

CHURCH OF PEACE MESSENGER

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

In the grand scheme of things, June is a month of diversity which brings sunshine and moderate temperatures. We can always count on it being cold some evenings and mornings, even some afternoons. We can also count on it being warm and maybe even hot some days.

June is also a month of growth and development for our lawns and gardens. The color of flowers and the deep green of our grass adds a stunning beauty to the landscape of creation. But what about the weeds? The dandelions add a wonderful yellow to contrast with the lawn greens. Not to mention the captivating purple of wild violets scattered against the green landscape. But we all know that if left unchecked, the green of the grass will eventually lose ground to the weeds that infiltrate its ranks. But is our life like that too? Do we need to worry about what we perceive as weeds in the lawn and garden of our lives?

Well, if we listen to the parable Jesus tells in Matthew 13:24-30, we must wonder first, we are qualified to decide what is a weed and what is wheat in our lives? So, Jesus makes it very clear that at the time of harvest, He will decide, not us.

"Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-30)

You see, it is very easy for us to say, "he is a bad seed," or "she is a weed." Honestly, most of us have been a weed at some time in our lives, but hopefully now we are wheat. Being wheat also means that we don't call anyone a weed or a bad seed. Instead, we call them a potential seed of faith which can easily become wheat of the harvest if we help cultivate, nourish, and care for our ground where they are planted. Praise be to God!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Janet Rymer
 Roger Villers
 Janet & Eugene Willis
 Amy Jo
 Barb Dehring
 Mary Fleischman
 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 Pont
 Edna Karl
 Donna Birkholz
 Ron Rowe
 Jan Whittaker
 Eli
 John Sandberg
 Rick Karl
 James Kraemer
 Tom Whittaker

FOOD PANTRY

We are very grateful to receive donations to our food pantry. **June** Food needs **Canned Ham** Non-food needs include **Toilet Paper**.



Balance as of April 1, 2023: \$29,990.76

Deposits in April: \$2,733.32

Disbursements in April: \$13,000.00

Balance as of April 30, 2023: \$19,724.08

Remaining balance on Loan 4/30/2023: \$813,679.31



Church Bazaar

The General Store is in need of canning jars: pt., jelly, and quart jars. Jars can be dropped off at church. Homemade items, outdoor crafts anything canned—pickles, jams, vegetable, fresh garden produce. Will be excepted as well.



*COUNCIL MINUTES from the
(minutes taken by Matt Moore)*

Balance as of April 1, 2023: \$17,438.46

Deposits in April: \$18,067.06

Disbursements in April: \$24,397.90

Balance as of April 30, 2023: \$11,107.62

Council minutes will be in next months Messenger sorry for the delay!



Thank you all for who ordered for the plant sale fundraiser for the Church of Peace.

It was another successful event.

Thanks to the following for organizing and volunteered for the event.

Diane Reiter, Brenda and Ron Roehl, Deb Burg, Rhonda Eysers, Linda and Jerry Johnson.

Ladies of Peace



What a beautiful day!

The Ladies of Peace have been on a forced hiatus, first for the rummage sale and then for a COVID outbreak. So, there isn't much news. We will meet again on May 30 at 11:30 at church. This will combine our last business meeting and our summer get together.

In the meantime, have a safe, blessed summer.



Church of Peace had another amazing rummage sale. We made \$6,525.55. These totals keep getting higher and higher each time we have a sale. The reason being is because of the amount of donations we get and the quality of the items donated.

Thanks to everyone that made a donation, came and purchased items, worked so hard to make this sale a success. We couldn't have done this without each and every one of you.

What an amazing congregation we have.

Martha Society

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."

--Al Bernstein

Sweet Summertime!!! The Martha Society got together in May to pack the final Thinking of You bags before heading off for the summer break. We enjoy being able to spread a little sunshine to those who receive the bags throughout the year. The Martha Society will also be meeting in June for their annual picnic. It will be a great celebration to wrap up the year, enjoy some good food, and a time of great fellowship. The Martha Society's take the summer off and will resume meetings on Tuesday, September 12th at 6. New members are always welcome to attend.

Historical Corner

Mary Strauss, Historian



On June 10, 1932 our new minister, Rev. Karl Koehler, attended his first Church Council meeting. Jacob Brenner (Brenner Tank) was Council President and Ferd Kienow, Secretary.

June, 1963, Vacation Bible School was for 2 weeks with the theme "Walking with God". There were 295 students participating with 27 teachers.

50 years ago in June, 1973 5 year olds thru Confirmation aged attended Vacation Bible School from 9am-2pm, bringing their own sack lunches. The theme was "Tell the News, Share the Love" with Directors Mrs. Nick Roghair and Mrs. Clifford Freiberg leading 225 students.

That same June was the Church/Sunday School Picnic in Taylor Park with 209 free tickets given to our SS students.

40 years ago in June, 1983 Lakeland College Pastor's Scholarship was awarded to Dawn Lennop, daughter of M/M Donald Lennop. She received a \$750 award for her studies at the college.

Also in May/June of '83 the 10:30 liturgy was led by lay church members until an interim pastor could be chosen. Rev. Koehler made birthday housecalls only on the heads of households. (He was continuing studies for his doctorate degree which will be explained next month). We were thankful for the help from Erv Kaiser, Ginny Boyke, Roger Sattler, Sally Freiberg, Gordon McDonald, Joanne Ziebell and Connie Thome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED for 2023-2024!

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sunday School teacher?

Are you at least 16 years old?

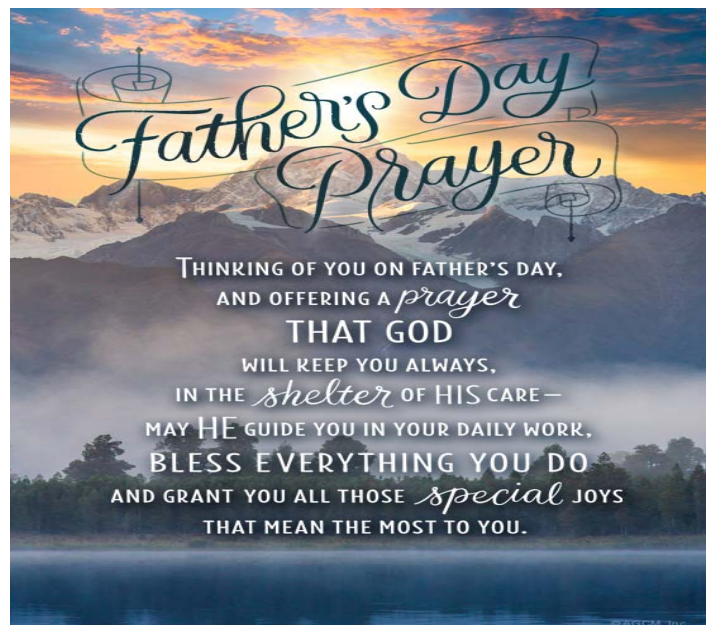
We'd love for you to join our team!

No experience necessary...

Little prep required...

Multi-age classroom...

If interested, contact Heather Reader-Schubert ASAP at msreaderschubert@gmail.com or call/text (920) 979-4277.



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FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings:

Another month has gone by but there is good news about the church. All the striping and waxing is done in the Narthex.

The council would like to hear from you! We are working hard to keep the church going and our future is looking good. We still have a few things to iron out but we are making progress. We are still looking for people to be on the Church Council. If you would like to see what we do and sit in on a meeting to see what it is like we would love to have you. And if you have a few hour to spare each month and would like to be a member of the Church Council. Call the church office or one of the Council members listed above and let us know.

Please be careful the COIVD virus is still out there. Use Precaution. It is getting close to the end of the school year and summer vacation for the children will start. Keep an eye out for them riding their bikes and playing outside. Have a safe summer!

Blessings, Victor



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Did you know that you don't have to be **GOLDEN** to attend our social time?

NO, you don't. All ages are invited to attend.

We are on summer break. Our first get together will be on

Thursday, September, 21, 2023.

We hope you will join us!!

Congregation Outing

Organized by:

Church of Peace UCC in Fond du Lac

BANG FOR YOUR BUCK (\$) NIGHT



VS.



June 27, 2023

6:35 pm

Soda 16oz., Domestic Beer, Hotdog for \$2

Purchase your tickets today!

Fang and Whiffer Appearance

<i>Make Checks Payable to Church of Peace UCC</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Seats (3rd Base Seats)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
	\$12	Box Seat	
	\$10	Bleacher Seats	
Totals			
Name/Phone Number			

Please Submit by June 13

Birthday Cards

We are asking members of our church to send birthday cards to members who are 90+ years young. 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. **Update:** We have received many positive comments and thanks from those who have received cards. Thank you, members, for sending cards.

June birthday is:

June 10 – Mrs. June Kraemer 511 Harrison St. N. Fond du Lac, WI 54937

We need your help sprucing up the outside of the church. Join us for Spring clean-up on Saturday, June 10 from 9am to noon.

Bring your gloves, rakes, and what you feel you will need to help.

Hope to see you all there. Only if you have an hour to spare your help will be appreciated.



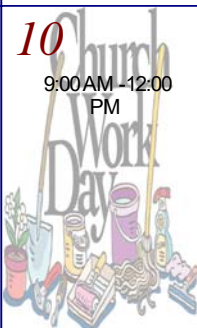
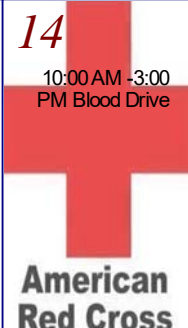

Thank you!



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will be taking this offering on Sunday, June 4, 2023. (Envelope enclosed)


June 2023

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JUNE



It's Time to Celebrate!!!
BTS
Match May

Come and join in the celebration of our BUILD TO SERVE-MAY MATCH CAMPAIGN. Justin Poirier will give a report on how much was raised and matched to move us closer to burning the mortgage on our newest edition.

When?
Sunday, June 4th during Fellowship Hour following our Worship Service.