustrated. If we trust that Jesus continues to intercede for us today, then we do not give up. Even though there is still darkness in the world, we keep trying to bring this joy of Christ everywhere we go. We plant seeds of hope in our children by providing them a wonderful, beautiful Vacation Bible School experience. We take our teens to sing and praise God for a week with 30,000 other teens from across the US. We repair the benches around our campfire ring so that we can worship outside in the beauty of this land that we are so blessed to be able to share. We continue to visit, provide food and encouragement for those who are not able to leave their homes or care centers. We make plans to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ in places where there continues to be oppression and despair in order to provide companionship and maybe even some assistance to alleviate their situations. We continue to welcome people and live as honestly as we can by the welcome statement we claim each week at the table of Holy Communion... we say ALL are welcome and we strive to mean it! This, my friends, is what hope looks like. And if something isn't quiet working, we pay attention for the timing to be right to try new things so that we can follow the one who prays for every part of God's amazing creation. We trust and follow our Lord, Jesus, to show us the way of beauty, health, and salvation for all!

Looking forward to watching things grow in and through CLF with you,
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
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Parish Nurse Notes

I have been discussing finding a new Parish Nurse as I planned to retire soon. No decisions have been made that I am aware of, so any of you nurses out there who may want to continue this role, please talk with Pastor Shannon. I have enjoyed working with the members of our congregation in times of need. Now I am really hoping for someone to take on this position as my husband and I have made the difficult decision to return to the Sioux Falls area to be closer to our family. We have loved living in this beautiful area and all of the wonderful people we have met and the many friends made. Our home will be on the market by the time you receive this newsletter. I don't know what we will do without Custer Lutheran Fellowship which is very important to us. We do plan on visiting, as we are leaving behind some great friends and I will need to take a walk by Stockade Lake every once in a while!

Maintaining Healthy Bones

Healthy bones continuously break down and rebuild at the cellular level. As we age our bones break down faster, especially for women after menopause. Bone rebuilding can't keep pace with breakdown, bones deteriorate and become weaker which leads to osteoporosis.

A bone density test measures the amount of calcium in your hips and spine. When a woman reaches 65 they should have their initial bone density test and earlier if at higher risk. Risk factors that affect bone density include smoking, drinking to excess, long term steroid medication use, low body weight, rheumatoid arthritis, a personal or family history of low trauma fractures esp. hip fractures and a chronic medical condition linked to early menopause or chronic liver disease.

There are measures you can take in your daily life, such as focusing on your diet and exercise habits that can keep your bones healthy. Weight bearing exercises such as walking, moderate aerobic exercises and muscle strengthening exercises can also help. Aim for 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week. Eat a well balanced diet and making sure you are getting enough calcium and vitamin D from the food you eat. Don't smoke and limit alcohol.

Healthy body/ Healthy life
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

Mental Wellness

There are so many aspects of mental wellness. It often involves coping with our emotions, feelings and self-worth. What I try to do is focus on different symptoms and illness involved with our state of mental wellness. Self-harm- People often keep this a secret from others but the urge isn't uncommon, especially in adolescents and young adults. Self-harm or self-injury means hurting oneself on purpose. Common ways are by cutting yourself or burning yourself or picking at wounds.

Hurting or thinking of hurting yourself is a sign of emotional distress. These uncomfortable emotions may become more intense when self-harm is continued. Self-harm also causes feelings of shame and scars may become permanent.

Self-harm is not a mental illness but a behavior that indicates a need for better coping skills. Those at most risk are people who have experienced trauma, neglect or abuse. The urge may begin with overwhelming anger, frustration or pain. When they don't know how to deal with their emotions, self-harm may feel like a release. If one does not feel many emotions, they may cause themselves pain in order to feel something "real". The first step is to tell a trusted adult. Treatment involves psychotherapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and learning better coping methods.

Healthy mind/ healthy life
Mary Klein RN Parish Nurse

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Videographers are needed!

As many of you are aware, we have been recording our Sunday worship service and posting it on Facebook and YouTube for people to watch and worship with us if they are not able to be with us in person on Sundays. The feedback from this has been very positive and people would like to continue to be able to have this opportunity to worship with us online. However, in order for us to continue to record the service, we need volunteers to run the video camera. There is an extra column on our Care and Serve sign up sheet titled: VIDEO for you to sign up each week. If you are willing but need some training, we will happily provide that for you! We have 3 volunteers currently at this time. They need a Sunday off just like all of the rest of us. Their commitment has been wonderful. Prayerfully consider if this is a gift you can offer so we can continue to provide this ministry.

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is being planned, so please help us spread the word!
Our next planning meeting will be May 5th at 6:30 in the Fireside Room.
If you would like to help in any way, please come.

Custer Lutheran Fellowship's
"You are God's Masterpiece"

Vacation Bible School
Free to ages 3 years to finished 5th grade
(Rides can be arranged, if needed)
9am-3pm (Preschool 9-12)

Early registration is helpful 673-4691
Or email clf@gwtc.net
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Bible stories, games, crafts, drama, STEM, food & FUN!

Offering will be taken for: WELCA Quilting Projects and the YMCA Child Care Center



NEW PIANO BENCH



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MEN'S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

The men's monthly breakfast study will meet again on **Saturday, May 11th at 8:00 AM** in the Fireside Room. We have enjoyed breakfasts, fellowship and studying the book of Genesis.



OUTLAW VOLKSMARCH

Outlaw Ranch along with the Black Hills Volkssport Club is sponsoring a volksmarch at Outlaw Ranch near Custer on Saturday, May 25th. Start time is from 8:00 until 11:00 and you must finish by 2:00. The cost to do the walk is \$4 for all participants. You will have the option to do a 5K (3 mile) or 10K (6 mile) hike. This is an opportunity to walk on the new trail system that has been developed on Outlaws property and goes through parts of the property that is very seldom seen. For more information you can contact Pastor Duane Neugebauer at donman1948@gmail.com or 303-489-9313.





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— clf@gwtc.net

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the June Newsletter to the office **by noon May 22nd**. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. Wednesday from 10:00 AM — 6:00 PM.



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.



ENJOY THE SPRING WEATHER AND PLEASE PRAY FOR RAIN!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars for June 15th for the Church Clean-Up Day.

A list of areas and items to be cleaned up is currently being gathered.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RE: TREASURER’S FIRST QUARTER 2024 QUICK UPDATE

Just a quick update on the first quarter income and expenses...non-restricted income and expenditures are in general alignment with the approved budget. Next month, after council meets, reviews and approves the quarterly fiscal reports, we will provide the approved Statement of Activities you are accustomed to seeing.

FREE CHAIRS

Are you looking for some folding chairs?



We have an abundance here at church and are looking to move some from the church them out as they have not been used for several years!

If you are interested in some chairs, please contact Pastor Shannon, Augie or Mary.

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!

“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.



The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** for observance of **Memorial Day.**

RECYCLING PLASTIC FILM

The Social Ministry Team has started to recycle plastic film. They have a collection box located in the Narthex for you to help recycle various forms of plastic film.

CAN RECYCLE

- PRODUCE BAGS
- ICE BAGS
- CASE OVERWRAP
- ZIPLOC & OTHER RECLOSABLE BAGS
- NEWSPAPER SLEEVES
- DRY CLEANING BAGS
- PLASTIC E-COMMERCE MAILERS
- STORE BAGS
- CEREAL BOX LINERS
- BREAD BAGS
- BUBBLE WRAP

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

CAN NOT RECYCLE

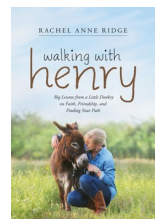
- FROZEN FOOD BAGS
- CHIP BAGS
- PET FOOD BAGS
- VINYL SHOWER CURTAINS/TABLECLOTHS
- HOT DOG OR MEAT WRAP PACKAGING
- PPE—GLOVES, MASKS, OR PROTECTIVE WEAR
- CANDY BAR WRAPPERS
- 6-PK. RINGS
- SILAGE OR HAY BAGS
- DEGRADABLE/COMPOSTABLE BAGS OR FILM PACKAGING
- PRE-WASHED SALAD MIX BAGS
- BEDDING AND LINEN PACKAGING
- NET OR MESH PRODUCE BAGS
- SHINY, CRINKLY FILMS LIKE FLORAL WRAP

More info is located at trex.com/recycling



LADIES BOOK STUDY

The Thursday morning Ladies Book Study are meeting at Monument Health Assisted Living at 9:30 AM. They have just finished reading “Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith and Second Chances”. It is a very good and interesting book. They loved “FLASH” so much that they decided to read another book by this author called “Walking with Henry: Big Lessons from a Little Donkey on Faith, Friendship and Finding your Path”. The ladies welcome anyone that would want to join them to come.



Palm Sunday March 24th



Maundy Thursday & First Communion ~ March 28, 2024



GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK & GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE





HE IS
RISEN,
INDEED!



STOVE, STOVE, WHERE'S THE STOVE?

The church council decided that after trying to find parts and etc. for the grill/stove/oven in the kitchen that they would try to sell it. It was placed on marketplace on online. It was quickly met up with 6 takers who were willing to come and get the stove for the asking price.

The unit was sold to a place in Mitchell, SD where they made Senior Meals and had a unit just like the one that was here at CLF.

Next, the plan was to get a couple of stoves to replace the unit that was sold. The office was notified that the stoves had been purchased from Karl's and should be here within two weeks. Well, that is anytime now!

The new updated stoves should be here soon! Check out the kitchen now and then for them. **THANK YOU!!!**



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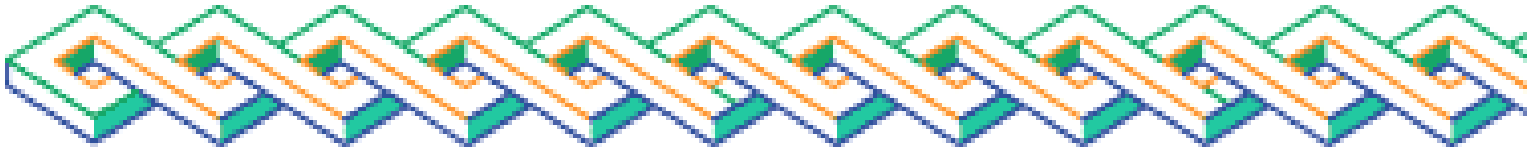


OUTLAW RANCH SUMMER STAFF SUPPORT

CLF has always had a wonderful relationship with the ministry of Outlaw Ranch. This summer we are going to see how we can support the summer staff and encourage them in their ministry. Would you be willing to "adopt" a summer staff person for the season? This would involve as much or as little as you are willing to offer, and can include ideas such as inviting them over for a meal, offering to drive them to a favorite Black Hills site and join them in a fun activity on their day off (many do not have a car, especially any of the international staff), or bring them treats and cards of encouragement throughout the summer. Please let Pastor Shannon know if you would like to assist with this effort to support Outlaw!

Attention Firewood Splitters

If you are willing to help with the splitting/stacking/selling of firewood this summer, please meet with Darryn Witt immediately **following worship on May 5th in the large Sunday School Room**. The funds from the sale of the firewood have in the past gone into a fund to support Youth ministry and our Rap Group. If you and your child are involved in those activities, we strongly encourage your participation in this effort throughout the summer. If you are willing to help, but not able to attend, please let Pastor Shannon or Darryn know!



Red Shirt Coffee House Mission Trip

Pastor Larry Peterson and a small group of people from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls will be coming to Outlaw Ranch from May 3-5th. On May 3-4 they will be traveling to Red Shirt Table to work on the Coffee Shop (Pejuta Sapa: which means Coffee/ or Black Medicine in Lakota). If you would like to go help with the construction and installation of the cabinets, some shelves and some other small projects, please let Pastor Shannon know. On May 4th, upon returning from Red Shirt Table, there will be a potluck meal with the folks from Sioux Falls for a time of fellowship and connection. If you are not able to go, but are interested in helping to supply the coffee shop with a few items that are needed to get the Coffee Shop up and running. The list includes:

- Outdoor seating (tables and chairs)
- An awning for shade
- Blue Spruce trees
- Indoor seating (tables and chairs)
- Coffee cups and saucers
- Silverware
- Bathroom mirror
- Coffee supplies



This is a mission that we have been working with the folks in Red Shirt Table for many years, and bit by bit, the dream is becoming a reality. To those who have already been a big part of this, thank you! And to those who are interested in supporting this mission, you won't regret getting involved!

CUSTER MEET & GREET

The next Custer Meet & Greet meal will be held on Tuesday, May 14th, from 5-7 PM, located 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.

ELARA'S BAPTISM

Elara Dymond Coombs
you are a Child of God.

Easter Sunday,
March 31st, 2024

Parents: Martin & Courtney Coombs
Siblings: Arianna & Grayson



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

WOW! What a fantastic day we had for the Auction of Talents! We have such talented people around us. There were items of woodworking, baking of all sorts, beautiful quilting, a meal and services. Bonnie Thompson along with the auctioneers, Alan Webster and Paul Heinert really sold and the buyers really enjoyed it. Our "Thanks" to all who participated, donor or buyer, you have made it easy for us to support the missions that need our help.

Jessica Lillebo, of Lutheran Social Services (LSS), was the speaker for our April WELCA Meeting. She shared about their South Dakota Cares Campaign. This campaign will match donations up to \$50,000 for their programs until, such as LSS Re-Entry Services, where they help young people coming out of foster care to get ready for the real world. They offer therapy services and several behavior health services, to those that need this help.



If you would like more information about these programs, the LSS Newsletters are in the Narthex.

QUILTING NEWS

A lot is getting done on Tuesday mornings. Ten quilts were just sent off to LSS in Rapid City to be used where most needed. Many more are in different stages of being finished, but will be completed soon.



We could use THREAD, all colors, and some QUILTING NEEDLES. We are also in need of some good flat sheets for our backings on quilts.

All are welcome. Come join us. We have fun.

"THE JOYOUS QUILTERS"



"Thank You"

I would like to say a "Heartfelt Thank You" to Jackie Hartwick for the delicious meal and Arbutus Winter for her delicious dessert.

I would also like to thank those that made phone calls, sent cards and for all of the prayers that we received.

We greatly appreciated them all.

thank you

Merrill & Vicki Hoveskland

WELCA SERVES MEET & EAT

W/ELCA served the Meet & Eat Group in April. They served a delicious meal of BBQ's chips, pickles, salad, veggies with dip and bars. Great Job Ladies!





**Custer Lutheran Fellowship
Council Minutes — No Meeting in April**

Watch for May's Council Highlights in the June Crossroads.



CLF CHOIR ~ MAY

Practices:

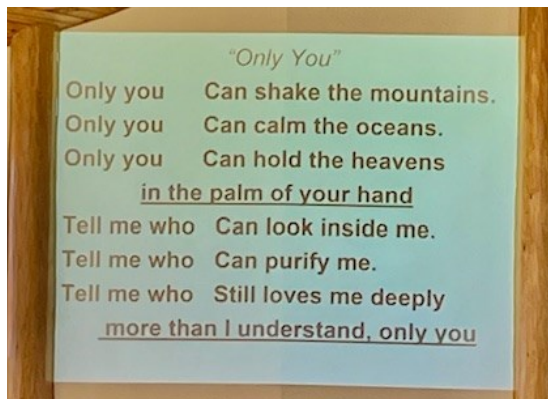
- Wednesday, May 1st ~ **NO CHOIR**
- Wednesday, May 8th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary
- Wednesday, April 15th @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

Special Music:

Sunday, May 19th @ 9:30 a.m. church
 We will be singing a choir favorite called "Rain Down." It is a beautiful melody that focuses on God's love raining down on His people and what that means to each of us as Christians. This will be our last few practices until September. We will be taking the summer to rest and rejuvenate. Feel free to join us! We would love to sing with you!



**CLF
LIFE
In
PICTURES**



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Easter 6

Thursday, May 2: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 3: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, May 4: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

Sunday, May 5: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Monday, May 6: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Tuesday, May 7: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Wednesday, May 8: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20



Easter 7

Thursday, May 9: Ascension of Our Lord; Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Friday, May 10: Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18

Saturday, May 11: Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

Sunday, May 12: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Monday, May 13: Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11

Tuesday, May 14: Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday, May 15: Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24

Pentecost

Thursday, May 16: Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

Friday, May 17: Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Saturday, May 18: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39

Sunday, May 19: Day of Pentecost; Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Monday, May 20: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Tuesday, May 21: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wednesday, May 22: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

Holy Trinity

Thursday, May 23: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

Friday, May 24: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

Saturday, May 25: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27

Sunday, May 26: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Monday, May 27: Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8

Tuesday, May 28: Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Wednesday, May 29: Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25

Pentecost 2

Thursday, May 30: Psalm 81:1-10; Exodus 31:12-18; Acts 25:1-12

Friday, May 31: Psalm 81:1-10; Leviticus 23:1-8; Romans 8:31-39

Saturday, June 1: Psalm 81:1-10; Leviticus 24:5-9; John 7:19-24

Sunday, June 2: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23—3:6

Monday, June 3: Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; Exodus 16:13-26; Romans 9:19-29

Tuesday, June 4: Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; Exodus 16:27-36; Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

Wednesday, June 5: Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; 1 Samuel 21:1-6; John 5:1-18

MEALS ON WHEELS

For years, CLF has taken the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels on Fridays. We are now down to four volunteers and can really use some more! We will be happy to train you and show you the ropes if you can commit to one weekend a month! The recipients are always so appreciative, but more than that we are doing our Father's work and are always so very blessed for doing so! Please contact Mark Hogg or the church office if you know of anyone who can help. Thank you!!





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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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