



Order of Worship: August 3rd, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting
Call to Worship

Song: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Scripture:
Colossians 3:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9,43
Luke 12:13-21

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Change My Heart, O God"*

Message: Setting your mind on things above

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"One Bread, One Body"*

Communion

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Take My Life, and Let it Be"*

Blessing



This Week at Grace

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am

PEO group 11-1
(Fellowship Hall)

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

Thank you for our new life which is hidden in Christ.

For we know that our 'normal' lives will one day come to an end, but our life with You will go on forever when you come back.

Help us to continually seek the life above with Jesus Christ and not to be drawn away.

Help us to live out what we have IN CHRIST; our everything!

Help our lives to be shaped not by our circumstances or the opinions of others, but by Christ, our hope in life and death.

In Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.

Call to Worship

L: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

P: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

L: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

P: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

L: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

P: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

L: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

P: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

AND HE SAID
TO THEM....
Luke 12:15
“TAKE CARE, AND BE ON
YOUR GUARD AGAINST ALL
COVETOUSNESS, FOR ONE’S
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN
THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS
POSSESSIONS.”



Scriptures for next week:

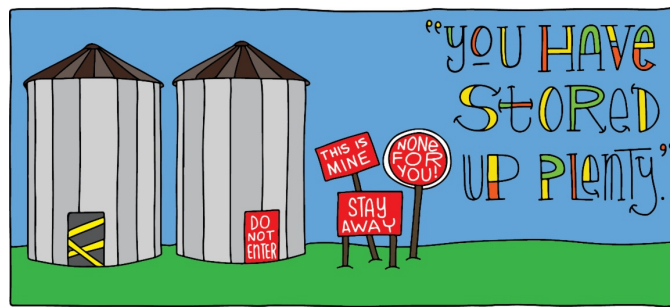
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August Mission Giving

Our mission focus for August will be used to support local teachers connected to Grace UMC for the coming school year.

If you are giving by check, please note "August BTS" in the memo please.

MISSION



Note from SPRC

As mentioned, several months ago, Pastor Jen has been selected by the Conference to participate in the Dakotas-Minnesota Area Practical Church Leadership Certificate Program...a true honor for both her and Grace UMC. While this year-long program is mostly on-line, it had its initial in-person gathering in July. SPR encouraged and supported Pastor Jen's participation in this program. At some point in the coursework, she will be doing a class project (yet to be determined) that will directly involve our church; we're looking forward to that time.

Because this coursework is intense and time consuming, Pastor Jen's schedule will be changing: Monday will be her "big class day" where she will be concentrating her entire day on schoolwork, and Friday will continue to be her day off as needs allow. She will now be working Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. As always, you can leave a message for her, but please join SPR in supporting her in this endeavor. We will all benefit and, once again, our congratulations on this achievement.

Nancy Adams, SPR Chair



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).

Note from the Trustees

Trustees are charged with the care of the building and grounds. A busy group of five, we want to keep you informed of new and old thoughts from our group. First of all, we hope you have noticed the new exterior doors and the great paint job that make our entries more attractive.

Regarding interior décor, we want to let you know of a policy passed in June, effective immediately, that wall hangings, arrangements, wreaths and other decorative items will follow the seasons and other special occasions, and that nothing will be placed within the church without the permission of the Trustees and/or Pastor. Finally, Trustees would like to remind you that, should you wish to borrow something from the church, be it a coffee pot, roaster, table or anything else, it is extremely important that you sign this equipment out and again upon return on the sheet located on the door of the refrigerator in the kitchen; some large items should probably be discussed with a member of Trustees before borrowing, when in doubt ask. Somehow, over time, this has been neglected, and we truly appreciate your support with this concern.

Pete Clement, Trustees Chair.



ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!!!!

We are aware that there is someone sending text messages to people *again* posing as Pastor Jen. Pastor Jen is not sending messages asking for help or gift cards. Please do not be fooled. The number is not Pastor's, and it is a trick to make you think that it is. When in doubt, contact the office or call/text Pastor Jen with the number that you have saved for her. Requests for donations or special needs will never be made via a text.

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.

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, and **Monday is a full school day**.

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.

P.O. Box 276

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

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