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A Pastoral Message from Bishop Hagmaier

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Triune God!

I must write to you now with a heavy heart and profound sadness, but with a sure hope in Christ alone. I can no longer remain silent in the face of overwhelming presidential executive orders thrusting our nation into chaos and willfully widening the rift between people. While I could steward my fears leading up to the presidential election and inauguration, I am no longer willing.

My mentor bishop, Bishop Emeritus Jon Anderson, told me at my installation that I have one job: always to protect the Gospel. Therefore, here I stand now, and I can do no other. Lutherans, specifically ELCA Lutherans, understand the Gospel as the good news of God's unconditional love and saving grace revealed through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. This news frees us to live in faith, love, and service to others. Therefore, to vilify immigrants but validate insurrectionists, reject climate care but rejoice in fossil fuels, seek retribution for political opponents and not help the poor and oppressed is in direct opposition to who we are as

baptized children of God and as members of the body of Christ.

I ask you not to hear me as arrogant or haughty; I speak sincerely as a fellow sinner who needs mercy. Nevertheless, I have deep concerns for our nation's soul and people of faith. Admittedly, these concerns arise from my story, deeply rooted in my German heritage. I am a child of World War II survivors growing up in West Germany during the Cold War era, a time when the German Church wrestled with the fact that because of devout Christians who were confused about the Savior, 70-85 million lost their lives in one of the largest genocides in history. Making sense of such a heinous and atrocious crime still haunts the German nation to this day.

Growing up in such an environment set the table for the Reformer Martin Luther, pastor-theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and scholar Karl Barth to sit with me at home, school, and church. These three men are steady companions on my journey. And when they drop by, I am always a bit nervous around them, rightly so, since they have some gravitas to them. They talk about worldly powers, the church, and faith from challenging experiences. Simultaneously, they speak with loving conviction. I often sat listening to them, wondering if I ever had to be like them someday. And the answer always remained the same; "You'll find out, and you'll know when your time has come."

As I lead the Synod through these times, I will adhere to my call to protect the Gospel with my life, words, and deeds, and I invite you to do the same.

Journeying Together in Christ with you,

The Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

Happy Valentine's Day



Lenten Season Offering - Help Us Build a Mountain

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

Coming up in March, your Social Ministry Team is once again planning an exciting way for us to participate in a Lenten Season Offering. As in recent years, we will be building a mountain at the altar with our offerings. Various items needed by non-profits, who are conducting God’s work in our community will be collected during Sunday and Wednesday services for five weeks beginning March 9th. We will focus on the following organizations: W.E.A.V.E., The Storehouse, Pine Ridge Diaper Drive, Lutheran Social Services, and Humane Society—Custer.

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

W.E.A.V.E.— Women Escaping a Violent Environment A very special organization in our community that has been helping women and children in need for over 20 years.

- ✦ Toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo & conditioner, Suave Children’s shampoo, twin sheets that are new or gently used.

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

- ✦ Canned fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.

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

- ✦ Disposable diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6 (some 1s, 2s & 4s as well). Also, socks and underwear are always needed

Humane Society — Custer

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

Lutheran Social Services - Needs are now being prioritized.

Watch for more updates in Sunday bulletins

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER - COMING SOON!



PLEASE JOIN US for a Pancake Breakfast, **Sunday, March 2nd**, at about 10:30 AM, immediately following the service. The Social Ministry Team and CLF Youth will be hosting this annual fundraiser and will be cooking up not only pancakes but our "famous" biscuits and sausage gravy, along with mixed fruit cups and juice. This year's freewill offering will help support our CLF youth programs and ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (following the devastating LA wildfires).

Mission of the Month: As you know, we do a Mission of the Month with our noisy offering, and this year, we are trying to give it more focus and let the adults know that they can add to the Mission of the Month with their "noisy offering" in a can that we will keep in the Narthex.

The mission for February is the Good Samaritan Program at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rapid City. This program started over 20 years ago and probably served about 5 people a day. It runs Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM and they now pass out 50-60 bag lunches per day. They also pass out new socks, underwear and hand-warmers if they have any. It's a great way to help our neighbors take care of our neighbors!! They also share kind words and support!! Please feel free to support this mission this month!!! Thank you!!!

HEY MILLENNIALS AND GEN Z'ERS! (Folks born between 1981-2010)

COME LET US FEED YOU AND HEAR YOUR IDEAS!

SUNDAY, FEB. 16 5:30-7 PM

MEAL WILL BE A PASTA PARTY WITH SALADS AND DESSERT

(VEGETARIAN AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE)



Your voices matter to the future of not just Custer Lutheran Fellowship, but to the church in general. Pastor Shannon would love to hear what you like, don't like, want, need, etc., in order for you to feel welcome and excited to get involved in meaningful ways. If you fall into these age groups, you are invited to join us for an evening full of good food, good conversation, and good fun! If you know anyone who you think would be interested, but might not get the newsletter, please share this information with them! Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Shannon at pastor_clf@gwtc.net.

To all of those who made the annual meeting go so smoothly, please let me thank you once again! To the council members who set up and helped to keep the potluck organized, to our audio experts who helped us with the sound, to Jean and Augie for getting the room and reports ready, to anyone who brought food, and to all of the people who were able to stay and participate...thank you! For the leadership of our executive committee, our treasurers Joy and Sara, Wendi Rusch and her many volunteers who help with SPARK, and all of the committee leadership who wrote reports and help us understand the wonderful commitment of so many to our ministries, I'm so incredibly grateful. For those of you who accepted nominations or appointments to different committees and activities at CLF, we couldn't function well without you! As your pastor, I am bursting with pride to be part of such a vibrant, willing group of people to share in our all of our ministries that help to work to bring about God's love and mission through his son, Jesus.

If you weren't able to come to the annual meeting, here are some of the highlights:

- ✦ 62 people attended
- ✦ Our year end financial report was great, we ended the year in the black by about \$24,000. These funds will be allocated for technology and capital improvement projects projected for 2025 as well as to our operating reserve fund
- ✦ Our 2025 budget passed and projects that we with the generous pledges that came in we will end the year in good shape again
- ✦ The ministry and committee reports were exciting to read with all the great activities and accomplishments of 2024
- ✦ We thanked Mark Thompson, Shana Hindman and Donna McConnell for their service on Council for the last three years.
- ✦ Donna McConnell agreed to serve another term and was re-elected along with our new members, Dave Ruen and Karen Barness
- ✦ Helena Buehler, Craig Black, and Donna McConnell were elected as voting members to attend the Synod Assembly on May 31st
- ✦ Shana Hindman and Judy Baldwin volunteered to be our voting members at the Bear Butte Conference Assembly on Feb. 23rd
- ✦ Elected to our nominating committee along with outgoing council members was Mark Thompson
- ✦ Elected to the Finance Committee were Dave Pickford and Steve Baldwin
- ✦ The volunteer who will be appointed to a three year term on our Audit Committee is Helena Buehler
- ✦ Elected to join the Endowment Committee for a three year term were Rosemary Chappell and Jean Witt
- ✦ A committee to plan a celebration of our 60 year anniversary as a congregation will be led by Cozy Dorton and Bonnie Thompson
- ✦ We recognized the hard work done by Mary Winter for the last three years
- ✦ We welcomed aboard Jean Pulscher who has been hired into the newly designed Office Administrator position.
- ✦ We welcomed aboard Jean Witt as our new Parish Nurse.
- ✦ We ended the meeting by installing our 2025 Church Council: Dave Mertz, Helena Buehler, Donna McConnell, Sara Mooney, Kathy Bradeen, Craig Black, Dave Ruen and Karen Barness, the executive committee will be elected during the February Council meeting

Looking forward to another amazing year being the hands and feet of Jesus with all the amazing people of CLF,
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 pastor know if you or a family member is in the hospital. Custer Lutheran Fellowship, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

On **February 16th** during worship we will be formally welcoming several new members into our CLF membership. During our Fellowship time after worship, we will have a reception and time to visit and introduce ourselves to our new members. Hope you can be there!

SPARK KIDS

Last month we had so much fun talking about Baptism! We had words like "steal, hate, lie, and cheat" written in pencil on the tables to represent when we mess up. Then we gave each kid a handful of shaving cream to demonstrate how Jesus washes away our sins to make us "pure as snow... woah woah woah woah!" (Just like our song!) The tables were clean and so are our hearts when we ask for forgiveness.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIFE SCHEDULE

SPARK Kids:

- February 5th: 4:00 PM
- February 12th: 4:00 PM
- February 19th: 4:00 PM
- February 26th: 4:00 PM

MS/RAP Group:

- February 5th: 6:30 PM
- February 12th: 6:30 PM
- February 19th: 6:30 PM
- February 26th: 6:30 PM



- February 5th: Meal at 5:15 PM
- February 12th: Meal at 5:15 PM
- February 19th: Meal at 5:15 PM
- February 26th: Meal at 5:15 PM

- 6:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:00 PM Worship Holden Evening Prayer
- 6:00 PM Worship Prayer Around the Cross
- 6:00 PM Worship Chosen People



RAP HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

As a service project last month, we packed 20 snack kits for those experiencing homelessness. (SPARK Kids did another 25.) We also made 10 "warm hands, warm hearts" kits (gloves, hand warmers and snacks) since these temperatures are brutally cold. We thank God for food, warm clothes and homes and try to help those without. The kits will be distributed by Church on the Street- "It is our mission to take the gifts of the Church out to the people who, for whatever reason, can not come inside". This summer we have an opportunity to travel to Sioux Falls to learn and do more with Church on the Street. We are planning a servant trip the weekend of July 11th. Let me know if your youth would be interested! We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and would love to have all 9th-12th graders join us! Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 to get involved!





Please save the date for VBS this summer! July 30th, 31st and August 1st! (Wed—Fri) Volunteers needed to make it possible for our amazing kids! Contact Linda (lindafennell@hotmail.com) or Wendi (ruschfamily@gmail.com) to join the adventure!



SPARK KIDS (PART 2)

Join us for SPARK Kids! During the school year on Wednesdays, children from Kindergarten through Grade 5 are picked up at the Elementary building after school is dismissed and brought to the church. We sing songs, have a snack, and do a game or craft that ties into the Bible story. It is always a fun time of learning and laughing, with also some great questions and deep thinking!

Pickup is 5:00-5:15. There is NO cost for this program! Children need to be registered by their parents/guardians in order to participate. Registration materials are available through the office. Substitute drivers needed if you can help since we have 28 kids signed up! All are welcome!

Contact Wendi Rusch #509-494-3236 for more details!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION NEWS

We will have class at our regular time each Wednesday this month! Here is what we will be doing each week:
 Feb. 5: Learning about the people of the Old Testament
 Feb. 12: Learning about the people of the New Testament
 Feb. 19: Hearing from Wendi about her trip to the Holy Land
 Feb. 26: Mentor Night: Practice for Youth Led Worship Service



THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to those of you that remembered me at Christmas. I hope that you had a great Christmas! Mary Winter



THANK YOU

On November 25th, I slipped on a patch of ice and broke my pelvis in three places. I didn't know the many blessings until they became obvious from the many visitors, callers, cards, food and so many offers of help with anything. My recovery is better everyday that I am good and let it heal. Of course, my final goal will be 10 feet tall and bullet proof or best offer! Thank you so very much! Jack Winter





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

MARCH NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

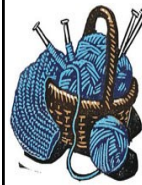
Please have articles for the March Newsletter to the office **by February 17th**. Thank you!



OFFICE HOURS

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



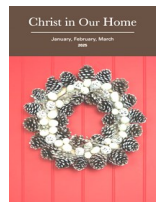
CLF WEBSITE OFFERS ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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.



"CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONALS

The "Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklet is issued quarterly by Augsburg Fortress. The **January to March 2025 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.



CUSTER MEET & EAT



The Custer Meet & Eat will be held on **February 11th from 5-7 PM** at the Custer Community Church located at 547 Harney Street in Custer. This meal is open to the public and a free-will donation is taken. Come and meet new people and have a great time!

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY BY BONNIE THOMPSON

The Women's Book Study group meets Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00 AM at Monument Health Assisted Living. All ladies are welcome to attend!



Greetings!

We have some exciting news to ring in our new year. An anonymous member of our congregation has generously purchased and donated a 2024 C5X Yamaha Grand Piano!!! This is a tremendous gift for our congregation. It will come with its own humidification system and cover to help protect it so that it will last for many years to come! The tentative plan is that the baby grand that is currently in our Sanctuary will be moved to the Fellowship Hall so that we can continue to utilize that as well since it is still in working condition. The piano that is currently in the Fellowship Hall will be moved to a Sunday School room for an additional practice/warm-up area. We are so blessed to have such wonderful support for the music ministry at CLF. The piano should arrive sometime in February. We are so excited to have such an amazing instrument at our fingertips! Our words cannot thank you enough, so we will promise to utilize it to make beautiful music in praise of our Lord far into the future.

We will be singing a song called "I Go To The Rock" in the month of February. It is an upbeat spiritual that will leave you swinging in the pews. We still have some of our members escaping the cold and snow. If any of you winter weather lovers are sticking around this winter and have wondered about what the choir would be like, I know there will be a few open chairs! Come and join us!

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

Wednesday, February 5 ~ Practice @ 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 12 ~ Practice @ 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

Sunday, February 16 ~ Special music @ 9:30 AM church service

Blessings in Christ,

Jenn Doyle

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

¹Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ²Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. ~ Psalm 100



Custer Lutheran Fellowship					
Statement of Activities - Designated & Restricted					
For the Year-to-Date Ending December 31, 2024					
	Unrestricted	Designated & Restricted	Total	Budget	Difference
Total Contribution Revenues	\$ 351,621.19	\$ 74,636.88	\$ 426,258.07	\$ 364,478.00	\$ 61,780.07
Operating Expenses					
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 293,484.57	\$ 95,490.90	\$ 388,975.47	\$ 379,764.00	\$ 9,211.47
Net Other Revenue & Expenditures	\$ 4,865.33	\$ 17,356.19	\$ 22,221.52	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,221.52
Change in Net Assets Before Transfers	63,001.95	(3,497.83)	59,504.12	(13,286.00)	72,790.12
Transfers	(38,239.14)	38,239.14	0.00	-	0.00
Change in Net Assets	24,762.81	34,741.31	59,504.12	(13,286.00)	72,790.12

BIBLES AND CELL PHONES

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone.

What if we carried it around in our purse or pocket?

What if we turned around to get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we could not live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What If we used it in case of emergency?



This is something to make you gohmmmmmmmmmm. Where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected. Jesus Christ has already paid the bill.

Author Unknown

FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING

The February Noisy Offering is February 9th. It will be used to support the Trinity Lutheran Feeding Program in Rapid City.



W/ELCA HAPPENINGS:

Next meeting: Monday, February 17, 2025@ 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room
Luncheon: Please bring a dish to pass. Our meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon.
Program: Gene & Linda Fennell will tell what it was like to live in a lighthouse for a month.

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**W/ELCA MISSION FOR JANUARY - MARCH**

**Quilts for LWR and local needs**

Thread  
 Cotton Fabric suitable for making quilts  
 Cotton blankets, and/or  
 mattress pads for inside quilts

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CLF QUILTING NEWS



To start out the New Year 4 quilts were gifted to Woyatan in Rapid City to be used for their warming bus. We have been busy boxing quilts for LWR. As always thank you for supporting our quilting mission.



PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Progress on the new photo directory is coming along. If you did not have your picture taken at church, you can still submit one. We would like to have as many families as possible in the new directory. You can either drop off a hard copy at the church office which can be scanned or email a picture (as an attachment) to clf@gwtc.net. Also, the new software has the capability for families to have more than one phone number and email address. So if you want to add more phone numbers and email addresses, just designate which individual they go to. You can send this information to the office also.

CLEAN SIDEWALK CLUB

"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow"

We need volunteer sidewalk shovelers for the Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and you can sign up for whatever days work for you. (If you can't make a week long commitment, that's fine. Sign up for two or three days.)

If you need to be shown how to operate the John Deere snow blower, contact Brad McKinney at 308-641-1741 or any number of "experienced" snow shovelers. Thanks!

"A clean sidewalk reflects a clean heart." ~ Expectations 1:1



COUNCIL MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING

Treasurer's and Finance Committee's Report: The offerings thru December were 96.4% of budget and expenses were 99.7% of budget.

- ✦ Sara went over the final 2024 year end budget. Craig moved, Shana seconded and the 2024 year end budget was approved.
- ✦ Joy discussed the proposed 2025 budget. Shana moved, Helena seconded and the proposed 2025 budget was approved.

Special Agenda Items:

There were no special agenda items.

Unfinished Business:

- ✦ **Thrivent Choice** – December \$0.00, YTD - \$ 965.00
- ✦ **Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts** – December \$0.00, YTD - \$1,300.00
- ✦ **Pictorial Directory** – Donna gave update on progress.
- ✦ **Safe for Large Record Books** – Mary researched and found one in Sioux Falls for under \$200. She has plans to go to SF so she will purchase it.
- ✦ **2025 Budget** – Done under Treasurer's report.
- ✦ **Other** –
 - ◇ **Constitution Update** – Discussed how the proposed changes will change how council officers are elected. There will be a special meeting before the annual meeting to vote on changes.

New Business:

- ✦ **Membership changes:** None
- ✦ **Other** –
 - ◇ **60th Anniversary** – Need to start the planning process. Will add to annual meeting agenda to ask for committee volunteers.
 - ◇ **Audit Committee** – Have one member whose term expired at the end of 2024. Need a new member for a 3-year term. Discussed possible names to contact.

Pastor's Report:

- ✦ **Review Worship & Activities** – This week attended the Bear Butte Leader's Conference. Pastor Dan from Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center also attended and told about a grant they received. He will be preaching at CLF on January 26th.
- ✦ Lent starts on Wednesday, March 5th with Ash Wednesday. Will be doing soup and sandwiches again for the meal. There will be no Confirmation classes during Lent but students are to attend the worship services which will be around 45 minutes long.
- ✦ Will be gone February 2-4 to attend a Senior Pastor Retreat in Oacoma.

Committee & Ministry Team Reports:

- ✦ **Caring Hands**, Helena Buehler – Held quarterly meeting – all areas going well.
- ✦ **Christian Education**, Sara Mooney/Kathy Bradeen – Pastor would like committee to meet in February. Always looking for drivers for SPARK.
- ✦ **Endowment**, Sara Mooney – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Mutual Ministry**, Dave Mertz – Meeting February 10th.
- ✦ **Property**, Mark Thompson – Nothing to report.
- ✦ **Social Ministry**, Craig Black – Reviewed committee activity. Annual Pancake Breakfast will be on March 2nd. Discussed Build-A-Mountain.
- ✦ **W/ELCA**, Shana Hindman – Meeting on January 20th. Joan Ruen will be giving the program.
- ✦ **Worship & Music**, Donna McConnell – We have purchased our own set of Handbells for the youth to use. The new grand piano will be delivered in February. Discussed what to do with the old one. Will have meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2025:

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

Donna McConnell, Council Secretary



ELW DEVOTIONS FROM THE DAILY LECTIONARY

Epiphany 4

Thursday, Jan. 30: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48
Friday, Jan. 31: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10
Saturday, Feb. 1: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51
Sunday, Feb. 2: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
Monday, Feb. 3: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Tuesday, Feb. 4: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Wednesday, Feb. 5: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44



Epiphany 5

Thursday, Feb. 6: Psalm 112:1-10; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5
Friday, Feb. 7: Psalm 112:1-10; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18;
Saturday, Feb. 8: Psalm 112:1-10; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8
Sunday, Feb. 9: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
Monday, Feb. 10: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10
Tuesday, Feb. 11: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Wednesday, Feb. 12: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30

Epiphany 6

Thursday, Feb. 13: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16
Friday, Feb. 14: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17
Saturday, Feb. 15: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9
Sunday, Feb. 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
Monday, Feb. 17: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8
Tuesday, Feb. 18: Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21—24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13
Wednesday, Feb. 19: Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12

Epiphany 7

Thursday, Feb. 20: Psalm 119:33-40; Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1
Friday, Feb. 21: Psalm 119:33-40; Leviticus 6:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6
Saturday, Feb. 22: Psalm 119:33-40; Leviticus 24:10-23; Matthew 7:1-12
Sunday, Feb. 23: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48
Monday, Feb. 24: Psalm 119:57-64; Proverbs 25:11-22; Romans 12:9-21
Tuesday, Feb. 25: Psalm 119:57-64; Genesis 31:1-3, 17-50; Hebrews 12:14-16
Wednesday, Feb. 26: Psalm 119:57-64; Proverbs 3:27-35; Luke 18:18-30

Transfiguration

Thursday, Feb. 27: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7
Friday, Feb. 28: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28
Saturday, March 1: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-133
Sunday, March 2: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
Monday, March 3: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
Tuesday, March 4: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6

MISSING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



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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
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Custodian: Augie Heyne
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