



Order of Worship: April 27th, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Bells of Grace: *"Jesus Reigns"*

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Scripture Readings:
Genesis 1:1-2, 27-31
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-6

Unison Prayer

Song: *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

Message: *"We are Witnesses"*

Song: *"Easter People Raise Your Voices"*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"In the Garden"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bell Practice 130pm

Thursday:

UWF meeting/gathering
10am/11am

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

In the beginning God created all things, and God saw that they were good. At our beginning, God created us unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before He created us. In all our new beginnings, God creates something new so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place. Lord God, King of Creation, open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, always and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

L: The voice of God gathers us this day;

P: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

L: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

P: With acts mighty and faltering,

L: With kindness and with selfishness,

P: With doubt and with faith:

L: So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

ALL: May we worship well this day. Let us sing!





Scriptures for next week:

Genesis 18:1-8
Psalm 133
Matthew 25:34-40



Mission Giving for April

Our mission giving for April is designated for the "Pastor Discretionary Fund". These monies are used to support local missions when a special ask is made that we are not promoting, gas cards for neighbors in need, and as an emergency fund for our members if an unexpected need arises.



If you are giving monetary donations towards this mission, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "April Missions".



We will be hearing a message from Bishop Lanette Plambeck during worship on April 27th.

Grace UMC 1st Quarter Financial Report

April 2025

As Of

REVENUE March 31st 2025 Annual Budget

General Fund \$44,023 \$165,000

God Faith 00 30,000

Loose Change 451 3,000

Rental Fees 00 500

Interest Earned 843 3,050

Rummage Sale 00 6,000

Total \$45,317 \$207,550

EXPENSES

Ad Council \$ 7,034 \$28,720

Programs 562 6,450

Trustees 17,683 63,400

SPR 26,019 113,041

Total \$51,298 \$211,611

Revenue Over (5,981) (4,061)

(Under)Expenses

What's Happening

Congratulations to Ruby Palmer on being crowned as Miss Congeniality and named as a Princess at the Miss Pequot Lakes scholarship pageant last week. [RP](#) (click to read)

The Spring "Day of Caring" is May 7th, this is a big clean-up day for the outdoor spaces at Grace. There will be sign-up sheets for helping on this day in the Narthex this Sunday. Many hands, make light work!

You can start bringing in your items for the Rummage Sale during open church hours or before church on Sunday mornings. Sale runs June 18, 19, and 20th.



Set-up June 16, 17 and 18. Presale evening of June 18, all day sale June 19 and sale morning of June 20. Tear down, donation deliveries and clean-up will take place in the afternoon of Friday, June 20th. Nothing planned for Saturday, June 21.



Volunteers and garage sale items needed! Watch for sign-ups after Easter. Items can be dropped off during church office open hours (rooms are marked)!

Basics---sale begins June 18th(pm), all day on the 19th, and the 20th(am).



Pastor Jen will be taking a few days off after Easter to rest and to attend a couple clergy leadership events and opportunities. An email is the best way to contact her. Ann and Marsha can help or direct you if there is an urgent need, as they have Pastor Jen's daily schedule. She will be back at church for the service on May 4th.

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 (830-1030) and Thursday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks 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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