



Order of Worship: February 23rd

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Bells of Grace

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Now Thank We All Our God"
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Scripture Readings:

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

Unison Prayer (UMH 459)

Song: *"The Gift of Love"*

Message: "The Long Game of Love"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Hymn of Promise"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Pass It On"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

LAFS Volunteer
appreciation breakfast 8am
Bible Study 9am
Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 4-6pm

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

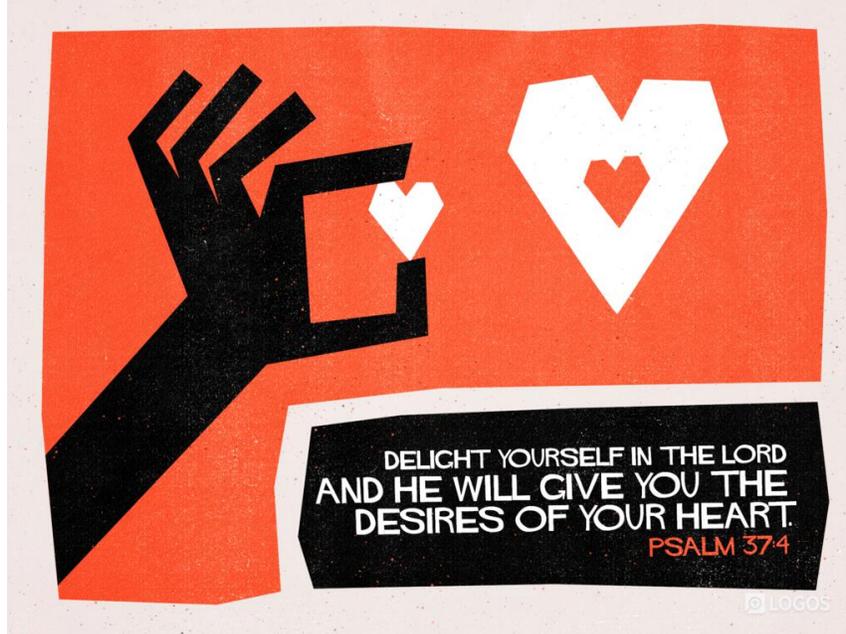
Monday - Wednesday
9 a.m. to noon

Worship

Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am



Unison Prayer

God, grant me
the serenity to accept the things I
cannot change,
the courage to change the things I
can,
and the wisdom to distinguish the
one from the other. Amen.



Call to Worship

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

P: We have come to follow Jesus.

*L: Love your enemies, and do good
to those who hate you.*

P: We have come to follow Jesus.

*L: Bless those who curse you, and
pray for those who persecute you.*

P: We have come to follow Jesus.

*L: Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you.*

P: We have come to follow Jesus.

All: Let us come now to learn the
ways of life.



Scriptures for next week:

Exodus 34:29-30

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36



Love your enemies, do
good to those who
hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray
for those who mistreat
you.

Luke
6:27-28

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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.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

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".

The New Serenity Prayer

By: Fr. James Martin, SJ

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

Amen



EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms for Easter flowers are available on a table in the narthex. All order forms **MUST** include payment at the time of ordering. Last day to order is Wednesday, March 12th. If you need an order form emailed to you, contact Marsha Mower (m.mower@sbcglobal.net). *Thanks for helping make the church beautiful for Easter!*

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM 2025



We will decorate the church for Easter Sunday with lovely spring flowers from "The Wild Daisy." If you are interested in ordering, please fill in the information below and return your order form, with your payment, to the small table in the narthex. The last day to order is Wednesday, March 12 th . Make checks payable to Grace UMC, with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

All flowers are \$13.00 this year. You have 6 flower choices (please indicate how many):

Lily _____ Kalanchoe _____ Begonia _____
Cyclamen _____ Geranium _____ Daisy Mum _____

Purchaser Name _____

Phone Number _____

Order Total \$ _____

My flowers are:

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Please take your flowers home following the worship service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!



Looking ahead, we will have a special service on **March 5th at 6pm** which will include the imposition of ashes.



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.

From the publisher:

On the third day, he rose again.

In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The book can be read alone or used for a six-week group study and church-wide Lenten program. Components include a comprehensive Leader Guide and video teaching sessions featuring Tom (with closed captioning).

For Lent, Pastor Jen will be using this book as a loose guide for a series of messages.



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.

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."

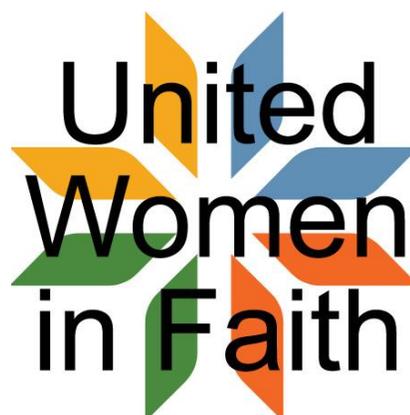
A checklist to use as a bookmark is available at church for this experience.



You Are Invited!
Grace United Women
in Faith
2025 World Day of Prayer
Program/Worship

March 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
We will have our monthly meeting at 10:00
a.m. in the fellowship hall, with snacks.

At 11:00, a.m. our program/worship will begin in the sanctuary.
ALL are welcome!



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.

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

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-- 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 (830-1030) 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.



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
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[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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