



Order of Worship: February 2nd

Prelude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Gather Us In"
"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
Psalm 71:1-6

Testimony -*Shawna Knutson*

Unison Prayer

Song: *"The Gift of Love"*

Message: "Too Familiar"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Special Music: (Brad Wallace)
"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

Communion

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Blessing

Postlude (Casey Derksen)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am
UWF Basket making
1030am-@Lakes Latte
Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Confirmation 6-715pm

Thursday:

UWF 10-12pm

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

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am

Unison Prayer

Holy Lord,
We come to worship today to hear
your good news,
to hear of faith, hope and love
ringing out from your kingdom.
We know that doubt, fear and
hatred
can shake even the strongest.
Shape us into faithful hopeful
people,
fill us with your love that passes all
understanding.
We pray this together in the name of
Jesus Christ, Amen.

Call to Worship

*L: God alone is our refuge and
hope,*
P: our shelter and protection.
*L: From our very first breath to our
last,*
**P: God's love and compassion never
fails.**
*L: So come, lift your voices in praise
to God.*
*Bear witness to God's acts of mercy
and love.*
**P: Proclaim God's glory to all who
will listen.**
All: Let's worship God together.



Scriptures for next week:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 138
Luke 5:1-11

Psalms 71:1-3
(NLT)

O LORD, I have come to
you for protection; don't let
me be disgraced. Save me
and rescue me, for you do
what is right. Turn your ear
to listen to me, and set me
free. Be my rock of safety
where I can always hide.
Give the order to save me,
for you are my rock and my
fortress.



Mission Giving for February

Our Mission Focus for February will be sent to support the work of "UMCOR-the United Methodist Committee on Relief", and their efforts to offer aid to the people who have faced many disasters that have filled our prayers. We

will place a special emphasis on sending aid to those who have been affected by the wildfires in California.

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 "February Missions".



In the news this week:

A lovely article celebrating our own Nancy Adams, on being named "Pequot Lakes Citizen of the Year"!

[NA](#)

Great game and congrats on being named "Athlete of the Week", Mason Lundgren!

[ML](#)

*click links in **red** to read articles from the Echo.



Luke-Acts

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.

"This journey is more than reading," said Bishop Lanette. "It's about growing as disciples; finding alignment in heart, mission, and ministry; and discovering how the Gospel can inspire us today. By walking through these scriptures together as an Area, we center our lives on Christ's teachings and create space for the Spirit to work in new and powerful ways—renewing our faith, reaching new people, and offering healing to a world in need."

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



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 for yourself, 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.



Starting on Tuesday the 28th at 10:30am, a group will be meeting at Lakes Latte in downtown Pequot Lakes to begin work on MAY baskets for the annual UWF event. No skill required! Bring a willingness to work together and have fun!

Join in the FUN on February 2nd.

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)

graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com

--Pastor Jen Matthees – **jenmatt20@gmail.com**

--Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-**graceumccare@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. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (**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**) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

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 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 (830-1030) 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.



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**

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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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