



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

September 26, 2021

Eighteenth 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 "Prayer of St. Francis" arr. Lorie Lane

↑Hymn #31 "I Sing the Almighty"

Call to Worship

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.

All: Our God is among us.

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.

All: Our God moves among us.

One: Watch and listen, for God is here.

All: Our God dwells among us.

Confessing and Receiving Forgiveness

(adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

One: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: We have sinned by building walls that divide the Body of Christ. We have sinned by claiming our differences as more important than our oneness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another. Forgive us for failing to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours. *(a time of silence)*

One: Humbly we pray:

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."

One: God forgives us, be at peace. Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection and reconciliation for the entire human race.

All: We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

†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

N.T. Lesson

[James 5:13-20](#)

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The Children’s Time - Please hum or sing: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” as the children come down front before being sent to Sunday School

†Hymn #38

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

Gospel Lesson

[Mark 9:38-50](#)

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Sermon

“Is It as Simple as a Cup of Water?”

Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Robert Vandall

Prayer of Dedication

Beloved Lord, we have chosen You, even as you first chose us. Humbly we offer what we may: ourselves, our labors, our love, all that we are, to You and to Your creation. Remind us that we are to shine as your proclamation of grace in a broken world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

All: We go with God's steadfast love before our eyes, God's faithfulness beneath our feet, God's justice burning in our souls. Amen!

Announcements

†Hymn #708

“Go Forth for God” (verse1)

Postlude

Lectionary for October 3: Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Psalm 26 • Genesis 2:18-24 and Psalm 8 • Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 • Mark 10:2-16

The Altar Flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Chris Rode's mother, Connie.

Last week's altar flowers were in honor of Kathy and Roger Mertz's 47th Wedding Anniversary. Kathy & Roger, we hope you had a wonderful day celebrating!

SERVING TODAY

Litanists: (8) (9:30) Chris Rode
Organist: Karla Spaits
Video: Jake Lemke
Audio: Joshua Spaits

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday - September 26 – October 2

Sept 27 JoAnn Butzlaff, Jake Lemke
Sept 28 Jonathon Gill, John Lemke, Bret Rauch
Sept 29 Cal Rauch
Sept 30 Beth Sandvig
Oct 1 Adam Rahmer, Kelly Staffin
Oct 2 Gary Fisher (82), Markus Frank (93), Fred Krieser (72)
Howard Zemlicka (88)

Anniversaries – September 26 – October 2

Sept 29 Nicholas & Brittany Luther (9)
Oct 1 Jim & Joyce Meinberg (66)
Oct 2 Scott & Terry Buss (22)

NEWS & NOTES

Annual Congregational Meeting October 24, 2021 – The meeting will take place immediately following the 9:30 service.

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.

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 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!

Towels – did you bring towels to church for the Scholarship Car Wash fundraiser? Your towels are waiting for you to take them home. They can be found in the church kitchen.



Middle School Youth Group

Karla and Josh Spaits have been leading the Middle School Youth Group with lots of fun activities and events! The group meets on Saturday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 5-8 pm. Spread the word, bring a friend, come!

All activities will be held at church from 5-8pm unless otherwise noted.

Saturday October 2

Games and movie at church 5 - 8pm

Saturday October 9th

Service project - TBD

Sunday October 10 - KEYS Walk/Run

After second service Karla and Josh will be running the race in their favorite costumes. All are welcome to join!

October 16

Corn maze/pumpkin patch

Spieker's pumpkin Farm Random Lake

This is a day trip. No evening get together. Times and cost are TBD.

Friday October 22nd

Pumpkin Carving at church 6 - 8pm

No Saturday Youth Group

October 30

Halloween Party after Kewaskum Trick or Treating

Scholarship Committee – Cookie, Coffee & Candy Sale TODAY!

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.

Thank you! – A big thank you to Mary Billmann for sharing her wonderful sewing talents and crafting crayon pouches for the children's bulletins.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mittens, Hats, Scarves and YARN needed!

Women at Peace Church knit and crochet hats, mittens, and scarves during the year. In November, all completed items are brought to church, dedicated with the prayers of the congregation (November 14), and delivered to organizations for distribution to children in need. **If you knit or crochet, please consider helping with this wonderful mission! We are also in need of yarn, if you have yarn that you are willing to donate, please call the church office or drop off at the church.** Call Nancy Panzer (626-2817) for more information.



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.

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
Lynn Rusch
Michael Schmidt
Greg Vorpahl
Bev Winninghoff
Connie Zemlicka

Friends & Family:

Ezekiel
Gene

Joy Brott
Lorrie (H. Bruenn)
Eric Covington (Fleury)
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)

Special Events!

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.

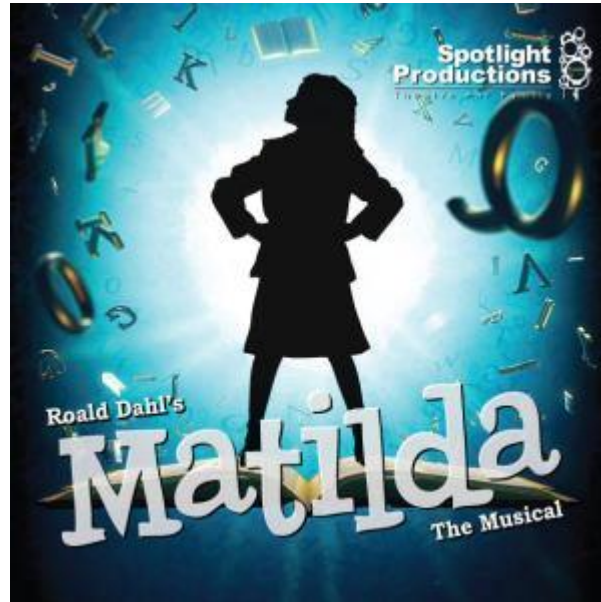
Tickets are being pre-purchased, as the show is expected to sellout very quickly!



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/>

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Pastor Bob Blackburn, Visitation Minister 920-279-0816

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

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