



Order of Worship: August 17th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*
"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

Scripture:
Hebrews 11:19-12:2
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:49-56

Social Affirmation UMH 886

Song: *"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"*

Message: Connected to the Cloud

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Unison Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"May You Run and Not Be Weary"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

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

**"Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let
your face shine, that we may be saved!"
(Psalm 80:19)**

Unison Prayer

Glorious God,
we thank you for the cloud of witnesses,
the multitude of the faithful of all ages,
who surround us.
Considering their example, and looking to
Jesus, may we run the race of life
faithfully.
Encourage us, that we may not grow
weary or fainthearted.
Help us accept your gentle discipline,
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Call to Worship

L: Children of God, for the sake of the joy,
we gather...

**P: We gather to worship, to encounter
grace, to grow in faith.**

L: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**P: We proclaim the good news of
Jesus Christ, the love of God that
surrounds us and forms us into a
community marked by love for God,
self, neighbor, and all creation.**

L: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**P: We respond with our lives, ready to
embody our faith as agents of God's
already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

L: For the sake of the joy, God sends
us...

**P: God sends us into the world to
meet our neighbors with the defiant
joy and persevering love of the gospel
today and every day.**

L: Come, let us worship the Triune God
who dwells with us as we gather,
proclaim, respond, and go forth from this
place.

**ALL: Come, let us worship! Thanks be
to God. Amen.**



Scriptures for next week:

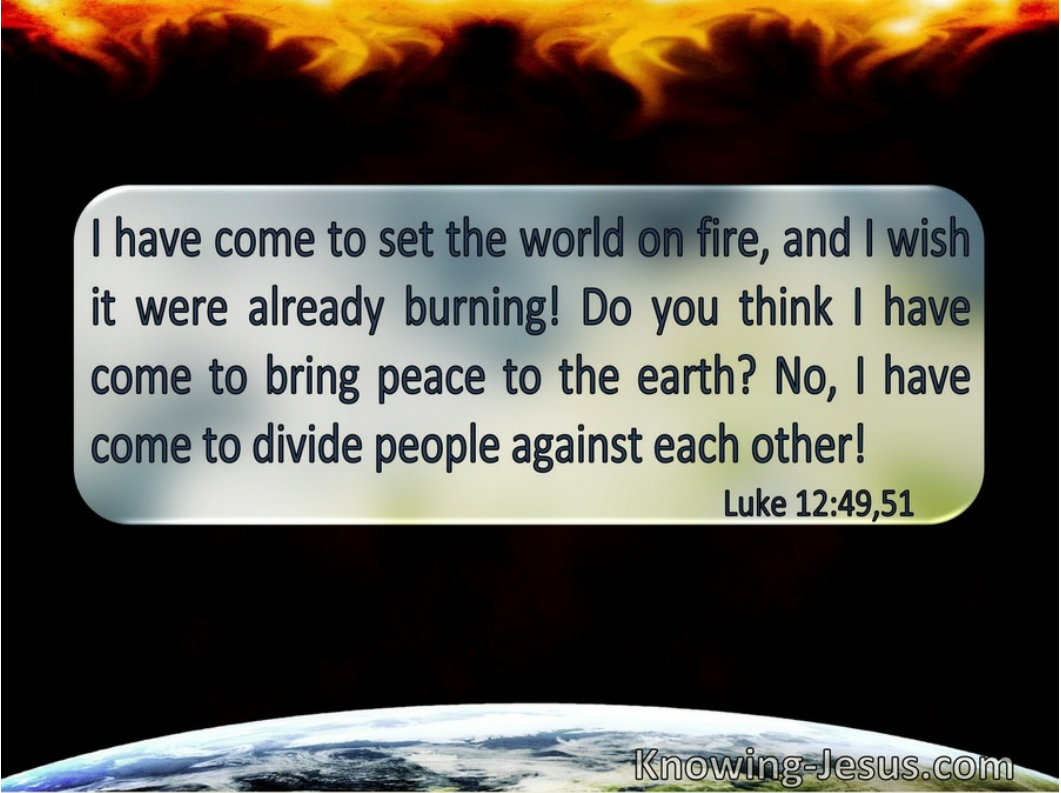
Psalm 98:4-9

Ephesians 5:15-20

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

A dramatic image of a fiery, orange and yellow sky above a dark, silhouetted horizon, with a thin, curved line of the Earth's horizon at the bottom. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners contains the text.

I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning! Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I have come to divide people against each other!

Luke 12:49,51

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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/Peggy Johnson

"It has been nearly two years since Larry passed away. At that time, many of you-his Grace family-gave generous memorials. That money has been designated to the memorial fund since that time.

In cooperation with the Trustees and the Memorial committee, this week a gazebo was assembled on the cement pad near the garage, in memory of him.

BY your memorial contributions and FOR your use and enjoyment, hopefully for many years to come.

Thank you all so much from me and my family.

Peggy Johnson, Laurie & Jeff and their families.



This project took approximately 9 hours to complete. Thank you to this great crew! Dylan, Buhrmaster, Pete Clement, Rick Zbikowski, Brad Taylor, Larry Nyeggen, and Sam Clement. Check it out the next time you are at church!



Red Cross blood drive
at Ideal Corners Community Center,
August 20, Crosslake Community School,
Aug. 27, and Jack Pine Center Aug. 29

Visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule





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.



Hamline Church Dining Hall will debut 3 new items at the State Fair

Savvy fairgoers know that the 33 official new foods of the Minnesota State Fair aren't technically the only culinary debuts taking place at the fairgrounds. Many stands add new dishes that don't make the "official" cut.

Looking through the list of comestible rookies for 2025, the state fair's oldest concession stand doesn't appear to have anything new. However,

that's not entirely accurate.

The Hamline Church Dining Hall will have three new items on its menu, even though none of them made the official list for this year's Great Minnesota Get-Together. Fresh arrivals include a street corn dip, lemon-rosemary chicken, and a candy-sweet maple coffee.

The Minnesota State Fair begins August 21st and runs through Labor Day. Pastor Jen will be there on the 21st and 22nd, find her and share a corn dog!. If you go, add in a stop for a bite at the UMC Hamline Diner, one of the oldest church dining halls on the fairgrounds.

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.

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**

[Visit our website](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

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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