



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured, and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

“Peace Church exists to feed souls,
grow in God's extravagant love and
together serve all of God's children and creation.”

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Oh, How I Love Jesus" arr. Robert Vandall

↑Hymn #457 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

A Prayer of Self Dedication

One: Come let us center our hearts again in worship. We share a prayer of self-dedication:

This is our church,

All: We make it what it is.

One: Others will feel welcomed,

All: If I am welcoming.

One: It will do a great work,

All: If I work.

One: It will make generous gifts to many causes,

All: If I am a generous giver of my time, talents, and treasure.

One: It will be a sanctuary for social justice and peace,

All: If I advocate for marginalized communities and practice peace in every setting of my life.

One: It will be a church that embraces all, builds community, grows faith, and transforms lives,

All: If I, who make it what it is, practice these things.

One: Therefore, with the grace of God, we shall be a safe and inclusive church, living God's message of radical hospitality and unbounded mercy.

All: And I shall dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be. Amen.

Gathering Our Hearts Before God

One: May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

One: Open our eyes to the wisdom of your ways, O Lord.

Many: Fashion us to be as trusting as children, eagerly welcoming unseen and unexpected grace and love.

One: Sweep us up in the stuff of God-dreams.

All: ***That we may be re-centered in our faith and understanding of You!***

Confessing and Reconciling Our Hearts

One: Lord we open our hearts in prayer; and offer our confession to you:

Many: **God who knows our innermost being, we confess that our actions often betray the longings of our souls. We have been swept up in our own desires for relevance, power, security, and comfort. We have grown so attached to the material goals of life that we have fallen short of faithful living. We have so elevated our own importance that we have failed to follow in your pathways. Forgive us our arrogance and our longings; forgive us our narrow insistence on our own ways. For what we have done and for what we have failed to do, we seek your mercy. For who we have been and for who we have failed to be, we seek your mercy.**

Source of life and renewed life, hear our prayers.

One: God's grace is abundant and offered to all. In Christ we encounter the strength and the way to be made new again. Wrap yourself in the knowledge that we are Christ's beloved; in him we are forgiven. Together we humbly pray the vision that Jesus offered us:

All: ***“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”***

↑ **Act of Praise** (sung to the tune of Lasst Uns Erfreuen hymn #23)

***“From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung;
let God the Spirit free each tongue.***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

↑ **The Passing of the Peace**

Peace be with you
And also with you

OT Lesson

[Psalm 1](#)

The Children's Time

Please hum or sing: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Blessing of the Backpacks – please bring your backpacks forward to receive a blessing.

Hymn #504

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Lesson

[James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)

Gospel

[Mark 9:30-37](#)

Sermon

"The Struggle to Understand Discipleship"

Special Music

"Rondo"

arr. Lorie Line

↑Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Christ, we open our lives to Your spirit. We offer ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your world. Take our hands as you receive our gifts and grant us new life as your servants. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

Announcements

↑Hymn #716

"God Be with You"

Postlude

Lectionary for September 26: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124 • Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: (8) (9:30) Chris Rode
Ushers: (8) Lynn & Ron Rusch (9:30)
Organist: Karla Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits
Coffee Hour: (8) (9:30)

NEWS & NOTES

Peace Church Coffee Fellowship

A few changes will be taking place at Coffee Fellowship following our worship services. Coffee will now be self-serve. We are asking for those that attend fellowship and would like to donate sweets (mini-donuts, cookies, mini muffins, bars cut small, etc...) or cheese & crackers, please either bring your treats to the church during the week or on Sunday before service and drop off in the kitchen or church office.

If you aren't up to baking or shopping, but would like to contribute, there will be a donation basket available for monetary donations.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 262-626-4011.

Scholarship Committee – Cookie, Coffee & Candy Sale!

Sunday, September 26th, the Scholarship Committee will be selling cookies, coffee, and candy during fellowship following both services. All proceeds will support the Peace Church Scholarship Fund.

Lectionary group at Peace Church Each week we gather together to study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Peace Pantry – by now, many of you may have noticed the food pantry located in Peace Church's parking lot. What you may not know is how much it is utilized by the surrounding community! The pantry gets stocked weekly, and donations are made to the pantry not only by our church members, but by members of the community as well. It has proven to be a very welcomed addition to the Kewaskum area. We will always accept non-perishable items for the pantry or

cash donations to purchase items. The most popular items are toilet paper, pasta and spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, chicken noodle soup, saltine crackers, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, peanut butter and jelly, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, pop-tarts, feminine hygiene items, jarred baby food. We are grateful for the support of Peace Church and the community!

Thank You! A huge thank you to Karen Kletti, John Kletti, and Clark Pearson for their hard work in remodeling the church's main office. There is a new coat of paint, new carpet, and countertops. The place looks warm and inviting! Thank you for all the hard work! Robin Mock

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are a vital part of Peace Church to keep things running smoothly. Church volunteerism is the lifeblood of any church. People often think that volunteering in church is a huge time commitment. That is not necessarily true. Your service does not have to be ongoing. You can serve on a rotating basis and still make an impact. If you want to see Peace Church grow and prosper, we encourage you to volunteer and give your time.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at Peace Church:

- Ushering
- Coffee Fellowship Snacks
- Church Decorating
- Serving on the Consistory
- Greeter
- Litanist
- Singing in the Choirs
- Teaching Sunday School

Please contact the church office at office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011 to volunteer or to find out more information on an area that interests you. To all volunteers, thank you for the ways you serve Christ and our church.

Cedar Valley Part-time Employment: Cedar Valley, UCCI is looking to add a few extra hands to its incredible team. Whether you are interested in housekeeping, adding your talents to the kitchen, or you'd like to help in our office part time... We'd like to get to know you. This is a perfect opportunity for High School students or anyone looking for part time employment. At Cedar Valley, hours are flexible and may include weekends. Volunteer Opportunities are also available. Contact Michelle Spettel, Email – mspettel@ucci.org, Phone – 262.629.1852

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Brianna Augustin
Rev. Bob Blackburn
Harvey Brodzeller
Nancy Brodzeller
Fran Charland
Judy Christensen
Dave Domasky
Markus Frank
Betty Graff
John Herbst
Jim Meinberg
Joyce Meinberg
Marilyn McIntosh
Jinny Michaels
Dennis Novotny
Sharon Ostermann
Clark Pearson
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl

Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene
Joy Brott
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Howard Floeter (Lemke)
Tom Hills (Kirkegaard)
Klaine (Lemke)
Patricia Hohl
Debbie (Hallen)
Jeremy (Rodenkirch)
Alan Kuehl (J. Manthei)
Gerald Piittmann
Babette Rhoads
Colin Volm

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Betty Fleury, Laurie Struck, Carol Butzlaff, Dean Roe, Jim Roe, Joan Schleif, Heidi Rodenkirch, Sheri Rehn

Friends & Family:

David (Grundahl)
Betty (J. Michaels)
Kathy (Augustin)
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Bonnie Erickson (Winninghoff)
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Alan Floeter (Lemke)
Nancy Gruebling (Kletti)

Paula Hader (Adler)
Brenda Jacklin (Piittmann)
Kathy Jarolimek (Henk)
Kathy (S. Augustin family)
Zannah & Kendra (Lindgren)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Sandra Senn (P. Behr)

Those Serving our Country

Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)

Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)

Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)

Major Erik Rundquist (Army)

Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)

Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)

Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)

Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday - September 19 – September 25

Sept 20 Clayton Reif

Sept 21 Randy Schlice, Marnie Winninghoff

Sept 22 Amy Gessner, Samantha Mielke, Donna Schmidt(84)

Sept 23 Grace Loser

Sept 24 Rozanne Butzlaff

Anniversaries – September 19 – September 24

Sept 21 Kevin & Janine Lemke (36), Roger & Kathy Mertz (47)

Sept 22 William & Lori Becker (15)

Sept 24 Herman & Nancy Panzer (66)

Middle School Youth Group



Karla and Josh Spaits will lead the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! Here's what's going on in September!

Sept. 25: Service Activity (TBD)

All activities this month will meet in Fellowship Hall from 5-8 pm

Special Event!

The Church Basement Ladies is coming to the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford, WI on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$40.00.

We hope to get enough people interested to carpool from Peace Church.

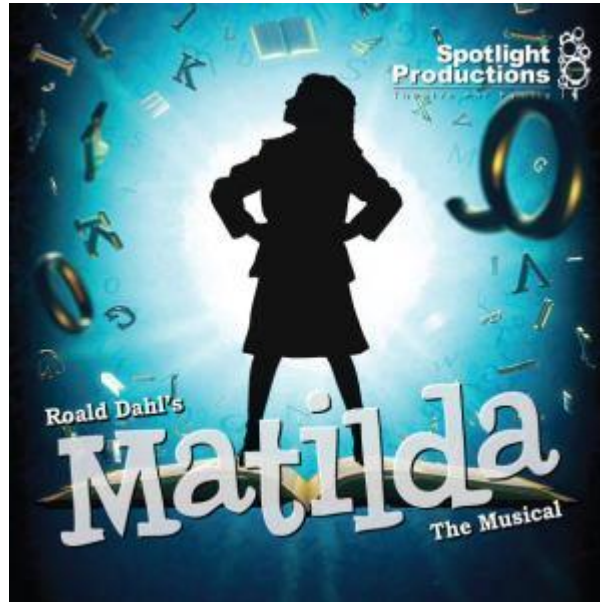
Tickets are being pre-purchased, as the show is expected to sellout very quickly!



Reserve your seat today by signing up on the bulletin board in the church parking lot lobby or by calling or emailing the church office at Office@peace-ucc.org or 262-626-4011. **Tickets will go fast.**

Church Basement Ladies, a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and the problems of a rural Minnesota church. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, the book and music give us a touching, funny look at their lives as we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying, (and tolerating) each other. Funny and down to earth, audiences will recognize these ladies as they begin to see the church year unfold from below the House of God.

Spotlight Productions presents:



The Tony Award-winning *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* is the captivating and imaginative story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, *Matilda* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world. Spotlight Productions is delighted to bring this wonderful show to audiences here in West Bend.

One Weekend Only!

October 7, 8, 9 & 10

at the West Bend High School's beautiful Silver Lining Arts Center
1305 E. Decorah Rd. (Entrance on the East end)

Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm | Sunday at 1:30pm

Tickets available [online](#), or in person at the door, and at Westbury Bank in downtown West Bend.

General admission \$20

Seniors & Students \$12 (in-person ticket purchases only)

See you at the show!

For tickets: <https://wbspotlight.com/>

Interim Part-time Faith Formation Coordinator Position:

Peace Church is hiring a part-time interim Faith Formation Coordinator. This position is approx. 10 hours per week and would need to be available on Sunday mornings. Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like more information. Applications being accepted until 10/3/2021.

PEACE CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Us At: P. O. Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Church Office – Robin Mock 262-626-4011 - office@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Eric cell: 262-707-0758 - pastor@peace-ucc.org

Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

Peace Church Prayer Chain - prayers@peace-ucc.org

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