

# Grace Deadwood/Blessed Emmanuel Sturgis

## February 2026 Newsletter

Wednesdays in Lent 2026 – Loving the Lord and our Neighbor

Brothers and Sisters!

February 18, 2026, is Ash Wednesday and begins our 40-day season of Lent. Services are 5:00 at Blessed Emmanuel/Sturgis and 7:00 at Grace/Deadwood. We will be looking at Commandments 4-10 for our study.

You may remember from Catechism class how Commandments 1-3 concern our relationship with God, and Commandments 4-10 concern our relationship with our neighbor. A summary of the commandments is, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and might,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Christ our Lord Himself taught us these commandments (ie. Luke 10:27), and of course they summarize the 10 Commandments which God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20). God gave Moses two stone tablets that contained the Ten Commandments, and theologians have often divided the commandments into two categories, 1. Loving the Lord, and 2. Loving our neighbor. Of course, God desires that we keep all Ten Commandments, and when we do so we love the Lord and love our neighbor. The schedule of Commandments we will follow for this Lent is:

Feb 18 – Honor your father and your mother.

Feb 25 – You shall not kill (murder.)

Mar 4 – You shall not commit adultery.

Mar 11 – You shall not steal.

Mar 18 – You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Mar 25 – You shall not covet.

If you think you’ve got them all figured out, think again. The Commandments are multi-faceted and each address several issues touching not only morality, but faith, and good works, and an overall good attitude towards God and our fellow humanity. Without the Ten Commandments, the world would crumble. That’s especially true about faith in Christ, which works together with the Commandments to produce both Law and Gospel in our lives, and our unique Christian perspective on the world. My prayer is that we will attend as many of the Wednesdays in Lent that we can and so learn to love the Lord our God with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen. A blessed Lent to you all!

Pastor Hinckley and family

# Prayer Request

Rhandi Gonzales, Jeanie Fries, Bill Denke, Michelle Bruzan, Cleo Naser, Michael Pickett, Gene Harms, Lavera Chord, Phyllis Beitelspacher, Kelley Hoffmann, Cal and Debbie Meredith, Brenda Cavanagh, Doug Daniels, Todd Wyant, Ig Gruenwald, Karen Schumm, Samantha Gansberg, The Blair's great-uncle, Dana, Lanette Neitzert, Cleo Wolske, Marvin Maynard with ongoing health issues.

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

1 Robbie VanSickle    22 Jay Pearson  
1 Sharon Pearson    22 Amie Miller  
7 Amelia Hinckley    23 Justus Hinckley  
10 Jack Blair        28 Terry Miller  
29 Dave Gross (Leap Year)



## Baptismal Birthdays

8 Ed Nickerson  
9 Amelia Hinckley  
22 Leo Diede  
26 Bob Burns

## Anniversaries

12 Leo & Kara Diede  
21 Todd & Karenne Wyant  
25 Justin & Alexandra Lux

If you have a prayer request, or would like to remove either yourself or your loved one from the prayer list, please let either Pastor Hinckley or myself know.

You can email me at [glc.belc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:glc.belc.secretary@gmail.com) or text me at [605.645.4903](tel:605.645.4903).

Also, if you'd like to be added to the monthly newsletter Birthday, Baptism Birthday, or Wedding Anniversary list, please let me know.

If you see a mistake in the newsletters or bulletins, please also let me know! Thank you everyone—I appreciate you!

- Erin Burke-Ross, Secretary



## "We Care Program"

Don't forget to bring in your Lynn's receipts to church. At Blessed Emmanuel, place them in Gene Zurcher's box. At Grace Lutheran, place them in the black mailbox on the small table—Every little bit helps!

*And the winners are...*

**1st Place—Ron Brandt**

**Most Unique—Ellen & Dave Gross**

**Thanks to everyone who participated  
and to the volunteers who helped!**





# 2026 Lent Schedule Commandments 4-10

## Service Times:

**5:00pm** Service at Blessed Emmanuel

**5:30pm** Dinner at Grace Lutheran

**7:00pm** Service at Grace Lutheran

### The Fourth Commandment

**Ash Wednesday, February 18th**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

### The Fifth Commandment

**Lent 1: Wednesday, February 25th**

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

### The Sixth Commandment

**Lent 2: Wednesday, March 4th**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

### The Seventh Commandment

**Lent 3: Wednesday, March 11th**

**You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

### The Eighth Commandment

**Lent 4: Wednesday, March 18th**

**You shall not give false testimony**

**Against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

### The Ninth Commandment

**Lent 5: Wednesday, March 25th**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

### The Tenth Commandment

**Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**


**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.



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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
<b>1 Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany</b> Grace Council Mtg 7:15am Grace Service 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Service 10:30am BELC Confirmation 11:30am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Grace Bible Study 2:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm Grace Service 6:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15 The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Grace Service 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Service 10:30am BELC Confirmation 11:30am	<b>16</b> Grace Men's Breakfast 7:00am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Grace Bible Study 2:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm BELC Lent Service 5:00pm Grace Lent Service 7:00pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 First Sunday in Lent</b> Grace Service 8:30am BELC Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15am BELC Service 10:30am BELC Confirmation 11:30am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Grace Bible Study 2:00pm BELC Bible Study 3:45pm BELC Lent Service 5:00pm Grace Lent Service 7:00pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

# LCMS February Bible Verse Challenge

## **Week of February 01, 2026** *2 Timothy 2:13*

If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

## **Week of February 08, 2026** *James 4:17*

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

## **Week of February 15, 2026** *1 John 1:8*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

## **Week of February 22, 2026** *Romans 5:8*

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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