



Order of Worship: March 1st, 2026

Prelude/Postlude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Song: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*
"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

Scripture:

Mark 10:42-45, 14:66-67
Psalm 27:1-10
1 Peter 3:13-17

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Amazing Grace"*

Message: *"An Unlikely Opposition"*

Song: *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Softly and Tenderly"*

Communion

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Song: *"The Servant Song"*

Blessing



The Week at Grace:

Saturday: 2/28

Funeral service for Nancy
Macnamara
1pm

Tuesday:

Bible Study
9am
Handbell Practice
1030am

Thursday:

Men's study 930am
(offsite)

Friday:

World Day of Prayer
Service
10am

**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.**

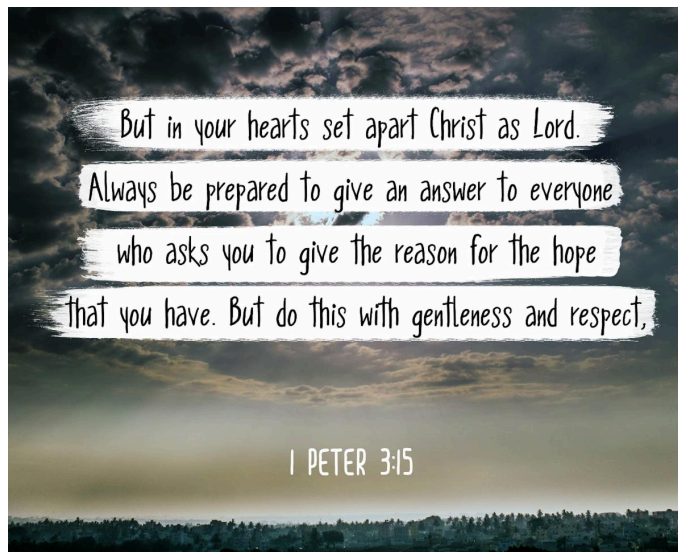
**Office Phone:
218-568-5755**

Grace Office Hours

Monday-830-1130am
Tuesday-830-1130am
Wednesday-130-430pm
Thursday-10-1pm

Worship

Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org
In-Person Sundays at 9am



Unison Prayer

“God of all the saints and of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, and loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Yet You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and then bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us increasingly into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.”

Call to Worship

L: Return to the Lord your God,
P: for God is gracious.
L: Confess to the Lord your God,
P: for God is merciful.
L: Repent to the Lord your God,
P: for God is slow to anger.
L: Praise the Lord your God,
P: for God abounds in steadfast love.
L: Worship the Lord your God.
ALL: Together, let us worship God!

Scriptures for next week:

Leviticus 16:15-22

Psalm 32:1-7

Matthew 27:11-18, 20-22



On Ash Wednesday, 2/22, we began collecting food and monetary gifts for the Lakes Area Food Shelf. This will be our mission focus throughout the month of March. We have been challenged by Our Saviors Lutheran Church once again to see who can collect the most this year! Let's go!

Article in Echo Lakes Journal about the food drive and local needs.

[Food Shelves](#)

Our annual Lenten Food Drive is underway! 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!)

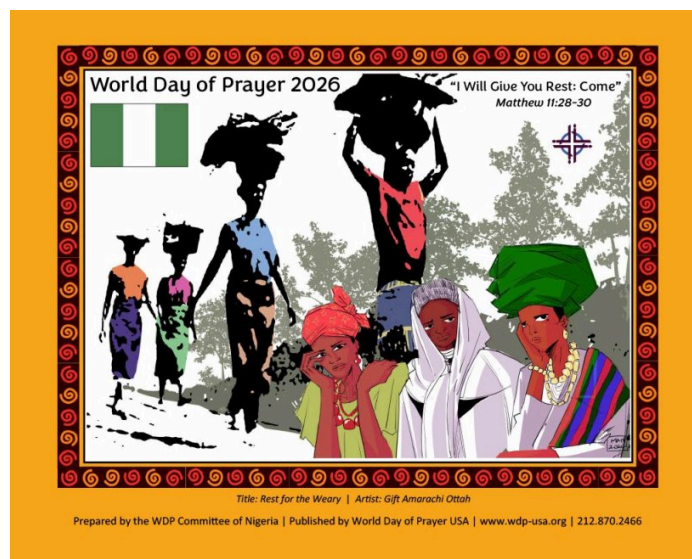
As always, the food shelf is able to stretch our dollars farther than we can, so monetary gifts are welcome anytime!

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!

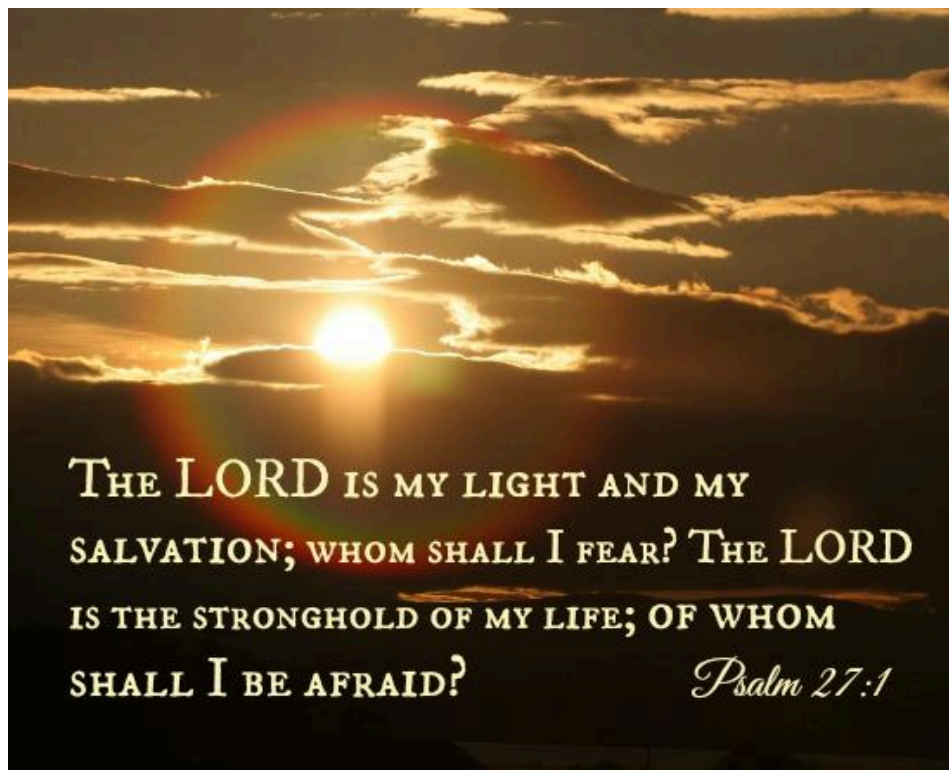
May we live out our faith by blessing others.

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



We will be hosting a World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 6th at 10am. All are welcome to this service which features stories from Nigeria. A brief time of fellowship will follow this service.

“I Will Give You Rest: Come”
Matthew 11:28-30



THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY
SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD
IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM
SHALL I BE AFRAID? *Psalm 27:1*

An update from our Mission Partner, Steve Brennecke

Dear Friends:

As many of you know, Kim slipped away into heaven on January 9th following a brief illness. She was a wonderful wife, a great mother & grandma, and an inspiration to many. The arc of her life is admirable. She loved the Lord and sought to follow Him throughout her life. Before we came to BMM, she was living her "American Dream." Though she was a physical therapist, her passion was in home schooling. She enjoyed a growing family and a simple house in the country with a big garden. Yet when the Lord impressed upon our hearts the need for the Gospel in a distant land, she followed the Lord, pursued the opportunity, and left her dream behind. Years later, when MS deprived her of physical abilities, she spent more time in the Scriptures. In this way she "leaned into" her disability with a smile, and the outcome was overwhelmingly life-giving. She was a blessing throughout our life together and I will miss her dearly. I had planned to retire this May to be of more help to her. As that will no longer be necessary, I'll continue in my role at the mission at least through this calendar year. There are good ministry opportunities in the months ahead; plenty to do! Hasten to the Harvest™ -- Giving Tuesday. You will recall that BMM's Giving Tuesday campaign has a unique focus: all Giving Tuesday gifts go directly to our newest missionary appointees to speed them to their fields. Well...the Lord blessed us overwhelmingly! Over \$80,000 was given in total, which provided over \$13,000 to each of our new missionary units! They were overjoyed and a bit overwhelmed at the news! In addition, gifts were designated for the 2026 campaign, and there was a large response for Kim's memorial, which is also designated for this fall's campaign. Kim would be so pleased to have helped these new missionaries even as she stepped heavenward. Thank you for your fellowship in the work! Your kind words and thoughtful notes have been a source of deep and much-needed encouragement to me and the children.

Steve Brennecke

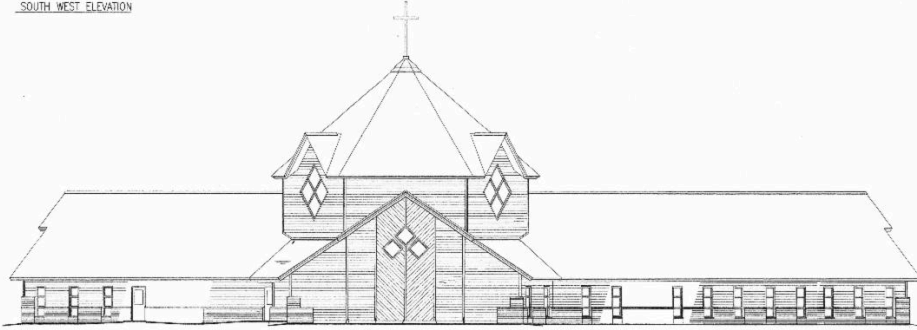




GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PAINT-A-WALL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



SOUTH WEST ELEVATION



NORTH EAST ELEVATION

Paint the Church Project: Understanding the Value Behind the Estimate

As we move forward with the plan to wash and repaint the exterior of Grace, several people have asked what the project includes and why the cost represents a good value. Here's a simple breakdown of the work and the benefits it provides.

What the Project Includes:

- **Full exterior washing**
- Gary's Painting will professionally wash the entire exterior of the church (excluding the detached garage) to ensure a clean, well-prepared surface.
- **Window preparation**
- All exterior window surfaces will be wiped down with alcohol before power washing. This helps remove oxidation and prevents future peeling or adhesion issues.
- **Repainting of siding, soffits, fascia, and entry beams**
- These surfaces will receive *two full coats* of Benjamin Moore's **ArborCoat** solid color stain—known for its durability and weather resistance. The final color will match the existing colors of the building.
- **Repainting exposed clad windows**
- All exposed exterior clad window surfaces will be finished with *two coats* of **Sher-Cryl** high-performance acrylic.
- The only exception is the newer wing, where the clad windows are already in excellent condition and don't need repainting.

Why This Is a Good Value

- **Thorough preparation leads to long-lasting results.** Proper cleaning and prep—especially on an older building—greatly extend the life of the paint job and prevent premature wear.
- **High-quality materials protect the building.** The products being used are premium exterior coatings designed for harsh Minnesota weather.
- **Comprehensive coverage.** The estimate includes all major exterior surfaces, detailed trim, and entry beam work, ensuring a complete and uniform finish.
- **Cost savings in the long run.** Investing in high-quality work now reduces the need for frequent maintenance or early repainting.

This project is a significant investment in the long-term care and appearance of our church. By using skilled professionals and top-tier materials, we're ensuring that the building is protected and looking its best for many years to come. ---Grace Trustees

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!

Whoever wants to become
great among you must
 be your **servant**
 & whoever wants to be
first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

Nancy Macnamara passed away on February 18th. Please lift prayers for her family. Services held at Grace on **Saturday, 2/28 at 1pm**



The church office has some new open hours.
 Monday: 830-1130
 Tuesday: 830-1130
 Wednesday: 130-430
 Thursday: 10-1



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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[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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