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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the many hands that helped with the GWOH event this year. The 11th annual GWOH event was certainly productive, fun and worthwhile. Here's a brief synopsis of the many activities that the Social Ministry Team coordinated with the congregation's help:

- Prior to "Work" we experienced the biggest, best potluck in the history of the world - or pretty close anyway. We marveled at how helping hands suddenly appeared to help set up and clean up Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- Twenty Birthday Bags were assembled and delivered to W.E.A.V.E. for their residents. Each bag contained cake mix, frosting, candles, and greeting cards.
- Eight CLF gardeners filled six "contractor" bags with weeds pulled from the hospital's Healing Garden. Total estimated weight of weeds = 300 lbs.
- Congregants wrote many cards and letters of gratitude and support to our military. Each included a prayer shawl. There will be a final blessing of the cards prior to mailing.
- Quilts were displayed on pews. Lutheran World Relief and Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center will receive many of these quilts in honor of GWOH Sunday.
- Fennell's volunteer as lighthouse keepers in California, and posted: *We welcomed a young family with little girls to Battery Point Lighthouse [on GWOH Sunday!]. We soon discovered that they were originally from Ukraine.* After visiting with them, we found that the father, if he could be, would like to be back in Ukraine fighting for their country's freedom. He told us about his dear friend who was killed on day 1 of the war. He and his family are here in America because of Russia's continual invasions of their country. They want safety for their children and America offers that for them. We gave them a private tour of the lighthouse and they were thrilled. We were happy to provide a brief moment to not think about the disaster in their homeland.
- Nine hardy souls collected a dumpster full of litter from the roadway for the two mile stretch from the Custer State Park west entrance to the Dakota Greens Nursery. More trash collected this year than in years past.
- Music was provided at the Assisted Living Center.
- Wood Splitting: God put to work 26 hands (that'd be 13 folks) that cut and split an estimated 9 cords of firewood. And, it's an impressive site to see all stacked nice and dry inside the new woodshed! The wood was donated by numerous folks in and outside the congregation. Much of this wood will be delivered to Red Shirt community in November, and other will be reserved for youth ministry next year. Thanks be to God for the blessing of beautiful forests and bountiful wood and the many hands that make it available to use.

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

The last time Custer Lutheran Fellowship printed a directory of contact information with everyone's picture in it was 2017. I don't know about you, but most of us have changed a bit in the last 7 years, and there are many new faces to add! Please mark you calendars for Oct. 27, Nov. 6, and Nov. 10. Following the worship services, there will be an opportunity for you to have your picture taken here at the church. If you are not able to attend any of these times, you are welcome to send in a picture that you have of you and/or your family to the church office. The deadline to submit a picture will be Nov. 17.



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



New Member Class: Sunday, Oct. 13th during fellowship time. Please bring your coffee, treats, and questions to the Fireside Room right after Worship. For more information contact Pastor Shannon at 563-542-6080. Everyone is Welcome to attend!

SHARING THE DREAM

October 20, 23 & 27 - Mark Your Calendar

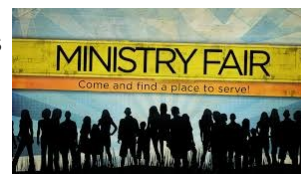


Looking for that Special Gift? Once again, the Social Ministry Team is sponsoring the "Sharing the Dream Alternative Gift Market". It will be held at CLF on Sunday, October 20th, Wednesday the 23rd, and October 27th. "Sharing the Dream" is a volunteer based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala by providing a living wage to artisans. We will have available a wide variety of unique hand-crafted items including beaded jewelry, hand woven scarves, and ceramics. Your purchases will go to provide support for families in need. So join us and get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

MINISTRY FAIR

October 27 - Mark Your Calendar

Ever wonder how you might best participate in one or more of the many ministry activities happening at CLF - but have unanswered questions? At the upcoming Ministry Fair, to be held in the Narthex, we will have tables/stations set up with knowledgeable representatives from various areas of the church (music, Meals on Wheels, audio/visual, altar guild, social ministry team, and more!)



THE GREAT WOOD HAUL EVENT – NOVEMBER 2ND

The CLF Annual Wood Haul has been a part of our ministry for many years, the last several years working in partnership with the people of the Red Shirt Community on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The 2024 project is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. Look for more Information in our weekly worship bulletins.



RAP High School Youth Campfire & Cookout

The CLF High School RAP Youth Group enjoy the beginning the Fall Schedule with a Campfire Cookout at Matt & Wendi's house on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. They had a lot of fun getting together after being away for the Summer Break.



A question that I ask all the time, to myself, my family, and all of the churchgoers that I know: Why do you "Go to Church" on Sundays? I can't answer for you, but I want you to know my answer.

Several years ago, someone suggested that I stop using the words "go to church." Instead, they suggested, that I say "go to Worship" with the additional words "and belong to a Church." After I thought about it, I changed my wording! You see, I go to the church building to worship, and I belong to the Church, which is not the building, but the group of people, called the Body of Christ, that I belong to. This makes all the difference in the world when it comes to the answer to the question.

My answer is: I worship in the building regularly to be an active part of the Body of Christ. It is there where I find my belonging. Sadly, I have been a member of congregations where I definitely didn't belong. I have been part of congregations that were exclusive to the degree that it was very clear who was in and who was out. In these places, I had to keep parts of myself hidden lest "they" find out the ways that I shouldn't, according to their rules, belong. When I found the ELCA, I thought, "Wow! This is the denomination where I belong, where I can truly be myself!" That was at CLF. Then I moved. Sadly, I discovered that not all ELCA churches were alike. Now, some people could say the same thing about CLF, that they don't feel like they belong because of politics, health issues, racial issues, financial issues, etc. If that is the case, all I can say is I have learned in the last 25 years that believe it or not, all Churches are filled with imperfect humans! Maybe that is something that we can agree upon. If you are an imperfect person, can acknowledge that, and are turning to God to seek redemption, you just might find that you are in good company at CLF!! If it has been some time since you read the welcome statement, please take time to read it again, and then again.

I worship weekly with my brothers and sisters in Christ because I need to not just think about God, or talk about God, or talk to God. I need my experience to be not just an 'I' experience, but a 'we' experience. Martin Luther used to talk about living a life of "navel-gazing." This was his way of describing the ways we curl into our self which leads to isolation and purely self-serving living. People were created to be with other people, which I think we can all agree on. I would add though, that it's more than simply being with other people, it's about being in relationship with other people. A relationship involves much more than shaking someone's hand, or a quick wave and a few minutes of small talk.

As your Pastor, I am always thinking about ways that we can develop real relationships with each other. This is how we live and move as the Body of Christ in and through the world. As you read through the newsletter, you will see many ways to get involved in relationship building. I would encourage you to consider ways where you can be together with others in a setting that feels safe to share your life with others. The beauty of this is the ripple effect that it will have in your life and in the lives of those you encounter day in and day out.

So, I ask you, why do you Worship at and participate in the life of Custer Lutheran Fellowship, ELCA, as a member of the Body of Christ?

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Shannon



God's
Work,
Our
Hands
2024



CLF SPARK KIDS START



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. During the fall, we will learn about the Old Testament and many of the Bible Heroes that come from those stories. As we approach Christmas, we will move into the New Testament which tells us of the birth of Jesus. The rest of the year we will continue in the New Testament to learn about the life of Jesus and how we can live and love like Him!

We have a wide variety of learning activities beginning with a snack that goes with the Bible story. It is always a fun time of learning and laughing, with also some great questions and deep thinking! Thank you to all of the wonderful assistants that help each week. 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. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join the 24 signed up so far! All are welcome! Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more info!

RAP GROUP PLANS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

We would love to see all 9th-12th graders join us for Youth Group! We have our weekly Wednesday night gatherings at 6:30pm. The meal time is extended until 6:30 to allow for youth to eat after school activities. We kicked off the school year with a campfire with over 20 youth! This month we plan to carve pumpkins one Wed. night and have a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, October 10th! We will travel together to four different spots for each course of our meal: Appetizers, Soup/Salad, Main course and Dessert! Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236, for more info! We would love to make this a great experience for our high schoolers!



YOUTH
Progressive Dinner

WNL SCHEDULE CHANGE: NO CLASS ON OCT. 30TH

Take time to plan a Family Fun Night with your family and friends! **There WILL BE SPARK Kids, but no meal, no meetings, no Worship Service at the Church.** We will practice this every time there is a 5th Sunday in the month.

The other Family Fun Night Dates will be Jan. 29th and Apr. 30th. Here are some ideas:

- ✦ Pack a picnic and take it on an sunset hike
- ✦ Order in a meal and use the extra time to sit down and share highs and lows together
- ✦ Invite a friend from church who maybe doesn't have family in the area and spend time getting to know each other
- ✦ Let the kids cook! Then all clean up together with your favorite playlist blasting
- ✦ Play a game after dinner that you love and haven't had a chance to play together for awhile.
- ✦ Have a fancy candle light dinner, but use paper plates for easy clean up, then have a nice quiet night reading or watching a favorite movie.
- ✦ Go out to eat, don't worry about cooking or cleaning! Then come home and go to bed early.
- ✦ What are some of your ideas?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP – AT 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 2ND: HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 9TH: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

OCTOBER 16TH: PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

OCTOBER 23RD: CHOSEN PEOPLE

OCTOBER 30TH: FAMILY DATE NIGHT → ENJOY YOUR FAMILY AT HOME





CUSTER MEET & EAT

Custer Meet & Eat is being offered on October 8th. Meet your neighbors from Custer and enjoy a meal together. The free supper is offered the second Tuesday of each month at Custer Community Church, 529 Harney Street.

Join us from 5:00pm — 7:00pm. Everyone is Welcomed!



God's Work

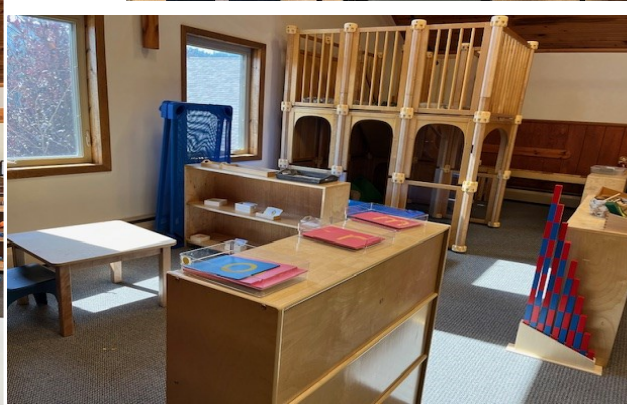
Our Hands

Sept, 8, 2024



CLF LIFE in Pictures







SELECT-A-GIFT ANNUAL BENEFIT

Save the date for the annual Select A Gift Benefit concert Saturday November 2nd at the Custer Beacon. Local artists Hannah Honors and her friend Kristyn start the evening festivities off at 5:30 PM. Our silent auction begins at 5 PM and runs until 7:30 PM.

Next up at 6:30 PM auctioneer Heath Lowrey will launch us into our live auction plus fun games to raise money for the Christmas gifts that are distributed to local underserved families. At the live auction you can bid on a Black Hills Ballon's ride, a load of gravel from Nielsens, Cait Irwin Burning Beetle prints, a camping package, Shelly Englebrecht's delicious lasagna and cheesecake, and more!

To top the evening off we scored in having Rapid City's fun and famous The Wilt Brothers band to entertain and get us up dancing. The Wilt Brothers band starts at 7:30 PM.

Select A Gift has been helping Custer County families have a more enjoyable Christmas for almost 40 years. Last year the Select A Gift committee, with your help gifted 247 families with Christmas presents. For some this may be the only present they receive and they are truly grateful.

Hope to see you at The Custer Beacon November 2nd starting at 5 PM. For questions please call or text Juli Ames-Curtis at 970-391-9921 or home 605-673-2967.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Have you thought about how you could show Pastor Shannon how much you appreciate her?

“Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.” Hebrews 13:7

Here are some of the various ideas for you: write an encouraging card, tell her how much you appreciate her and all that she has done for CLF, invite Pastor Shannon over for a meal, make her something homemade, a gas card, share some special moments for you, that you have shared together; have your child/children make a “thank you gift” for her; help her with community outreach; make them a dessert or maybe you have your own idea to show her how much you appreciate her.



Pastor Shannon may “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE
GROWING ROOTS REMODEL PROJECT AND RUMMAGE SALE!

THANK YOU!

Lutheran Campus Ministry thanks you for your support.
We can not share in this ministry with out **YOU!**

Sincerely,
SD Lu Min, SDSU, USD, BHSU, SDSMT and NSU

Hello, October!

The choir is back to our regular monthly practices. We will be singing a spiritual song called *"Fill Your Jar at the Well"* this month. *It is an upbeat piece that will surely get your feet tapping. All are welcome to join us!*

The CLF choir will be meeting during the following times in October:

Wednesday, October 2 ~ Practice @ 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 9 ~ Practice @ 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

Sunday, October 13 ~ Special music @ 9:30 AM church service

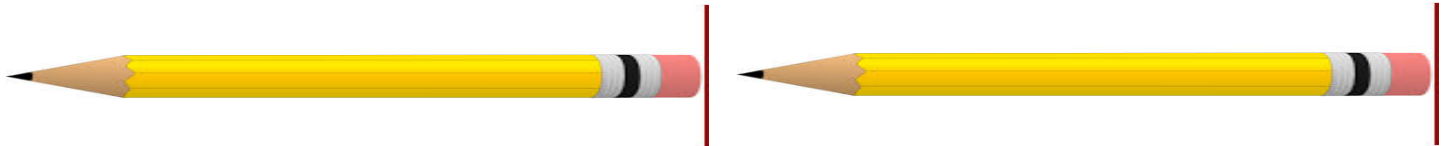
Looking ahead...our church will be hosting an ecumenical Advent Program on Sunday, December 8th at 2 PM. Our church choir will be singing. In the past, we have had vocal and instrumental soloists that represent our church as well. If you would be interested in preparing a piece for this program, please let me know by October 31st. We will also be hosting a time of fellowship following the program. If you would like to help out by providing cookies or bars for this fellowship time, please let me know that as well. It will be a music-filled afternoon designed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit and celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior.

We were few in numbers but were mighty in spirit at our first Jam Session. We look forward to more of you joining us in the future. We are currently working on a classic, "Amazing Grace," where we have a guitar and ukele for accompaniment, as well as piano. We are also learning a few new songs to add to our Sunday morning hymn selections including a new song for Reformation Sunday at the end of the month. Please consider joining our Jam Session group as we Jam for Jesus on Sunday, October 13th @ 2 PM.

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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



THANK YOU

Dear Custer Lutheran Fellowship,

I just wanted to take a moment to say a big, heartfelt thank you for your generous Noisy Offering donation to our Greatest Need fund, and for your ongoing, monthly contribution received through the South Dakota ELCA. Your kindness truly warms our hearts and has a tremendous impact on the lives of youth and families in our community.

Your support is a perfect example of how one person's generosity can make a world of difference. Because of your kindness, we're able to stop in and provide crucial help exactly where it's needed—whether that's offering a safe space for kids, helping families get back on their feet, or providing essential resources during tough times.

It's people like you who make our work possible and inspire us every day. We're so grateful for your commitment and compassion. Your generosity is helping us turn challenges into opportunities and making a real, positive difference.

We look forward to sharing more about the amazing things your support is helping us achieve. If you have any questions or just want to hear more about the impact of your donation, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks again for your incredible kindness. You're truly making a difference!

With deep appreciation,

Paige Short,

Vice President, LSS Philanthropy and Communications

Please Note: A check of \$109.02 was sent as a Donation to LSS for the Gift Restriction of Greatest Need.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY PICS



CUSTER LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP & GROWING ROOTS RUMMAGE SALE

Growing Roots Preschool and CLF would like to take this opportunity to say a **“BIG THANK YOU”** to everyone that donated, purchased or helped with the Rummage Sale in any way. We raised a total of \$3,254.00 for the Upper Bathroom Remodel Project.



Noisy Offering



REAL TALK: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER TO YOU

Do you ever wish we could have deeper conversations about life and things that are going on in the world with other people with a Christian/faith centered perspective? Most people want to, but don't always have a space where they feel safe talking about things. Beginning this month, we will be hosting REAL TALK, a time for us to sit and listen to others and to ask questions, and engage in conversation. The conversations will be guided, safe and productive. The evening will begin and end in prayer and a commitment to listen and learn and love each other in real ways in this real world that we live in! Our first gathering will take place Thursday, October 17th from 6:30-8:00 in the Fireside room, then we will meet monthly. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. Popcorn will be served!



SHARING OUR GRIEF TOGETHER



On Monday, October 28th, and then on the last Monday of each month, CLF will be offering an opportunity for anyone who is experiencing the grief of the loss of a loved one to be in the company of others who can share some time together. Each month there will be an opening question with time to share, and someone to guide the conversation. Occasionally there will be an invited speaker to share strategies and suggestions about how to navigate the tenderness of grief. Every time we gather there will be prayer, support, love and encouragement. We will have two opportunities to meet, one in the morning from 10-11 AM and one in the evening from 6-7 PM. If you or someone you know could use some support and fellowship to share in the reality of your grief, please join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pastor Shannon at 563-542-6080.

THE BIBLE STUDY FOR EVERYONE!

One of the most intimidating things that people say about Bible Study is opening it in front of other people! If you feel even slightly that way, then this class is for you! This will be a Bible Study for people wanting an entry level class. It will be fun, non intimidating, and very informational. You can bring whatever translation of Bible you have at home, or use one of the Bible's provided. There will be some homework, but I promise, it will not be graded! There will be prizes and exciting incentives, and lots of wonderful conversation!

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, you don't need to sign up, just show up with your coffee and treats immediately following worship on October 6th & October 20th in the Fireside Room. Pastor Shannon will be leading this class to begin with, but will be recruiting others with a passion to teach and learn more about the Bible for Everyone! Hope to see many of you there!





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Mon., Tues., and Thurs. from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM. Wed. hours are 10:00 AM — 6 PM.

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.



RECENT CHANGES?

Please let the church office know of any recent address changes, new email addresses or changes in your phone numbers whether home or cell phone. We are trying to keep our records up to date.

Thank You for your assistance!

SNOWBIRD ADDRESSES



If you are planning to go away from Custer for the winter months, please check with the church office, so that we have your snowbird address. We would sure not want you to miss our monthly newsletter and other mailings that go out. Check with Mary in the office at 605-673-4691.

Custer Lutheran Fellowship

Statement of Activities
 For the Year-to-Date Ending August 31, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Contribution Revenues	\$ 275,652.41	\$242,986.00	\$ 32,666.41
Operating Expenses			
Pastoral Leadership	\$ 51,645.24	\$ 54,228.00	\$ (2,582.76)
Worship	16,013.60	16,118.00	(104.40)
Education	39,245.35	41,287.00	(2,041.65)
Mission Support	28,082.73	26,638.00	1,444.73
Support/Care	30,721.87	32,833.00	(2,111.13)
Office Operations	13,260.14	14,445.00	(1,184.86)
Facilities Expenses	66,007.65	95,328.00	(29,320.35)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 244,976.58	\$280,877.00	\$ (35,900.42)
Other Revenues	\$ 23,115.27	\$ 1,336.00	\$ 21,779.27
Other Expenditures	1,601.40	-	1,601.40
Net Other Revenue & Expenditures	\$ 21,513.87	\$ 1,336.00	\$ 20,177.87
Total Net Revenue(Loss)	\$ 52,189.70	\$ (36,555.00)	\$ 88,744.70

Contributions received over budget were restricted to support the church’s missions, programs, and special projects. In August, expenses were close to expectations. Facilities reports under budget as we are waiting for the last bills for the Upper Room.

SPARK KIDS Enjoy



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS

The WELCA Women met for a great lunch and fun meeting on Monday, September 16th.

Reminder that the Craft & Goodie Sale will be held on Sunday, November 24th after worship.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.



THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MISSION: THE STOREHOUSE

These items include the following:

- Canned food - meats, vegetables, fruits and soups
- Spaghetti, pasta and sauce
- Cereals
- Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Cake mixes/Tubs of Frosting
- Sugar & Flour
- Peanut Butter
- Soaps— laundry, dish & body soap
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Paper Towels, toilet paper & tissue

As always, all donations will be greatly appreciated.



W/ELCA COLLECTS GLOVES DONATIONS



Ladies Garden Gloves for Kids to use when helping with the Wood Haul.



THE BUSY "HAPPY" QUILTERS

The CLF Quilters will continue every Tuesday at 9 AM this month.

Quilts have recent been sent to Lutheran World Relief, and will some be off to Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

Come join us . We have fun and good fellowship.
The Busy "Happy" Quilters



THANK YOU SO MUCH

September 27, 2024

Dear Pastor Shannon:

It has been good to listen to you teach every Sunday. I am going to miss listening to you, but my Pastor, at the Akron First Baptist Church, is a very good teacher, too.

I would like to thank you and the whole church for your friendship that was shown to me this summer and accepting me again this summer, even though I am not a member.

Take care and God Bless,
Leo



COUNCIL MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru August were 93.1% (-\$16,711.87) of budget and expenses were 87.7% (-\$20,290.64) of budget.

Firewood in August was provided by Growing Roots. Sales for the month was \$2,799 which will be used to help pay for the remodeling in the upper room.

Mark moved, Helena seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

Thrivent Choice – August \$ 24.00, YTD - \$ 965.00

Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – August \$100.00, YTD - \$1,100.00

Pictorial Directory – Set dates for taking pictures on Sundays, October 27th and November 10th and Wednesday, November 6th.

Upper Bathroom Update – Project is now completed and Growing Roots have moved upstairs.

Internet/Phones – Still working on, all estimates not in yet.

Western States Fire Protection – Switch has been made to using cell phones. They will be in to fix leak in the hallway.

Policies & Procedures – Dave Versteeg will come to the October meeting to discuss. Helena, Pastor Shannon and Donna to meet October 1st.

Other –

New Business:

Membership changes: None

Schedule Budget Meeting – Council members need to get with their committees to pull together their proposed budget amounts for the 2025 budget.

Other –

Pastor's Report:

Review Worship & Activities –

Wendi & Pastor Shannon have put together the youth schedules for the year.

Would like to see increased adult participation with Confirmation.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

Caring Hands, Helena Buehler – Have a meeting on Thursday, things going well.

Christian Education, Sara Mooney – Have 20+ kids enrolled in SPARK so far. Have a good group of volunteers helping. RAP and Confirmation will meet after worship on Wednesdays so discussed having a separate meal for them at that time.

Endowment, Sara Mooney – A meeting will be held soon to determine the annual disbursements.

Health Ministry, Kathy Bradeen – Kathy to meet with Pastor Shannon.

Mutual Ministry, Dave Mertz – Will meet in October.

Social Ministry, Craig Black – Thanks to all who helped on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, had a great turnout. Ministry Fest will be held on October 27th. Wood Haul on November 2nd.

W/ELCA, Shana Hindman – Nothing to report.

Worship & Music, Donna McConnell – New music software has been purchased which is used to make the music slides for the weekly PowerPoints.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2024

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer
Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Pentecost 19

Tuesday, October 1: Psalm 5; Zechariah 8:18-23; 1 John 2:18-25;
Wednesday, October 2: Psalm 5; Zechariah 10:1-12; Matthew 18:6-9

Pentecost 20

Thursday, October 3: Psalm 8; Genesis 20:1-18; Galatians 3:23-29
Friday, October 4: Psalm 8; Genesis 21:22-34; Romans 8:1-11
Saturday, October 5: Psalm 8; Genesis 23:1-20; Luke 16:14-18
Sunday, October 6: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Monday, October 7: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9
Tuesday, October 8: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16
Wednesday, October 9: Psalm 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36

Pentecost 21

Thursday, October 10: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19
Friday, October 11: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11
Saturday, October 12: Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 3:13—4:5; Matthew 15:1-9
Sunday, October 13: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-; 17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
Monday, October 14: Psalm 26; Obadiah 1-9; Revelation 7:9-17
Tuesday, October 15: Psalm 26; Obadiah 10-16; Revelation 8:1-5
Wednesday, October 16: Psalm 26; Obadiah 17-21; Luke 16:19-31

Pentecost 22

Thursday, October 17: Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 14:17-24; Romans 15:7-13
Friday, October 18: Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:1-9; Revelation 17:1-18
Saturday, October 19: Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30
Sunday, October 20: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
Monday, October 21: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 8:1-18; Hebrews 6:1-12
Tuesday, October 22: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 10:17-25; Hebrews 6:13-20
Wednesday, October 23: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 12:1-25; John 13:1-17

Reformation Sunday

Thursday, October 24: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Hebrews 7:1-10
Friday, October 25: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 26:12-24; Hebrews 7:11-22
Saturday, October 26: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Mark 8:22-26
Sunday, October 27: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
Monday, October 28: Psalm 119:17-24; Exodus 4:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-10
Tuesday, October 29: Psalm 119:17-24; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35
Wednesday, October 30: Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34
Thursday, October 31: Psalm 119:1-8; Exodus 22:1-15; Hebrews 9:1-12





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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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