



Order of Worship: November 17th

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3:8-12
Psalm 50:1-15,23
Mark 12:41-44

Unison Prayer

Song: *"I Surrender All"*

Message: "The Worth of Our Gifts"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"More Precious Than Silver"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"We Are Called"*

Blessing
Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace:

Tuesday:

Bible study 9am
Handbells 430pm

Wednesday:

Book Study 4pm


If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

Church Office Phone:
218-568-5755

Grace Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
9 a.m. to noon

Worship
Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am



The Almighty God, the LORD,
speaks; he calls to the whole earth
from east to west.
Psalms 50:1

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that we are not under the Law, but under Grace. We bring praise and thank You for all that You are and all that you have done for us. May our hearts be open before you, and we ask that you would develop within us an even deeper love for your children and creation, and that a true spirit of generosity would be even more evident by our works. Help us to never fall into the same prideful trap into which so many in Israel fell, when they refused to obey Your Word and robbed You of Your rightful place in their lives. Lord, we freely acknowledge that all that we are or could hope to be is by your hand, you have made us; all that we have, you have given to us. Please help us so to live and work for your greater praise and glory alone. This we humbly ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Call to Worship

L: In love and joy God call us together.

**P: And so we meet this day,
as friends, as neighbors, as
sisters and brothers in
Christ.**

L: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

**P: Our songs, our hearts,
our prayers, our lives.**

L: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive,

All: let us worship God!



Scriptures for next week:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalms 100

Luke 14:12-24

“Return to me
and I will return to you,”
says the LORD ALMIGHTY.

Malachi 3:6-7

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Mission Giving for November

Our Mission Focus for November is the *Lakes Area Food Shelf*. We make a special gift during this month to help build Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors who rely on the food shelf. It is estimated that the minimum cost of a meal is \$28, and this is only because of the accessibility of the food shelf to special pricing and resources. We all know that \$28 would not go far at the local grocery store. Our gifts together can do great things!

If you are giving towards these gifts, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "November Mission".

Mark your calendars!

Children's Shop Day will be held on December 14th. Volunteers and gifts for all ages needed! Gifts may be new or very gently used, and you can start bringing them in and place them in the classroom labeled "Shop Day"

More details to come...



Hanging of the Greens



Let us plan to decorate the church for Christmas on November 24th after worship/fellowship. The bells will be playing that day for service, so after those tables are put away, we can begin the process of changing over the Sanctuary.

Many hands make light work, hope to see you there!
--Pastor Jen

In the news...

Check out the lovely write-up on our own Shawna Knutson in the latest Echo Journal.

Congratulations to Pete Clement on his reelection to the Pequot Lakes City Council.

Thank you both for your dedicated service to this community!

Please watch your paper for opportunities to give blood. The need is always great. Call the Red Cross to make an appointment.

Young Breezy Point veteran aims to carry the torch

Shawna Knutson's goal is to help both current and future veterans



Shawna Knutson, a U.S. Army veteran, stands outside Edward Jones in Pequot Lakes, where she works, Nov. 6, 2024. Just across the street is the Pequot Lakes American Legion, where she serves as first vice commander. Nancy Vogt / Echo Journal



In the coming days you will be receiving a letter in the mail from our finance team that details our stewardship plans for this year; included with this letter is a pledge card to return to church. We hope that you will prayerfully consider including the church in your own budget for 2025. If you do not receive a letter and would like one or a pledge card, please let the office or Pastor Jen know.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until noon. Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!

--Church office phone: 218-568-5755

-- Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)

graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com

-- Pastor Jen Matthees – **jenmatt20@gmail.com**

-- Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-**graceumccare@gmail.com**



Communication Reminder.....

The church office email (**graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com**) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers. Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (**graceumcpequotlakes.org**)? There is a tab near the top, right side you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (graceumccare@gmail.com) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at jenmatt20@gmail.com. The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am at the very latest.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1130) and Wednesday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks and Mondays vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow.

-Pastor Jen



Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

Visit our website

On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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