

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Merciful God, Divine Sustainer of all that is, receive this offering that we gladly give. May it be used to revive and restore those in need through our ministry in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*We Are Sent into the World*

\*Closing Hymn

*"Spirit"*

No. 249

\*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

Patricia Siekierke

Victor Abitz

Ray Bielke/Rob Giese

Mike Petersen

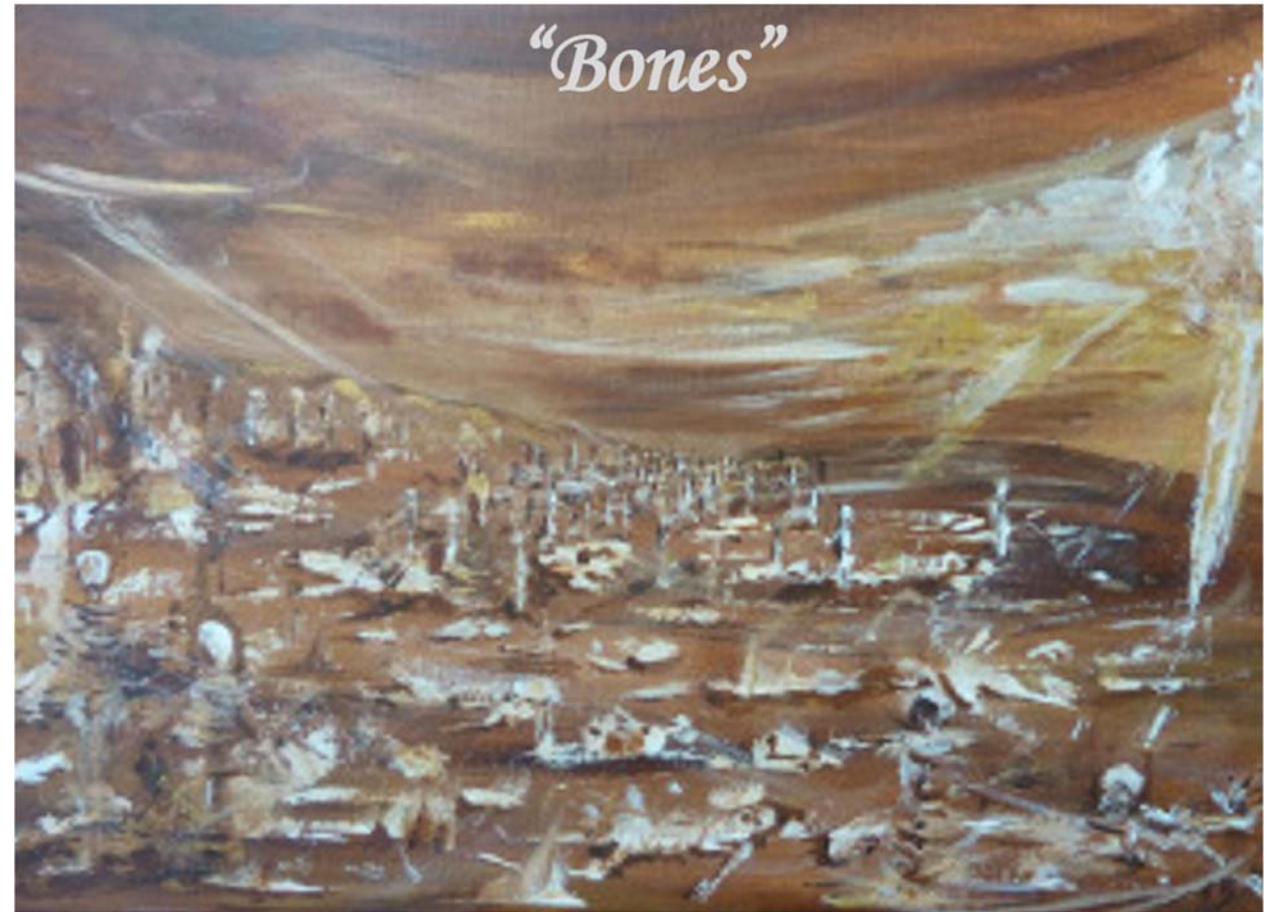
Organist

Custodian

AV Tech

Liturgist

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**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 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9 AM

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 Ezekiel 37

Call to Worship

One: Breath of Life, you bring us to life.

**Many: We come before you seeking revival from within.**

One: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.

**Many: Empower us to make great things happen.**

One: Creator God, you bring good things to life.

**Many: We desire to bring good things to life too.**

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Life Giving God, come and revive us again. Dwell within us with your Spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly this day so that you might breathe on us. May what we experience with you today change us forever and for the better. Always in Jesus. Amen.**

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

\* Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Glorious God, Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach of grace.**

\* Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, God's mercy makes our wholeness possible so that we may become who we are meant to be. So, turn to God and accept the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

**Many: 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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 612

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Ezekiel 37:7-14

Romans 8:1-11

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "Bones"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity (responsive)

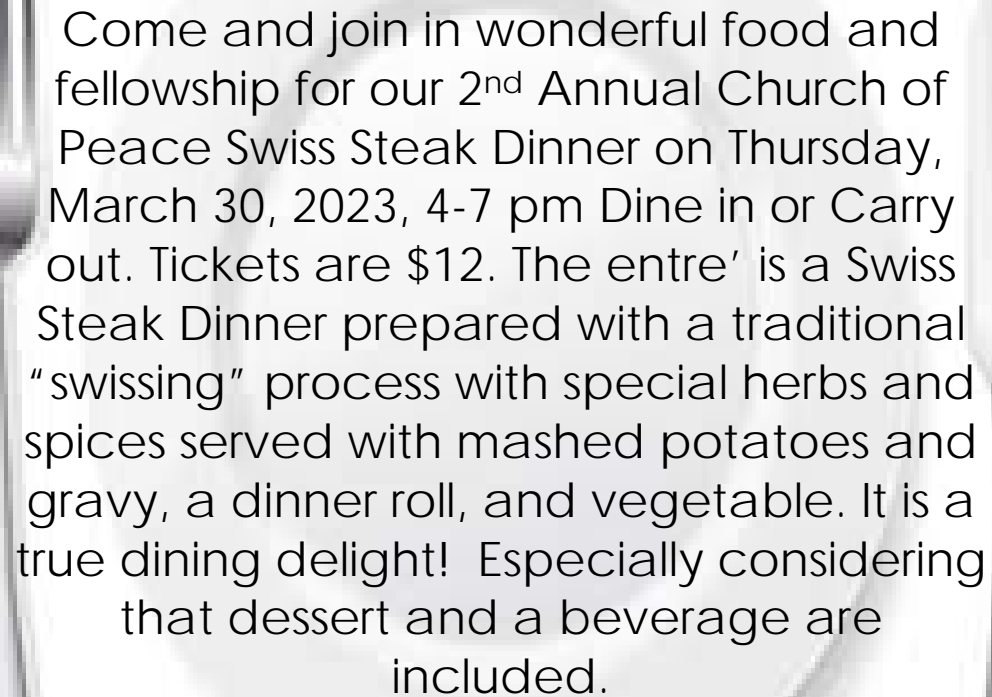
One: God is the source of our supply.

**Many: Let us give from what God has given us to serve God and God's people. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology "Praise God from whom all Blessing Flow" No. 46

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church of Peace Swiss Steak Dinner*



Come and join in wonderful food and fellowship for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church of Peace Swiss Steak Dinner on Thursday, March 30, 2023, 4-7 pm Dine in or Carry out. Tickets are \$12. The entre' is a Swiss Steak Dinner prepared with a traditional "swissing" process with special herbs and spices served with mashed potatoes and gravy, a dinner roll, and vegetable. It is a true dining delight! Especially considering that dessert and a beverage are included.

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**March 26, 2023**

**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](http://uccchurchofpeace.com) Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac*

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Lucy Zahn  
Elise Sonnenberg  
Cindy Duffy  
Bob Hanke  
Alice Jaber  
Theresa Schultz  
Marilyn Peters  
Sharon Hensen  
Christine Weimer  
Evelyn Stepp  
Elaine Miller  
Nicole Schendel  
Cassie Poirier  
Doris Kastorff  
Helen Oelke

Janet Rymer  
Ken Meyn  
Janet & Eugene Willis  
Amy Jo  
Barb Dehring  
Randy Resop  
Diane Candlish  
Ruth Pedix  
Tyler Detweiler  
Rev. Jerry Schrankler  
Shirley Hanke  
Jason & Jennifer  
Dorothy Gyr  
Dave Borchert  
Ernst Oelke

Bill Manka  
Abby  
Joe Ule  
Brenna Slavik  
Bev  
Gia Del Ponte  
Edna Karl  
Donna Birkholz  
Ron Rowe  
Jan Whittaker  
Eli  
John Sandberg  
Rick Karl  
James Kraemer  
Joan Detweiler

p.s. Wonder-filled God, blow your Spirit into our bodies and bring our bones to life so that we may serve you and your people!

**CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES**

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$1,617.00;**





**Mission-Giving (OCWM): \$55.00; OGHS: \$55.00;**

**E-giving: \$2,154.00;**

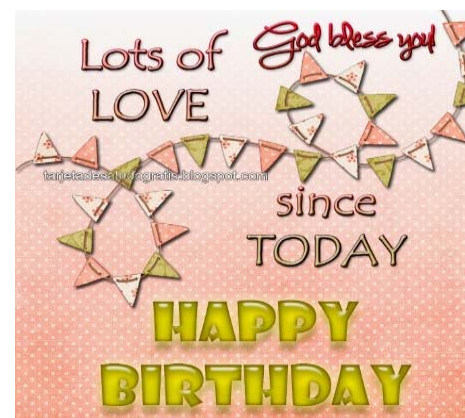
**Building to Serve: \$1,065.00;**

**Attendance on Sunday Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>:94; Last year: 69.**

**THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE**

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
Mar. 26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1
<b>9 a.m. Worship</b> Coffee Hour Host: Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes <b>6pm Drug &amp; Alcohol Presentation</b>	1pm Community of Practice Meeting <i>Messenger Articles Due</i>	Loaves & Fishes <b>7pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Pilgrim</b>	<b>4-7 pm Swiss Steak Dinner</b>		
April 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9 a.m. Worship w/communion</b> Coffee Hour Host: Hospitality Committee	Loaves & Fishes	<b>11:30 pm Ladies of Peace Meeting</b>	Loaves & Fishes <b>6:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting</b>	<b>7pm Worship w/communion</b> 	<b>12pm Worship at Pilgrim</b> 	

<u>Lenten Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Service Time</u>
Wednesday, March 29	Pilgrim FDL	7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday, April 6	COP FDL	7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 7	Pilgrim FDL	12:00 pm
Pilgrim FDL 535 Stow Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935		



**Mar. 27** – Marlee Kramer, Cheryl Lorenzen;  
**Mar. 28** – Carol Brandl, Bryan Nelson;  
**Mar. 29** – Katie Oestreich, Morgan Ryan, Bren Whittaker;  
**Mar. 30** – Larry Hanson, John Kohnke, Traci Whittaker;  
**Apr. 1** – Carol Kryzyanowski;

**Birthday Cards**

Each month in the messenger and the bulletin insert, there will be names of members celebrating a special birthday. Please consider sending a card to these people. Let's shower them with cards and love. April birthdays are:  
**April 1:** Carol Kryzyanowski  
 595 E. Division St.  
 Fond du Lac, WI 54935



Today, Sunday,  
 March 26<sup>th</sup>  
 10 am  
 2 movies to pick from!

**RETURNING**

We are pleased to announce that we are welcoming back short presentations starting in March. Our first will be a presentation on Alcohol and Drug Addiction on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We will have a speaker from our community doing a presentation on spotting problems and giving information on how to give and receive help in our community. There will be a short Q & A time also. Please join us!

