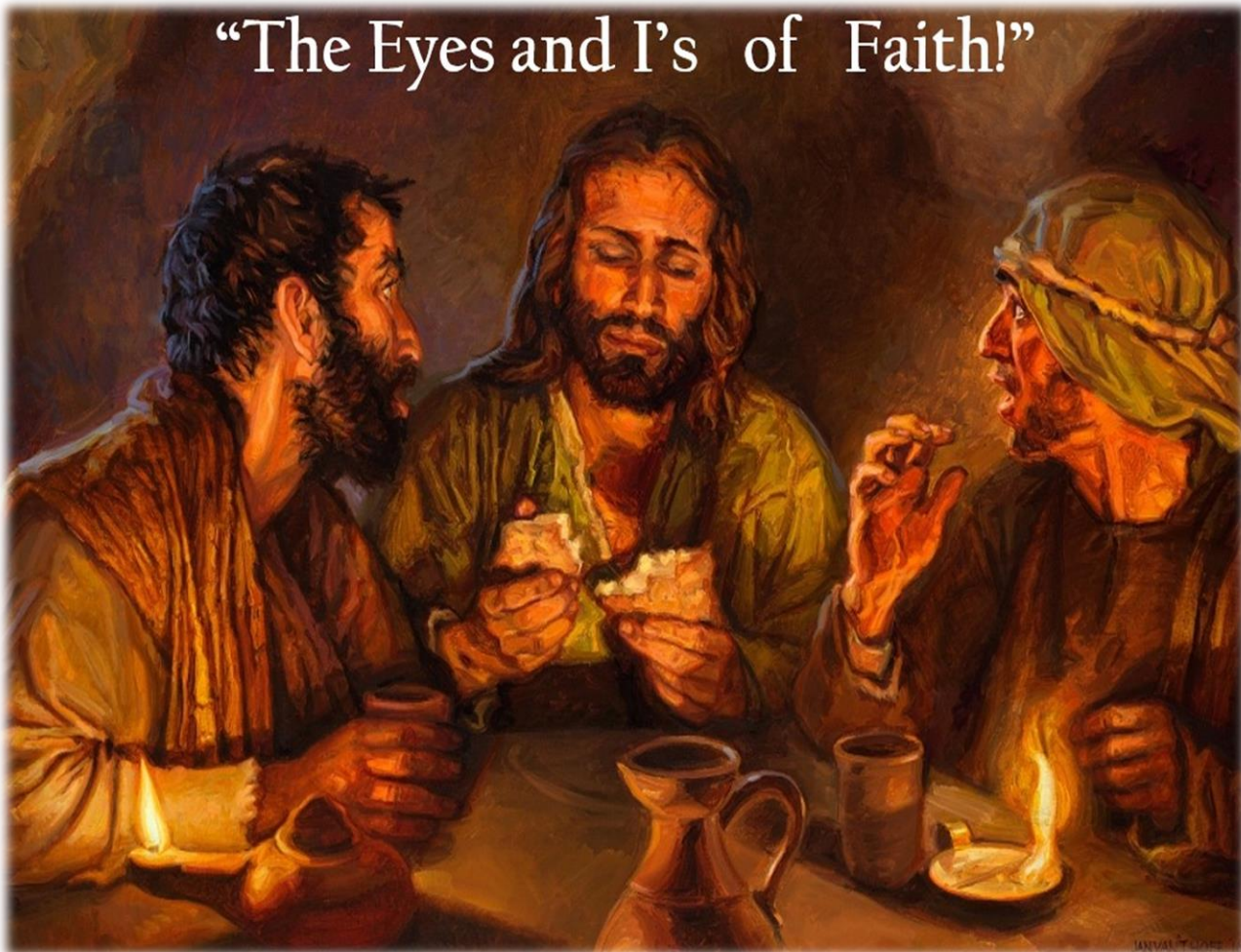


## “The Eyes and I’s of Faith!”



### 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 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

9am

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 Luke 24

Call to Worship

One: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

**Many: "Peace be with you."**

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**Many: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"**

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.

**Many: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.**

One: Help us to be instruments of Christ's peace to all in need of God's healing love.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; abide in your mercy; be filled with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 517

\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, we are glad that you make all things new. Where there is hate, show your love. Where there is war, bring your peace. Where there is despair, bring your hope. Where there is fear, bring your understanding. Where there is scarcity, bring your abundance. Where there is systemic oppression, bring equal justice for all. By your perfect grace and mercy, make us new. May it be so.**

## Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, thank God for the assurance of God's grace and peace. Then, trust in that peace, especially in times of conflict. Believe that God brings peace into your heart, and that you can bring that peace into the world.

**Many: Guide us Holy Spirit, so that we may come to know Jesus Christ, who is our Prince of Peace. Praise be to God! Amen.**

## \*The Passing of Christ's Peace in Community

Special Music      *"Shout to the Lord"* by Darlene Zschech

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

*"He Lives"*

No. 226

*We Engage God's Word*

## Scriptures

Psalm 4      Luke 24:19-35

## Multigenerational Lesson

## Sermon

*"The Eyes and I's of Faith!"*

*We Respond to God's Word*

## Invitation to Generosity

One: All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love.

**Many: Let us give with a joyful heart.**

One: God's generous love has given us every good and gracious gift.

**Many: Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology                    *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*                    No. 46

Prayer of Dedication

**Magnificent God, let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. 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 witnesses to your generosity as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.**

*We Are Sent into the World*

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

\*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  
Rob Giese  
Victor Abitz  
Brenda Roehl



Minister  
Organist  
AV Tech  
Custodian  
Liturgist

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# Youth Group Parents Meeting. Today-Sunday, April 14

## Earth Day Celebration “Clean Sweep” Saturday, April 27th. @ 10:00 am

On April 27th at 10 A.M. we will be participating in Earth Day Clean Up. We have invited area businesses to join in. This year we would like to host a potluck lunch afterwards. If you are interested in joining us for the potluck or donating a dish, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Steffen at 920-539-2291.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for Sunday, May 19th...Why? We are having a Church Potluck Dinner & Discussion following our worship service. Please plan on joining us as we enjoy some of our congregation's favorite dishes and a fantastic discussion on "What does Church of Peace United Church of Christ look like in a post pandemic world?"

### 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!*



### Other Upcoming events at Church of Peace

\*Saturday, May 11 Post Office Food Drive



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.

### WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST April 14, 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](http://uccchurchofpeace.com) Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Janet Rymer	Bill Manka
Elise Sonnenberg	Del Weigel	Dave Borchert
Evelyn Stepp	Janet & Eugene Willis	Diana Candlish
Doris Kastorff	Ernest Oelke	Ralph
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefeber	Maurice
Robert Snyder	Wayne Katerski	Bailey Gehrt
Marilyn Peters	Sharon Hensen	Edna Karl
Helen Oelke	Ruth Pedix	Donna Birkholz
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Evelyn Yantz
Baby Archer	Dixie Borchert	Elaine Miller
Nicole Schendel	Jason & Jennifer	Nancy Schaefer
Bob and Shirley Hanke	Marvin Oelke	Debra Rammer
Susan Snider	Carol Carlson	Lee & Lita Treleven
Heather Reader-Schubert	Deb Baker	Greg Baker
Siera Williams and baby Morgan	Jim & Kathy Stephany	John
Connie Troskey	Margaret Houk	Stephen Yanke

p.s. Glorious Jesus, open my eyes so I may walk with you down the path of life.

### CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK: General Fund: \$12,980.00

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$1,018.00;

E-giving: \$60.00; Investing in the Future: \$6,585.00;

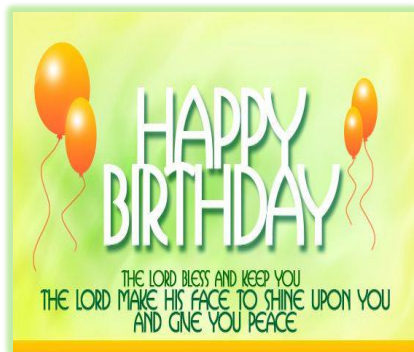
Attendance – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: 77 Last year:72

### Special Gifts:

To Investing in the Future in memory of Gary Babler given by family & friends.

To Investing in the Future in memory of Don & Jean Welsch & Tom Jones given by Cheri Welch.

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>9:00am Worship Service</b>  <b>Social Hour</b> Host: Church Council <b>Youth Group</b> <b>Parents Meeting</b>	Loaves & Fishes  1:30 pm <b>Bible  Study</b>	<b>6:30 pm  Stewardship</b>	Loaves & Fishes  C.O.P.	<b>11:30 am  Golden  Fellowship  Game  Day</b>		<b>9am – 2pm  Annual  Meeting  Wisconsin  Conference  Greenlake</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>9:00am  Worship Service</b>  <b>Social Hour</b> Host: Ladies of Peace	Loaves & Fishes	<b>10:30  St. Francis  Home</b>	Loaves & Fishes			<b>10:00 am  Earth Day  Too!</b> <b>Clean Sweep</b> <b>12:00  Luncheon  &amp; photo</b>



**April 14<sup>th</sup>- Brian Rebedew**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> – Matthew King**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> – Tanya Marcoe,**  
**Mary Oestreich, Holly Post**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> – LeMay Pfeiffer,**  
**Carolyn Zimpher**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Miller, Cole Klaske,**  
**Roman Weber**

### **Card Shower for our Members**

**90+ years young.**

**April Birthdays:**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: LeMay Pfeiffer 671 S. Main St. Apt. 1 Fond du Lac WI 54935**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>: Elaine Miller W4668 Chicago Dr. Red granite, WI 54970**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>: Evelyn Yantz 517 Luco Rd. Apt. 104 Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

## **TIME TO START PREPARING FOR THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

May 10<sup>th</sup>- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup> Bag Sale 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

### **Here is How You Can Help Our Church to Have Another Successful Sale**

#### **\*Sign up on the board in the Narthex to help with set up and take down**

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> after church we will be setting up tables and racks and moving needed equipment in from storage. We REALLY need people who are physically able to perform this work.

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> through Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> set up will continue from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A delicious free meal will be served for everyone present.

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 5:00 ) and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> ( 9:00 – 2:00 ) is sale time. We can always use an extra hand to help with the sale! A free meal is included on these days also.

Saturday at 2:00pm we need lots of help with TAKE DOWN and clean up. We have enough work for everyone, but once again really appreciate helpers who can do the more physically challenging tasks.

Bring in your gently used in-season clothing, household, linens, lawn & garden, decorative, office, sporting goods, toys, games, puzzles, tools, craft items, books & magazines, cd's and DVD's. These items can be left in the Northeast corner of Fellowship Hall starting April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up to donate Bakery items. These should be brought in on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Make a cash donation to help offset Sale Setup expenses. These donations can be mailed in or left in the Church Office.

Any questions can be directed to Sharon Terrill @ 920-979-4671