



Order of Worship: November 23rd, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"This Little Light of Mine"*
"We Are the Church"

Scripture:

Proverbs 1:1-7, Colossians 1:9-12,
Proverbs 2:1-11, Colossians 2:6-7
Proverbs 3:1-6, Colossians 3:12-14

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Here I Am Lord"*

Message: New Life in Christ is Ours

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Special Music: *"I Was There to Hear Your
Borning Cry"*

A Celebration of Confirmation

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Pass It On"*

Blessing



This Week at Grace

Sunday-11/23
Confirmation
during 9am Worship

Tuesday:
Bible Study 9am

If you are planning to meet
at Grace UMC, please 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

Unison Prayer

An Invitation to the Holy Spirit UMH
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O God, the Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate many
hearts and lives to our great good and to
Your greater glory;
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Lord of all, as we gather to worship
You, we ask for hearts open to Your
presence.

ALL: Fill this place with Your Spirit and
our souls with Your peace.

L: Let every song, prayer, and word
spoken, glorify You and draw us closer in
communion with You
and each other.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

L: We come together to celebrate You
and the great gift of community.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

L: We come together to listen and take in
Your word.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

L: Come to us now, God, and prepare our
hearts for worship.

ALL: Let us sing our thanks and praise!



Scriptures for next week:

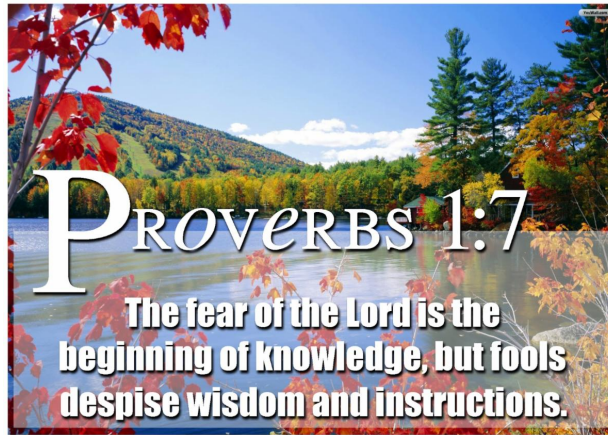
Joshua 2:1-21

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 11:1-10



Please join us for worship on November 23rd, as 3 of our students are confirmed as members of Grace UMC. Bowan Jacobs, Stella Jacobs, and Lukas Knutson.



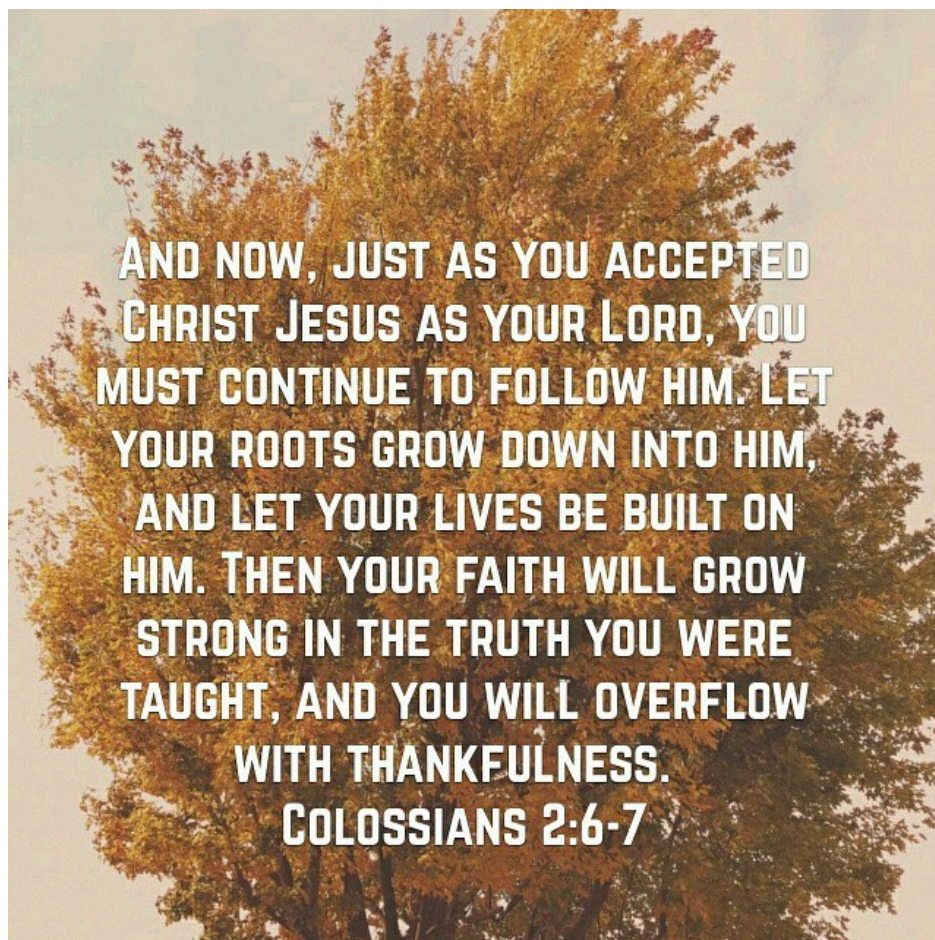
November Mission Giving

Our mission focus for November is the Lakes Area Food Shelf.

If you are giving by check, please note LAFS in the memo or use a designated envelope available on Sunday morning.

We are also collecting food items that would be a part of any Thanksgiving meal. Stuffing, boxed potatoes, cranberries, veggies, gravy, etc.

When in doubt, the food shelf can always use peanut butter!





Where has the year gone?!?!

Kid's Shop Day is coming up fast!! December 6th.

Gifts and volunteers needed, there are sign-ups in the Narthex to help with shopping and wrapping on Saturday the 6th, and help to set-up on Friday night, the 5th. Many hands make light work, and many families look forward to this event so their children can pick up gifts. Donations of gifts may be dropped off on

Sunday mornings or during the Church office open hours.
Thank you for helping!

December 13th is the annual "Santa Bobbin into town" event in Pequot Lakes. This year, after the parade, Grace UMC will be caroling near the bonfire. We hope to have community members join us in the singing; we will be warmer together!!



A banner for the "BISHOP'S ADVENT STUDY 2025". On the left is a book cover for "A CHILD is BORN" by Amy-Jill Levine, featuring a classical painting of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. The text on the banner includes the title "BISHOP'S ADVENT STUDY 2025", the schedule "MONDAYS, DEC. 1-22, 7-8:15 P.M. CT | 6-7:15 P.M. MT", and the logo for the "Dakotas-Minnesota Area The United Methodist Church" on the right. A green pine branch is at the bottom.

Advent Study with Bishop Lanette: 'A Child is Born': Mondays, Dec. 1-22, 7-8:15 p.m., online. Plan to participate in the Dakotas-Minnesota Area Advent Study. Dive into the narratives of Isaac, Ishmael, Moses, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow the Christmas story.

Please let Pastor Jen know if you would like a book ordered. If there is enough interest we could participate as a group, or it can be done individually as well.





Lord, teach us to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all our daily experiences of life. Teach us to be joyful always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances. Amen.

Friends,

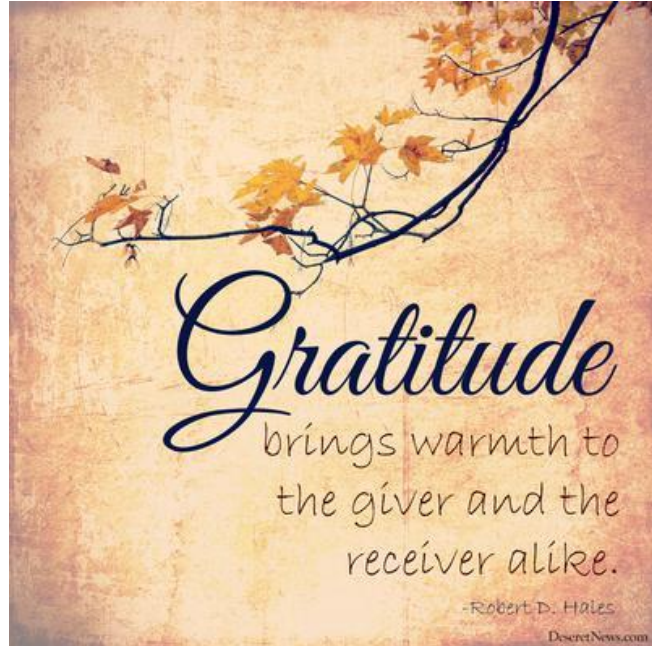
Last week it was announced that we needed to replace at least one of our furnaces. As we all know, a large expense like this is difficult to cover within the regular budget of the church.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude by the generosity of a few of members within this faith community who were able to step forward to help us. We will now be able to replace both of the furnaces without waiting for the next emergency.

Thanks be to God!

--Pastor Jen

"Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18



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 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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