

Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all



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.

June 29, 2025 The Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am
Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells-Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 16

Call to Worship

One: The way of our God is holy.

Many: Magnificent God, we seek your presence in our midst.

One: The way of our God is wondrous.

Many: Wondrous Christ, we marvel at your works and marvelous deeds.

One: The way of our God is awesome.

Many: Awesome Holy Spirit, we call out to you in hope.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Liberating God, we keep you before us. Our souls rejoice and our hearts are gladdened. Our very beings find safety and security in your presence. We approach you with thanksgiving and anticipation. Enliven us to be your people in the world. Embolden us to live in freedom. Empower us to be your good news. Stand up in us and show us the path of life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *"Gather Us In"*

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*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Restoring God, too often we accept the conditions of the world around us and impose limitations on what is possible. We bind ourselves to society's conventions, norms, and pressures rather than follow you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit. Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May we forever bear that fruit.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, the Guiding Spirit opens us to new life and leads us to right paths. Hear the voice that continually calls, leads, and joins with us. Life in the Spirit is constantly renewed and restored.

Many: Let the grace of God nurture our roots and allow our flourishing. 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 *"Breath on Me, Breath of God"* 254

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures Galatians 5:13-25 Luke 9:57-62

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon *"Be the Fruit of Jesus Christ"*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources.

Many: Let us bring forth our time, talent, and treasure as a reflection of our active citizenship in the kingdom of God for Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

Ever-Giving God, receive the resources we bring. May they bless our community and our world. May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs around us with the gifts that you have first given to us. May we be filled with joy by giving in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Ours the Journey" 458
 *The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")
 *Commissioning & Benediction

(*If you are able, please stand when invited)


Rev. Stephen Stepp
Renee Kiefer
Jim Fett
Rob Giese/Abby Hanke
Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd
All People

Minister
Liturgist
Organist
AV Techs
Custodians
Disciples



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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun	M	Tues	W	Th	F	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
9:00 AM Worship Service	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap		
Social Hour: Worship Enhancement		11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch		9:00am TOPPS		
		6:35 PM Dock Spiders		11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap	Synod	Synod
Social Hour: Council		11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch		9:00am TOPPS		
				11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		



July 1st
Carol Bergman
Brady Now

July 3rd
Morgan Schultz

July 5th
Elizabeth Groeschel
Scout Poirier

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST June 29, 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

Facebook: Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac

CHURCH OF PEACE – FACTS AND FIGURES

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$1,824.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$70.00;

E-giving: \$85.00; Investing in the Future: \$240.00;

Attendance Sunday, June 22nd:

Online: 12 - In person: 60 - Last year: 62

FOOD PANTRY ALERT

With the increase of usage in our Food Pantry
over the past many months, we are currently
very low in our funds.

If you are able to help out, just note your gift is
for the Food Pantry.

Thank you.



YOUR DONATIONS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



**Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned Chicken,
Individual Servings Mac-n-Cheese (cups),
1 lb Hamburger or Turkey,
Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Dish Soap, Deodorant (Men & Women),
Shampoo, Conditioner, Shavers, Q-Tips,
Baby or Body Wipes**

Volunteers Needed: The church needs individuals or families to volunteer their time and equipment (if available) to maintain our grounds this summer by mowing, string trim, blow off or sweeping the pavement, water or weeding. If you do not have the equipment, we will make arrangements to have them available.

Pick a day, a week, or month where you can help the church maintain our grounds and public appearance.

Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Questions, please contact Jerry Johnson 920-238-9716.
Thank you for your help!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn	Bill Manka	Heather Reader-Schubert
Elise Sonnenberg	Evelyn Yantz	Dixie & Dave Borchert
Jeanette	Mary Jean Nicholson	Janet & Eugene Willis
James Lewis	Linda Oelke	Bob and Shirley Hanke
Janelle Anderson	Leo Lefebber	Dave & Diana Candlish
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Charlene & Les Abitz
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Joel	Karl & Doris
Christine Weimer	Amy Mitchell	Gary and Karen Blazer
Pat Grose	Donna Birkholz	Theresa Schultz
Debra Rammer	Nancy Schaefer	Rev. James Martin
Arnold Breitenfeld	Edna Karl	Carol Kryzhanowski
Wayne Katerski	Susan Snider	Joan Meiss
Del Weigel	Alexis Hayes	Darcy
John	Rick Karl	Terri Hoffman
Trent Bergman	Kathy Stephany	Barb Kurki
Jeanette Hinn	Joe & Family	Connie Olson



p.s. Dear God, Maker, Saver and Spirit, enable my faith to guide me to produce good fruit with my life!



**Church of Peace
Outdoor Service
& Picnic
August 17th
at 10:00 AM**

PINKERT GRANT & CHURCH OF PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

are now available in the church office
(Monday-Thursday / 9am-12pm).
The grant is open to children/grandchildren of church members.
The scholarship is for church members only.
Additional information and details
can be found on the application.