



Order of Worship: February 9th

Prelude (Jacki Kline)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty"
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Scripture Readings:

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

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"*

Message: "Go Away from Me"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *Amazing Grace*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Here I Am, Lord"*

Blessing

Postlude (Jacki Kline)

This Week at Grace

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am
Bell Practice 130pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 4-6pm

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

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am

*I give you thanks, O Lord,
with my whole heart;
before the gods
I sing Your praise.*

Psalm 138:1-2

Unison Prayer

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so we come before You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Call to Worship

L: Let us lift up the name of our God!

P: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!

L: For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,

P: The Lord's love embraces the earth,

L: Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!



Scriptures for next week:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
Luke 6:17-26

yet, not I
but the
grace of God
within me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

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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".

Thank you very much for the food given for the extra "Souper-Bowl" food collection for LAFS. We sent 172 pounds across the lot for our neighbors.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

~ Luke 5:8 NIV

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In the news this week:

Kudos to Bryce Fabian on being named to the President's Honor Roll for Fall 2024 at Bemidji State.

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The "Snow Court" at Pequot Lakes HS included Cassidy Wick and Ruby Palmer.

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

What's
Happening



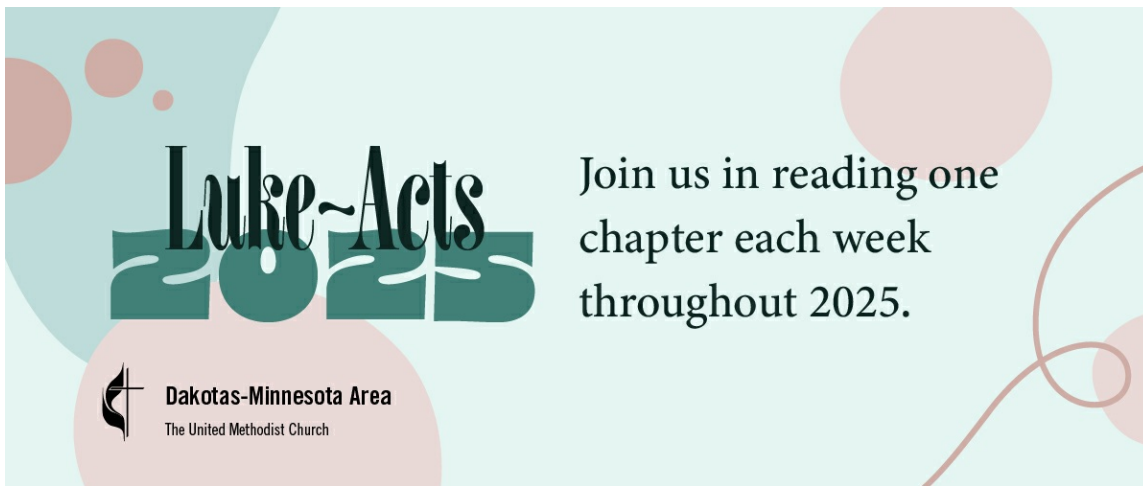
Love puts up with us even when we blow it, it is the most excellent way of goodness and kindness that gives us a chance, because it has a low boiling point.

It doesn't toot its own horn or puff itself up. It doesn't force itself on others, it doesn't seek after its own desires. It is other-oriented.

It doesn't get all riled up over silly things or keep a list of offenses to use against you. It doesn't get excited about the wrongs we've done, instead gets very excited when we dwell in the truth.

In all things love protects us, believes in us, has hope that we will make it to the end, and always waits up for us, no matter how long it takes us to get there.

In the end, love will never let us down or give up on us.



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."

February Breakthrough Prayer from the Bishop:

God of liberation and light,

The ministry of Jesus brought good news for the poor, freedom for the captives, sight for the blind, and release for the oppressed. Today, we hear this promise anew as we live as ambassadors of your goodness and grace. Break through our doubts, fears, and complacency. Break through our routines and awaken us to your Spirit moving in our midst. Break through every barrier that separates us from fully embodying your love in our communities and world.

Anoint us with boldness to speak truth, with compassion to heal wounds, and with courage to set others free.

As your Word is fulfilled in our hearing, may your justice roll down like waters and your righteousness like a never-failing stream.

We trust You, O God, for the breakthrough we cannot yet see, knowing your Spirit is already at work.

In the name of the One who proclaimed good news, Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

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



“Graceful Love”

Lasagna & Game Night

at Pelican Lake Conservation Club

February 14th. Doors open at 5:00pm.

Dinner at 5:30ish.

500, Bingo, and Kids Games

Free will offering to cover Costs and PLCC.

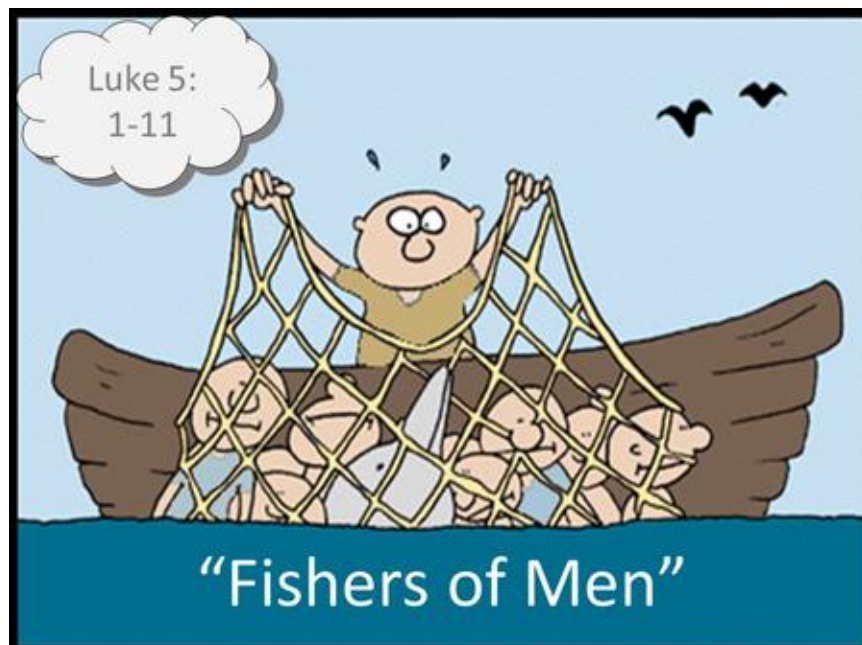
Lasagna, Ceasar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert,

Wine and Lemonade

BYOB and a friend or two!

RSVP to Jill Macnamara by February 11th, please.

218-831-5054 jill@jillmacnamara.com





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.

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
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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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