



Order of Worship: October 12th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"The King of Glory Comes"*
"How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture:
2 Corinthians 9:1-10
Psalm 24:1-6
Mark 4:1-8, 13-20

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Hymn of Promise"*

Message: Active Generosity

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"In the Garden"*

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"This is My Father's World"*

Blessing

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am
Bell practice 1030am

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
Tuesday
9 a.m. to noon
Wednesday
10-noon

Worship
Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am





Scriptures for next week:

Romans 14:8-19

Psalms 26

1 Corinthians 4:1-9

October Mission Giving

Our mission focus for October is the Brennecke family and their mission efforts. If you are giving by check, please note Brennecke in the memo or use a designated envelope available on Sunday morning.



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.

This is a fun day for those who hand out candy and for the kids and families who walk through our doors. We invite all to be a part of this day!

Saturday, October 25th, 10-12.

Costumes welcome but not required!



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.

Annual Charge Conference to be held at Park UMC in Brainerd on November 2nd at 4pm. All members welcome to attend. Committee chairs encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Pastor Jen or Marsha Mower if you plan on attending.

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 Hutchings currently fills.

Please continue to use the church email to ask questions, get something onto the church calendar, address giving, building issues, schedules and the like. Ann is your contact for care needs within the congregation and community.

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**](mailto:graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com)

- Pastor Jen Matthees – [**jenmatt20@gmail.com**](mailto:jenmatt20@gmail.com)

-- Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant- [**graceumccare@gmail.com**](mailto:graceumccare@gmail.com)



Communication Reminder.....

The church office email ([**graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com**](mailto: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**](mailto: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**](mailto: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**](http://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
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