

May Day

Grace Deadwood/Blessed Emmanuel Sturgis

Brothers and Sisters!

May 2026 Newsletter

My guess is some of you read these monthly articles faithfully, and I thank you. Others may skim or browse them over, others may look at the title and move on, some don't even try to read it, and still there are others not even aware that the pastor writes a monthly newsletter article! I know this because I've been there, and I understand. My hope is that if you don't read my article, at least read the rest of the newsletter, it always has good information regarding our parish life.

The month of May is a very exciting month in the church. Several things coalesce to make it a fun and happening month, and I will list them here:

1. We recall the Ascension of our Lord in May.
 2. Mother's Day is always in May.
 3. People usually graduate from high school during this month.
 4. We almost always celebrate the Day of Pentecost in May.
1. The Ascension of our Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter and always falls on Thursday. Of course, on this day we reflect upon the meaning of our Lord's ascension into heaven, where He "sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead." The Gospel of Luke chapter 24 and the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 both record the ascension of our Lord in detail. Some churches even hold a service on this day. Certainly the pastor will preach something about the ascension in his sermon at this time of year.
 2. Mother's Day is a very special day on which we get to honor our mothers and their contribution to our lives, whether that be a great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, mother-in-law, adopted mother, guardian, etc. Our mothers were formative in our lives, and their influence is with us every day, you may still call them or talk to them or think of them every day or once a week. The fourth commandment says, "Honor your father and your mother," and I am glad we have a day set aside to do that.
 3. High school graduation is a major milestone in one's life. It is an accomplishment after all that schooling. You may be planning for more education, but you have a foundation from which to build. You'll never forget where you graduated from and when, and some of your classmates, etc. It certainly is a moment of transition in the journey of life. Your parents have been great influence in your life and will continue to be as you progress. You have much to be grateful for.
 4. The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter and always falls on a Sunday. Originally, it was the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot or "Weeks" (Lev 23:15-22), but we celebrate it as the birthday of Christ's holy church. It is recorded in Acts chapter 2 that when the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem, the promised Holy Spirit descended on them like tongues of fire, and the twelve apostles began to preach the Gospel in various foreign languages, so that many people from different geographic areas and nations could understand the Gospel in their own tongue. Peter preached a sermon to those gathered and as a result many people were baptized that day, and the Gospel was spread from Jerusalem to other parts of the ancient world. This laid the foundation for the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and others.

The Lord be with you this May, and springtime of year! Pray for rain.

Pastor Hinckley and family

Prayer Request

Kaitlin Clauser, Jared Hafner & Baby Brielle, Barb Canterbury, Brandon & Desiree Arndt, Bill Denke, Michelle Bruzan, Cleo Naser, Michael Pickett, Gene and Jeanine Harms, Lavera Chord, Kelley Hoffmann, Doug Daniels, Todd Wyant, Karen Schumm, Samantha Gansberg, The Blair's great-uncle, Dana, Lanette Neitzert, Clee Wolske, Marvin Maynard, Carrie Suessmith with ongoing health issues.

Home Visit Members: Al Ramero, Jane Andersen, Jeannine Jones, Lois Sorenson, Fred Straub.

- 1 Jeanine Harms & Stacey Sundstrom
- 5 Lee Ann Cudmore
- 7 Kara Diede & Jim Guest
- 14 René Larson 27 Laurie Denke
- 30 Courtney Guest
- 31 Shanae Alberts



Baptismal Birthdays

- 2 Jaxon Dejean
- 8 Craig Holmes
- 11 David Derr
- 16 Lynn Corkins & Lee Ann Cudmore
- 17 Kjell Sundstrom
- 19 Carlene Holmes
- 20 Sandy Dale & Carol Reeder
- 27 Phyllis Christianson
- 30 Courtney Guest

If you have a prayer request, would like to remove yourself or a loved one from the prayer list, or would like to be added to the newsletter birthdays/anniversary, please let either Pastor Hinckley or myself know.

You can email or text me at:

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Thank you!

Erin Burke-Ross

- Secretary

We Care program

Dakotamart

Save Receipts Earn Money

For Your Organization

For every \$10,000 bundle of Dakotamart receipt tapes your organization collects it will receive a check for \$100.

It's Just That Easy!

Announcements

Bella

Baby Bottle Campaign:

Grace Lutheran raised **\$388.49**

Blessed Emmanuel raised **\$243.77**



VBS AT BLESSED EMMANUEL LUTHERAN: JULY 13TH-17TH

We are in need of Teacher helpers, Craft helpers, and Playground assistants. VBS starts at **9:00am** and concludes with lunch **12:00 noon**. It's always a fun time for the kids learning about Jesus. This years theme is "Emerald Crossing." Also, if you have any unused footballs, basketballs, or soccer balls we are expanding the outdoor activities and are also in need of a basketball hoop (movable) and some soccer goals (with nets.)

If you could be a helper or have the needed items,

text Kari Kannenberg 952-290-0430 or Kim Schlecht 605-347-7817.

Thank you!

MAY 14th:

The Bethlehem Lutheran chapter of the LWML is hosting Rev. Tess Franzen from Freedoms Journey to give a presentation on human trafficking here in South Dakota. We are opening this presentation up for anyone to attend since it is an important topic, and with some knowledge you can help save a life.

Please join us **Thursday, May 14th at 6pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (**1630 Rushmore St. RC**). This event is free and open to the public. We will take up a freewill offering for Freedoms Journey at the event.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Alexandra Loverink at aloverink@gmail.com | 503.459.6023.



**Grace Lutheran LWML will meet
Tuesday, May 12th 9:30am for a
Luncheon—**

**Location will be announced
No meeting again until September!**



Easter Sunday at Blessed Emmanuel

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**The kids
participated
in an Easter
Egg Hunt,
and it was the
perfect
weather for it!**



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Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at Grace Lutheran and every Sunday at Blessed Emmanuel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 5th Sunday of Easter Grace Service 8:30am BELC Service 10:30am /short council Mtg to follow & Confirmation Class to follow	4	5	6 Grace 2:00 pm Bible Study BELC 3:45pm Bible Study Grace 6:30pm Service	7	8	9
10 6th Sunday of Easter Grace 7:15am Council Mtg/ 8:30am Service after BELC 9:15am SS/Bible Study BELC 10:30am Service—no confirmation to follow	11	12 Grace LWML Luncheon 9:30am Location TBA ~ No Meeting Again Until September! ~	13 Grace 2:00 pm Bible Study BELC 3:45pm Bible Study Grace 6:30pm Service	14 Human Traffick- ing Presentation— Bethlehem Lutheran RC 6:00pm	15	16
17 7th Sunday of Easter Grace 8:30am Service BELC 9:15am Last Day of Sunday School/Bible Study BELC 10:30am Service/ Confirmation & LWML after	18	19	20 Grace 2:00 pm Bible Study BELC 3:45pm Bible Study Grace 6:30pm Service	21	22	23
24 The Day of Pentecost Grace 8:30am Service BELC 9:15am SS/Bible Study BELC 10:30am Service/ Confirmation to follow	25	26	27 Grace 2:00 pm Bible Study BELC 3:45pm Bible Study Grace 6:30pm Service	28	29	30
31 The Holy Trinity Grace 8:30am Service BELC 9:15am SS/Bible Study BELC 10:30am Service/ Confirmation to follow						



LCMS May Bible Verse Challenge

Week of May 03, 2026 Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Week of May 10, 2026 Philippians 1:6

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Week of May 17, 2026 John 1:12

To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Week of May 24, 2026 Colossians 3:12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Week of May 31, 2026 Galatians 3:26

In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

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