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God's Work. Our Hands.




Did someone say "Potluck"?

While we will be celebrating **GWOH Sunday** with our ELCA brethren around the world on **September 8th**, we can't seem to contain ourselves here at CLF. With your help, we've planned activities to express *God's Work* beginning in August! This year we will include assisting those in need through the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center.

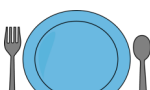
Already we have been collecting your offerings, at the altar, for specific needs that have been identified by the Center. Please continue donating new underwear*, new socks* and diapers for this effort. Such items can be taken to the CLF altar on Sunday mornings or anytime throughout the week at your convenience. (*Adult sizes are of greatest needs.)

In September we will organize a trip to the Reconciliation Center to drop off our offerings and enjoy some fellowship time with residents of the Pine Ridge and perhaps help prepare a meal or even help with some work projects. Please join us! Stay tuned as plans develop.

On traditional *God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 8th*, after the service, we will also host the following activities that you are encouraged to lend a hand with:

- Assembling birthday bags/kits for WEAVE residents. These kits contain cake mix, frosting, candles and other items for residents who are celebrating birthdays during their stay. 
- We'll be conducting our annual highway cleanup. Bring your own water, snacks and gloves. Reflective vests and trash bags will be provided.
- Quilters have been focusing on GWOH during their weekly, Tuesday morning, gathering at the church. Much of their efforts have been towards making quilts that will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in helping with this activity, let Ginny Myers know. 
- Volunteers can work at the Hospital Healing Garden. Dr. Joy will have mulch on-site for us to distribute. Weeds will be pulled. Bring your work gloves and wear your gardening clothing.
- We will also be writing cards/letters to military, college students and homebound/nursing home congregants. We will be asking ALL congregants to sign such cards to let recipients know they are being thought of by many. Pastor Shannon will be providing a special blessing of the cards prior to their mailing. 

INTERESTED? We'll have sign-up sheets in the Narthex in place soon so that you can indicate where you'll be able to provide assistance with *God's Work*.

What could possibly be more fulfilling than all of that? A POTLUCK you say? OK then. Before these in-house activities, we will gather for a POTLUCK - for fortification! Simply bring a dish to pass. Again, Sunday, September 8th. Mark your calendars! 



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024



MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP



Mark Hogg of the Meals on Wheels Program is immediately needing some volunteers to help with delivering the meals for the Meals on Wheels Program on Fridays. Mark stated "that several of his volunteers aren't able to help for the next few months and he is looking intently for some volunteers to help 1 Friday to 4 Fridays a month".

If you are willing to help out with this much needed program, please contact Mark Hogg at 605-673-5509 or the church office.

SPARK KIDS DRIVERS NEEDED

We need drivers to help pick our SPARK Kids up from school on Wednesdays starting Sept. 11th. We meet at the Elementary school at 3:30 pm, collect the kids, and bring them to the church. Please contact Mary in the church office if you are able to help, even once a month. Thank you!



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, Sept. 26th 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!



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY

After our summer break, we will pick up again with the Men's Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday, September 14th from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at CLF. These breakfast meetings are on the second Saturday of each month and are made right in the CLF kitchen!

We plan to continue our study into Genesis and will pick up where we left off...starting with Genesis 4. Come and experience good fellowship and conversation around God's word.

Hope to see you there!
Allen Canete

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE IS GEARING UP

The Wednesday NightLife is gearing up to start on September 11th with: SPARK Kids from 4-5 PM, a meal to follow from 5:15-6 PM, Worship Service at 6:00 PM, Choir from 6:30 -7:30 PM, RAP HS Youth Group will meet following worship at Wendi & Matt Rusch Residence at 112 Mustang CT. All High School Youth are welcomed to attend! Confirmation will be from 6:45 PM -- 7:45 PM following the Worship Service.

Hello September!

I haven't taught in the classroom for many years, but every September I still get that excited feeling for school to start! I feel the same this year as we get ready for all of our Fall programming. Make sure and check the calendar, because there are a few new opportunities that you might want to be involved with this year!

If you were gone a lot this summer, when you get back into the swing of things here at CLF, you may notice a few changes. One of them is that the Pre-school, Growing Roots, has moved out of the Down Under up to the Upper Room. We have had a wonderful crew working all summer adding bathrooms and remodeling the little kitchen area and everything looks amazing! On Sept. 8th, after the Potluck, they will be hosting an open house during our God's Work, Our Hands activities for us to go take a look. Preschool classes will begin Sept. 3.

Another change you may notice is in the Family Room off the Narthex. We are re-arranging it to be more suitable for families with small children to use during worship if the kids need a little break. That way, rather than walking all the way to the nursery, families can come and go to and from the sanctuary without having to miss out on too much of the worship service!

I had a wonderful summer of lots of company, fun activities, and some travel. I still have a few more trips planned before the weather changes too much. This month Darryn and I will be traveling to visit our son and new Daughter-in-Law in Kodiak Alaska. By then, our fall programming will be in full swing, but thanks to wonderful leadership here at CLF, things will continue to go smoothly in my absence.

Something that I am grateful for every day that I am blessed to be your Pastor is the amazing commitment that you all have to the ministries of this Church. I look forward to whatever the Holy Spirit has in mind for this new school year!

Your sister in Christ, Pastor Shannon

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:

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| ✦ 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 church office 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: pastor_clf@gwtc.net Phone: 1-563-542-6080
Or call the Church Office at 605-673-4691 Leave a message

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE MEAL SET-UP NEEDED

As our Wednesday Night Life kicks off on Sept. 11th, we are in need the help of a coordinator/coordinators for planning, setting up and for clean-up helpers for our meals each week. Please contact Mary in the church office if you are able to help, even once a month. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING ~Pastor Shannon



Attention all families with youth participating in any of our youth ministry programs: **Please come to a very important informational meeting on Sept. 15th following worship.** Wendi and I will be presenting our mission for the year as well as sharing some of the activities we have planned for the year. We would love for you to bring your input and enthusiasm. We are so excited to be spending time with you and your children this year!



SPARK KIDS BEGIN

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 have a wide variety of learning activities that connect to the weekly Bible story....snacks, games, crafts and more! 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. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us! All are welcome! Contact Wendi with any questions #509-494-3236.



RAP HS YOUTH GROUP MEETS



We are so excited to welcome all 9th-12th graders to join us at Youth Group! We will kick off the school year with a campfire at our house (112 Mustang Ct) on **Sept 11th @ 6:30**. Then each Wed we will meet downstairs at 6:30 following worship at the church. We are looking forward to learning more about our faith, having fun and enjoying friendships. The Youth also try to have a monthly fun activity on the weekend. We hope to have a lock-in, progressive dinner, go Christmas caroling and more! You don't have to be a member of the church to join Youth Group! Invite your friends! Contact Wendi #509-494-3236, for more info or ways to get involved.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11TH

We are so excited to begin Wednesday Night Life again!

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 11TH

Spark Kids – DownUnder	4:00 pm
SPARK Meal – Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm
Wednesday Worship Service-Sanctuary	6:00 PM
Choir Practice – Sanctuary	6:30 PM
RAP HS Youth Group	
@ Rusch Res. (112 Mustang CT)	6:30 PM
Confirmation	6:45 PM



Welcome back to Wednesday NightLife!

NURSES! NURSES! NURSES!

Are you a baccalaureate nurse or a registered nurse with a baccalaureate?

Maybe you are retired or at least considering retirement, but are afraid you will miss it too much? Have you ever considered Parish Nursing? Parish nurses are in it for the joy of helping others and also feel that God is moving you to help.

The position is mostly volunteer, but the other rewards are many! The congregation at Custer Lutheran Fellowship needs and wants **YOU!** The church will be able to help pay for tuition and/or travel to get your Parish Nurse Certificate.

It takes a long weekend at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. It gives you confidence to be a parish nurse and resources. If you are interested, please call Mary at the church office or Pastor Shannon. If you want to talk about the position, call Rosemary Chappell, Parish Nurse, Ret. at 605-673-4292. **LISTEN GOD IS CALLING!!**



Recognition of Backpacks and Laptops Sunday

Staff & Students were recognized on Sunday, August 25th for the starting of a new school year. Pastor Shannon gave them a special blessing for the year.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

September is here! School is in session and fall is right around the corner. We have so many exciting things for our church in the upcoming months. Here are just a few dates to add to your calendars...

Wednesday, September 4 ~ We will hold our first choir practice for the upcoming year @ 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary as we begin practices to share God's word through song.

Wednesday, September 11 ~ Wednesday night worship services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice will follow the worship service at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will plan on having a rotation of a *Holy Communion Service*, *Holden Evening Prayer*, *Prayer Around the Cross*, and *Chosen People* on Wednesday nights.

Sunday, September 15 ~ The choir will sing special music during the 9:30 a.m. church service.

Sunday, September 29 @ 2:00 p.m. ~ Music Jam Session ~ This is a new opportunity for those who love music so much that they wish to become more involved in a new band that we are forming at CLF. There are so many talented people at our church that we don't want to have them burn out. We love our willing individuals who share their talents through special music or a band setting on a regular basis, but we are hoping to enlist members who do not already have a direct role in our congregation's music ministry. I have heard of several of you that are willing to participate in this capacity, but do not want to step on toes of those already established. This will be an opportunity for those of you who want to try something new to add to our already wonderful music program at CLF. It will be a wonderful opportunity to spread our different bands/soloists/ensembles throughout the calendar year and an excellent way to involve more people to share their talents with CLF. If you have ideas for music that you want to jam to that day, please get them to me so that I can prepare copies for people. Otherwise, I will have some ideas to get us started. Bring your guitars/instruments/voices and we will jam for the Lord.

During the first Sunday of each month, we will be using the liturgy called *Now the Feast and Celebration* by Marty Haugen. We will also be introducing a liturgy called *Remembering the Promise* by Dakota Road, which is a companion to the liturgy *Chosen People* that we are currently using. We hope to incorporate a variety of traditional and contemporary hymns so that there is something for everyone! Your constructive feedback is always welcome. Please remember that we try to accommodate the desires of all age groups and interests, so if we aren't singing your favorite song on a particular Sunday, please know that it was chosen for a reason with careful thought and consideration.

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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





CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the October Newsletter to the office **by noon, September 22nd**. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open
 Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
 from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.
 Wednesday 10:00 AM--6:45 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.



SNOWBIRD INFORMATION

Snowbirds, if you would like to receive the Crossroads Newsletter while you are away, please make sure that the office has your snowbird address and the beginning and ending dates you will be away, so you don't miss a month or more. **Thank You from the Office!**

LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY FALL SCHEDULE

Ladies Weekly Thursday 5:30PM Bible Study resumes September 19th. Our plan is to begin studying the Book of Galatians, followed by a study of the Lord's Prayer. Interested women, both CLF members and non-members, are welcome to attend. We understand not everyone will make every Thursday study session and that is OK. So feel free to try it out and see if a study-guide-lead discussion of God's word is comfortable for you. You can choose to read the passage ahead of time and reflect on the study guide questions or just come and participate in whatever way you choose with your sisters in Christ. Questions? Call Joy at 605-929-1244.



CUSTER MEET & EAT

The monthly Meet and Eat will happen on Tuesday, September 10th from 5:00 PM— 7:00 PM.

It is located at Custer Community Church at 6th & Harney in Custer.

Gather for a meal with friends & neighbors. (No Charge) Everyone is Welcomed to attend.

W/ELCA HAPPENING

Twelve members met for the August WELCA meeting held on August 19th at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. We moved to donate \$500 to the Custer YMCA and \$200 to the Growing Roots Preschool. The women will be cleaning the kitchen on September 9th at 9:00 AM.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

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The Mission for September is joining the Social Ministry Committee:  
**For Red Shirt Table**

We are collecting new adult socks, new underwear and large size diapers are most needed.  
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QUILTING

Quilting will resume in September at 9 AM every Tuesday.

Sewers needed to sew edges on put together quilts. Could be done at home.

Thank you for gifts of mattress pads and fabric in August.

"THE JOYFUL QUILTER'S"



CHOIR STARTING SOON



The CLF Choir will start practicing on Wednesday, September 4th & 11th at 6:30 PM, following the Wednesday Night Worship Service in the sanctuary.

We will perform special music on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary.

Please come and join us as all are welcome.



VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you everyone for your presence, cards and well wishes for my 90th birthday. Custer Lutheran Fellowship has always been a blessing in my life.

Joan Eggers

CLF REMODELS FOR GROWING ROOTS PRESCHOOL

A crew recently completed remodeling of the "Upper Room" in the education wing to add boys & girls bathrooms and update a small kitchenette area for the *Growing Roots Preschool*. They were guided by a floor plan that envisioned long-term needs. *Growing Roots* will move from the existing space in the Down Under feeling that full space to be used by the Spark Kids after school program and high school RAP Group on Wednesdays. The project was guided by Lonnie White, Craig Black, Elmer Smolnisky and Gene Fennell with hands-on construction support by others. CLF Council reported that this project meets a critical need for additional pre-school/day care options in the community.



More pictures to come in the October Crossroads when the Project is completely completed.

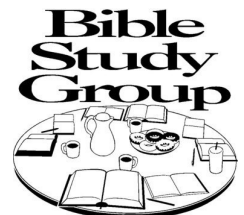
SHARING OUR GRIEF TOGETHER



Beginning Sept. 30th 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 10-11am and one in the evening from 6-7pm. 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 Sept. 29th 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!



LARRY PETERSON TRAVELS TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Larry Peterson's purpose in going was to find out what were churches doing at the border and what could we be doing at churches in our part of the country. He was also wondering why we didn't know more.

He contacted Pastors Barbara Wangsness and Natanael Lizarazo and they were his guides with what he did and where he went from that point on. They are in New Braunfels, Texas. If anyone wants to go to see what he saw, he suggested working with them because they have been in this kind of ministry along time although retired now.

They took him to Eagle Pass, which is one of the three main crossing areas in connection without area. There were three churches operating large facilities to help people through the transition into America. The Saint Benedictine sisters, the United Methodist Church, and the ELCA Lutheran Church.

Larry learned of ways to help and he shared them with us. He is making a report to the Synod this week and then we will learn more. Next month, we will share more about his time at Eagle Pass with each of those facilities and how the Synod looks to be involved going forward.



Custer Lutheran Fellowship Statement of Activities For the Year-to-Date Ending July 31, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Contribution Revenues	\$ 244,494.37	\$ 212,613.00	\$ 31,881.37
Operating Expenses			
Pastoral Leadership	\$ 45,530.67	\$ 47,453.00	\$ (1,922.33)
Worship	14,588.29	14,341.00	247.29
Education	38,316.44	40,088.00	(1,771.56)
Mission Support	25,147.80	23,793.00	1,354.80
Support/Care	27,604.58	29,114.00	(1,509.42)
Office Operations	11,264.00	12,525.00	(1,261.00)
Facilities Expenses	55,713.97	89,508.00	(33,794.03)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 218,165.75	\$ 256,822.00	\$ (38,656.25)
Other Revenues	\$ 17,315.46	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 16,146.46
Other Expenditures	1,601.40	-	1,601.40
Net Other Revenue & Expenditures	\$ 15,714.06	\$ 1,169.00	\$ 14,545.06
Total Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ 42,042.68	\$(43,040.00)	\$ 85,082.68

Contributions in July increased approximately \$11,000 from June. Most were unrestricted, but approximately \$5,450 was restricted for an additional debt payment. Our loan balance is currently \$52,575.

COUNCIL MINUTES – August 20, 2024**Agenda Additions/Approval**

There were 2 additions to the agenda. There was consensus and the agenda was approved as amended.

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

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru July were 94.6% (-\$11,441.27) of budget and expenses were 87.9% (-\$31,063.75) of budget.

Joy & Sara met with the audit committee for a mid-year review. Went over some of the "Internal Control Best Practices" which CLF does follow. Next meeting will be in December.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

Thrivent Choice – July \$ 0.00, YTD - \$ 917.00

Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts – July \$100.00, YTD - \$1,000.00

Pictorial Directory – Helena moved, Mark seconded to use the Instant Church Directory software along with the online app option. Motion passed.

Upper Bathroom Update – Craig gave an update. The final electrical inspection is done. Plumbing and fixtures in bathrooms finishing up.

Internet/Phones – Will be having a Golden West Tech person from Rapid City give us an estimate on how to proceed with our internet issues.

WNL/Confirmation Update – Discussed ways to implement meals. On a 5th Wednesday there would be no WNL but instead recommend families have a family night. Could possibly have 11 students this year. Confirmation Sunday will be moved to October, there will be no students confirmed this October.

Other –

New Business:

Membership changes: None

Pastor Shannon's Student Loans – Council discussed helping Pastor Shannon with her student loans. Helena moved, Craig seconded to pay \$3,000/year up to a total of \$15,000. Motion passed.

Fire Management Response System – Monitoring will now be done using a cell phone rather than a dedicated phone line.

Board Development – Dave Versteeg has experience with board development so could help CLF with different models to implement. Craig moved, Helena seconded to invite him to the September Council meeting. Motion passed. Sara to contact him.

Rearranging Rooms – Pastor Shannon would like to remove the chairs from the Family Room off the Narthex to make it a small nursery closer to the Sanctuary.

Other –

Outlaw Ranch Request – OR has a possible request for a group of 300 people coming next August.

They only have room for 190. They want to know if CLF could host 30 youth with adult. Consensus was that we could and could possible host more youth if needed.

Policies & Procedures – The current policies & procedures of what we have need to be updated. Pastor Shannon, Helena and Donna will work on.

Pastor's Report:

Review Worship & Activities – Things are going well. Outdoor worship is winding down and things are in progress for the Fall activities.

Property, Mark Thompson – Will cost \$800-1,000 to remove a dead tree behind the church. Craig moved, Helena seconded to have tree removed. Motion passed.

Social Ministry, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. Craig move, Mark seconded that any mission/outreach project funds will be managed by the Social Ministry Committee. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2024.

Closing Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Adjournment

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary

ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, Sept. 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday, Sept. 2: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Tuesday, Sept. 3: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25
Wednesday, Sept. 4: Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23

Pentecost 16

Thursday, Sept. 5: Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11
Friday, Sept. 6: Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16
Saturday, Sept. 7: Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31
Sunday, Sept. 8: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
Monday, Sept. 9: Isaiah 38:10-20; Joshua 6:1-21; Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Tuesday, Sept. 10: Isaiah 38:10-20; Joshua 8:1-23; Hebrews 12:3-13
Wednesday, Sept. 11: Isaiah 38:10-20; Judges 15:9-20; Matthew 17:14-21

Pentecost 17

Thursday, Sept. 12: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-22
Friday, Sept. 13: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:15-24; James 2:17-26
Saturday, Sept. 14: Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 6:22-27; Matthew 21:23-32
Sunday, Sept. 15: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
Monday, Sept. 16: Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:1-10; Romans 3:9-20
Tuesday, Sept. 17: Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:11-25; Colossians 3:1-11
Wednesday, Sept. 18: Psalm 119:169-176; Isaiah 10:12-20; John 7:25-36

Pentecost 18

Thursday, Sept. 19: Psalm 54; Judges 6:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Friday, Sept. 20: Psalm 54; 1 Kings 22:24-40; Romans 11:25-32
Saturday, Sept. 21: Psalm 54; 2 Kings 17:5-18; Matthew 23:29-39
Sunday, Sept. 22: Jeremiah 11:18-; 20; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Monday, Sept. 23: Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 5:1-14; James 4:8-17
Tuesday, Sept. 24: Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 11:21—12:16; James 5:1-6
Wednesday, Sept. 25: Psalm 139:1-18; Jeremiah 1:4-10; John 8:21-38

Pentecost 19

Thursday, Sept. 26: Psalm 19:7-14; Exodus 18:13-27; Acts 4:13-31
Friday, Sept. 27: Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Acts 12:20-25
Saturday, Sept. 28: Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 27:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20
Sunday, Sept. 29: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-; 6, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20;
 Mark 9:38-50
Monday, Sept. 30: Psalm 5; Zechariah 6:9-15; 1 Peter 1:3-9
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



Volunteers needed! Contact
Pastor Shannon or Mary!

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Sept 27th 7-4
Saturday, 28th 7-noon

Donate high-quality items!
Proceeds to benefit CLF's
bathroom remodel in the
upstairs preschool classroom.

Drop off items at CLF Sunday, Sept 22nd 11:00 to
3:00 and Thursday, Sept 6 from 8 am to 7 pm

**Help Support CLF
and Growing Roots Preschool
With a Rummage Sale
Coming up soon!**



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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*



**Ministering at
Custer Lutheran Fellowship**
Pastor: Shannon Witt
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Youth Coordinator: Wendi Rusch
Parish Nurse:
Custodian: Augie Heyne
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