

Grace Deadwood/Blessed Emmanuel Sturgis

September 2026 Newsletter

The Lesson of Mary and Martha

Brothers and sisters!

You may remember the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42), how Jesus came to visit them at their house one day. Mary and Martha were disciples and friends of Jesus and happy to have Him at their home, although they had two different responses to the occasion. Martha was up and about serving everyone with whatever they needed and was anxious about many things. However, Mary simply sat at the Lord's feet and listened to Him teach. Martha, of course, complained to the Lord about this, she was upset that Mary wasn't helping her. Jesus took the occasion to highlight what was the priority for us all, and that is, hearing the Word of the Lord. How important it is to simply hear the Word of the Lord! To learn, to study, to meditate and take the Word of God to heart! It is also true that we should not only hear the Word, but also do what it says, as St. James says in his epistle (1:22). That is, we want to follow the Lord's words as much as we hear them. So, we not only listen but walk in what we've learned; we put His words into action. Sometimes we are like Martha and think we are too busy for the Word, but we should never be too busy. Think of all the gifts and blessings God has for us if we will be like Mary and sit at His feet and listen. Think of the grace and Spirit and power to do good that we receive as a result.

When we think of Jesus as our teacher, it is easy to be a learner, because we know what great things He has in store for us. He is a faithful and wise teacher. He teaches us the Law and the Gospel. He teaches us not only with His words, but with His life, by His example, His whole life was a sermon.

We never stop learning, no matter how much experience we have, no matter how many sermons we have heard, no matter how much we have studied the Bible! There is always more to learn, and I think that is in part because our human experience is such that we are constantly needing to grow, whether that be physically or intellectually or spiritually. It is important to have a teachable spirit, to be willing to learn, to open our hearts to hear what God is saying! It is sad when people close off any opportunity for growth or to learn something new. I hope that never happens to any of us. For learning is a wonderful thing, especially learning from the Lord. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 9:10).

It is September and that means all the children and even some adults go back to school. From elementary school to junior high, to high school, to college, everyone is getting ready to learn. That is true also for our parish. Starting in September we have Sunday school and Sunday morning Bible Study at Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis at 9:15, and Bible Study on Wednesdays at Grace/Deadwood, 2:00, and 3:45 at Blessed Emmanuel. See you there soon!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Hinckley and family

Prayer Request

Sandy Dale & family, the family of Jane Andersen, Joshua Cranny, Kenny & Sharon, Lindy Hinckley's mother, Judy, Nathan Anderson, Gene & Jeanine Harms, Rocky Rantapaa, Laurie Denke, her mother & family, Karenne & Todd Wyant, Brandon & Desiree Arndt, Michelle Bruzan, Cleo Naser, Michael Pickett, Lavera Chord, Kelley Hoffmann, Doug Daniels, Karen Schumm, Samantha Gansberg, Marvin Maynard, Carrie Suessmith, Jamie Turnbow, Dave Gross, Gable Boner with ongoing health issues.

Home Visit Members: Al Ramero, Jeannine Jones, Lois Sorenson, Harlan Gustafson.

Happy Birthday

5 Patty Kennedy
6 Nathan McGruder
8 Karen Brandt
19 Lonny Newlon
20 Thor Sundstrom
22 Leo Diede
28 LaVera Chord
28 Carol Reeder

Happy Anniversary

3 RON & KAREN BRANDT
9 JOSH & ERIN ROSS

Baptismal Birthdays

4 Liberty Hinckley	23 Lindy Hinckley
11 Phil Wilkins	26 Michele Gordon
15 Brenda McGruder	27 Rose Marie Vansickle
15 Nathan McGruder	Craig Curran

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, please let either Pastor Hinckley or myself know. You can email or text me at:

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Hello September



Announcements



Sunday School and Sunday Adult Bible Study will begin September 13th at 9:15am at Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume September 16th at 2:00pm at Grace Lutheran and 3:45pm at Blessed Emmanuel.



Grace Lutheran Parking Lot Totals:

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally:

August 9th - \$391.00 / August 16th - \$19.00

Kool Deadwood Nites: \$1488.15

A Big Thank you to Brenda McGruder for always going above and beyond to keep track of the parking lot donations!



Rally 2026 at Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Sturgis—

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Breakfast/Dinner Fundraiser. There were 2223 total served for Breakfast, and 326 total served for Dinner throughout the week. Although numbers were slightly down from last year, it was still a great turnout.

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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
		1	2 Grace Service 6:30pm	3	4 Grace last night of ice cream givea- way during Dwd Farmer's Market 4:00-7:00pm	5
6 Pentecost 15 Grace Service 8:30am BELC Service 10:30am	7 	8 Grace LWML 9:00am	9 Grace Service 6:30pm	10	11	12
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SEPTEMBER LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Week of September 06, 2026 *Jude 24-25*

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Week of September 13, 2026 *Psalms 143:8*

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

Week of September 20, 2026 *Nahum 1:7*

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.

Week of September 27, 2026 *Psalms 91:11-12*

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

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