



Order of Worship: November 30th, 2025

Prelude/Postlude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*
"Great is the Lord"

Advent Prayer: UMH 577

Advent Song: *"Light the Advent Candle"*

Advent Candle Lighting

Song: *"Sanctuary"*

Scripture:

Joshua 2:1-21

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 11:1-10

Unison Prayer

Song: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Message:

"Room, When Pressure is Closing In"

Special Music:

"Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)" --
Casey Derksen

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Special Music: *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Blessing

The Week at Grace

Monday:

Drama Practice 1030am

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am

Bell Practice 1030

Wednesday:

Drama Practice 1015am

Thursday:

UWF Christmas Gathering
11am

Friday:

Shop Day set-up 330pm

Saturday:

Kid's Shop Day
10am-1pm
(9-230?)

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

God of spacious love, you meet us when pressure closes in.

You remind us that sanctuary can be found even in the most challenging places.

Teach us to trust your presence, to act with courage,
and to make room for others as you have made room for us.

It is in the name of the
One who receives us when we call on him.

Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God, even when the world presses in.

P: We come seeking sanctuary, a place where God makes room.

L: When choices feel few and the way seems uncertain, God is still near.

P: God meets us in surprising ways and makes space for us still.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, make room in us to receive you.

Advent Prayer: Advent UMH #201

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,
and may await with joy
the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Scriptures for next week:

Malachai 3:1

Psalm 67

Mark 1:1-8



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father of
Isaac, and
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father of Jacob,
and Jacob the
father of Judah and
his brothers, and
Judah the father of Perez
and Zerah by Tamar, and
Perez the father of Hezron,
and Hezron the father of Ram,
and Ram the father of
Amminadab, and Amminadab the
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father
of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of David the king. And
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father
of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and
Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and
Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan
the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph
the husband
of Mary, of
whom was
b o r n

JESUS

who is called Christ.

Blessed be the Lord God, the
God of Israel, who only
doeth wondrous things. And
blessed be his glorious name
for ever: and let the whole
earth be filled with his glory;
Amen, and Amen.
Psalm 72:18-19

December Mission Giving

December's Mission focus will be the
Relationship Safety Alliance (Women's
Shelter)

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



Welcome to the church!
We celebrated Confirmation on Sunday the 23rd.
Stella Jacobs, Lukas Knutson, and Bowan Jacobs.

The UWF Christmas drama and luncheon will be held on December 4th beginning at 11am. All are welcome to attend!

Through
the Years



It's almost here!

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 CHILD is BORN
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO NATIVITY STORIES



Dakotas-Minnesota Area
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BISHOP'S ADVENT STUDY 2025

MONDAYS, DEC. 1-22,
7-8:15 P.M. CT | 6-7:15 P.M. MT



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.

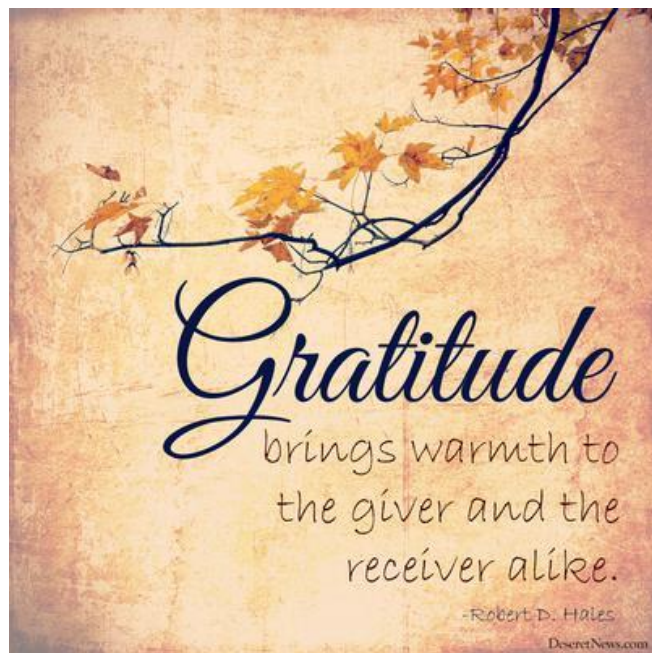
Friends,
Last week it was announced that we needed to replace at least one of our furnaces. As we all know, a large expense like this is difficult to cover within the regular budget of the church.

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.

**P.O. Box 276
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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