



## Order of Worship: February 16th

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

UWF Moment  
UWF Video

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:  
*"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*  
*"My Life is in You Lord"*

Scripture Readings:  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
Luke 6:17-26

Unison Prayer (UMH 602)

Song: *"Blest Are They"*

Message: "Standing Among the Shrubs and the Trees"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Thy Word is a Lamp"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"He Has Made Me Glad"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

## This Week at Grace

**Monday: Office closed-  
Federal Holiday**  
Genealogy 11am

**Tuesday:**  
Bible Study 9am  
Bell Practice 130pm

**Wednesday:**  
Confirmation 6pm

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.

**Office Phone:**  
**218-568-5755**

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

**Worship**  
Online--available at  
[www.graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

In-Person Worship  
Sunday--9am



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### Unison Prayer

Blessed Lord,  
you have caused all holy  
Scriptures to be written for our  
learning.  
Grant us so to hear them, read,  
mark, learn, and inwardly digest  
them,  
that we may embrace and ever  
hold fast the blessed hope of  
everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our  
Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, Forever and ever.  
Amen.

### Call to Worship

*L: Poor or despairing, come to be  
blessed*

**P: Hungry or tired, come to be  
restored**

*L: Sorrowing or sighing, come to  
discover joy*

**P: Bring your tired and your poor**  
*L: Share your hopes and your  
dreams*

**P: Embrace your doubts and your  
fears**

*L: Come as you are!*

**P: All are welcome here!**

**All: Let us worship as one!**



Scriptures for next week:

Genesis 45:3-11,15  
Psalm 37:1-11,39-40  
Luke 6:27-38

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I the Lord search the heart, I  
try the reins, even to give  
every man according to his  
ways, and according to the  
fruit of his doings.  
Jeremiah 17:10



### Mission Giving for February

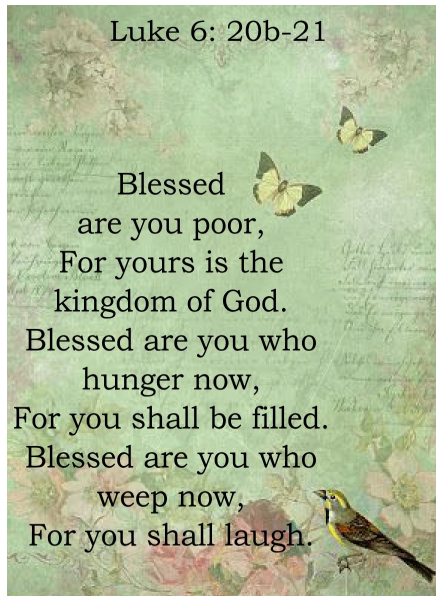
Our Mission Focus for February will be sent to support the work of "**UMCOR**-the United Methodist Committee on Relief", and their efforts to offer aid to the people who have faced many disasters that have filled our prayers. We

will place a special emphasis on sending aid to those who have been affected by the wildfires in California.

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 "February Missions".

Luke 6: 20b-21

Blessed  
are you poor,  
For yours is the  
kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who  
hunger now,  
For you shall be filled.  
Blessed are you who  
weep now,  
For you shall laugh.



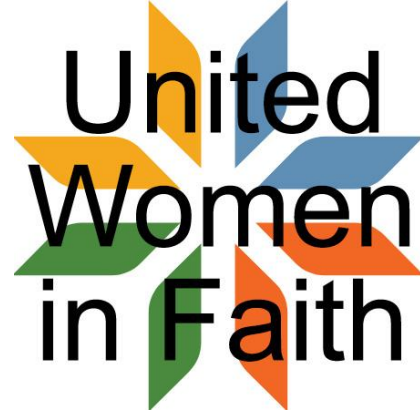


This Sunday, our local UWF (United Women in Faith) will be assisting with worship and fellowship. A worldwide association of women supported by the United Methodist Church, here is their statement of purpose:

"We are...a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church."

Our unit meets regularly, and has a beautiful heart for mission as seen in the many ways that they support both projects and organizations that benefit our community and beyond.

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## **GRACE UWF/ LAFS “Healthy Cookbook” Project**

**In November, Tammy Larsen, Lakes Area Food Shelf Executive Director met with us and we discussed collaborating on a future “healthy cookbook”. The time is here!**

**We have listed the fruits and vegetables that they are planning on including in the book. They will be making cardstock dividers for each of these which educates on 1) How to Store this item, 2) Why we should eat it, and 3) Suggestions on how to use.**

**For example:**

**For Blueberries, they will have storage details, a list of vitamins and then suggestions for eating such as "Add to smoothies, put on yogurt/oatmeal/cereal, mix into pancakes or add to green salads.**

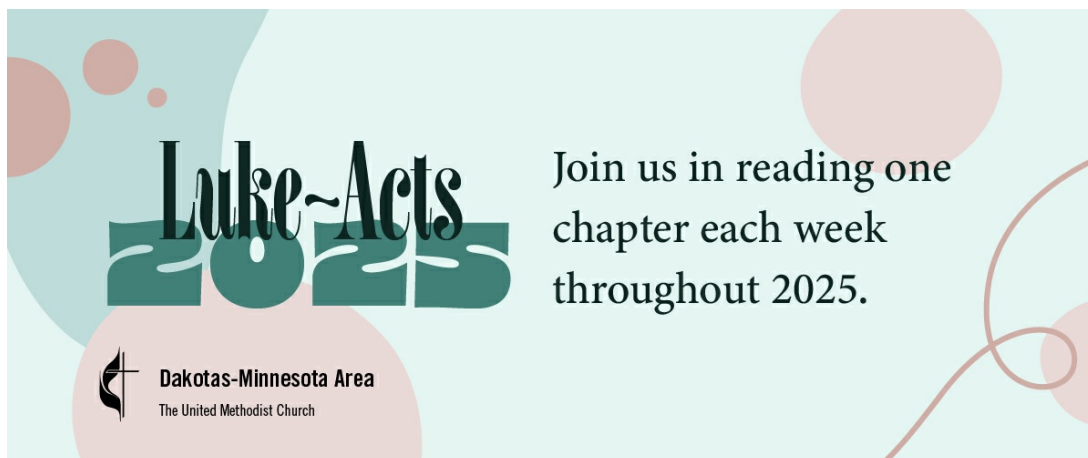
**We are being invited to provide any recipes highlighting any of these fruits and/or vegetables, to be included in the book.**

**Please submit your recipes to Marsha Mower no later than March 1, 2025. She will compile them and get them to Tammy. (Recipes can be emailed to [m.mower@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.mower@sbcglobal.net) or placed in her church mailbox.) \***

Thank you, in advance, for your help with this collaborative project!

Lettuce Cabbage Carrots  
Garlic  
Green  
onion Leaks Kale  
Spinach  
Swiss chard Tomatoes Bell  
peppers Bananas  
Eggs Acorn squash Spaghetti  
squash Butternut squash  
Buttercup squash Red kuri  
squash Strawberries Cantaloupe  
Watermelon Cucumber Radishes  
Turnips  
Kohlrabi Potatoes Beets  
Celery  
choy Bok  
Zucchini Apples  
Fennel  
Pole beans Green beans Sweet  
corn Blueberries  
Pumpkin Oranges Avocados  
Mushrooms  
Brussel sprouts Asparagus

\*This week the food shelf received a large shipment of **canned salmon**. If you have a recipe to share for this product specifically, please get it to Pastor Jen asap. We want to help our neighbors use the things that are available.



The banner features the text "Luke-Acts 2025" in a stylized font, with "2025" in large, bold, teal numbers. To the right, it says "Join us in reading one chapter each week throughout 2025." At the bottom left is the logo for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church, which includes a stylized cross and the text "Dakotas-Minnesota Area The United Methodist Church". The background is light teal with abstract shapes and a decorative line.

Beginning in January 2025, **Bishop Lanette Plambeck** invites clergy and laity across the Area to join in a journey through Luke and Acts, reading one chapter each week throughout the year. This shared experience will foster a sense of encouragement, challenge, and community as we delve into the seamless story of Jesus' life, ministry, death, resurrection, and the Spirit's work through the early church. Comprised of 52 chapters together, they provide a natural framework for intentional spiritual practice through 2025.

"This journey is more than reading," said Bishop Lanette. "It's about growing as disciples; finding alignment in heart, mission, and ministry; and discovering how the Gospel can inspire us today. By walking through these scriptures together as an Area, we center our lives on Christ's teachings and create space for the Spirit to work in new and powerful ways—renewing our faith, reaching new people, and offering healing to a world in need."

February Breakthrough Prayer from the Bishop:

"God of liberation and light,

The ministry of Jesus brought good news for the poor, freedom for the captives, sight for the blind, and release for the oppressed. Today, we hear this promise anew as we live as ambassadors of your goodness and grace.

Break through our doubts, fears, and complacency. Break through our routines and awaken us to your Spirit moving in our midst. Break through every barrier that separates us from fully embodying your love in our communities and world. Anoint us with boldness to speak truth, with compassion to heal wounds, and with courage to set others free. As your Word is fulfilled in our hearing, may your justice roll down like waters and your righteousness like a never-failing stream. We trust You, O God, for the breakthrough we cannot yet see, knowing your Spirit is already at work.

In the name of the One who proclaimed good news, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen."

A checklist to use as a bookmark is available at church for this experience.







It is now the time of year that you may need to consider personal safety when making plans to attend services or events. Please always choose the safest plan for yourself, because everyone lives in such a widespread area. When in doubt on the cancellation of any church function, please contact the church office or your group leader. We will also post cancellations on our Facebook page as needed.

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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)

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### ***Communication Reminder.....***

The church office email (**[graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (830-1030) 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.

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### 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.

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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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