



Order of Worship: July 20th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting
Call to Worship

Song: *"Be Thou My Vision"*
"Spirit of the Living God"

Scripture:
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Proverbs 28:13
Romans 6:12-18

Unison Prayer

Service of Baptism

Song: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*

Message: To Be Water for the World

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Breathe on Me Breath of God"*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Victory in Jesus"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Monday:
Genealogy 11am

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am

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

ISAIAH 42:1:

"The LORD says: 'He is my servant whom I strengthen - the one I've chosen, with whom I am pleased. I have filled him with my Spirit and he will bring justice to every nation'"

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Unison Prayer

O God,
we rejoice in your grace,
given and received.
We thank you that you have claimed us,
that you wash us, strengthen us,
and guide us, that you empower us
to live a life worthy of our calling.
Make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.
Make us places of refreshment.
Root us and establish us in love,
that with all your people, we may
rightly and justly serve you.
Fill us with your fullness that our
lives may overflow in service and
love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Call to Worship

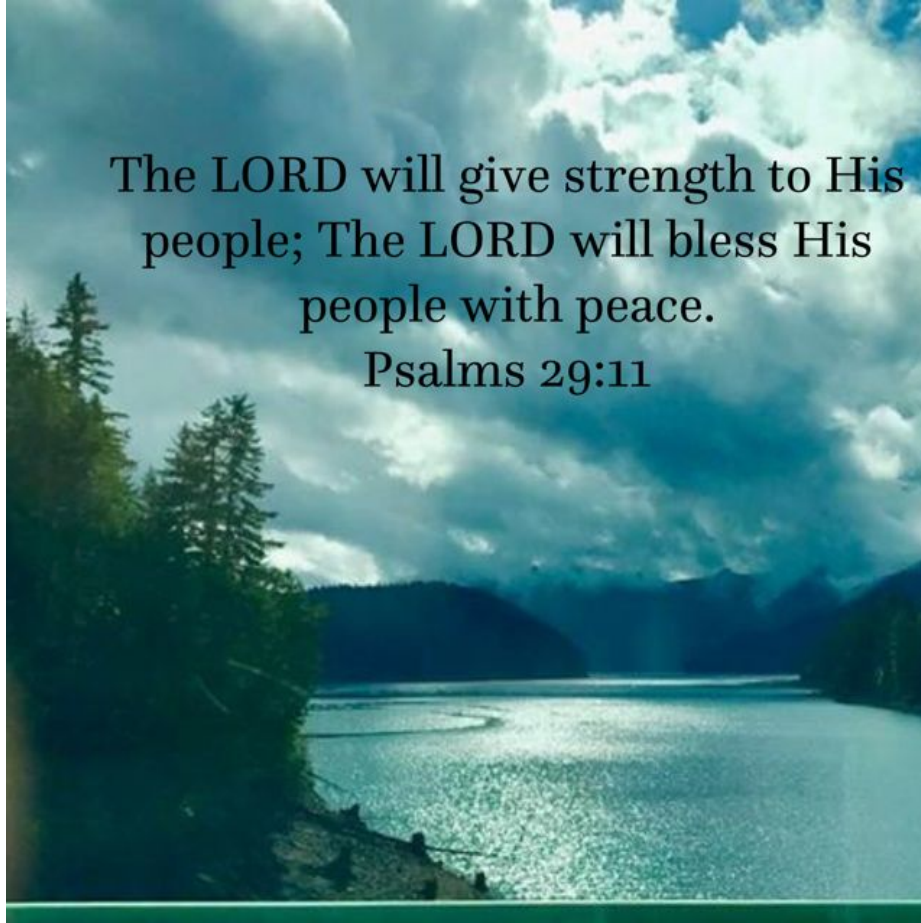
L: Welcome to worship this day!
P: We have come seeking God's blessings and love.
L: They shall be given to you.
P: We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.
L: These will be offered to you.
Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.
P: We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us.
AMEN.



Scriptures for next week:

Colossians 2:6-15
Psalm 85
Luke 11:1-13

The LORD will give strength to His
people; The LORD will bless His
people with peace.
Psalms 29:11



July Mission Giving

Our mission focus for July will be used to support Operation Christmas Child for the coming season. In the past we have given towards the general mission to fund the cost of shipping gift boxes; if possible, this year we would also like to fill some boxes. There will be more details to come around how to support these gifts. If you are giving by check, please note "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo please.



We're looking for additional people to help out in the Sound/Tech Room. This is a great opportunity to help support our ministry on Sunday mornings. Your service will help to provide a meaningful experience for those attending in person and for those who are unable to make it in person on Sunday and are watching remotely.

There are two different service responsibilities each Sunday:

- 1) Helping out on the video side by changing the camera to the various presets using a camera script that is already made up for you.
- 2) Advancing the slides and turning the pulpit microphone on/off as needed. Many of you have the ability to handle this and help out, so if you've completed 7th grade please consider (training is available and assistance will be provided while you become more comfortable).

If you're curious or uncertain and want to find out more about this opportunity, please contact Gary Bochman
(garybochman@gmail.com).

July blood drive:
Pequot Lakes American Legion,
12-6 p.m., Thursday, July 31
Schedule a time to donate blood by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org



*He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper,
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*
Proverbs 28:13



Attention: Exciting update from the Wild Daisy family!! (A bit overdue in our newsletter, but in case you haven't heard!)

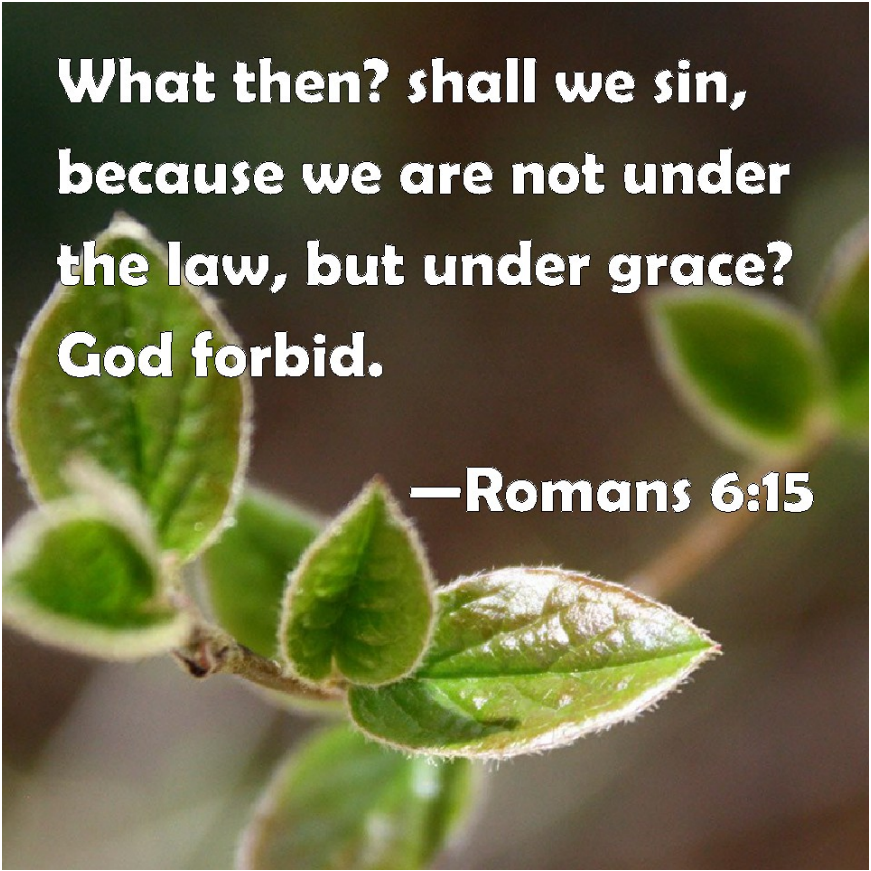
"After all these amazing years of owning and operating our favorite shop, we're excited to share that we are entering a new chapter. We're thrilled to introduce Lynn Lundgren as the new owner of The Wild Daisy! ownership will officially transferred hands on July 1st! Lynn will bring fresh energy, experience, and a true passion for continuing the great service and love for the community you've come to expect from us. We are confident that she will carry forward the heart and values of the shop while

adding exciting new ideas of her own!

Thank you for all your support throughout the years—it's been an incredible journey, and we're so grateful.

Please join me in welcoming Lynn to The Wild Daisy family!

— Love Lynne (Clement) & The Wild Daisy Fam"



**What then? shall we sin,
because we are not under
the law, but under grace?
God forbid.**

—Romans 6:15

Highlights from the recent Council Meeting, held on 6/24.

- Trustees received an updated paint bid for exterior, good through spring 2026. They also approved a new policy regarding their oversight of decor in the church.
- Finances ended 2024 with Revenue over Expenditures of \$12,580; through May 2025 Expenditures over Revenue of \$8,665.
- SPRC will be celebrating Pastor Jen's completion of her course-of-study program during fellowship time on a Sunday in September.
- Memorial committee is updating policy and forms; referred a gazebo project to Trustees for consideration.
- Mission/Outreach will host Trunk or Treat in October and plan to carol in the park during the "Santa Bobbin into Town" event in December; thank-you to Nancy Adams and Marlowe Fortune for cooking meals for the volunteers of the 3 food shelf shifts.
- Streaming is still looking at a plan to expand the online offering beyond our doors; also working on a package-study using the Pastor's weekly message.
- 3 small groups continue to meet (Tuesday morning Bible study, Wednesday evening study, Men's group).
- Dean Fitch is putting together a group to brainstorm opportunities for the north property.
- UWF is on summer break and will resume September 4; bake sale was very successful.
- We are looking into our current security policy developed in 2019; the Conference office will be helping us evaluate our needs.
- Looking at a new model for our Executive Board/Administrative Council - more to come in the future.

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)

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- Pastor Jen Matthees –

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-- 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.

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 they might have. 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 (830-1130) 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.

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!



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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Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

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