



Order of Worship
Prelude by Casey Derksen
Welcome/Announcements
Bible Presentation
Candle Lighting
Call to Worship

Song:
"Blessed Assurance"
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scriptures:
1 Peter 1:17-23
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Luke 24:13-26

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

Message: We Had Hoped

Special Music by Casey Derksen:
"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song:
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Closing Song:
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Blessing
Postlude by Casey Derksen

The Week at Grace:

Tuesday:
Bible Study
9a

Handbell Practice
10:30a

Wednesday:
Adult Bible Study
4p

Thursday:
Men's study (offsite)
9:30a

**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-10:30a-1:30p
Tuesday-8:30-11:30a
Wednesday-1:30-4:30pm
Thursday-10:30-1:30a

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

Unison Prayer

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,
Guide us on the path toward our
destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to
walk and commune with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of
your presence around us;
Open our hearts, so we may receive your
peace and love;
and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so
freely.
Amen

Call to Worship

*L: How glorious it is to hear of Jesus'
resurrection.*

**P: At his death, our hearts cried out
and we felt lost.**

*L: But he comes to us and walks with us,
even now.*

**P: In the holy word, in the music, in
the prayers, he is present with us.**

L: Open your hearts to the Lord.

**P: Lord, help us to be truly ready to
receive you into our lives. AMEN.**


Scriptures for next week:

1 Peter 2:19-25

Psalm 23


John 10:1-10

**ARE YOU
FEELING**



**BECAUSE PASTOR JEN IS UNAVAILABLE
ON MONDAYS?**

CHEER UP!



**PASTOR JEN MAY BE IN SCHOOL...
BUT LESLIE IS IN THE OFFICE AND
READY TO HELP!**

10:30AM-1:30PM

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee (or SPR as we call it), met a bit over a week ago. We have a “cheat sheet” given to us by the Conference of things we need to cover quarterly. Because one of our main tasks is to act as the Church’s Human Relations Committee, most of the first quarter covered assigning each member to act as a liaison with both paid and volunteer staff. Our goal as liaisons is to touch base with each person shortly to make sure everything is going well; if not, our job is acknowledge possible issues and work to resolve them.

In March, both Marsha and I participated in a Conference training session (via Zoom) for SPR members. We learned that the Conference has, and is working to add more, video training materials for all aspects of SPR responsibilities. It was decided, that if they were of a reasonable length, we would try to watch one each time we meet – I’m hoping for a 15 minute shot at each issue...let’s hope! Anyway, one very important nugget of information I took away from the training sessions is that “SPR is to provide support for the pastor, but it also should provide support for the congregation.” Because of that point, these are the current SPR members, should you wish to talk with any of us: Nancy Adams, Chair, Lynne Clement, Marlowe Fortune, Abby Jacobs, Marsha Mower. Joining us as members at our next meeting will be: Celeste Gardner and Kathy Zbikowski, making for a full group; should you be interested in joining us at a point in the future, please talk to me.

Nancy Adams, Chair SPR

**Grace UMC Updated 1th Quarter Financial Report
March 2026**

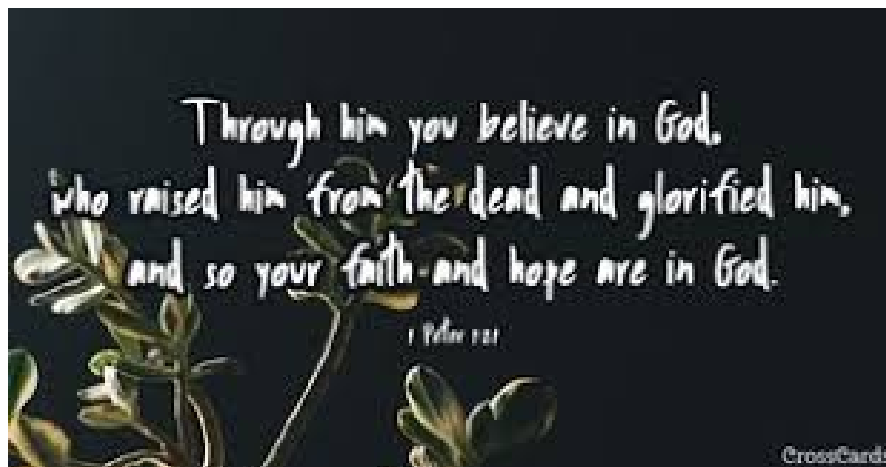
REVENUE

	<u>March, 2026</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 31,403	\$165,000
God Faith	10,500	30,000
Loose Change	955	3,000
Rental Fees	100	500
Interest Earned	871	3,050
Rummage Sale	0	7,000
Total	\$ 43,829	\$208,550

EXPENSES

Adm Council	\$ 7005	\$27,900
Programs	-40	5,650
Trustees	17,086	66,200
SPR	26,562	112,982
Total	\$ 50,612	\$212,732

Revenue Over (Under)Expenses **(6,783)** **(4,182)**



Monthly Mission

Pastor's

Discretionary Fund

Financial gifts will...

- Purchase gas cards for those in need
- Support local missions
- Provide aid to members



Pequot Lakes
Baptist Church
(Trailside Center)

No registration
necessary.



Pequot Lakes Caregiver Support Group

For those caring for someone
living with dementia.

**Third Thursday of each month
10:30-11:30am**

cristina.rodriguez@vivie.org
(320) 460-7226

**Grace UMC is hosting this support group on
May 12th at 1pm-2:30pm! Please join us!**

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Our Savior's Lutheran:
655 lbs of food



Grace United Methodist:
1019 lbs of food

Our Savior's Lutheran:
\$10,197.57

Celebrate all the generous gifts for the Food Shelf at a joint service between OSL and Grace on May 31st at 9am, with an ice cream social to follow!

Grace United Methodist:
\$3085



May Baskets

Grace United Women In Faith Mission Project



Order an *Old Fashioned May Basket* filled with delicious hand-made candies

\$5.00 Each

ORDER DEADLINE: APRIL 26TH

If you are willing to make candy, please sign up on the UWF bulletin board.

Bring and fill baskets on **April 30th** at 9:30 or 10. You can pick up the baskets you ordered between 11a and 1p OR 4:30p-5:30p.

A vibrant yellow and orange graphic for a rummage sale. The text "RUMMAGE SALE!" is prominently displayed in red and green. Below it, "save the Date" is written in a cursive font, followed by "JUNE 24-26" in bold black letters. At the bottom, it says "Now accepting items!". The graphic is decorated with icons of a blue t-shirt, a yellow jacket, a box of items, and a wooden crate with clothes. A sun and wavy lines are also present in the background.

**RUMMAGE
SALE!**

save the Date

JUNE 24-26

Now accepting items!

I love the Lord, for
he heard my voice;
he heard my
cry for mercy.
Because he turned
his ear to me,
I will call on him
as long as I live.

Psalm 116:1-2

Mother Son Dance!

Mothers with sons
12 years and
younger!



\$20/mother-son duo
\$5 for each
additional son

Saturday, May 9
5:30-7:00pm
The Warehouse
307 Norway Ave,
Pine River

All proceeds
support The
Warehouse.

OLD AGE IS NOT FOR SISSIES! 6.0

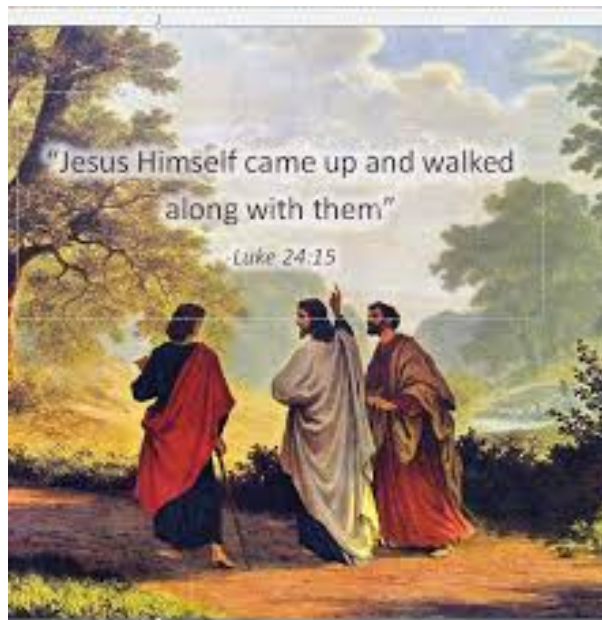
Personal Devices and Senior Citizen Safety 3/18 @1-3p
By Parker Deutz, Doctor of Physical Therapy for Essentia

Big Harvests in Small Spaces-Growing Veggies & Herbs in Pots 4/15 @1-3p
By Shelly Boser-Bartel of Landsburg Nursery

Exploring Naturopathic Medicine & DIY Herbal Remedy 5/20 @1-3p
By Dr. Sophia Fox of Fox Naturopathic Medicine

Pine River United Methodist Church
348 Barclay Ave, Pine River
Dining Hall- Lower Level

Zero Charge!
Refreshments Provided!



The church office has some new open hours.

Monday: 10:30a-130p

Tuesday: 8:30-1130a

Wednesday: 1:30-4:30p

Thursday: 10:30a-1:30p

Ring the doorbell on the south door to be admitted.

--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.....

Please schedule **ALL** events, meetings, and building use by emailing the office. If your building use is not added to the master calendar, we may run into scheduling conflicts, and we may not be able to accommodate heating/cooling needs in the requested area.

Please submit any newsletter additions or changes to the office by email or phone by **Wednesday at 4:30p**.

If you wish to connect with Pastor Jen directly and it is not an emergency, please know that she will respond as needed during regular office hours. She is generally in the church on Tuesday (830-12) and Thursday (10-1) call the office to be sure, as her weeks vary. You may find her here at other times too! She checks her emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact her. **Friday is her day off** as needs allow, and **Monday is a full school day** (unless it is an emergency, Monday calls will be returned on Tuesday).

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

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!
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

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The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

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