

Every One His Witness
Brothers and Sisters!

**Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis
&
Grace/Deadwood
October 2025 Newsletter**

A very important event is happening in our Parish on Saturday, October 11th, from 8:30-12:30. That day, and Saturday, October 25, same time, is when (Lord willing) our Circuit Visitor Rev. David Warner from Custer/Hill City will be at Grace Deadwood fellowship hall to discuss the crucial topic of witnessing our faith to others. Pastor Warner is quite equipped to lead this workshop, he is both theologically intelligent and spiritually gifted, indeed, he served as a missionary to Spain, and we should ask him a question or two about that when he gets here. So far, we have about a dozen people signed up, and several others have shown interest, for one or both Saturdays. The workshop is free, and a range of food and drink will be available during the study and interaction. Add to this the opportunity to spend some time with fellow brothers and sisters of our parish.

My friends, it doesn't get much better than this! I know it is a significant commitment of time, but really it is the least we can do when we consider what our Lord has done and continues to do for us. I also know you will be rewarded by the experience, as St. Paul says, all things are "sanctified by the Word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:4-5). That is why participants who have signed up so far have been given a weekly prayer list and two devotional booklets, one on the Gospel of Matthew and the other on the Gospel of John, to encourage us in the "Word of God and prayer." Truly this is one of the greatest ways we can witness to our faith, and that is to practice it regularly, and openly.

The original Greek word for witness is μαρτυς, or μαρτυρια, in English, "martyr." Traditionally this word describes those who die for their faith in Christ, their life a "witness" to Christ's own sacrifice for us. The word can also mean the witness or testimony that we make about Christ, as in the proclamations of John the Baptizer about Christ in John 1:19, "And this is the testimony (μαρτυρια) of John...", and John 1:32, "and John bore witness (εμαρτυρησεν)." The Latin word translating these Greek words is "testimonium." It is a public witness or testimony to Christ. I'm sure Pastor Warner will have some thoughts about this too, and we shall have to ask him.

It is a great way to start this Fall of 2025, and Pastor Warner will be teaching about individual witnessing, using Synodical materials called "Every One His Witness," or E1HW for short. He will be talking about how we might witness or testify to Christ and His work in our life and in the life of the world. May the Lord bless this endeavor of E1HW with as much Spirit and as many people from our parish as possible.

Pastor Hinckley and family

IN OUR PRAYERS



The Blair's great-uncle, Dana, Dave Gross, Gene Harms, Lavera Chord, Phyliss Beitelspacher, Sheila Derr, Kelley Hoffmann, Brielle Trimble, Cal and Debbie Meredith, Brenda Cavanagh, Lou Hampton, Doug Daniels, Todd Wyant, Ig Gruenwald, Karen Schumm, Samantha Gansberg with ongoing health issues.

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

1 Joshua Ross	12 Gene Zurcher
2 Colin Cranny	15 Cliff Littau
8 Kari Kannenberg	23 Owen Lux
8 Shannon Weber	29 Lee Christianson



Anniversaries

7 Michele & Rob Gordon

Baptismal Birthdays

1 Lonny Newlon	11 Ken Corey
3 Clara Ulmer	12 Jeanine Harms
4 Colin Cranny	15 LaVera Chord
8 Brandon Snyder	18 Kari Kannenberg
8 Kai Permann	30 Gene Zurcher



"We Care Program"

Don't forget to save your Lynn's receipts! Please put them in Gene Zurcher's box at Blessed, and in the black mailbox labeled "Lynn's Receipts" on the table at Grace, and Erin will pick those up each week to give to Gene. This is a great way to raise funds for our churches!

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! To celebrate, Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Sturgis will be having fellowship October 19th after Service to celebrate. Snacks and cake will be provided.

Bible Study has been in full swing this fall. Don't forget—Grace Lutheran hosts theirs every Wednesday at 2:00pm and Blessed Emmanuel hosts theirs Wednesdays at 3:45pm, as well as Sundays at 9:15am prior to Sunday Service.



The annual Schlecht Hayride will take place *Sat., Oct. 4th at 3:00pm* at the Schlecht home. Visit the barn, take a cart ride, and bring a pumpkin for football. Hayride through the countryside is followed by chili, cowboy music and a campfire. Remember warm clothes! *The hay racks leave at 4:00pm.* All ages welcome! Rain out date is *Sat., Oct. 11th*, same time and place. For questions, call 605.206.0252 or 605.347.7817. Address is: 20437 Oyster Mountain Ln, Whitewood.

The 'Every One His Witness' workshop will be hosted by Grace/Deadwood, and Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis is invited to come. The workshop is free, and we welcome everyone to attend, there is no limitation on the number. The workshop will be led by our Circuit Visitor, Pastor David Warner of Hill City/Custer, and will focus on the skills and attitude we need to witness to others about our faith in Christ. The workshop will be presented on two Saturdays in October, the 11th and the 25th, from 8:30-12:30, with a light lunch to follow. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back, and/or talk to Pastor Hinckley about attending. Thank you!



Grace LWML will be participating in Deadwood's Trunk or Treat and will be requesting candy donations. The event will be on Oct. 31st from 4pm-6pm at the '76 Events Complex. Volunteers need to be parked by 3:30pm. Please contact René Larson for more information.



Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church kicked off their fall Sunday School sessions with the annual Turtle Races on Sunday, September 7th. This is something the Sunday School kids look forward to each year, and is a crowd pleaser with the adults as well.

Pictured from left: Luca Ross, Colt Blair, Jack Blair, Kim Schlecht.

For a list of upcoming events, visit our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/blessedemmanuelsturgis>



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**Holy Communion is celebrated 1st and 3rd Sundays at Grace and every Sunday at Blessed Emmanuel*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Schlecht Hay Ride</i> 3:00pm - 20437 Oyster Mt Lane WW Hay Racks leave @ 4
5 Pentecost 17 Grace 7:00am Council Mtg Grace 8:30am Service BELC 9:15am Sunday School/ Bible Study BELC 10:30am Service BELC 11:30am Confirmation	6	7	8 Grace 2:00 pm Bible Study BELC 3:45pm Bible Study Grace 6:30pm Service	9	10	11 <i>E1HW @ Grace</i> 8:30am-12:30pm <u>Light Lunch to follow provided by Grace</u> <i>*Rainout day for Schlecht Hay Ride same time/place *</i>
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LCMS October Bible Verse Challenge

Week of October 05, 2025 *1 Peter 3:15*

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Week of October 12, 2025 *Exodus 31:13*

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you."

Week of October 19, 2025 *1 John 4:2*

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

Week of October 26, 2025 *Genesis 15:6*

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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