



Order of Worship: October 5th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*
"Gather Us In"

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-2

Psalm 67

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Unison Prayer

Song: *"For the Healing of the Nations"*

Message: Building a Bigger Table

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Give Thanks"*

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am

PEO meeting 10:30am

Bell practice--

Wednesday:

Bible Study 4pm

Saturday:

Memorial Service 11am

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

For I received from
the Lord what I
also passed on to
you: The Lord
Jesus, on the night
he was betrayed,
took bread, and
when he had given
thanks, he broke it
and said, "This is
my body, which is
for you; do this in
remembrance of me."

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 -



Unison Prayer

God of all nations,
we give You thanks that we are all
made in Your image, with such rich
diversity.

On this day we are in solidarity with
the faithful around the world.

As we break bread together, we
remember that we are still one body
in You, even though we have
different languages, cultures and
traditions, different ways of worship,
praying and
praising.

In solidarity we drink the cup
together of hope, of new life,
knowing that Your
will is for Your people to be one
body.

We are one body, but we are not
the same; it is through the gift of
diversity that we are able to be Your
body.

We thank You and praise You for
making us all who we are,
individually and collectively, but
always fully known
and loved by You O Lord.

Amen.

Call to Worship

L: May your way be known
everywhere, God:

**P: in the hidden places of our
hearts;**

L: in the comfort of our homes;


P: in every corner of our world;

L: in the farthest reaches of
creation.

**P: You transform us; you heal our
lives;**

L: you renew the earth and every
creature:

**ALL: Let our praise for you shake
the rafters with songs of joy!**



May God be gracious to us
and bless us and make his face
to shine upon us, Selah that
your way may be known on
earth, your saving power
among all nations. Let the
peoples praise you, O God; let
all the peoples praise you!
Psalm 67:1-3



Scriptures for next week:

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Psalm 112

John 13:34-35

October Mission Giving

Our mission focus for October 5th will be for *World Communion Sunday*, joining with other UMC congregations to support educational and leadership development for underserved communities. This is a day for all of us to celebrate the way that we are unified as the body of Christ when we join together in communion.

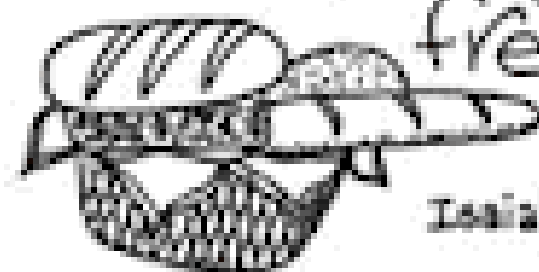
If you are giving by check, please note "World Communion Sunday" in the memo please.

For the rest of August, our mission monies will go to support the mission efforts of the Brennecke family.





I
want you
to share your
Bread
with the
Hungry.
open your homes
to the homeless
Poor;
Remove the
yoke of
injustice,
let the
oppressed go
free.



Isaiah: 58



In the News

Congratulations to Ruby Palmer for being part of the homecoming court for Pequot Lakes High School.

Patriot Volleyball saw wins and losses last week, good job Presley Crawford!

(I was unable to insert the links this week, my apologies!)

Mark your Calendars!!

Annual Halloween community event is October 25th indoors at Grace! Sign-ups for rooms and a place to bring candy is in the narthex.

Memorial Service for Bertie Johnson.

A service will be held for Bertie on Saturday October 11th at 11:00am, at Grace UMC.

A link to her obituary is included below:

<https://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/richfield-mn/bertie-johnson-12430948>

A close-up photograph of several autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The leaves are slightly out of focus, creating a warm, textured background for the text.

**THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU CONTINUALLY,
AND SATISFY YOUR SOUL IN DROUGHT,
AND STRENGTHEN YOUR BONES; YOU
SHALL BE LIKE A WATERED GARDEN, AND
LIKE A SPRING OF WATER, WHOSE
WATERS DO NOT FAIL. THOSE FROM
AMONG YOU SHALL BUILD THE OLD
WASTE PLACES; YOU SHALL RAISE UP
THE FOUNDATIONS OF MANY
GENERATIONS; AND YOU SHALL BE
CALLED THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH,
THE RESTORER OF STREETS TO DWELL IN.
ISAIAH 58:11-12**



October is CHURCH EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION MONTH.

Our church community is blessed with great staff! The Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to send notes of encouragement and thanks to our staff.

Grace staff members are Jen Matthees (Pastor), Jacki Kline (Accompanist), Casey Dirksen (Substitute Accompanist), Ann Hutchings (Congregational Care Assistant), Joan Oscarson (Treasurer), Marsha Mower (Worship Support). In addition, we have three "volunteer" staff members - Ardie Morris (Hand Bell Director), Doris Longnecker (Financial Secretary), Rick Zbikowski (Assistant Financial Secretary). Jane Christensen (Custodian) is a contractor under the direction of the Trustees.

It seems too soon to say good-bye, but some of our snowbirds are headed south already or very soon! It has to be tough to leave when we are actually experiencing such a beautiful Fall! 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.



At a recent joint meeting of the Finance, Staff Parish and Trustees Committees, where much prayer, discussion, and evaluation of future goals, current financial picture, and the creation of next year's budget took place, the conclusion was reached that

we must reduce expenses in a number of areas.

As a result, a decision was made regarding the role of Congregational Care Assistant, which Ann Hutching currently fills.

Beginning the week of October 5, Ann will work one day a week, on Tuesdays, until the end of the year when that role will be eliminated from the budget.

The office and building will be closed on Mondays, Ann will work on Tuesdays from 9 - noon, and the building will be open on Wednesdays from 10 – noon, with coverage by either Pastor Jen or a volunteer. Office email and after hour responses to voicemails will continue to be monitored by a volunteer and Pastor Jen as they have done since our last office change, over two years ago. Please continue to use Ann's email – graceumccare@gmail.com for anything related to member needs and updates.

SPR, Finance and Trustees will closely monitor the work of the church office to ensure that all is running smoothly.

Thank you for your "grace" as we navigate this change.

If you should have questions, please direct them to me as Chair of SPRC, Nancy Adams.

nancy@adamsfamily.us

The church office is open Tuesday from 9am until noon. It is also open on Wednesdays from 10-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 Tuesdays 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 Wednesday (10-12), and Thursday (10-1) 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** (*unless it is an emergency, Monday calls will be returned on Tuesday*).

--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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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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