

Back to School
Brothers and Sisters!

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

It's that time of year again. Most of the motorcycles and hot rods have left, and the kids are going back to school. The temperatures are cooler, and Bible study begins September 10th on Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 at Grace and 3:45 at Blessed. It's back to school.

We all are students to some degree, no matter what our age. All of us are continually learning the Gospel, the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ. That message never grows old, it is always fresh and new every time we hear it, because we always need to hear it. The sin in our lives tries to draw us away from the Gospel, it wants us to be ignorant of it, and sometimes we lose sight of it. That is why we need to hear it again and again, and even learn it again, almost every time, because of the forgetfulness of our sinful nature.

I love being a student. I love learning, it is one of my favorite things to learn something new, or even, to learn something again. I like to think that I am teachable, and I think faith is like that too. It is always open to hearing and learning the Gospel. It never grows tired of hearing the good news of our salvation. It is forever happy to hear and learn about the overwhelming love and compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory be to God!

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 equipping us to share the Gospel with others in a purposeful and lasting way. The seminar will be held at Grace/Deadwood, on Saturday, October 11, from 8:30-12:30, and Saturday, October 25, 8:30-12:30. Everyone from our Parish, both Deadwood and Sturgis, is welcome to attend. There are sign-up sheets at both churches. We will have lots of learning opportunities at this seminar, with the hopes that we will share the Gospel too!

My prayer is that we will make the most of this opportunity. We 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



Ken Pickett, Gene Harms, Lavera Chord, Phyliss Beitelspacher, Sheila Derr, Kelley Hoffmann, Brielle Trimble, Cal and Debbie Meredith, Brenda Cavanagh, Davey Dale, Lou Hampton, Doug Daniels, Todd Wyant, Ig Gruenwald, Karen Schumm with on-going health issues.

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

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



Anniversaries

3 Ron & Karen Brandt

9 Josh & Erin Ross

Baptismal Birthdays

4 Liberty Hinckley	23 Lindy Hinckley
11 Phil Wilkins	26 Michele Merkel (Gordon)
15 Brenda McGruder	27 Rose Marie Van Sickle
15 Nathan McGruder	Craig Curran



"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!

Announcements



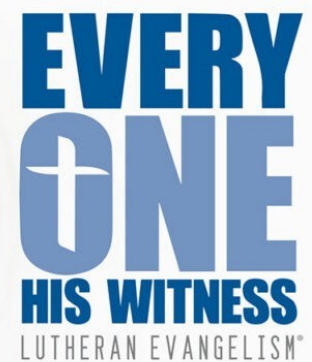
An enormous thank you to the members of Grace Lutheran Church and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran church, as well as outside volunteers with their help during the rally to serve breakfast and dinner throughout the busy week. We raised approximately \$13,500 in donations, and we couldn't have done it without you! Bless you all! Grace Lutheran also raised \$979.75 in donations from rally goers using the parking lot of the church.

It's that time of year again! Sunday School will start at Blessed Emmanuel in Sturgis beginning Sunday, September 7th at 9:15am, and will continue through May of next year.



Mark your calendars! Both Grace Lutheran and Blessed Emmanuel will begin their Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies on September 10th. Grace will host theirs at 2:00pm, and Blessed's will be at 3:45pm. Blessed will also start their Sunday morning Bible study on Sept. 7th at 9:15am before Service.

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 needs volunteers willing to provide food or help with funerals. Contact René Larson 605.641.3467 for more information. The next meeting for Grace LWML will be Sept. 12th at 9:00am. Blessed LWML will meet every third Sunday at noon beginning September 21st.



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



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Grace Service 6:30pm	4	5	6
7 13th Sun after Pentecost Grace Council Mtg 7:15am Grace Worship 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 9:15am BELC Worship 10:30am	8	9 Pastor & Lindy hosting Circuit Pastor Meeting at Grace 9:30am and Holy Cross Day Divine Service at 10:00am	10 Grace Bible Study 2:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm Grace Service 6:30pm	11	12 Grace LWML 9:00am	13
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LCMS September Bible Verse Challenge

Week of September 7, 2025 *Psalm 37:5*

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Week of September 14, 2025 *1 Corinthians 1:18*

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Week of September 21, 2025 *Isaiah 64:8*

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Week of September 28, 2025 *2 Peter 1:3*

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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