



## **Order of Worship: February 1st, 2026**

**Prelude/Postlude** (Casey Derksen)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs:** *"In Christ There is No East or West"*  
*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

**Scripture:**

Psalm 8  
Matthew 28:16-20  
2 Corinthians 13:11-14

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

**Message:** *"Inclusive of All Person--The Great Commission"*

**Special Music:** *"God of Wonders"*  
Casey Derksen

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Song:** *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

**Blessing**

**Saturday: 1/31**

Al Amundson funeral at  
12pm

**The Week at Grace:**

**Tuesday:**

Bible Study  
9am

Handbell Practice  
1030am

**Thursday:**

Men's study 930am  
(offsite)

UWF monthly

-meeting 10am  
-program 11am

**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 9-12

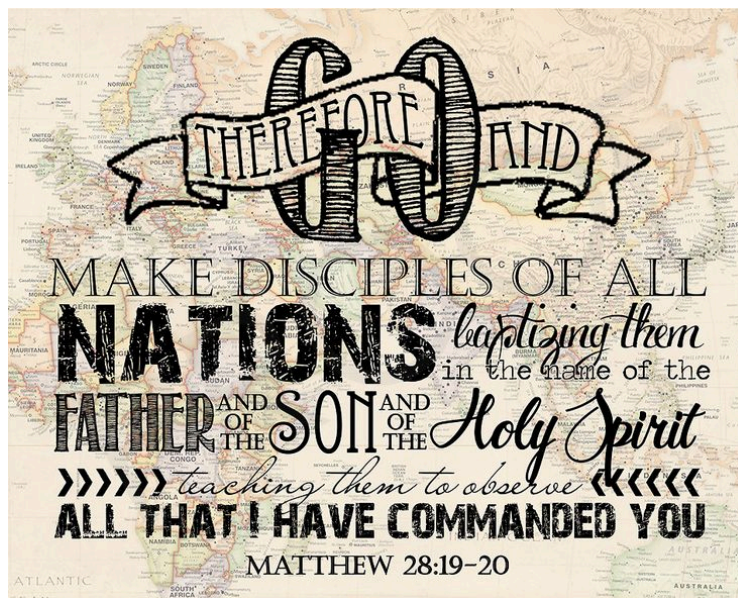
Wednesday 10-12

**Worship**

Online--available at

[www.graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

In-Person Worship Sunday-  
-9am



### Unison Prayer

We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.

We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

In Christ, there is neither insider nor outsider, invited nor shunned, accepted nor rejected.

We are a gathering of nobodies, yet Jesus claims us as somebodies who all have a place.

God invites all of us to be a part of his beloved community.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God with our whole selves. Amen.

### Call to Worship

L: Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace, Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**P: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community, God invites all of us to share in the good news:**

L: We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

**ALL: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**



### Scriptures for next week:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 9:1-10

Luke 4:16-21







When a community is impacted by a natural or civil disaster, The United Methodist Church is there to alleviate suffering and offer critical support through UMCOR,

the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This vital work extends beyond immediate relief, helping communities rebuild their lives and recover over the long term. Through annual conferences, episcopal areas, Disaster Management Offices (DMOs) and ecumenical organizations, we partner with people around the world to help communities carry out their own disaster response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

In February, our monthly mission is UMCOR, please designate this on your gift, or use the envelopes provided.

After Ash Wednesday, 2/22, we will begin collecting food and monetary gifts for the Lakes Area Food Shelf.



[O LORD, OUR LORD] WHEN I LOOK  
AT THE NIGHT SKY AND SEE THE  
WORK OF YOUR FINGERS — THE MOON  
AND THE STARS YOU SET IN PLACE —  
WHAT ARE PEOPLE THAT YOU SHOULD  
THINK ABOUT THEM, MERE MORTALS  
THAT YOU SHOULD CARE FOR THEM?

- PSALM 83-4 -

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#### 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 to RSVP.



# "Inclusive of All Persons – The Great Commission" *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



## **Inclusive of All Persons**

As we participate in The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to go and make disciples of all nations, we are committed to inclusiveness in all aspects of the life of the Church by embracing the richness of diversity found in age, disability status, economic condition, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, and tribal affiliation.



## Grace UMC Updated 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report, December 2025

### REVENUE

	2025	Annual Budget
General Fund	\$150,734	\$165,000
God Faith	25,000	30,000
Loose Change	3,650	3,000
Rental Fees	300	500
Interest Earned	3,461	3,050
Rummage Sale	7,870	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,015</b>	<b>\$207,550</b>

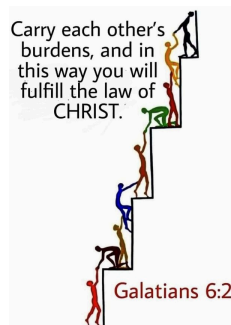
### EXPENSES

Adm Council	\$ 30,247	\$28,720
Programs	3,526	6,450
Trustees	45,595	63,400
SPR	101,002	113,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,370</b>	<b>\$211,611</b>

**Revenue Over 10,645**

**(4,061)**

**(Under)Expenses**



### Calling all Prayer Warriors!

Our Grace UMC family has a large number of people in need of prayer right now. The world is also quite heavy in this season, and many are feeling that weight. Paul says that we are to pray without ceasing in his letter to the Thessalonian church. I believe that we can do that by making prayer our immediate response before worry, gossip, or complaint. We may not know all of the battles that our friends and family are facing, so we struggle to know how to help them carry those burdens. We are always able to pray! Make no doubt, God hears us, and they matter!

*"If you are in need of pastoral care, please do not assume that I as your pastor are aware of that need. If you, or a family member does not call or message me, I have no way of knowing. The church does not add people to the prayer chain without making sure that you want your information shared."* Pastor Jen

To have needs added to the prayer chain, please contact Doris Longnecker or Pastor Jen.





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)**



### ***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.

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 (830-12) 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 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.

**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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**lead courageously** in local communities  
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