



Order of Worship: August 31st, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture:
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Unison Prayer
Apostles Creed

Song: *"Make Me a Servant"*

Back to School Prayer

Message: *Mutual Love*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Labor Day Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"The Summons"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Monday:
Office closed for holiday

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am

Thursday:
UWF 10am

Sunday (7th):
Church picnic
(gazebo dedication)

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

LORD
EMPTY ME OF ME,
SO I CAN BE FILLED
WITH YOU.



Jesus Christ

IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY AND TODAY
AND FOREVER.

Hebrews 13:8

Unison Prayer

Dear God,
we pray that brotherly love may continue
to flourish in our hearts and in the world
around us. Help us to love one another
as brothers and sisters, to show kindness
and compassion to those in need, and to
always seek peace and unity. May our
love for one another be a shining example
of your love for us, and may it bring hope
and healing to those who are hurting. We
ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Children of God, when we witness
the needs of strangers and listen to
the struggles of our friends, remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: When we hear the struggles of
those imprisoned and view the plight of
the suffering of so many, both near
and far, remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: When temptations to hoard more
money, more power, and more
influence surround us on every side,
remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: As we gather for worship,
remember: God is here among us,
surrounding us with love and forming
us to live in love everywhere we go.

**ALL: We choose to cooperate with
God's love today and every day so
that mutual love will continue
wherever we go and whatever we
do. Amen.**



Everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled,
and he who humbles
himself will be exalted.

LUKE 18:14

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Scriptures for next week:

Romans 12:3-8

Psalm 51

John 21:15-17

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



O Father, we come before You with heavy hearts, seeking solace for those affected by violence and tragedy. May Your comfort envelop the victims of shootings, bringing healing and peace to their families and communities. Let justice prevail and guide us towards a world filled with love and understanding. Amen.

Through Him then
let us offer up
a sacrifice of praise
continually to God,



that is, the fruit of lips
confessing His name.

Hebrews 13:15



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).

Soon, the Bochmans will be headed south for the winter. We really need at least one more volunteer to help us with this ministry. Please join me in prayer for someone to feel called to serve in this valuable part of both worship and outreach for our church.

--Pastor Jen

We hope to see you in worship on **September 14th** when the Adult & Teen Challenge group will be in church with us to share songs and testimony.

We will be having a potluck lunch after this service, sign-up to bring a dish to pass if you can.



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota



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, 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.

On Sunday September 7th, we will dedicate this structure in memory of Larry Johnson. We invite you to stay after worship to join in this time of prayer and celebration.

Red Cross blood drive
at the Jack Pine Center Aug. 29

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



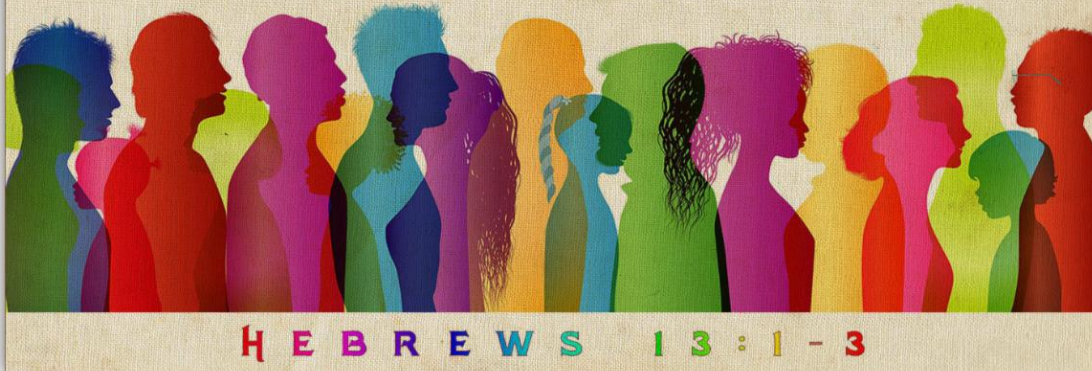
Sunday, **September 7th**, we will be having a church picnic after worship. At 10am we will be dedicating the new gazebo, and we will fire up the grill after that. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; it looks like we mainly need hands to help set-up and clean-up. We will also be recognizing the completion of Pastor Jen's coursework for ministry at this picnic.

On the **14th**, we will also be eating together! There will be an old-fashioned potluck after worship that day. We welcome the MN Teen/Adult Challenge Choir to our service that day. Invite a friend for this special service! There is also a sign-up for this in the fellowship hall.

The Handbell choir will be starting again very soon. We look forward to having them play during worship in the coming months. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak with Ardie Morris.



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were suffering.



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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.

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