



## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Bells of Grace**  
*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Song:**  
*"To God Be the Glory"*  
*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

**Scriptures:**  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
Psalm 23  
John 10:1-10

**Unison Prayer**

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

**Message:** Knowing That Voice

**Song:**  
*"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"*

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:**  
*"Where He Leads Me"*

**Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song:**  
*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

## The Week at Grace:

**Tuesday:**  
Bible Study  
9a

Handbell Practice  
10:30a

**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](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)  
In-Person Sundays at 9a

## Unison Prayer

Loving Shepherd,  
you know our names; you care for us.  
When we face darkness and death,  
journey beside us.  
When we hunger for your love, fill us with  
your presence.  
When we are fearful, feed us at your  
table.  
May we dwell in the house of goodness  
and mercy  
all the days of our lives. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*L: The Lord is our shepherd*

**P: We are the sheep of Christ's  
pasture.**

*L: The shepherd makes us lie down in  
green pastures.*

**P: In Christ, we dwell secure.**

*L: The shepherd leads us beside still  
waters and restores our souls.*

**All: We worship Christ, our shepherd,  
our gate. Amen!**

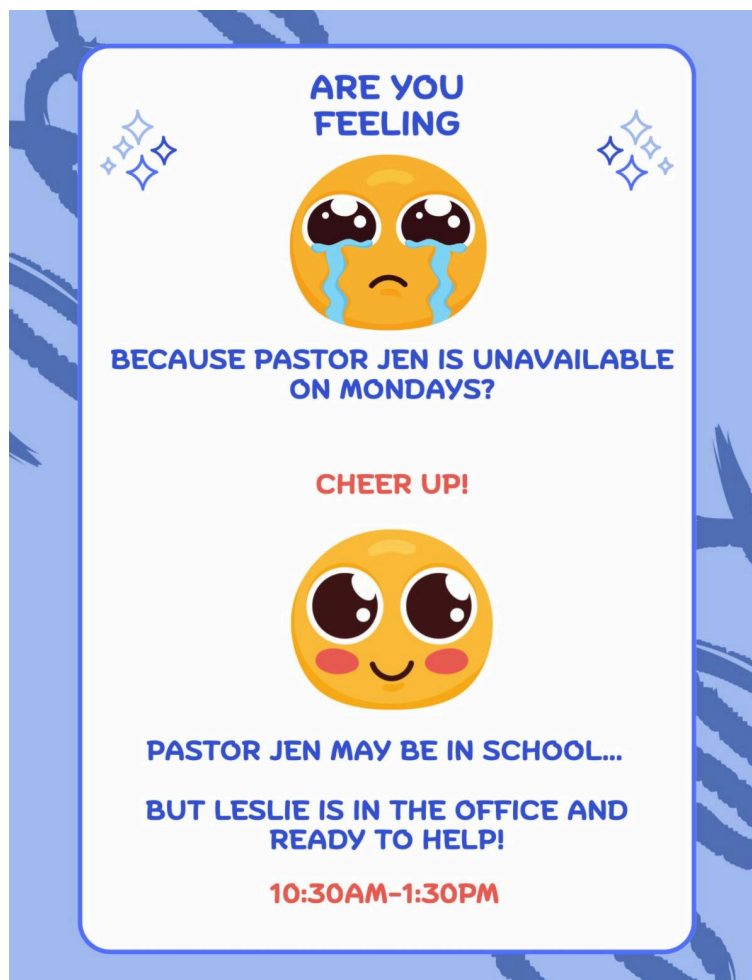
### Scriptures for next week:

Exodus 3:13-15

Psalm 90:1-5

Acts 17:22-29

Psalm 8



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 1<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,829</b>	<b>\$208,550</b>

**EXPENSES**

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

**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.

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## 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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*Just a Reminder!*

Bring and fill baskets on **April 30th** at 9:30.



**RUMMAGE  
SALE!**

Save the Date

**JUNE 24-26**

Now accepting items!

**Mother Son Dance!**

Mothers with sons  
12 years and  
younger!

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

All proceeds  
support The  
Warehouse.

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

**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)

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- Pastor Jen Matthees – **[jenmatt20@gmail.com](mailto: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](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](#)

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

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**(use P.O. box for mailing)**



**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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