



Order of Worship: September 14th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements
Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Scripture:
Mark 5:1-8, 18-19
Psalm 119:169-176
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Unison Prayer

Presentation and Songs
MN Adult and Teen Challenge

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Sanctuary"*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Monday:
Genealogy 11am

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am
Bell practice 12pm

Sunday (14th):
Church potluck
following the MN Teen
Challenge Choir
during worship

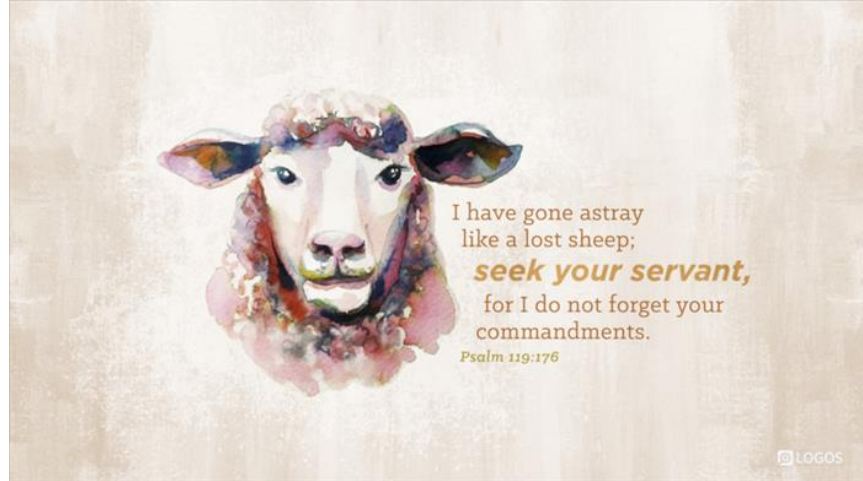
If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

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

O creator and mighty God,
you have promised strength for the
weak,
rest of the laborers,
light for the way,
grace for the trials,
help from above,
unfailing sympathy,
undying love.
O creator and mighty God,
help us to continue in your promise.
Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Children of God: welcome!
**P: Welcome to this place of love
and grace,**
L: Welcome to this place of hope
and perseverance.
**P: God invites all of us to be a
part of the beloved community,**
L: God invites all of us to share in
the good news:
**P: We are welcome, just as we
are. We are loved, just as we are.**
L: In gratitude for all of this, let us
worship God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Praise be to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of
compassion and the God of
all comfort, who comforts us
in all our troubles so that we
can comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort we
ourselves receive from God.
For just as we share
abundantly in the sufferings
of Christ, so also our
comfort abounds through
Christ.



Scriptures for next week:

Psalm 79:1-9

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 Timothy 2:1-8

September Mission Giving

Our mission focus for September will be UMCOR, to support the many ways that they come alongside communities when disaster strikes.

If you are giving by check, please note "UMCOR" 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).

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

*"By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another."*

JOHN 13:35. ESV





Adult & Teen Challenge Minnesota

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 after this service.

Notice, this service will be available to watch online only during the live service. Due to the private nature of some of the stories told this day, it will not be stored to watch later.



Recent Committee Meetings and Updates

The Staff Parish Relations Committee met on August 19, 2025. These are the highlights of that meeting.

As one member of the Committee has been on for a very long time, Pastor Jen is working with Nominations to fill that term for the start of 2026.

A message from the Food Shelf thanking Ann Hutchings for her kindness to their patrons was shared. Her thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

In Pastor Jen's report:

She shared that our Lakes Area Food Shelf is working to possibly open a Food Shelf location in Brainerd as a great many users are now coming to Pequot Lakes from that area.

Mondays are definitely a full class day for Pastor Jen's new educational program.

A long discussion was held regarding a required educational project for Pastor Jen's class program that must benefit our church. Over the past several years, SPR has recognized the need to develop and refine job descriptions that would provide for an administrative assistant/social media position as well as the tech assistant so desperately needed, while continuing the Congregational Care Assistant role. Pastor Jen will work with her Advisor to see if our Church's need in this area would be an acceptable project. SPR will keep the congregation updated as things progress.

A 2026 preliminary budget discussion was held, as this needs to be completed in the coming weeks. We are waiting to receive required Pastor compensation information from the Conference before submitting our budget to the Finance Committee.

If you have thoughts for the Staff Parish Committee, please feel free to contact me at church or via e-mail: nancy@adamsfamily.us

Nancy Adams, Chair Staff Parish

Click here ([Echo](#)) to read the latest Faith column in the Pine and Lakes Echo Journal contributed by Pastor Jen.



It seems too soon to say good-bye, but some of our snowbirds are headed south already or very soon! We would love to be able to stay in contact with you while you are away. Please let the office know when you are leaving so we can change your contact information for the season.

Vae Kaiser passed away on September 2. There will be a service at the Hackensack UCC on September 22 at 11:00 a.m. Their daughters Linda and Kristie were with Vae and Harley when she passed. Please hold her family in prayer at this time.

*Rest
in
Peace*



Community Outreach and sharing our space!

In the coming weeks, we will be opening some of our classrooms to be used by Pequot Lakes Community Education, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During these times we will close the Ed wing doors so that they will not be disturbed.

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 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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