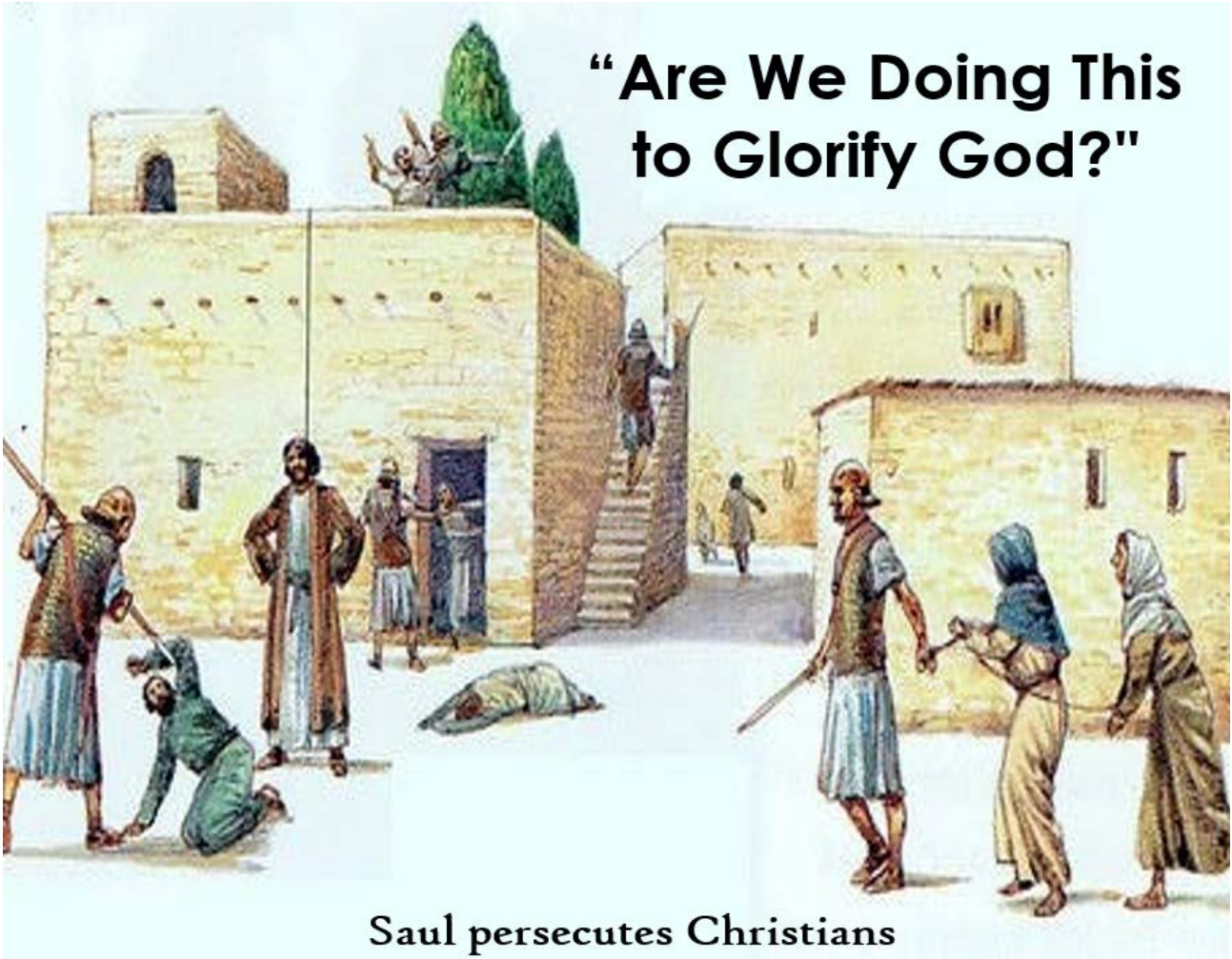


## **"Are We Doing This to Glorify God?"**



**Saul persecutes Christians**

### **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.

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday in Easter

9:00am

Gathering Music - Ringing of the Bells - Welcome and Announcements

*We Prepare to Worship God*

Prayer & Prelude

*We Gather Around God's Word*

Opening Meditation

A reading from Psalm 30

Call to Worship

*One: After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way...John 21:1 You'd think, by now, we would get used to him showing up like this,*

**Left Side: inviting us to cast the net deeper and wider**

**Right Side: showing us the way to abundance is leaning into new possibilities**

*One: We are starting to open ourselves to these hauntings,*

**Left Side: encouraging us to share what we have and watch it multiply**

**Right Side: showing us the way to flourishing, is together**

*One: We are learning to recognize this ghost asking about love,*

**Left Side: calling us to tend and nourish each other**

**Right Side: showing us the way to new life, is new solidarities**

*One: You'd think, by now we would get used to Jesus in our midst,*

**Left Side: welcoming us to the worship that is love in action**

**Right Side: showing us the way to transformation is mutual caring and love.**

**All: Let us worship God, because we know in our bones, everywhere we turn, it is the Lord!**

*One: Please join me in our Invocation:*

**Is it you, Jesus? Are you really here? Is the message you gave us really true? Did the story turn out like you said? Can we trust it is you in the distance when the night is long and our nets empty? Will there be more if we share? Can we find you when we eat together? Do we love you when we feed each other? Jesus, let us follow you always. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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## \*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Generous Creator, forgive us when we believe the lies that scarcity tells us: if they just worked harder...I've earned everything I have...there won't be enough if I share...I have to protect what's mine...safety comes from holding on to what I have...I can't count on anyone but myself...Gracious Redeemer, teach us to cast our nets differently.

### Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, the Abundant Spirit opens before us the ways of flourishing: the impulse to share is our birthright, dignity and justice belong to us all, there is more when we contribute to each other's wholeness together, we keep us safe, flourishing for all is possible together.

**Many: Praise be to the God who loves us into thriving new life! 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

John 21:15-19

Acts 9:1-20

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"Are We Doing This to Glorify God?"

### *We Respond to God's Word*

Invitation to Generosity

One: We've come to a moment in our worship where we intentionally practice mutual aid – we share what we have so that we all can flourish.

**Many: Scarcity teaches us to hold back, to see what we lack instead of what we have, to fear there won't be enough if we give it away.**

One: But today, let's cast our nets to the other side of the boat, where abundance lives, waiting for us to recognize it.



## THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun 4	M 5	Tues 6	W 7	Th 8	F 9	Sat 10
9:00 AM Worship Service & Communion  Social Hour: Hospitality	9-3PM Rumm- age Sale Set-Up  Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap Ed. Programs  9-3PM Rumm- age Sale Set-Up	8:30 AM River Park  9-3PM Rummage Sale Set-Up  Loaves & Fishes	9:00am TOPPS  9-5 PM Rummage Sale	9-5 PM Rummage Sale	9-10 Plant Sale Pick-Up  9-2 PM Rummage Sale  Afternoon TBD Food Drive Pick-Up
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 AM Worship Service &  Social Hour: Martha Society  Mother's Day	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap  11:30 Ladies of Peace  6:00 PM Martha Society  6:30 PM Council Mtg.	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap  9:00am TOPPS  11:00 AM Golden Fellowship Potluck		

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Bethany Rymer

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Ronald Rymer  
Heather Reader-Schubert

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Wendy Petak

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Eugene Willis  
Oliver Poirier



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST May 4, 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](http://uccchurchofpeace.com)

**Facebook:** Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

## CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$3,491.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$5.00; Memorial Fund: \$1,000.00;

E-giving: \$105.00; Investing in the Future: 390.00.

Special Gifts: To the Memorial Fund in memory of Amy Jo Kivioja  
given by family & friends.

Attendance Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

Online: 36 - In person: 83 - Last year: 87

The Post Office is holding their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 10th.

Historically, our pantry has received large amounts of food from this drive, and we need strong able helpers to bring food back from the Post Office, to our Food Pantry.

The time we need helpers is approximately 12 - 2:00 PM.

Additionally, we will need helpers to remove and store food at the Church once it arrives.

If you are able & willing to help, Please reach out to the Church Office Monday-Thursday, 9AM-12PM at 920-921-8215.







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

**Bible Study  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at  
1:30 PM**



**90+ Birthday Card Shower**  
*Please consider sending cards to these  
members:*



**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

***Mrs. Peggy Laehn  
620 Rolling Meadows Dr  
Apt. 212  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937***

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Mrs. Pat Krueger  
345 E. First St.  
Apt. 132  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935***

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

***Mr. Riley Mincy  
318 Illinois Ave  
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937***

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Lucy Zahn  
Elise Sonnenberg  
Jeanette  
James Lewis  
Janelle Anderson  
Al Pahnke  
Marilyn Peters  
Ruth Pedix  
Christine Weimer  
Pat Grose  
Debra Rammer  
Arnold Breitenfeld  
Wayne Katerski  
Del Weigel  
John  
Trent Bergman

Bill Manka  
Evelyn Yantz  
Mary Jean Nicholson  
Linda Oelke  
Leo Lefebber  
Abigail Reader  
Greg Baker  
Joel  
Amy Mitchell  
Donna Birkholz  
Nancy Schaefer  
Edna Karl  
Susan Snider  
Alexis Hayes  
Rick Karl  
Kathy Stephany

Heather Reader-Schubert  
Dixie & Dave Borchert  
Janet & Eugene Willis  
Bob and Shirley Hanke  
Dave & Diana Candlish  
Charlene & Les Abitz  
Eli & Barb Gustafson  
Karl & Doris  
Theresa Schultz  
Rev. James Martin  
Carol Kryzhanowski  
Joan Meiss  
Darcy  
Peggy Asmus  
Terri Hoffman  
Barb Kurki

p.s. Loving Jesus, teach us to act for justice with mercy so that we  
glorify God as build your kingdom here and now!



**COUPONS FOR PLANT  
SALE FUNDRAISER**

Available to purchase through Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.  
To purchase, contact Brenda Roehl at 920-929-9084.