

A Few Good Mission
Opportunities
Brothers and sisters!

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

Our parish has an incredible mission opportunity. It is estimated that more than 2.5 million people visit Deadwood every year, and that approximately 500,000 people visit Sturgis every year. Just stop and think about that!

Regarding Deadwood, the attraction is Wild West history, gambling, and the scenic Black Hills, including winter sports at Terry Peak, among other things. For Sturgis, people come from all over the world to celebrate the Motorcycle Rally, of course, and this year the Rally is expected to attract even more people because it's the 85th. What a blessing for our parish that we can reach out with the Gospel and provide a Christian message for so many people. Other parishes do not even come close to the mission outreach potential that our parish does. It is indeed as Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

At Grace/Deadwood, we get many visitors over the summer, and even a few during the winter months. I do believe that Grace does a great job of welcoming our visitors; we have many that return to our church when they are in the area. It is one of the joys of my ministry here to reach out to the new people as much as possible. I like to make those connections; we truly have a ministry not only to our congregational members but to our visitors! I appreciate that we are giving away free ice-cream to people in the City Park for the Farmer's Market Fridays. I think it is a good way to meet people and make them aware of our church and even share the Gospel when given the opportunity. We have a great location in town, we are right on Main Street, and of course next to a big thoroughfare in Hwy 14A.

At Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis, we also get visitors, but not so much on Sunday mornings. Instead, we are blessed to have the Vacation Bible School outreach in July, and of course, the Rally Breakfasts and Dinners, where we get many people from the community and the world to come to our little church tucked along the hillside. I really like these opportunities, it is a blessing not only for our parish, but our circuit, and even our district! I am going to be looking into a national grant that will perhaps provide some funds for us to improve the physical setting behind the church, such as a new concrete pad where we cook breakfast, wash dishes, and serve, etc.

This October we are going to have a seminar put on by our Circuit Visitor, Pastor David Warner. He will be presenting the program, "Everyone His Witness," and discussing and equipping us to share the Gospel with others in a purposeful and intimate way. The seminar will be held at Grace/Deadwood, likely on Saturday, October 11, from 8:30-12:30, and Saturday, October 18, 8:30-12:30. Everyone from our parish is welcome to attend.

My prayer is that we will make the most of these opportunities. We certainly have a lot of potential at both Deadwood and Sturgis. May the Lord of the Harvest bless us with the ability and skill to reach out to people and share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Pastor Hinckley and family

IN OUR PRAYERS



Eileen Pickett's mother, Rose, Gene Harms, Lavera Chord, Phyliss Beitelspacher, Sheila Derr, Kelley Hoffmann, Brielle Trimble, Cal and Debbie Meredith, Brenda Cavanagh, Kim Schlecht, Davey Dale, Lou Hampton, Doug Daniels, Todd Wyant, Ig Gruenwald, Karen Schumm with ongoing health issues.

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

1 Troy Burns	12 Nick Alberts
4 Randy Hornback	19 Ronda Morrison
5 Rocky Rantapaa	23 Randy McGruder
10 Karla Curran	26 Bill Vaughn
10 Max Larson	27 Sandy Dale

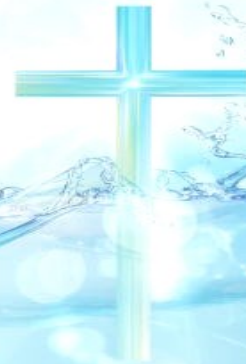


Anniversaries

1 Brandon & Megan Snyder
 6 Bill & Sharon Vaughn
 15 Gary & Patty Kennedy
 16 Kirby & Kim Schlecht
 16 Harlan & Arlene Gustafson
 20 Rocky & Margie Rantapaa

Baptismal Birthdays

1 Peyton Lux	13 Randy Hornback
3 Shenae Alberts	23 Kirby Schlecht
5 Robert Van Sickle	25 Stacey Sundstrom
6 Howie Albrecht	25 Karla Curran
27 Wade McGruder	



"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!

Upcoming Events



Join both Blessed Emmanuel and Grace Lutheran for the Dual Parish Picnic Sunday, July 13th at the park on Sherman Street in Lead following a joint Sunday Service at 10:00am. Meat and buns will be provided through Thrivent. Please bring a side or dessert.

Blessed Emmanuel will be hosting Vacation Bible School July 14-18 from 9am-noon. Lunch is provided daily. Registration is July 14th at 8:30am.



Blessed Emmanuel needs volunteers to make food for, and serve breakfast and supper during the 2025 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Please sign up for slots on signupgenius.com. More information is posted on the back table of the sanctuary.

Grace LWML needs volunteers willing to provide food or help with funerals. Contact René Larson 605.641.3467 for more information. Also, neither Grace or Blessed LWML will meet again until September.



Grace Lutheran is giving away free ice cream cones on Fridays during the Deadwood Farmer's Market and also during the Dual Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 13th. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at Grace Lutheran.

INTERESTED IN A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT?

LOVE SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

Consider volunteering at Blessed Emmanuel during the 2025 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally!

The many volunteers who have helped during previous years can attest to the wonderful fellowship we

experience with our fellow LCMS members as well as the many visitors who attend breakfasts and suppers. We

serve about 2000 meals during the rally. That's 2000 opportunities to witness!

And we are greatly rewarded when we receive letters, weeks and months after the rally has ended, telling us that

after seeing the joyful volunteerism we have during rally, they have been motivated to volunteer more at their

home church.

- Slots are available for BREAKFAST 6:00 am – 12:00 pm

Daily from Saturday, August 2nd through Saturday August 9th

6 am – 12 pm—breakfast prep and cooking (4 people)

7:00 am – 12 pm—serving (14 people)

12 pm until done—clean-up (2 people)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2025RallyBreakfast>

- Slots are available for DINNER 4:00 – 8:30 pm

Daily from Monday, August 4th – Friday, August 8th

4:00 – 8:30 pm—set-up/serve/clean-up (4 people)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2025RallySupper>

We also need food donations: Monday = 6 9x13 size Lasagnas/ Tuesday = 6 2lb Meatloafs/ Thursday = 6 9x13 size Chicken Pot Pie

The link to sign-up for food donations is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2025RallyFoodDonations>

Please call Blessed Emmanuel at 605-423-5870 or email glc.belc.secretary@gmail.com if you would like more information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BELC Council Mtg Date & Time TBD		1	2 Grace Service 6:30pm	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Grace Service 8:30am BELC Service 10:30am	7	8	9 Grace Service 6:30pm	10	11 Grace handing out ice cream 4-7 DWD Farmer's Market	12 Set up for VBS at BELC
13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Grace Council Mtg 8:30am <u>Dual Parish Service 10:00am</u>	14 BELC VBS Starts Registration 8:30am <u>BELC VBS 9:00-12</u>	15 <u>BELC VBS 9:00-12:00</u>	16 <u>BELC VBS 9:00-12:00</u> Grace Service 6:30pm	17 <u>BELC VBS 9:00-12:00</u>	18 BELC VBS Grace handing out ice cream 4-7 DWD Farmer's Market	19
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LCMS July Bible Verse Challenge

Week of July 6, 2025 *John 15:5*

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Week of July 13, 2025 *Psalms 119:11*

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Week of July 20, 2025 *1 Corinthians 15:58*

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Week of July 27, 2025 *Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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