



### **Order of Worship: May 4th, 2025**

**Prelude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Songs:**

*"This is the Day"*

*"We Are Called"*

**Scripture Readings:**

Genesis 18:1-8

Psalm 133

Matthew 25:34-40

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

**Message:** *"The Visitors"*

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"God Will Take Care of You"*

**Blessing**

**Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

### **This Week at Grace**

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study

9am

Bell Practice

130pm

**Wednesday:**

Spring clean-up

9am

Bible study

4pm

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



Behold, how good and  
how pleasant it is for  
brethren to dwell  
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Blessings Joy Gratitude



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### Unison Prayer

God of all knowledge, love,  
understanding and compassion,  
give us an inward desire to know You  
more.

Teach us Your perspective on the  
world in which we live, teach us to love  
our neighbors, teach us to care for our  
brothers and sisters in Christ, and  
teach us to care about truth, peace  
and harmony.

Then, may we have confidence that  
You both can and will achieve Your  
purposes within the world.

We praise Your Holy name, Amen.

### Call to Worship

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

**P: We are grateful to be here,  
remembering all that Christ has done  
for us.**

L: Friends and family – all are welcome in  
the house of the Lord.

**P: Those who are new to our church,  
those who seek, those who feel lost  
and alone.**

L: Christ meets us here; he breaks the  
bread of salvation for us.

**P: He embraces us with his  
transforming and forgiving love.**

L: Dear friends, let us rejoice in God's  
love.

**P: We are called to receive that love  
and reach out in compassion to  
others.**

**ALL: Come, let us boldly answer His  
call!**



### Scriptures for next week:

Psalm 23  
Acts 9:36-43  
John 10:22-30

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### **Mission Giving for May**

Our mission giving for May is designated for the "Love Offering" that is collected at the Annual Conference in early June. As a connectional body, it is amazing to see the work that can be done when we pool our resources together!

The Love Offering theme this year is "Love in Action." Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as we put love into action.

\*\*\*\*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 "Love Offering".

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**FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU  
GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT,  
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE  
ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I  
WAS A STRANGER AND YOU  
INVITED ME IN.**

**MATTHEW 25-35**

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The annual "Spring Clean-up Day" will take place on **Wednesday May 7th**, beginning at 9am. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Many of the projects involve cleaning up our outdoor campus, but there are a few indoor jobs too, if that is more your speed. All are welcome to come help!

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### Grace UMC 1st Quarter Financial Report April 2025



	As Of March 31st	2025 Annual Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>		
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,317</b>	<b>\$207,550</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Adm Council	\$ 7,034	\$28,720
Programs	562	6,450
Trustees	17,683	63,400
SPR	26,019	113,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,298</b>	<b>\$211,611</b>
<b>Revenue Over</b>	<b>(5,981)</b>	<b>(4,061)</b>
<b>(Under)Expenses</b>		



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.

Volunteers and garage sale items needed! Watch for sign-ups. 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).**





A prayer for the Easter  
Season from Bishop  
Plambeck

"Risen Christ, you break through the walls we build and roll away the stones we cannot move. You call forth life where we feared only death and summon hope from the deepest tombs of despair.

In this Easter season, break through our weary spirits, break open our cautious hearts, break into our waiting churches.

Awaken us, O God, to dreams we have not yet dared to dream. Stretch us beyond what we see, and lead us where only resurrection light can guide.

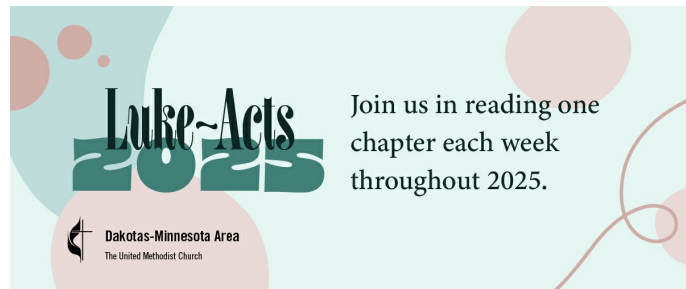
By your Spirit, make us bold in love, relentless in hope, audacious in grace, and alive to the new creation you are making among us.

Roll away every stone and set our feet running toward the future you have already redeemed.

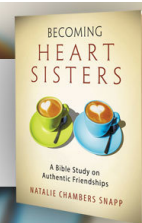
In the name of the Risen One, Amen."

*How is your reading coming along? I got caught up once again after Holy Week was over! Hang in there!*

*--Pastor Jen*



Dig into God's Word and experience  
friendships like God intended.



Ladies,

I am hoping to begin a new book study, with a plan of only meeting three times, once as a kick-off of the book, a check-in at a mid-point, and then at completion.

I have looked through it and while it is an easy read, it could also be easily used as a starting point for conversations at the two gatherings. I am open to more gatherings, but it seems that many are too busy for this (correct me if I am wrong, please!)

Please speak to me or drop me an email if this sounds like something you would like to be involved in. This would take place in May and June.

It is a book about the need for authentic, friendships between women with Bible references to support this idea.

*--Pastor Jen*



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](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)

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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 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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