

Church of Peace



"Intentional Love"



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.

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00am

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 126

Call to Worship

One: Family of God, we gather as the people of God, and we bring what we have.

Many: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

Many: Let us engage the new thing Jesus is doing among us.

One: In this space, we meet the God who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

Many: Let us encourage the new thing the Holy Spirit is doing among us.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Wonder-filled God, we acknowledge that you have done great things in our history, in our present, and will do great things in our future. We are confident that you abide in our dry spaces and in our flowing streams. As we praise you this day, open our hearts in love and quench our spirits in worship. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

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* Prayer for Transformation and Restoration

Righteous God, you made us in your divine image and yet we often turn to the gazes of others to see ourselves. We yield to the temptation of comparison and measure ourselves according to standards not made for us. We turn from your truth and receive the lies that devalue and condemn. Mend the brokenness within us. Forgive us and fortify us with your love, hope, and vision.

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, the God of grace sees us fully, knows us fully, and loves us fully. May our eyes be ever open to see ourselves as God sees us. Accept the full pardon of Jesus Christ without question.

**Many: May we pass on forgiveness as God forgives us. 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.

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-11

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Intentional Love"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: In the gospel reading, we find a story of abundant generosity.

Many: Let us be like Mary who did not count the cost of the blessing she shared, but only sought the good, purpose, and reward of her gift.

One: Let us pour what we have out in order to touch lives.

Many: Let us give to meet the needs we encounter in our community and our world. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

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*Communion Prayer *“Together, We Are Blessed By Being Here.”*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing of God’s Gifts

Please come forward for all are welcome to receive the body of Christ-the bread of life, and the cup of the new covenant.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, anoint these gifts so that they may fulfill their purpose.

Recharge us and send us out as faithful companions with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in building your kingdom here and now with Jesus. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn *“I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love” by Christopher Grundy*

*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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Minister

Rev. Stephen Stepp

Organist

Patricia Siekierke

AV Tech

Rob Giese

Custodian

Victor Abitz

Liturgist

Jean Stepp

Disciples

All People



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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00am Worship Service With Comm- union Social Hour: LOP #2	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 11:30 Ladies of Peace 6:00 PM Marthas 6:30 PM Council Meeting	6:00 PM Mid- Week Lenten Service (COP) Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 9:00am TOPPS 4:00-7:00 PM Swiss Steak Dinner		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship Service With Comm- union Social Hour: Council Group #2	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 6:30 Stewardship		9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs 9:00am TOPPS 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (COP)	6:00 PM Good Friday Service (Pilgrim Church)	Holy Satur- day


**WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
April 6, 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: \$4,212.00;
Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$514.00; OGHs: \$202.00;
Memorial Fund: \$130.00;
E-giving: \$1,093.00; Investing in the Future: \$1,570.00.

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Janet Rymer given by Fay Boelk. To the Memorial Fund in memory of Doris Kastorff given by Meg Haag & Marla Treptow. To the Investing in the Future in memory of Janet Rymer & Doris Kastorff given by Brenda Roehl.

Attendance Sunday, March 30th:
Online: 28 - In person: 47 - Warming Shelter 16 Last year : 77



HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU



April 6th – Bradley McDermott
April 8th – Peyton Luebke, Jenna Anderson
April 9th – Bonnie Parent
April 10th – Jeff Zwicky
April 12th – Pat Moon, Lyle Roberts,
Emily Beck, Wayne Kaufman

**Messenger Articles
Due April 22nd**

*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


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

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



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive
April 22nd
8:00 AM**



**Food
Pantry**

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



Lenten & Holy Week Worship Services



*April 9th-6:00 p.m. Lentin 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
469 Portage Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935*

Earth Day Clean Up

**Please join us on April 26th 10-11:30 am for
Earth Day Clean-Up in the River Park area of
Fond du Lac, followed by Sloppy Joe
appreciation lunch. Come on down
& help us clean up the park.**



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 Kastorff	Linda Oelke	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefebber	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 Kryzhanowski
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	Barb Kurki

p.s. Ever-Loving God, enable us to see that true gifts come from the heart with the help of your Holy Spirit!



Thursday April 24th at 11:00 AM

Join us Thursday April 24th for a time of laughter and friendship. We will be making flowers to brighten your day. As usual, bring your own lunch and beverage. We will have a WONDERFUL spring dessert for you.

See you then!

May 8th, 9th & 10th Church of Peace Rummage Sale

