



“What Is the Cost?”

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.

September 7, 2025 13th 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 1

Call to Worship

One: We come into your house, Divine Potter. We are your clay.

Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Mold us again!

One: We bring our burdens and concerns, our hopes and dreams, our doubts and our delights.

Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Hold us in your sure and righteous hand!

One: We seek your wisdom. Reveal your direction and our path.

Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Rebuild and replant us!

A reading from Deuteronomy 30

One: Please join me in our Prayer of Invocation

Sovereign God, you are the Potter who has fashioned us into being as a community. Dwell in our midst. Share your wisdom and open every point of accessibility within us for You are holy, gracious, and kind. As we gather, we recommit to accept the joys and the costs of discipleship. May you be glorified in our worship, and may we be transformed as we encounter you and your way anew this day. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "For All the Saints"

#637

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Magnificent Creator, have mercy on us we pray because we have the assurance that your mercy is available and near to us. We pray in hope that your mercy will release us from inaction, apathy, and complacency so that we may be your instruments of redemption, restitution, and restoration in the world. Perhaps most of all, forgive us for simply seeking your mercy for the ills of the world rather than your

miraculous power to rise in us to overcome them. Grant us grace to pray boldly with our words and our actions in your name.

*Words of Grace

Pastor: Sisters and Brothers, Beloved of God, God's mercy is available and so is God's power at work in us. We receive the grace of the Potter so that we may break down what needs to be deconstructed and reconstructed and to support what needs repair and restoration.

Many: A new world that reflects the realm of God is possible through us. 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 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Luke 14:25-33

Multigenerational Lesson

Sermon "What Is the Cost?"

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

One: Discipleship importantly includes sharing of our financial resources which supports the ministry of the gospel.

Many: Let us share our gifts to meet the obligations of this church community so that we will continue to serve the greater community through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Doxology

#46

The Celebration of Communion

*Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" #393

*Communion Prayer *"Together, We Are Blessed By Being Here."*

| <u>Invitation to the Lord's Table</u> | <u>Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine</u> |
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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

Generous God, receive our offerings and magnify them to propel the ministry of this church. Recharge us and send us out from this table so that the world may benefit from our generous giving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn "Shine, Jesus Shine" CP #39

*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

Jean Stepp

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 7 | M 8 | Tues 9 | W 10 | Th 11 | F 12 | Sat 13 |
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| 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10-11:30 AM Sunday School Social Hour: Martha's | Loaves & Fishes | 9:00 AM Advocap 6:30 PM Martha's 6:30 PM Council Meeting | Loaves & Fishes | 9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPS | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9:00 AM Worship Social Hour: Council #1 | 1:30 PM Bible Study Loaves & Fishes | 9:00 AM Advocap 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting Messenger Articles Due | Loaves & Fishes 6:30 PM Confirmation | 9:00 AM Advocap 9:00am TOPS | | |



Birthday Card Shower

Please consider sending
these 90+ young members a
birthday card:

September 7th:

Mr. Ralph Kollmorgan
477 Russell Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

September 22nd:

Mr. Dwaine Loest
226 18th Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



*Bulletin given in honor of
Debbie Baker
for her birthday
from her family*

A BIG DAY!!

On Sunday, September 21st
we are going to have a

TAILGATE POTLUCK

following our

2025 CROP WALK

which will begin right after
our regular

WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:00 am.

We will also have the noon football game on
our **FELLOWSHIP HALL SCREEN!**



IN OUR PRAYERS

Lucy Zahn
Elise Sonnenberg
Jeanette
Linda Oelke
Janelle Anderson
Al Pahnke
Marilyn Peters
Ruth Pedix
Christine Weimer
Pat Grose
Debra Rammer
Arnold Breitenfeld
Wayne Katerski
Del Weigel
John
Trent Bergman
Jeanette Hinn
Joyce & Jim Buchholz

Bill Manka
Evelyn Yantz
Mary Jean Nicholson
Joel
Leo Lefeber
Abigail Reader
Greg Baker
Karl & Doris
Susan Ziebra
Donna Birkholz
Nancy Schaefer
Edna Karl
Susan Snider
Alexis Hayes
Rick Karl
Kathy Stephany
Joe & Family

Heather Reader-Schubert
Dixie & Dave Borchert
Janet & Eugene Willis
Bob & Shirley Hanke
Dave & Diana Candlish
Charlene & Les Abitz
Eli & Barb Gustafson
Carol
Gary & Karen Blazer
Theresa Schultz
Rev. James Martin
Carol Kryzyanowski
Joan Meiss
Darcy
Terri Hoffman
Barb Kurki
Connie Olson



p.s. Magnificent God, enable us to accept and work through the cost of being a disciple of Jesus so that we may serve you and your people. Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September 7th

Debra Baker, Ralph Kollmorgan,
Karen Nett

September 8th

Eli Gustafson

September 9th

Taylor Opperman

September 10th

Miguel Antonio,
JoAnn Kreif

Mason Ritz

September 11th

Sue Seresse

September 12th

Dawson Schaefer

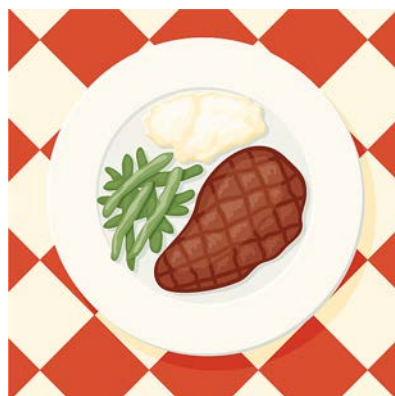
September 13th

Andrew King

Save THE date

Swiss Steak Dinner

October 9th (sign-up sheets in Lobby)



Messenger Articles Due:
Tuesday
September 16th

Please Join Us for Bible Study
Tuesday Sept 15th
At 1:30 PM



FOOD PANTRY

Pantry Needs

Pull-Ups, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Syrup,
Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter, Canned Chicken, Dish Soap,
Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant (women's),
Dryer Sheets, Cleaning Supplies