



Order of Worship: February 22nd, 2026

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Bells of Grace--"Open My Eyes"

Welcome/Announcements

Special announcement--Bill Tollefson
UWF Sunday opening remarks and
presentation--Marsha Mower
(Special Music-"*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*")
Recognition Pin Awarded

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"This is a Day of New Beginnings"*

Scripture:

John 12:1-8
Psalm 40:4-8, 16-17
Philippians 3:7-11

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Grace Alone"*

Message: *"An Unlikely Offering"*

Special Music: *"I Surrender All"*
Praise Team

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"My Hope is Built"*

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Standing on the Promises"*

Blessing

The Week at Grace:

Tuesday:

Bible Study
9am

Handbell Practice
1030am

Wednesday:

Bible Study
4pm

Thursday:

Men's study 930am
(offsite)

Saturday: 2/28

Funeral service for Nancy
Macnamara
1pm

**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
In-Person Worship Sunday-
-9am

But may all who
seek you rejoice
and be glad in you;
may those who
love your salvation
say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"
As for me, I am
poor and needy,
but the Lord takes
thought for me.
You are my help
and my deliverer;
do not delay,
O my God!

PSALM 40:16-17

Unison Prayer

Giver of the most expensive gift of all,
help us to learn from you.

May we, who are so adept at catering for
our own wants,
make ourselves more vulnerable to the
needs of others.

Let us live unselfishly and more
sensitively, that we may spread love's
fragrance wherever the odor of cynicism
and despair hangs in the air. Through
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



Call to Worship

L: Jesus invites us to a way of
celebration, meeting and feasting with the
humble and poor.

P: Let us walk his way with joy.

L: Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,
letting go of our security.

P: Let us walk his way with joy.

L: Jesus challenges us to listen to the
voices of those who have nothing to
lose.

P: Let us walk his way with joy.

L: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,
where power and status are overturned.

P: Let us walk his way with joy.

L: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the
cross, where despair is transformed by
the promise of
new life.

**P: Let us walk his way with joy as we
join to sing His praises!**



Scriptures for next week:

Mark 10:42-45, 14:66-72

Psalms 27:1-10

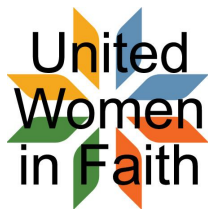
1 Peter 3:13-17



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

On Ash Wednesday, 2/22, we began collecting food and monetary gifts for the Lakes Area Food Shelf.

We have been challenged by Our Saviors Lutheran Church once again to see who can collect the most this year! Let's go!



Sunday, February 22nd, the UWF will be celebrated for their gifts and presence to the church during worship. The handbells will be playing, and the ladies will be presenting their recognition pin as well! Please join us to show our gratitude for the ways that they faithfully serve this church!

Watch for details about the "World Day of Prayer" service and gathering to be held on Friday, March 6th.

Our annual Lenten Food Drive has begun! Once again, we are in a friendly competition with Our Saviors Lutheran Church to see which congregation can collect the most pounds of food and cash to benefit the Lakes Area Food Shelf. We have chosen specific foods to be brought in each week.

- 2/22--Peanut Butter and Jelly
- 3/1--Cereal and Protein Bars
- 3/8--Canned Proteins (tuna, chicken, SPAM, beans)
- 3/15--Soups and Stews
- 3/22--Personal Care Items (especially pads and incontinence supplies)
- 3/29--Leftovers! (Please check best by dates if you are pulling from your cupboards!)

As always, the food shelf is able to stretch our dollars farther than we can, so monetary gifts are welcome anytime!



If you have friends at OSL, please feel free to engage them with some good-natured ribbing! For your friends who worship in other spaces, ask them how their church is participating. For friends or family that are not connected to a faith community, encourage them to bring their donations to us or to give directly to the food shelf. The goal is to help feed our neighbors!

May we live out our faith by blessing others.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

Scripture for Reflection:

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.



Hello Grace UMC!

I am grateful to have enjoyed such a warm welcome from all those I've met so far in my new role as your secretary. I look forward to meeting more of you as the weeks roll on!

Pastor Jen asked me to give you all a little more information about myself. I am a Jesus-loving, bible-believing Christian. I grew up attending Green Mountain United Methodist Church in Lakewood, Colorado, and I am now a member of Pequot Lakes Baptist up the street.

My husband, Dan, and I have been married since 2010, and moved here from Colorado in 2017. We have three homeschooled children, whom you will see gallivanting around the nursery hall while I am here. They are Alice (10), James (5), and Margaret (3). They are very chatty and friendly, so feel free to say, "Hi!" God has really blessed me with this opportunity to serve you here at Grace, and I'm excited to see what He has in store for us all!

Love, Leslie Ball

****Pastor Jen asks for your grace and prayers as we move some things from her desk to Leslie's and they explore how best to serve the needs of our church and this community in an effort to reach more people for the Kingdom!

EASTER FLOWERS:

Order forms for Easter flowers are available on a table in the narthex. All order forms **MUST** include payment at the time of ordering.

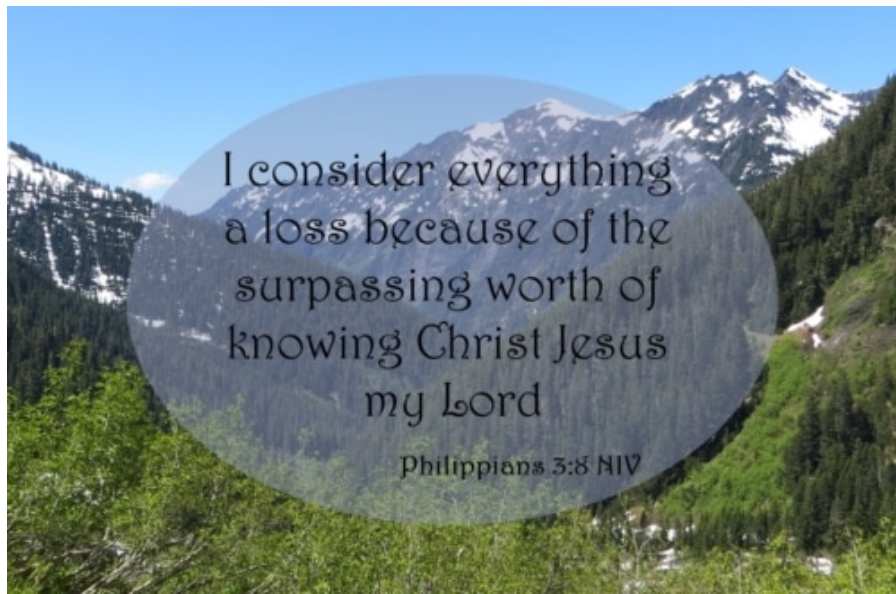
Last day to order is Sunday, March 8th.

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED!

If you need an order form emailed to you, contact Marsha Mower (m.mower@sbcglobal.net).



Thanks for helping make the church beautiful for Easter!

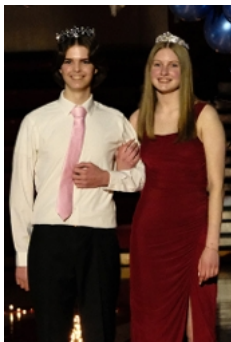


I consider everything
a loss because of the
surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord

Philippians 3:8 NIV

Nancy Macnamara passed away on February 18th.
Please lift prayers for her family.
Her service will be held at Grace on Saturday, 2/28
at 1pm, with a time of fellowship to follow.

*Rest
in
Peace*



Shoutout to Avery Amsden on being named Queen for
"Snow Days" at Pequot Lakes High School.

Click to see post [Avery](#)

The church office has some new open hours.

Tuesday: 830-1130
Wednesday: 130-430
Thursday: 830-1130
Friday: 830-1130

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.

**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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