

Church of Peace



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

"I Love to Tell the Story"



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.

July 13, 2025 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am
Gathering Music-Ringing of the Bells-Welcome & Announcements

We Prepare to Worship God

Prayer & Prelude "Berceuse" by Louis Vierne

We Gather Around God's Word

A reading from Psalm 82

Call to Worship

One: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal, to send.

Many: The paths of Jesus Christ are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness.

Many: The paths of the Holy Spirit are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation.

Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" # 15

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world. We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and our eyes to sights too painful to see. Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and rebuild us with the pillars of

holy love, compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your mercy, make us new.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, The Righteous One remains near to you and delights in prospering the fruit of your bodies, your soul, and your acts. The way of God is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. Therefore, rejoice in the gift of life forgiven in Jesus Christ!

Many: Praise be to God! Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Elliana Nicole Swim

daughter of Amber Schubert and Corey Swim

Let us welcome Elliana as we sing "Jesus Loves Me" #113

*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

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

#339

We Engage God's Word

Scriptures

Amos 7:7-17

Luke 10:25-37

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon

"I Love To Tell The Story"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: The plumb line is a device used to ensure alignment in construction.

Many: Generosity aligns the use of resources in excess.

One: We are aligned with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Many: So let us bring our gifts out of the abundance we have received to benefit our neighbor and bless the world. Amen.

Offertory

Improvisation on "Just As I Am" by Rowen Erickson

*Doxology

#46

*Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, Architect of our faith, use these humble offerings to construct your plan of peace, hope, and love for life abundantly. May we fulfill your plan for all the world in Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

"Ours the Journey"

#458

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

Festive Prelude on "Holy Mann" by Rowen Erickson

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

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Minister

Rev. Dan Schultz

Guest Minister

Heather Reader-Schubert & Elizabeth Schubert

Liturgist

Rowen Erickson

Organist

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

AV Techs

Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd

Custodians

All People


Disciples



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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun 13	M 14	Tues 15	W 16	Th 17	F 18	Sat 19
9:00 AM Worship Social Hour: LOP #1 Synod	Synod Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting Synod 6:00 PM Habitat for Humanity	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPPS 11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		
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**HAPPY
Birthday**



July 13th
Joan Mess

July 15th
Robert Pucker, Richard Marschie

July 17th
Traci Welsch

July 18th
Jack Law, Ronald Wilson,
Sarah Steenberg

July 19th
Deborah Beck

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST July 13, 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: \$6,458.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): \$1,160.00;

E-giving: \$85.00; Investing in the Future: \$5,710.00;

Special Gifts: To the Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Janet

Rymer giving by Norma Ludwig.

Attendance Sunday, July 6th:

Online: 21 - In person: 68 - Last year: 73

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.

And, if you know of any other resources that may be able to help, please let Mary Sue know in the office.

Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY

Pantry Needs

Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce,
Pancake Mix (not syrup), Canned Chicken,
1 lb Hamburger or Turkey, Dish Soap,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash,
Deodorant (women's), Toilet Paper, Dryer
Sheets, General Cleaning Supplies

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 Lefeber	Dave & Diana Candlish
Al Pahnke	Abigail Reader	Charlene & Les Abitz
Marilyn Peters	Greg Baker	Eli & Barb Gustafson
Ruth Pedix	Joyce Buchholz	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 Kryzyanowski
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
Carol	Susan Ziebra	Joel

p.s. Glorious God, enable us to find a way to put love first in the ways we treat all people!



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!



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

***Please bring a dish to pass - we
will provide the main entrée.
and BINGO with prizes!!***

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. *Please note: Grant
applications are due 45 days prior to tuition
due date.*