



Order of Worship: January 18th, 2026

Prelude/Postlude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Songs: *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*
"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Scripture:

Matthew 22:37-40
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 13:8-10

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Message: "Rooted in Jesus"

Song: *"I Love You Lord"*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Change My Heart, O God"*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

Blessing

The Week at Grace:

Monday:

Genealogy 11am

Tuesday:

Bible Study

9am

Handbell Practice

1030am

Thursday:

Men's study 930am
(offsite)

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

MATTHEW 22:37-40
JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, THOU
SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY
GOD WITH ALL THY HEART,
AND WITH ALL THY SOUL,
AND WITH ALL THY MIND.
THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND
THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO
IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THY
NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF. ON
THESE TWO
COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL
THE LAW AND THE
PROPHETS.

Unison Prayer

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN

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P: Love your God.

L: And the second?

P: Love your neighbor as yourself.

L: Love with all your heart. Love with all your soul. Love with all your mind. Love with all your strength.

P: On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

ALL: Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of our God. Let us worship!



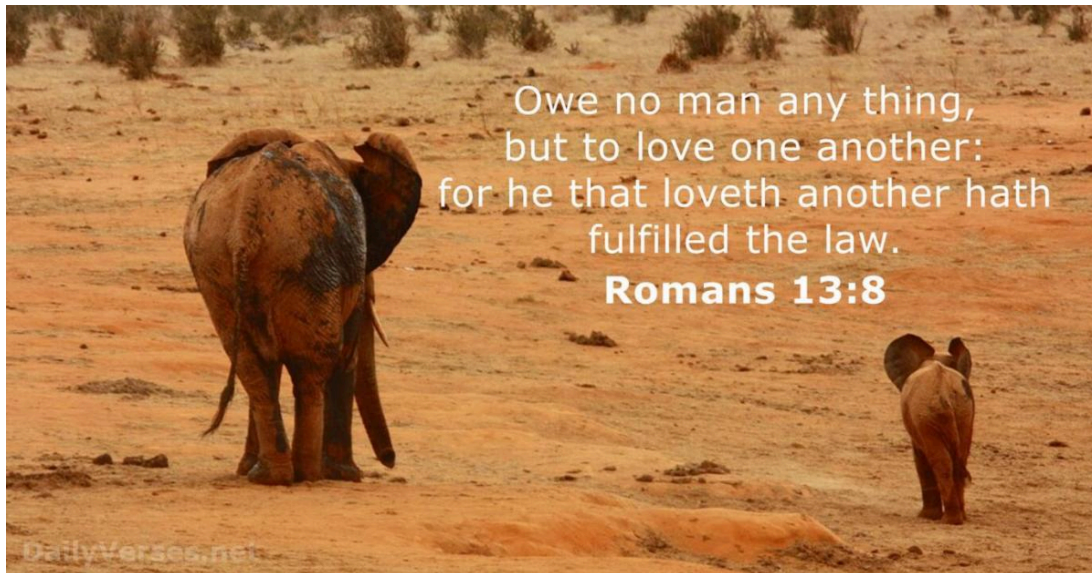
Scriptures for next week:

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 140:6-13

Matthew 5:1-12

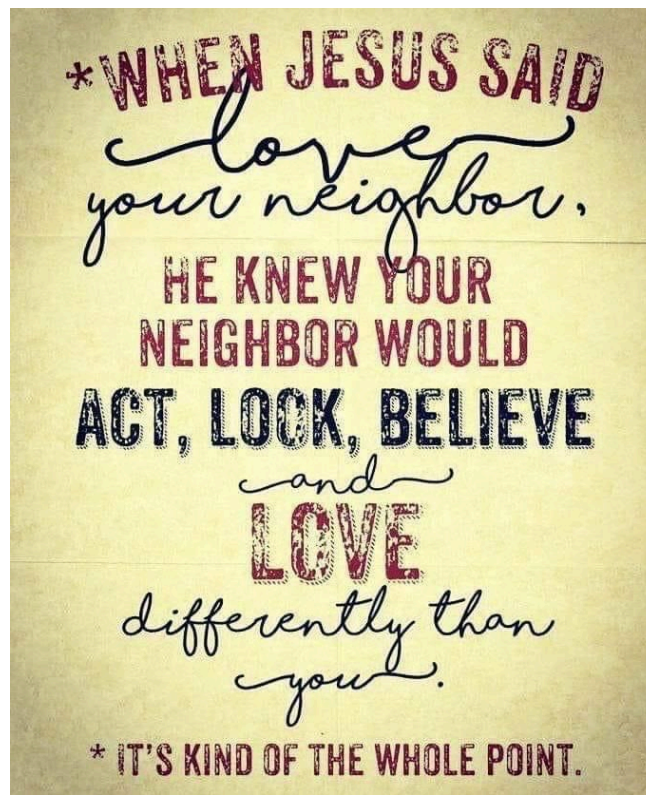
For January our monthly missional giving will be designated to "My Neighbor to Love". Help end homelessness. *Our Neighbor to Love Coalition* provides homes and a supportive environment for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. There are numerous volunteer opportunities if interested in volunteering. Visit MNTLC.ORG to learn more. Please note on your gift this designation.



Renunciation of Sin, and Reaffirmation of our baptismal vows from last week:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?
Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?
Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church
which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

How can we make this evident in our lives this week and beyond?



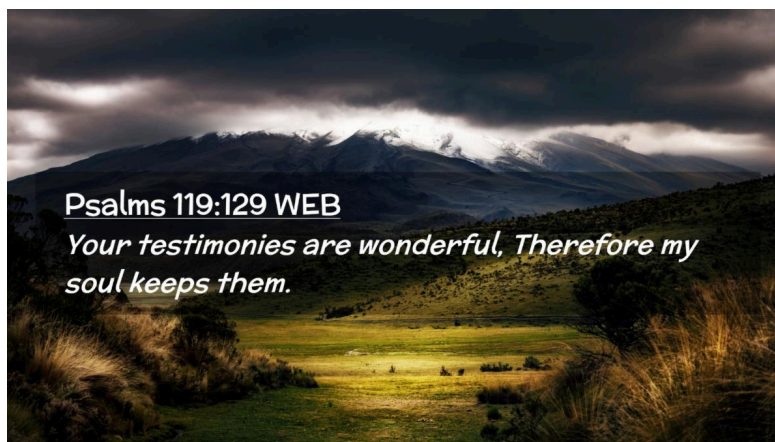
INVITATION

On **Saturday, February 7th**, Rev. Erica Koser will be leading an event at Wesley UMC-**Hibbing** sponsored by Iron Range UMC Clergy. Rev. Koser is the Director of Strategy and Innovation for the Minnesota Annual Conference, and she will share with us ideas to help us

renew our local churches, especially those in out -state Minnesota.

We will begin the day with coffee and rolls at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:00. At 10:30, Rev. Koser will share strategies to help our churches remain vibrant and strong. Lunch will be served at noon. **This event is being held on a Saturday with the hope that pastors will invite members of their congregations to attend.**

Everyone is invited to this event. If interested, please speak with Pastor Jen, if there is interest, we could ride together. She will be attending.



“Rooted in Jesus – The Great Commandment”

Pastor Jen Matthees



Over the next four Sundays, Pastor Jen will be working through a sermon series based on our *Guiding Values* as described to help us live out our mission and vision within the Minnesota Annual Conference and the world.

1/18--Rooted in Jesus-The Great Commandment
1/25--Grounded in Wesleyan Theology-The Great Requirement
2/1--Inclusive of All Persons-The Great Commission
2/8--Engaged in the Work of Justice and Redemption-The Great Proclamation

There will be copies of the *wheel* shown above available on Sunday.



Rooted in Jesus

Jesus is our foundation, the One who commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to love our enemies and welcome the sojourner. Christ is the very embodiment of love, Emmanuel—"God with us." We engage in The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) in our daily lives, loving God and loving our neighbors.

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**



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.

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 (830-12) 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 that 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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