



“No Questions Asked!”

Greetings

Welcome to the community of Church of Peace United Church of Christ. We believe that all people are children of God and rejoice that you have chosen to worship God with us today. If you are visiting our community, we wish to extend our faith in Christian fellowship and hope that you will take a moment to visit with us after the service. If you have any questions prior to the service, please ask anyone in the community. We have all been visitors at some time in our life, and we are eager to assist you in any way. May the Holy Spirit fill us and guide us as we worship God together.

March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am

Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 32

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 32)

One: Happy are those who experience the grace of God

Many: Who finds forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.

One: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God

Many: Who find peace even in times of trial.

One: Happy are those who experience rest in God

Many: Who find sabbath to renew their spirit.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, Holy Renewal, after times of broken relationships, painful injustices, and feeling deserted, we enter this season yearning for restoration and your comforting grace. In this time of wilderness and reflection, we evaluate the relationships between us and our neighbors. Fill our weary souls with hope. Lead us on roads of renewal, and focus our minds as we ponder our callings in your kingdom. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory" No. 705

* Prayer of Reflection and Growth

Holy God, Breath of Life, there are moments when our decisions do not take into consideration the well-being of our neighbors. There are times when our reactions turn inward instead of building healthy reconciliation. How are our hidden and open biases restricting God's grace and radical love? How do our actions and prejudices impede our own spiritual growth? Urge us to be life-giving agents of your love so our steps will be healing not only to us, but to everyone on the journey. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God, our Divine Parent, runs towards us with infinite love and grace. May the mercy we experience transform our minds, hearts, and souls. May we extend God's grace as we run towards a life in Jesus Christ.

Many: May we all bask in the light of pure forgiveness in Jesus Christ! Praise be to God! Amen

*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Pastoral Prayer - a sharing of community and world prayers.

Affirmation of Faith

One: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

All: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

No. 546

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:11-32

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

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We Respond to God's Word

Invitation and Reflection to Giving

One: Even when our gifts become dormant, God our Divine Parent stirs our hearts, calling us to bring to life our gifts once again.

Many: What gifts may God be challenging us to revive?

One: Let us bring our treasures, talents, and time to create equitable communities.

Many: Let us bring our offerings to the glory of God. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Holy Fountain of Blessings, with gratitude, we celebrate the offerings we share with you and this community today. May they wake up our spirits, building excitement around us, and creating a culture of giving. Open us to new possibilities for using our gifts to build the dignity of all and to strengthen our neighborhoods. In and with Jesus we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Dream God's Dream" (on screen)

*The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

(*If you are able, please stand at the pastor's invitation)

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Rev. Stephen Stepp
Rob Giese
Victor Abitz
Nancy Pahnke
All People



Minister
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist
Disciples

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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Worship Service 9:00am	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs	8:30 River Park	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs		8am- 5pm Lifeline Screen
New Member meeting			Loaves & Fishes	TOPPS 9:00am		
Social Hour: Stewardship						
Easter Flower Orders Due						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00am Worship Service With Communion	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs	6:00 PM Mid-Week Lenten Service (COP)	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs		
Social Hour: LOP #2		11:30 Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes	TOPPS 9:00am		
		6:00 PM Marthas		4:00-7:00 PM Swiss Steak Dinner		
		6:30 PM Council Meeting				

WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 March 30, 2025
 Church office phone: 921-8215
 Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
 Pastor Steve Hours: Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.
 Website: uccchurchofpeace.com
 Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES
 OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:
 General Fund: \$2,870.00;
 Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$27.00; OGHS: \$50.00;
 E-giving: \$50.00; Investing in the Future: \$20.00.
 Attendance Sunday, March 23rd:
 Online: 35 - In person: 59 - Warming Shelter 16
 Last year : 93


 HAPPY
Birthday
 TO YOU

March 30th – Lawrence Hanson, John Kohnke
 Traci Whittaker
 March 31st – William McIntosh
 April 1st – Carol Kryzyanowski
 April 2nd – Jeremy Slavik
 April 3rd – Shelley Arndt, Jaimie Schwartz






Church of Peace
 United Church of Christ
Swiss Steak Dinner

April 10, 2025: 4:00-7:00 pm
 \$12.00 Carryout or Dine In
 Shop our Jewelry Boutique & Fresh Bakery

**Our Wish List &
 Worker Sign-Up Sheets
 are on the
 Bulletin Board
 in the lobby**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE IN THE LOBBY
 STOP BY AND PICK YOUR TICKETS UP
 STILL ONLY \$12.00
 BEST DINNER DEAL IN TOWN!!!**


**We need volunteers for the
 Maundy Thursday reenactment.**

**Please talk with Pastor Steve about taking
 your part.**
**Practice will be on Monday,
 April 14 @ 6:00pm.**


**Food
 Pantry**

**Peanut Butter, Jelly,
 Pancake Syrup,
 Dinty Moore Beef Stew,
 Hormel Chili,
 1 LB Hamburger or Turkey,
 Tuna, Chef Boyardee.**

One Great Hour of Sharing:



When you give, you transform lives. Your gift ensures that no matter how difficult the situation, light shines. Be the light. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing. March 30th



Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services



*April 9th-6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at
Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac, WI
Preacher—Rev. Ruth Hansen*

*April 17th-6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac, WI*

*April 18th-6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
Pilgrim Church UCC Fond du Lac, WI*

*April 20th – 6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service
9:00 AM Easter Service & Sunday School*

90+ Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending cards to these members:



April 12th
*Lyle Roberts
362 W. Scott Street
Fond du Lac WI 54937*

April 19th
*LeMay Pfeiffer
671 S. Main Street, Apt. 1
Fond du Lac, WI 54935*

April 25th
*Evelyn Yantz
517 Luco Rd., Apt. 104
Fond du Lac, WI 54935*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Bill Manka	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Evelyn Yantz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Jeanette	Mary Jean Nicholson	Janet & Eugene Willis
Doris Kastoff	Linda Oelke	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefeber	Dave & Diana Candlish
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Kathy Stephany
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Amy Jo	Karl & Doris
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Theresa Schultz
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Rev. James Martin
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Carol Kryzjanowski
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Joan Meiss
Wayne Katerski	Susan Snider	Darcy
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Peggy Asmus
John	Rick Karl	Terri Hoffman
Trent Bergman	Charlene & Les Abitz	
The Family of Ellen Milligan		

p.s. Ever-Loving God, teach us and enable us to forgive others as you forgive us.

New Member Meeting- Today!

**Following our Worship Service, stop in for Fellowship
– grab a cup of coffee & treat, then join us
in the room next to the office.
If you cannot make it, talk with Pastor Steve
about a different time.**



**Easter Flowers
& Gifts
Orders Due:
TODAY**