



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.

August 3, 2025 Seventh 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 49

Call to Worship

One: Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!

One: We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress.

Many: Jesus Christ is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.

One: Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs.

Many: The Holy Spirit is in our midst. Consider God's steadfast love!

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Holy God of Love and Grace, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" #323

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Gracious God, you have knit us together wonderfully. You have promised your abiding presence in our lives and have guided us with love. We turn away from you and toward the path to destruction and discord. We judge our neighbor rather than love them and we fail to even honor ourselves as your beloved creation.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, the God of mercy bends toward their children with love and hope. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life. Therefore, accept forgiveness and flourish.

Many: With the Holy Spirit within us, we accept God's grace which abounds freely, abundantly, and extravagantly. 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

Scriptures Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon *"Excessively Prepared?"*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: Jesus said, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). The promise of life abundantly invites us to trust God's provision and abundance of resources for all.

Many: Let us share our gifts from the abundance given to us. Praise be to God! Amen.

*Doxology

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn

“Take My Gifts”

#381

*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

Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundant gifts of life and love. Send us out from this table refreshed and recharged to do the work of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

"Life Can Change in Just a Moment"

(on screen) Tune: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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

*Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

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

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Rev. Stephen Stepp

Nancy Pahnke

Inge Adelmeyer

Rob Giese/Abby Hanke

Victor Abitz/Steve Hurd

All People



Minister

Liturgist

Pianist

AV Techs

Custodians

Disciples

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THIS AT WEEK CHURCH OF PEACE

Sun 3	M 4	Tues 5	W 6	Th 7	F 8	Sat 9
9:00 AM Worship With Communion Social Hour: Hospitality	Church of Peace Serves Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch	8:00 AM River Park Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPPS 11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 AM Worship Social Hour: LOP #2	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 11:30 AM Holy Family Bag Lunch 6:30 Council Meeting	Loaves & Fishes	9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPPS 11:30 AM Salv. Army Bag Lunch		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 3rd
Melissa Pieper

August 4th
Jayme Whitty

August 5th
Patti Ronning

August 6th
Inge Adelmeyer

August 8th
Sandy Sandberg

August 9th
Barbara Gustafson, Pat Grose






**Church of Peace Serves
Loaves & Fishes
Monday August 4th**

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST August 3, 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: \$1,913.00;

Mission - Giving (OCWM): 7.00;

E-giving: \$90.00; Investing in the Future: \$275.00;

Special Gifts: To the Investing in the Future Fund in memory of Janet
Rymer given by Paul & Robin Goedderz. To the Memorial Fund in
memory of Dominic Troskey given by Debra Zinnel.

Attendance Sunday, July 27th:

Online: 21 - In person: 53 - Last year: 65

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

Pull-Ups, Baby Wipes, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce,
Pancake Mix (not syrup), Peanut Butter, Canned
Chicken, 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
Linda Oelke	Joel	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 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
Carol	Susan Ziebra	



p.s. Merciful God, enable us to see the needs of your people and respond to them with love, compassion and generosity!



**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!!**

SAVE THE DATE ~ You are cordially invited to attend ~ ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Thursday, August 14, 2025 : 5:00-7:00 PM at Bethel UCC Church, N4510 Hwy. K, Town of Byron, FDL

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Featuring: HOMEMADE DESSERTS (Pistachio Torte, Coconut Cream Pie, Lemon Meringue Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Ice Cream, and more!)

We hope that you can join us ~ feel free to invite family & friends.
Proceeds will provide meals to the Fond du Lac "Warming Shelter" that Bethel Church offers monthly from November to March.

**ICE
Cream
SOCIAL**

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!



Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending
this 90+ young member a
birthday card:



**August 23rd:
Mr. Melvin Streeter
35 Streeter Ct.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935**