



## Order of Worship: January 19th

**Prelude** (Anna Wetrosky)

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Songs:**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
*"Great is thy Faithfulness"*

**Scripture Readings:**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Psalm 36:5-10  
John 2:1-11

**Unison Prayer**

**Song:** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

**Message:** "Not Yet"

**Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer**

**Song:** "On Eagle's Wings"

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

**Song:** *"God Be with You till We Meet again"*

**Blessing**

**Postlude** (Anna Wetrosky)

## This Week at Grace

**Monday:** Office Closed for  
MLK holiday

**Tuesday:**  
Bible Study 9am  
Bell Practice 430pm

**Wednesday:**  
Confirmation 6pm

**If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to 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**  
Monday - Wednesday  
9 a.m. to noon

**Worship**  
Online--available at  
[www.graceumcpequotlakes.org](http://www.graceumcpequotlakes.org)

**In-Person Worship**  
Sunday--9am

## Unison Prayer

Empower us as we worship here and then enable us to impact your world for Jesus. Change the stagnant water of our lives to wine and touch us as you touched those people in Cana. Give to the leaders of our world the resolve to wage war not on people but on poverty, injustice, hunger, disease, and all manner of human suffering. Give them the vision to shape a new world where self-interest is tempered and corrected by love and compassion and a hunger for justice. Give to all the world the gift of being filled with new wine and new vision. Amen.

## Call to Worship

*L: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,*

**P: your steadfast love finds us.**

*L: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,*

**P: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

*L: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,*

**P: your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

*L: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,*

**P: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**



Scriptures for next week:

Nehemiah 8: 1-3,5-6,8-10

Psalms 19

Luke 14: 14-21a





## Mission Giving for January

Our Mission Focus for January will be sent to support the work of "My Neighbor to Love", and their efforts to support those who are struggling with stable housing.

If you are giving towards these gifts, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "January Missions".

We are also participating in a special collection for the food shelf. "Soup-er Bowl LIX. You can bring in any food donations to the church for this, but SOUP is especially easy to remember on these cold winter days!

We are looking ahead to a special offering to be taken to support those who have been affected by the wildfires in California.

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Beautiful depiction of the many and varied gifts of the Spirit.



Luke~Acts  
2025

Join us in reading one chapter each week throughout 2025.



Dakotas-Minnesota Area  
The United Methodist Church



Beginning in January 2025, **Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites** clergy and laity across the Area to join in a journey through Luke and Acts, reading one chapter each week throughout the year.

This shared experience will foster a sense of encouragement, challenge, and community as we delve into the seamless story of Jesus' life, ministry, death, resurrection, and the Spirit's work through the early church. Comprised of 52 chapters together, they provide a natural framework for intentional spiritual practice through 2025.

A checklist to use as a bookmark is available at church for this experience.

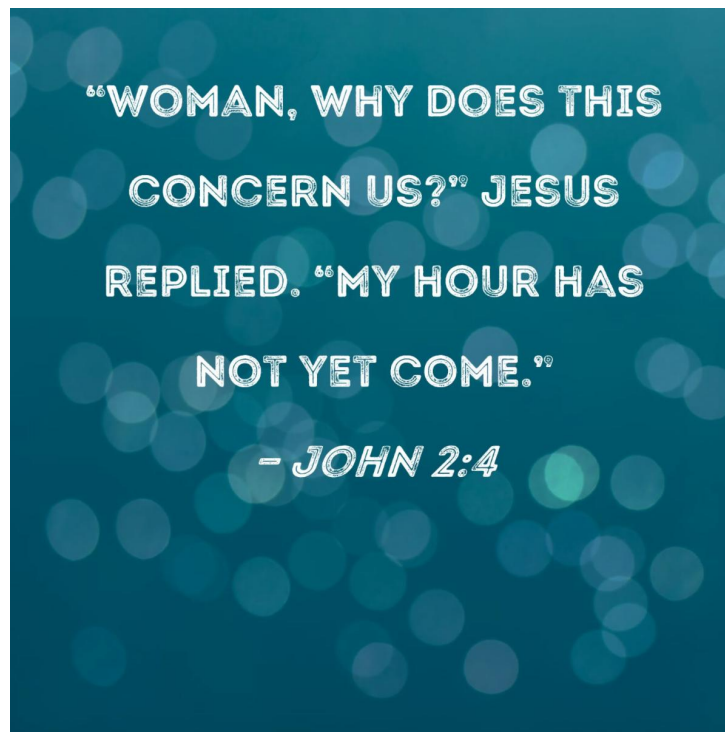
## January Breakthrough Prayer

Bishop Lanette will offer a new breakthrough prayer each month throughout 2025, inviting the Holy Spirit to form and transform us through this communal reading experience. She encourages us to pray the prayer daily. The January prayer is:

***Holy God, as we begin this year of reading and prayer, dedicate our hearts to your word. Shape us through the story of Jesus and his followers, that we may grow in faith and love. Prepare us for the transformative journey ahead. In Christ's name, Amen.***

At a Bible study this week, some of us thought that this 2025 reading journey might be a good opportunity to explore a different Bible translation than you normally use. --Pastor Jen

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It is now the time of year that you may need to consider personal safety when making plans to attend services or events. Please always choose the safest plan, because everyone lives in such a widespread area. When in doubt on the cancellation of any church function, please contact the church office or your group leader. We will also post cancellations on our Facebook page as needed as well.



**Due to the predicted dangerously cold weather for this Sunday, the "Hot Dish" event which was scheduled for the 19th will be held at a later date.**

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*This week's newsletter has a bit less content due to some technical difficulties.*

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The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until 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)

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### ***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. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, 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 you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (**[graceumccare@gmail.com](mailto:graceumccare@gmail.com)**) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

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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 at the very latest.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1130) and Wednesday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks and Mondays 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.

-Pastor Jen

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### 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!

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