



Order of Worship: June 1st, 2025

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Scripture Readings:
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Luke 24:44-53

Unison Prayer

Song: *"His Name is Wonderful"*

Message: *"High and Lifted Up"*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

Communion

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"I'll Fly Away"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:
Bible Study
9am

Wednesday:
Pizza for LAFS volunteers
6pm

Thursday:
UWF 10-12
Meeting and Program

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

**Ever living God,
your eternal Christ once dwelt on
earth, confined by time and
space.**

**Give us faith to discern in every
time and place the presence
among us of him who is head
over all things and fills all,
even Jesus Christ our ascended
Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship

*L: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of
joy.*

**P: For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome, a great king over all the
earth.**

*L: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a
trumpet.*

**P: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing
praises.**

*L: For God is the king of all the
earth; sing praises with a psalm.*

**P: God is king over the nations; God
sits on his holy throne.**



Scriptures for next week:

Psalms 2:28-32a

Psalms 78:1-8

Acts 2:1-21



Mission Giving for June

Our mission giving for June is designated for the "Freedom Ranch".

The Freedom Ranch is a "SAFE" home built by Rising Hope Foundation that provides long-term care and recovery for 8 young girls at a time that have been rescued from human trafficking.



****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 "Freedom Ranch" in the memo line.



We offer well wishes for whatever lies ahead for all 2025 graduates! Special Kudos to Valerie James and Cassidy Wick for graduating Summa Cum Laude from PLHS. **2025 Graduation.** Click link to see article and names.

**And it came to pass, while
he blessed them, he was
parted from them, and
carried up into heaven.**

—Luke 24:51

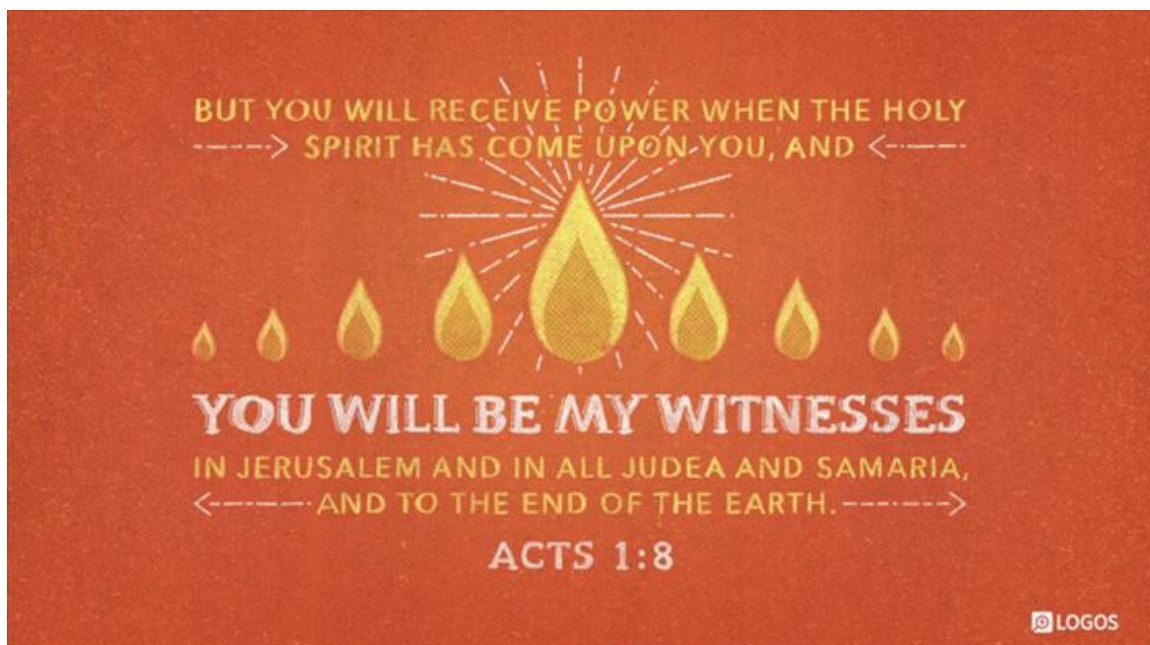


Set-up June 16, 17 and 18. Presale evening of June 18, all day sale June 19 and sale morning of June 20. Tear down, donation deliveries and clean-up will take place in the afternoon of Friday, June 20th.

Volunteers and garage sale items needed! The sheets for signing up to help are up in the Narthex, please take a look and see where you can help!

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).



Practical Church Leadership Program prepares church leaders for modern ministry

Over the last few decades, the American church has undergone major changes, particularly in the expectations placed on pastors. Beyond preaching and pastoral care, pastors are now required to handle administrative tasks and manage the church's business affairs. Yet, many pastors find themselves underprepared for these demands due to a lack of training they received in more traditional education or lack of exposure to business affairs.

Recognizing this gap, Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) launched the Practical Church Leadership (PCL) program in 2018 in partnership with the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences of the United Methodist Church (and their Foundations). The PCL program is designed to equip clergy with crucial administrative leadership skills.

"Our aim with design and delivery of PCL has always been to help pastors help the congregations they are leading to thrive," said Alisha Vincent, program designer and director. "We know that equipping them to confidently lead in areas of administration will enable this to happen."

The year-long, 21-credit certificate program is tailored for working ministry professionals. Using a hybrid model, it blends online coursework with three weekend retreat sessions. Distinct features include real-time application of learning, individual coaching, and a year-long capstone project. Participants may also transfer credits toward an MBA if they choose.

The core strategy of the PCL program—developing strong administrative skills to empower effective leadership—has enabled clergy to lead with resilience and adaptability amid a rapidly changing church landscape. As the denomination looks to the future, programs like PCL offer valuable lessons on how to prepare ministry leaders to thrive in both spiritual and organizational leadership.

"The PCL is a natural step in the growth and development of our pastoral and ministry leaders across the Area," said Diane Owen, Dakotas-Minnesota director of clergy well-being, who has been involved with the program since its inception. "It has had an incredible impact on the 45 Minnesota and 36 Dakotas leaders who have completed it, and I look forward to seeing its continued success and growth."

For more information about the PCL program or the evaluation study, visit www.dwu.edu/pcl.



On behalf of our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), we want to offer our congratulations to Pastor Jen who was just accepted into the Dakotas-Minnesota Area Practical Church Leadership Certificate Program. It is an honor for both Pastor Jen and our Church that she has been selected; we are truly pleased for her. The program originates at Dakota Wesleyan University and is both in-person and on-line. Coverage of the cost will be via scholarships from the Conference and Pastor Jen's education allotment in our SPR budget. Well done, Pastor Jen!

--Nancy Adams, SPRC Chair

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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-- 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.

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.

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