

Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



We Are Truly Alive!

Greetings

Welcome to the community in Christ at 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 hand 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 31, 2024

Easter Service

6:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements
We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

Opening Hymn

"Were You There?"

(on screen)

Call to Worship

One: O living God, this morning began in darkness, the dawn was still and silent.

Many: Today O God, you brought forth the sun from its slumber, and you raised Jesus from the tomb.

One: Break into our hearts Holy Spirit so that we may be united on this morning of mystery and hope.

People: Guide us in Christ to be your people now and always.

One: Please join me in faith as we pray together

Glorious God, you have brought forth life from death for we know Jesus lives! Christ has risen! Therefore God, we no longer stand at a tomb that is empty, but instead we leave the tomb behind and enter the new life of discipleship and joy! Lead us to the places we need to be to continue the work of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn:

"In the Garden"

No. 227

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Redeeming God, we recognize that your love is for all creation. Everything we need on earth has been provided, and yet we struggle to share a portion of our blessings. We embrace a story of scarcity by believing that there is not enough for everyone. God, we know there is an overwhelming abundance of resources on the earth you created. Help us to choose a story of abundance over scarcity. Give us the kind of love that transforms our hearts and leads us towards this new way of living.

Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, the God of Grace and Glory pours out faithfulness and love to each of us, even when our fears spark terror and doubt. There is no other love greater than God's love. Therefore, remember that in Jesus Christ, we have the assurance of forgiveness and God's grace for all eternity.

Many: Christ is Risen! 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

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Sermon: "We Are Truly Alive!"

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

One: Loving God, the abundance of your generosity is exemplified in the dawning of the sun.

Many: Thank you for the joy and hope of new mercies found in the morning sun.

One: Even in moments when we are showered by the rain, remind us that your love never fails. Rain down your abundant love and redeeming grace upon us.

Many: Let us give our offerings with generosity and joy to the One who has faithfully and generously given to us love, grace, and mercy. Amen.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Wonderous God, may these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful for your generosity as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" No. 393

*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

Glorious God, from the cross Jesus looked out and said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Enable us to leave this table with the conviction that all are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Praise be to God! Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

Closing Hymn "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*" No. 216

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

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Patricia Siekierke

Rob Giese

Victor Abitz

Jean Stepp



Minister
Organist
AV Tech
Custodian
Liturgist

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Easter Breakfast

will be served on today between the two services in the Fellowship Hall, compliments of Ladies of Peace. Stop by for a hot cup of joe and joyous conversation as we gather to worship God on this glorious day.

Come and join in wonderful food and fellowship for our **Annual Church of Peace Swiss Steak Dinner**

on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 4-7 pm.

Tickets are \$12. Dine in or Carry Out.

We will also have our **Jewelry Boutique and Bake Sale** open from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet for workers is on the bulletin board in lobby. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to this Mission of the Church. Many hands make for light work and lots of fun.

So please plan to join us on Wednesday April 10th @ 9:00am to bake our dessert and Thursday April 11th to prepare food and serve dinner. Proceeds will go to benefit our Church community.

Hold on to your gently used treasures and mark your calendars!

Yes, Church of Peace is having a **Spring Rummage Sale!**

Set up: May 5th - 9th

Sale: May 10th & 11th

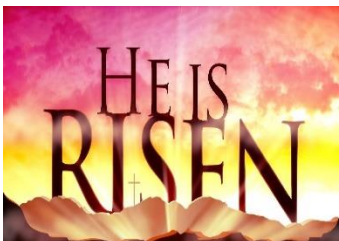
Stay tuned for further information...



Earth Day Celebration “Clean Sweep”

Saturday, April 27th. @ 9:00 am

Watch for more details!



Thank you for your gift of Easter Flowers which added to the beauty of our Sanctuary this joyful morning. Please feel free to pick up your flowers to take home after the Second service. The flower which you purchased will have a label with your name on it.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 31, 2024

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn
Elise Sonnenberg
Evelyn Stepp
Doris Kastorff
Janelle Anderson
Robert Snyder
Marilyn Peters
Helen Oelke
Christine Weimer
Baby Archer
Nicole Schendel
Bob and Shirley Hanke
Susan Snider
Heather Reader-Schubert
Siera Williams and baby Morgan
Connie Troskey

Janet Rymer
Del Weigel
Janet & Eugene Willis
Ernest Oelke
Les Abitz
Wayne Katerski
Sharon Hensen
Ruth Pedix
Amy Mitchell
Dixie Borchert
Jason & Jennifer
Marvin Oelke
Carol Carlson
Deb Baker
Jim & Kathy Stephany
Margaret Houk

Bill Manka
Dave Borchert
Diana Candlish
Ralph
Maurice
Bailey Gehrt
Edna Karl
Donna Birkholz
Evelyn Yantz
Elaine Miller
Nancy Schaefer
Debra Rammer
Lee & Lita Treleven
Greg Baker
John

p.s. Wonder-filled God, thank you raising Jesus this day and for the promise of life eternal in him!

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$2,957.00

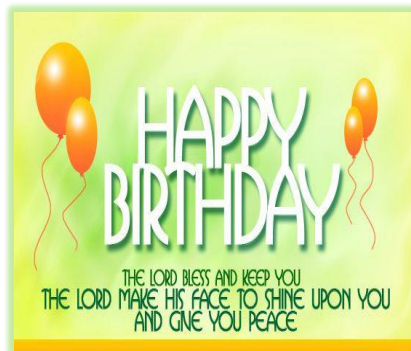
Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$116.00;

E-giving: \$50.00; Investing in the Future: \$550.00;

Attendance – Sunday, March 24: 93 Last year:126

Special Gifts: To Investing in the Future in memory of Dorothy Gyr given by Bobbi Thomma & Brenda Roehl.

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:30ish Breakfast Host: Ladies of Peace 9:00 Easter Service	Loaves & Fishes	11:30 am Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes 8:30am River Park			Food Pac 9am-11am 12pm-2pm 3pm-5pm Fairground Rec Bldg.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am Worship Service Social Hour Host: Martha	Loaves & Fishes	6 pm Martha's 6:30 pm Council	Loaves & Fishes	4pm- 7pm SWISS STEAK DINNER 2pm-7pm Bakery & Jewelry		



March 31th- Bill McIntosh, Brooklyn Puddy, Zayne Wilson
April 1st – Carol Kryzyanowski,
April 2nd – Jeremy Slavik
April 3rd – Shelly Arndt, JaimieSchwartz
April 6th – Brad McDermott



Golden Fellowship
 Join us on Thursday, April 18th @ 11:00 am. for a “Game Day.”
 Bring your own lunch and beverage. We will have a dessert/treat.

Card Shower for our Members
90+ years young.
April Birthdays:
April 1st: Carol Kryzyanowski 595 E. Division St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935

April 12th: Lyle Roberts 362 W. Scott St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935


April 19th: LeMay Pfeiffer 671 S. Main St. Apt. 1 Fond du Lac WI 54935

April 20th: Elaine Miller W4668 Chicago Dr. Red granite, WI 54970

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

PLANT SALE
 The Worship Enhancement Team
 will be having a plant sale again this year.
 Watch for details and order form in April.
It's time to THINK SPRING!




Feed My Starving Children
Fond du Lac Mobile Pack 2024

This year's event will be held on Friday, April 5th (set-up) and Saturday, April 6th (packing). Please be praying that God would move the hearts of His people to be generous in giving and serving. Our goals this year are to pack 132,192 meals, raise \$38,800, and employ 600 volunteers. Help us as we partner with Feed My Starving Children to turn “Hunger into Hope” for destitute children around the world.

Important dates to remember:
 Mar. 5 - Sign-up to volunteer online goes live give.fmsc.org/fdl
 Apr. 5 - Set-up
 Apr. 6 - MobilePack event at the Fairgrounds Rec Building
 Questions? Contact Starla Rebedew @ 920-539-3256 or email at srebedew@gmail.com