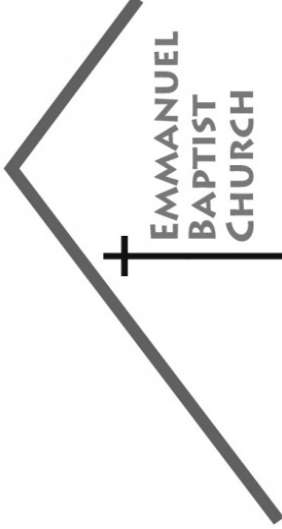


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**JUNE 2020**

## June Newsletter



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THURSDAY:

Nehemiah Prayer Group

Adult Bible Study

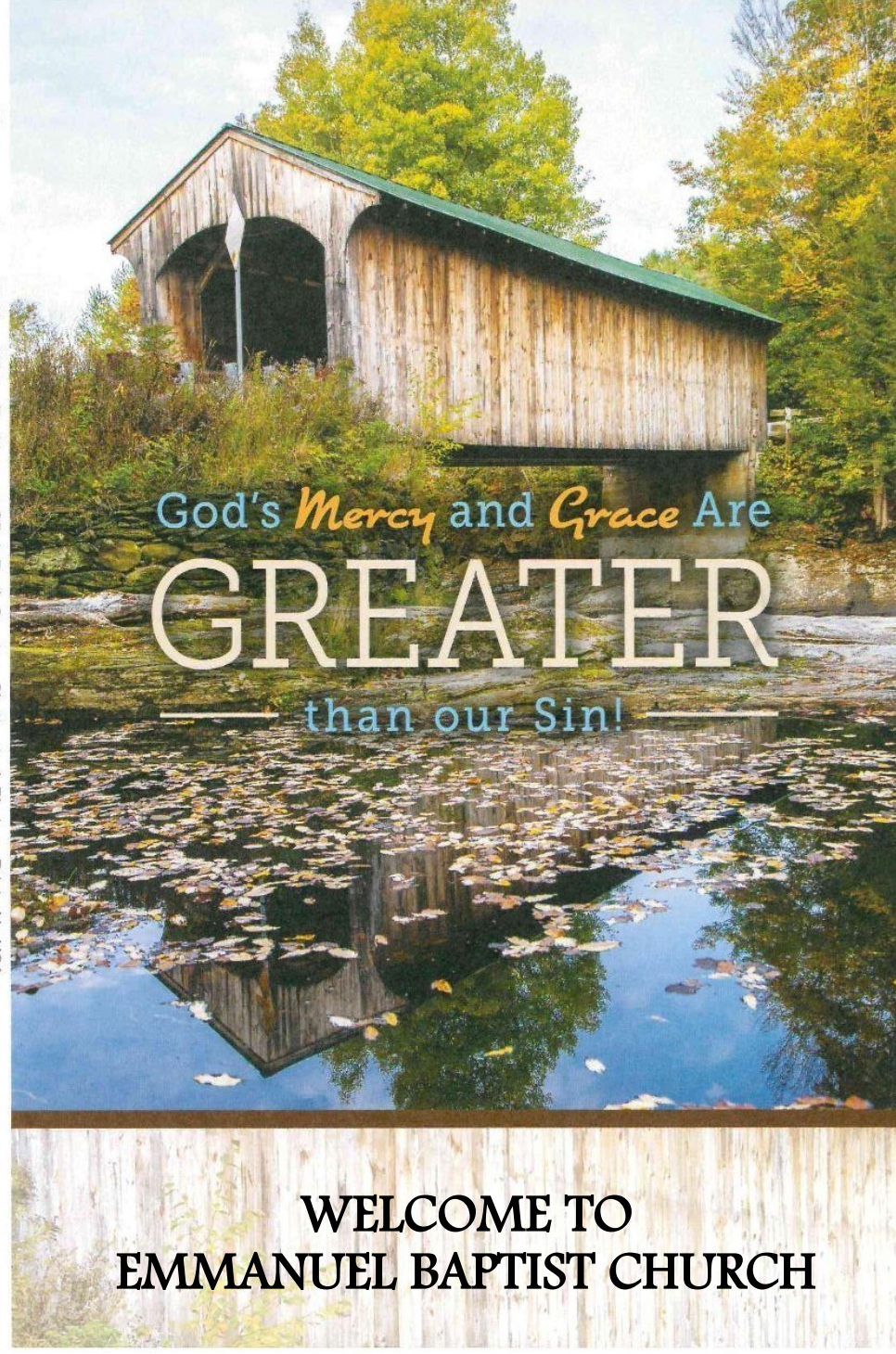
Adult Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

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# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Worship NO Communion	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Advisory Board	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 am Worship  One Great Hour of Sharing	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> *12:00 noon Union Gospel Lamplighter Luncheon	<b>20</b> *C.O.G.S.
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Worship  One Great Hour of Sharing	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> *S.A.G.E.	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am Worship  11:00 am Quarterly Business Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>*TO BE DETERMINED</b>	



## MAY ATTENDANCE & GIVING

	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING (General & Missions)
5/3	0=COVID-19	\$2,614.00
5/10	0=COVID-19	\$2,726.00
5/17	0=COVID-19	\$1,477.00
5/24	0=COVID-19	\$1,965.00
5/31	0=COVID-19	N/A

2020 Year to Date received: \$46,424.00

2020 Budgeted Amount: \$51,180.57

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \$2,437.00

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16*

## Stewardship Report

Average Weekly Donations\* through 5/24/20: \$ 2,210.67  
Average Weekly Donations Needed to Meet Budget: \$ 2,437.00\*\*  
+/- Difference: - 226.33

(Last year at this time our weekly average was +19.44.)

\* This figure includes only offerings for General Fund; it does not include Offerings for Special Missions, Memorial Fund, Transfers, or Non-Budgeted expenses.

\*\*2020 Budget total: \$126,733.00 ÷ 52 weeks = \$2,437.00.

### C.O.G.S. and S.A.G.E. Fellowship

C.O.G.S. and S.A.G.E. did not meet in May  
Future meetings are pending.



We will be taking an offering for ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING on June 14 & June 21 or you may mail an offering in the envelope enclosed to the church office. OGHS makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communi-

ties around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, poverty or severe economic hardship, and for those who find themselves refugees or dis-placed within their home country.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Dick Kruse  
Bob Kilborn  
5 Betty Coffey  
6 Helen Peters  
12 Jackie Harris  
Kristy VanMeeteren  
14 Karen Walter (Kruse)  
16 Nancy O'Connell  
17 Noah Carlson  
25 Jon Michael Talbert  
26 Kary Best  
27 Junie Bittiker  
28 Cassandra Wise  
30 Katrina Kruse

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

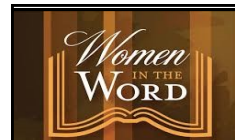
2 Becky Lindstrom & Bill Palanuk  
7 Skip & Sandy Sherman  
Chris & Kathy Paul  
9 Dave & Susan Behrends  
15 Bob & Millie Kilborn

Helen Peters wanted to share this  
Roses are red,  
April was gray  
I hope we can leave  
Our homes in May.



### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

The Quarterly Business Meeting is scheduled for  
June 28 @ 11:00 a.m.



Ladies the book of the month  
For JUNE is GENESIS.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Lenora McMillan Cynthia Lundberg  
Dorothy Heck Bob Kilborn Joy Ingalls

### OUR LEADERS

Pastor Brett Best Board Members & Officers  
Pastors Taku & Katie Longkumer and all Missionaries  
Civil Government Military  
Firefighters & EMTs Police

### OUR REGION

Pastor Dwayne Williams  
Executive Minister Randy Rasmussen  
Associated American Baptist Churches

# Message Notes

Matthew 10 - "Fitted for Hard Times"  
**Part Three: The Courage to be a Disciple**

**Jesus prepared His disciples for service  
and witness in the world.**

1. We can have courage because God supplies us with the  
right words (vs. 19-20).

A. Persecution is opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. He will supply the \_\_\_\_\_ for our witness.

2. We can have courage because the secrets of our  
persecutors will be revealed. (vs. 26-27).

A. Evil-doers prefer the cover of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Don't fear darkness: all will come to \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We can have courage because we  
fear God, not man (v. 28).

A. God has complete \_\_\_\_\_ over everything  
that might make us afraid.

B. Even \_\_\_\_\_ is not the end of our witness.

4. We can have courage because we're very  
valuable to God (vs. 29-31).

A. When frightened, we feel God's " \_\_\_\_\_."

B. God is in the details and the " \_\_\_\_\_."

1) Example #1: \_\_\_\_\_ flight.

2) Example #2: scalp \_\_\_\_\_.

5. We must have courage because these days  
have eternal significance (vs. 32-33).

A. Our discipleship in this world reveals our  
\_\_\_\_\_ destination.

B. Our discipleship in this world determines our  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the next.

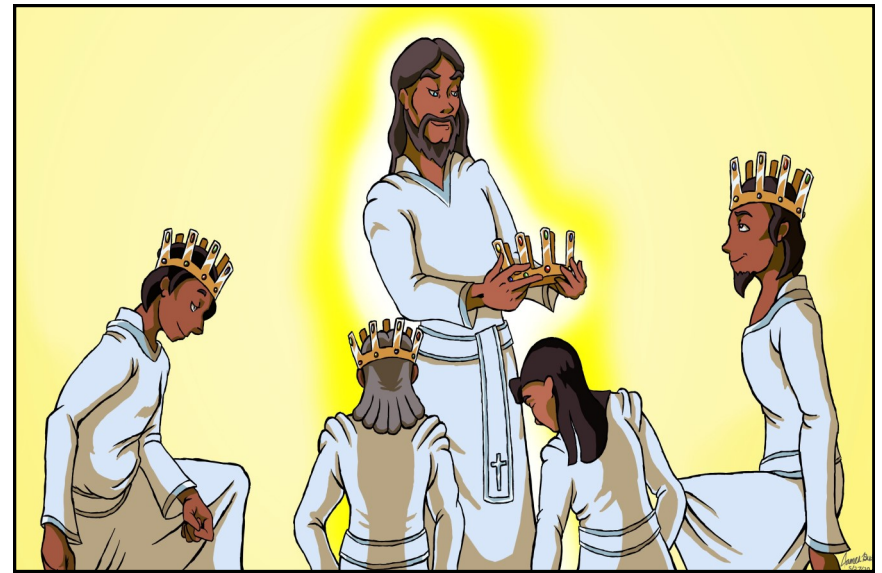


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Starting SUNDAY, JUNE 7, our Order of Worship:

Prelude

Announcements (To be repeated later on Call-Em-All.)

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

Offering

Interlude (Videotaping will start here.)

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Special Ministry

Message

Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

OH COME,  
**LET US**  
WORSHIP  
& BOW DOWN,  
Let Us **KNEEL**  
BEFORE THE **LORD,**  
**OUR Maker!**  
PSALM 135:6

thank  
you

Dear Emmanuel family,

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate Addison and her graduation drive thru. We were so happy to see so many of you and your support means the world to us. Thank you also for the thoughtful cards that have been gracing our mailbox.

All our love, Dawn and Addison Thie

We would like to thank our Emmanuel Family for all the cards, prayers and memorials during the recent home going of my Mother. The kind words of encouragement are a blessing. At the present time we do not have any idea when we will be able to gather as a family to celebrate her life and all she meant to us. This is difficult to not be able to grieve in our traditional way, so please keep all families in your prayers that are losing loved ones. God is great and his comfort keeps us going. Thank you again,

Pat and Dick Kruse

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

I want to thank you all for the on-going prayers all this time, but especially for my birthday last week! The surprises just kept coming and coming! It was so nice to feel the love! Thanks to each of you again.

Gloria Rose

Thank you Emmanuel Baptist Church,

I really appreciate the gift you gave me. You'll be happy to hear I've used the funds you've so generously provided to purchase a brand new wireless drawing tablet. I'll be sure to put it to good use making new art for you to enjoy. Thanks again, James Best

### **-Blessed Assurance- Hymn #572**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. REFRAIN

PUBLIC DOMAIN

### **-In the Garden- Hymn #635**

1. I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

REFRAIN: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. REFRAIN

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling. REFRAIN

PUBLIC DOMAIN

### **After a Fond Farewell, a Warm Welcome**

At the end of two lengthy letters that attempted to address all the problems a sadly divided church had experienced, Paul made one last call to unity:

**Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.**

**(2 Corinthians 13:11)**

We are looking at reopening our sanctuary for worship on Sunday, June 7. As we consider that, let us take a moment to apply these Spirit-inspired words to this unique moment in the history of our church.

#### **AIM FOR PERFECTION**

In our preparations for Reunion Sunday we are aiming to do everything we can to make our meetinghouse safe for worshipers. Of course, “perfection” cannot be defined as making everyone happy or inspiring universal confidence. That’s simply not possible when dealing with human beings. Instead, the “perfection” at which we aim will be the most sanitary environment that can be achieved by what we know about the coronavirus.

#### **LISTEN TO MY APPEAL**

In this case, my appeal to all of you, is to allow one another the freedom to make their own decisions about whether or not to attend worship. Each of us has our own situations, our own convictions about the virus, and what constitutes “safety” in this pandemic. Each of us has a faith-perspective that informs our decision on this issue. We will respect everyone’s decision and will not attempt to persuade or argue with anyone.

#### **BE OF ONE MIND**

In this situation there are particulars on which most, if not all, of us can agree. Our focus should be on these things, not distracted by things on which we disagree.

- God is with us. He is King over all creation. Our lives are in His hands.
- Worship is essential to our discipleship.
- God created the Church for shared worship, discipleship, stewardship, witness, and service.
- None of the aforementioned ministries - including worship - have to occur within church walls.
- Each person is be free to make up their own mind about attending worship in person or online. Both options are acceptable in God’s sight.
- Taking reasonable precautions to reduce or eliminate health risks is good and godly wisdom.

#### **LIVE IN PEACE**

Worry (anxiety) is a denial of God’s sovereignty, perhaps even His existence. Worry does not add a single hour to our lives (Matthew 6:27). Indeed, it detracts from all the hours of our lives. Worry is contrary to inner peace and wrecks peace between persons.

The least helpful member of a team is the “Monday Morning Quarterback.” Each of us needs to be careful to affirm and encourage everyone’s ability to make their own choices. Obviously, that’s impossible if no choices are offered.

Do these things and THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU. There’s a promise worth working toward!

**- pastor brett best**



*For I know the plans  
I have for you  
DECLARES THE LORD*

Jeremiah 29:11

**The following names are members, family and friends of Emmanuel Baptist Church who are honoring a 2020 Graduate.**

**Addison Thie** - daughter of Chris & Dawn Thie and granddaughter of Terry & Joanne Lindstrom graduating from Washington High School, Sioux Falls. Addison plans to attend the University of Sioux Falls and study Biblical and Theological Studies.

**Andrew Rogers** - son of Karen Cleveland Waldner & Mark Rogers and grandson of Joan Cleveland and the late Paul Cleveland graduating from Baltic High School, Baltic, SD. Andrew plans to attend Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, SD.

**Hayley Rogers** - daughter of Karen Cleveland Waldner & Mark Rogers and granddaughter of Joan Cleveland and the late Paul Cleveland graduating from the University of Sioux Falls with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Hayley plans to seek employment.

**Jenna Paul** - daughter of Chris & Kathy (Sherman) Paul and granddaughter of Skip & Sandy Sherman graduating from Millard North High School, Omaha NE. Jenna plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE and is interested in Meteorology .

**Abbie Van Meeteren** - daughter of Mark & Kristy (Sherman) Van Meeteren and granddaughter of Skip & Sandy Sherman graduating from Washington High School, Sioux Falls. Abbie plans to attend USD in Vermillion, SD and is interested in Education.

**Lauren Parliament** - daughter of Al Parliament graduating from Denver Seminary with a Master of Master of Divinity with Emphasis in Pastoral Care & Counseling. Lauren plans are to be an Associate Pastor position or a Staff Position with the American Baptist Rocky Mountain Region.

**Ryan Michael Gilk** - son of Deb Gilk Kautzman & Paul Gilk and grandson of Duane & Doris Carlson graduating from SDSU Brookings, SD with a degree in Computer Technology. Ryan will be working at Daktronics in Brookings.

**Logan Mathieu** - son of Lester Mathieu and the late Karen Mathieu and grandson of Leroy & Carole Mathieu graduating from Southeastern Technical Institute with a degree in Construction Management.

**Kelsey Hagan** - daughter of Karla Hagan granddaughter of Dick and Pat Kruse graduating from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with honors. She will attend graduate school at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas to study for an MBA in Finance and Economics.

*May blessings follow you through life wherever Christ may lead you. May love be right beside you and joy and peace precede you. May God's word light your path each day, while grace and patience guide your way.*

<p><b>WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP AND OTHER MEETINGS AT CHURCH, PLEASE OBSERVE THESE SOCIAL SAFETY GUIDELINES</b></p>
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- Observe social distancing of six feet or more. When greeting, do not exchange handshakes or hugs. Do not sit near anyone not of your household. Many pews will be closed off; do not sit there.
- If you wish to wear a mask, you must bring your own. Masks will not be required nor will they be offered.
- If you wish to wear gloves, you must bring your own. Gloves will not be required nor will they be offered.
- Offerings will be brought to the front. (Persons unable to walk up front may raise a hand to be assisted by an usher.)
- When Communion is served, everyone is invited to come forward to be served. (Persons unable to walk up front may raise a hand to be assisted by a deacon.)
- Avoid touching your face except with a tissue.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your elbow.
- Wash your hands or use the sanitizer dispenser before entering the sanctuary and when exiting.
- There will be no Fellowship time after worship.
- After worship, leave the Bible and/or hymnal on the seat to indicate someone sat there.
- If you are ill for any reason, please stay home and worship with us online. A cough or other symptoms may make your fellow worshipers uncomfortable, even if they are not COVID-19 related.
- The nursery is closed. Parents are asked to provide their own child care and toys/materials.



# **Our Next Steps - Reopening Our Church**

*(UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, this is how we are conducting meetings and services at our church. Because the future is so uncertain, we are not calling these “permanent” or “temporary” changes. It will be some time before our “new normal” can be identified, so the following items are open to change. Your constructive input is always appreciated.)*

**MIDWEEK MEETINGS:** All midweek meetings are moved are moved to Thursdays. Starting Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, our midweek schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 am = Nehemiah Prayer Group
- 10:00 am = Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 pm = Adult Bible Study

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** Starting June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, we will have worship together. Note the following:

- Video worship will be recorded at that time and offered on our YouTube channel. The video worship is going to be an ongoing part of our ministry.
- We will not observe Communion in June, but we will take the Deacons' Fund Offering.
- We ask those attending to observe the Social Safety rules on the other side of this announcement
- The key word is GRACE. We are giving one another grace to make our own decisions about attendance. We all have our own opinions and no one understands your own situation as well as you do.

## **DIGITAL MINISTRIES:**

- As stated above, video recordings of worship *will continue to be offered* on YouTube. This is both an outreach and a ministry to persons who elect to not attend worship in person.
- We offer a Daily Prayer sent via Call-Em-All. You must contact the office to opt into this calling group. These calls go out at 7:00 pm every day (except Saturday) and last no longer than two minutes.
- You can join our online study of the Revelation any time. Unlike an in-person group, these lessons are recorded and can be watched at your convenience. Contact the office to get your copy of the study. A new video is offered on our YouTube channel every Wednesday.

## MISSION STORIES

For we are co-workers in  
God's service; you are God's  
field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9



### Investing in Futures: Providing a Pathway to Success for Indigenous People of Southwest Oklahoma

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds awarded by American Baptist Home Mission Societies on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA helped to launch "Bridging the Equity Gap," a component of the Southwest Oklahoma STEM Alliance (SOSA), to engage young people in educationally-based science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curricula related to future professional opportunities. The students who participate in this initiative experience an educational immersion above and beyond the standard curricula, as all of them attend under-resourced



schools. The goals are long-term student development with reduction of adverse childhood experiences.

SOSA is a network of tribal, state, district and school representatives, including national STEM, kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education organizations that are committed to student success through school, community and parent engagement as well as innovative educational opportunities. The Bridging the Equity Gap partnership project provides resources to further the mission of SOSA by supporting the formation of alliance-based youth outreach and coordination activities. The vision and mission of SOSA are aimed at providing interdisciplinary curricula, state and nationwide collaborations, and peer mentorship that provide pathways for not only career success but also student well-being and lifelong learning.

The Bridging the Equity Gap initiative "helps support the overall SOSA mission of bringing small entities together to coordinate resources, procure new resources and build strong pathways to career opportunities and quality of life for students," says David Sullivan, project director. "The opportunity to provide our students' voices to this work is vital and potentially life transforming."

Through this initiative, high school-aged students are introduced to the science of energy sources and transformation. They tour wind farms, participate in wind and solar power demonstrations, and learn about circuit design, hydroelectricity and additional forms of green energy.

When you give to OGHS, you invest in futures.



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