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*Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action*

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## Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

If you are interested in joining Zwingli UCC, please contact the Church Office. All are welcome to become part of this faith community.

### Church Office Hours

Monday–Friday  
8 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Closed Holidays  
These are scheduled open office hours. Other hours are available by calling **608-938-4369**.



## Important Online Offerings For You



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzwwZLdGT03Us3IFvNLibg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzwwZLdGT03Us3IFvNLibg?view_as=subscriber)

This is our **YouTube Channel**. Most of the videos we have recorded are found here! If you subscribe to this channel, you will get email notifications of newly posted videos. Many smart TVs are able to stream this channel as well.



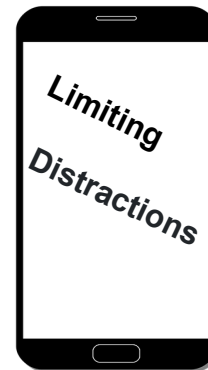
**www.zwingliucc.com** - This **Website** has all you need to know about Zwingli United Church of Christ, programs offered, current newsletter and videos, and devotionals as well as information on all things Zwingli!



**Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello)** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts!



The Pastor is in – Call 828-817-9055 to speak with the Pastor!!!! You can also text message at the same number! **Email:** [mtpreach.59@gmail.com](mailto:mtpreach.59@gmail.com) or [zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com](mailto:zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com)



Getting a cell phone is a major milestone for kids — and a huge decision for parents. Despite our boys' complaints, we made them wait longer than most of their peers. We emphasized accountability, monitoring, and time limits. Out of curiosity, I checked my own phone usage. It was more than double the limit we set for our kids! I came up with reasons (excuses, really) why I needed more time.

But God stopped me in my tracks and prompted me to use a “time’s up” notification. It helps me be intentional about removing distractions. What diverts you from God’s best? Are you listening to him and then redirecting your attention? God, speak clearly — and prompt us to listen! Janna Firestone



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

**Isaiah 43:18-19**  
**“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past. See, I  
am doing a new thing! Now it  
springs up; do you not perceive  
it? I am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams  
in the wasteland.**

Dear Friends and Zwingli Family,

I need to get out my gold stars and add a bunch to all of your names, it seems there is an energy in the air. Our Church and its friends and neighbors are becoming more active in the working for the Church. This year was the first year since I have been here that we have had a true election during the Annual Meeting. We had four people running for three vacant Consistory slots! Every time I turn around there are more and more people who are stepping up to make things happen around the Church. We are almost back to where we were with our programs and offerings before the COVID shut down. I am satisfied we are gaining momentum! I am very proud to be the Pastor of such a gifted, loving, caring, and giving congregation.

As with many blessings, there are also challenges and pitfalls. As you already know, my wife has taken a position in NC and I was attempting to work things out here and stay for 2 more years. After much prayer and discernment, I feel that my family needs me to join them. I wish to tender my resignation here so that I can be with them, as I feel the moments slipping by. I was not aware of just how much the miles apart would affect me. As you know, we are called in many different ways.



I wish to leave the Church on a high point and feel that I need to give you as much time as possible to begin the process of a new Pastor. I am feeling a call to begin a Worship Service that is steeped in Gospel Bluegrass. I have spoken with several of my friends who have agreed to help me with this project. So I will continue to preach the gospel, just in another part of the kingdom. I would encourage you to continue your support of this ministry here in Monticello, to truly become the center of the community!

After giving my notice to Consistory last Wednesday, I have set an exit date of June 11. I hope to be of service here to help with a smooth search and transition. I tell you this with a heavy heart, I feel no matter where I go in this situation, I am leaving family. I pray that we can walk through this situation with confidence that God is calling you to the next chapter in this story of Zwingli. That you continue to grow in faith and love and service of this beautiful community!

**May God bless you with blessings  
too numerous to ignore!**

Peace,  
Lance



### **SHAMROCK**



St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



## Caring Ministries Moment

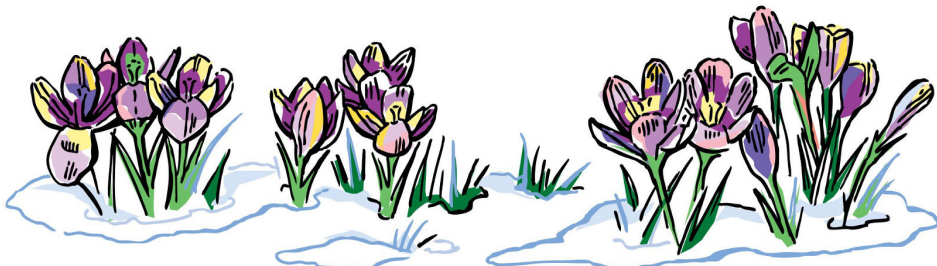
### An Irish Prayer

May God give you,  
for every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile.  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share.  
For every sigh a sweet song,  
And an answer for each Prayer.



I feel very fortunate to work with and to coordinate the efforts of all the volunteers associated with the Caring Ministries at Zwingli and Zwingli Women United. I see the rainbows, the smiles, the blessings, the friendship, songs, and prayers! Thank you for your outreach. As an individual, you may feel like it is not a lot.... But trust me, those who receive your kindness appreciate it.

As you read through the “Chimes,” **CALL ME** when there is an activity or event that you would like to know more about. I am always welcoming new volunteers. I would like **YOU** to be one of them!



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## Daily Bible Reading

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 Psalm 3   | 16 Psalm 77  |
| 2 Psalm 4   | 17 Psalm 80  |
| 3 Psalm 46  | 18 Psalm 84  |
| 4 Psalm 48  | 19 Psalm 88  |
| 5 Psalm 54  | 20 Psalm 90  |
| 6 Psalm 55  | 21 Psalm 91  |
| 7 Psalm 56  | 22 Psalm 120 |
| 8 Psalm 57  | 23 Psalm 122 |
| 9 Psalm 59  | 24 Psalm 126 |
| 10 Psalm 61 | 25 Psalm 127 |
| 11 Psalm 62 | 26 Psalm 130 |
| 12 Psalm 70 | 27 Psalm 132 |
| 13 Psalm 71 | 28 Psalm 139 |
| 14 Psalm 75 | 29 Psalm 141 |
| 15 Psalm 76 | 30 Psalm 142 |
|             | 31 Psalm 143 |



What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope — not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run. When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul.

Max Anders

## The Brown Bag is Back



### Book Of Matthew

Join us each Wednesday in March for a Lenten Brown Bag Bible Study. Bring your lunch and join us live or at home online!! 12 noon-1 p.m.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Call or email the Church Office to register.

## A Video Series From: *The Work of the People*

Evening  
Lenten Study

*The Way  
of the  
Heart*

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 7 p.m.  
See our Facebook Page for details.  
Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello)

So let's not get  
tired of doing  
what is good.

At just the right time  
we will reap a harvest of  
blessing if we don't give up.  
Galatians 6:9



### **March Blood Drive**

The first  
**Monticello Community  
Blood Drive for 2023**  
will be held on **Friday,  
March 3rd, 2023**, in  
**Fellowship Hall at Zwingli  
United Church of Christ**  
in **Monticello** from  
**12 noon to 5 p.m.**



An appointment is strongly recommended. For an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using **RapidPass**. Eat foods high in iron prior to donating. Remember, each donation can help three people. Stay safe and well. We hope to see many of you on **March 3rd** as the need for blood is always ongoing. Thank you for being a donor.



Do you enjoy going out for **Fish on Fridays** but don't want to go alone or in the evening? Why not join the **Friday Fish Folks**.



**We will be visiting The Pink Heifer for fish on February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.**

If you would like to join us, call and leave your name and number coming with you at 608-938-4306 prior to 10:00 A.M. the day of so we can let them know we will be coming.

(You can leave your message earlier if it is more convenient for you)

**The more the merrier!  
Hope you will join us!!!**

It has been several years since we have been able to fill our Church with beautiful spring flowers at Easter. This is the Easter we are bringing **Springtime** back into our **Sanctuary**.



Beginning in late February – early March, you will have the opportunity to purchase a spring flower in loving memory of someone special in your life, to celebrate Easter or another important milestone in your family, or just because it is Easter. These flowers will be utilized in the Sanctuary on Easter Morning. Following the service, if you wish, you can pick up your flower and take it home to enjoy. All flowers that are left will be used by the Altar Guild to adorn the Sanctuary for the next few weeks.



Flowers are being purchased through Ahren's Acres in Brodhead. Deadline for your purchase will be **March 22, 2023, at noon**.

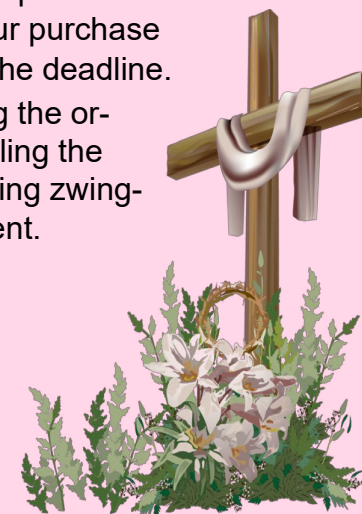
Your choices are as follows:

**Single Stem Lily** (\$20), **Hyacinth** (\$20)  
**Daffodil** (\$20), **Double Stem Lily** (\$35)

Forms to purchase flowers will be stationed at both entrances of the Sanctuary. Simply complete the form and a check for the amount of your purchase and provide it to the Church Office by the deadline.

If you won't be attending Church during the ordering period, you can still order by calling the Church Office (608) 938-4369 or emailing [zwinglira@gmail.com](mailto:zwinglira@gmail.com) and arrange for payment.

Let's fill our Church with the beautiful sights and smells of Spring on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Duerst, Altar Guild Member, at 608-558-4458.



## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

If you would like to purchase a plant for our Easter Celebration, please let us know by **March 22, 2023**. Your choices are:

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Stem Lily (\$20)      \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth (\$20)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$20)      \_\_\_\_\_ Double Stem Lily (\$35)

Checks should be made payable to **Zwingli United Church of Christ**. Please fill out this form and, along with your check, bring it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by **March 22**. Plants can be picked up after our 9:15 a.m. Easter Service.

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Because it is Easter \_\_\_\_\_  
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed with this form - payable to **Zwingli United Church of Christ**. Questions?? Contact Barbara Duerst, Altar Guild Member, at 608-558-4458.

(Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_



# Super Sunday

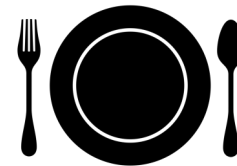
March 26th @ 10:30 am

The interactive programs are wrapped around stories of the Bible and include crafts, activities, and FUN!! **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!**

Kids - bring an adult & join us for this special event!



## Welcome Table



**Monday, March 27th**  
**Blessing @ 5:30 p.m.**  
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

**Don't Eat Alone!**  
**Join us for a FREE**  
**Community Supper.**  
Free & open to everyone.



## Are YOU good with budgeting and paying bills?

We are looking for a Financial Secretary as Denise Pinnow will retire by the end of this year. We would like this person in place in June of this year so Denise has time to train on all duties. The main duties include:

- Processing Payroll with Harvey Kubly CPA firm
- Accounts Payable
- Prepare Budget & present to Consistory & Congregation
- Conduct all financial tax reporting & annual reporting
- Financial Statement Reconciliation (monthly)
- Prepare monthly reports for Finance Committee & Consistory
- Oversees Financial Investments

If this could be YOU, please contact Sheri Wichser (608)575-7175 or SAWIX6886@gmail.com

## Are you ready for adventure?



Look to [ucci.org](http://ucci.org) for Summer Employment opportunities, Youth Camps, Family Camps, & opportunities to learn new art techniques.


Join us at the **Monday, March 27th, Welcome Table Community Meal at 5:30 p.m.** in Zwingli's Fellowship Hall where we will provide you with more information about camp opportunities.




## A seasonal reminder


Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

*Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.*


 plants grow here

 seeds are planted in this

 to coil and jump  
(also a season of the year)

 when watered, these make plants

 to expand and get bigger

 another word for seedling




For as the \_\_\_\_\_ makes the \_\_\_\_\_

come up and a \_\_\_\_\_ causes

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise \_\_\_\_\_ up before all nations.

  
ISAIAH 61:11, NIV



Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



**Register now.....**

## Full Moon March Family Weekend

3/17 at 3:00 P.M. through 3/19 11:00 A.M. @ Moon Beach  
Cost: Ages 2-3 \$65.00/Ages 4-11 \$195.00/Ages 12+ \$235.00  
Come with your grandchildren, come with your spouse, come with three generations, or just come by yourself and be part of the Moon Beach Family for a relaxing pace of Northwoods outdoor recreation and a rejuvenating time away!  
Registration ends: 3/2/23.

## Introduction To Stained Glass

3/25 at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. @ Cedar Valley. Cost: \$50.00  
Join Wendy Dallman to learn and create your own stained-glass art piece. No previous experience is required for this class. All supplies included. Ages 18 and up. Registration ends: 3/10/23

**For details & more opportunities  
check out [ucci.org](http://ucci.org)**

May good luck be your friend in  
whatever you do, and may trouble  
be always a stranger to you.  
May the good Saints protect you and  
bless you today, and may troubles  
ignore you each step of the way.



Some churchgoers chatted about their customized T-shirts from a service project, sharing compliments they'd received while wearing them in public. One chimed in, saying, "I wear mine when I dust." Two nearby staff members raised their eyebrows, likely thinking it wasn't the outreach strategy they had in mind.

Jesus gave us all a "service project" via the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Tasks include telling people about Jesus, Baptizing, and teaching his commands. In a way, we all received a Great Commission T-shirt at our Baptism. When do you wear yours? And how are your projects going? Whether you're serving in the community or at home (even by dusting), remember Who you represent!  
Julie Lee

**ONE GREAT HOUR  
OF SHARING  
It's Time To Share**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**  
Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee, immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Your generous support is always appreciated. We will receive this offering **through the month of March**. A special envelope for your offering is enclosed with this newsletter. Please remember to sign your envelope so it can be added to your giving statement and list **OGHS** on the memo line of your check.

Envelopes and coin boxes are available  
at the East Entrance of the Church.  
Thank you for sharing!





# March BIRTHDAYS



- 01 Carolyn Hilliard  
Kimberly Vogt
- 02 Collin Moore  
Connie Von Der Heide
- 03 Louise Garfoot  
Bob LaBarre  
Christine Meier
- 04 Melissa Babler
- 06 Avery Halvorson  
LaVerne Rosenstiel
- 08 Carson Aeberhard
- 09 Mary Jean Blum  
Diane Reed
- 10 Kendra Klassy
- 13 Denise Pinnow
- 14 Theresa Andrews  
Sandi Everson  
Linda Marty  
Craig Stenbroten
- 15 Alice Voegeli
- 16 Christopher Voegeli
- 17 Erica Appel-Wiesenberg  
Brenna Meier  
Patricia Pluss  
Levi Truttmann  
Kora Turner



- 18 Dustin Trumpy  
Abram Wittenwyler
- 19 Christopher Babler
- 20 Hannah Rupp  
John Zanoja
- 22 Erin Kleeman
- 23 Bruce Workman
- 24 Alan Bacher
- 25 Megan Berg  
Carol Schultz  
Hannah Workman
- 26 Elizabeth Koester  
Elizabeth Rolph
- 29 Elia Disch  
Courtney Foulker  
Daniel Meier  
Beverly Pederson  
Sally Stenbroten
- 30 Deb Schwartzlow  
Lukas Turner
- 31 Zaria Janisch  
Raife Jurrens  
Katelyn Thompson



# March ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Denise Pinnow & Bob LaBarre
- 04 Brian & Kathleen Grossen
- 16 Mark & Heidi Updike
- 27 Gordon & Carol Schultz
- 28 Bill & Kay Dickson

**It's as easy as  
being a Woman  
and a Church**

**Member to belong to**



We will not have regular monthly meetings. We ask that you volunteer your time to the events that interest you.

ZWU anticipates the following events:

- \*Various Activities at various Retirement Facilities such as Birthday Party, New Year's Eve Party, Serving Root Beer Floats, Hosting Bingo, Assisting Residents with a craft just to name a few
- \*Summer Supper/Crowning of Dairy Queen
- \*Pre-Christmas Bake Sale
- \*Cookies for Blood Drive
- \*Funeral/Memorial Service Gatherings/Meals/Receptions
- \*College Care Packages
- \*Veterans Recognition Activities
- \*Spring Cheer Baskets
- \*Trunk or Treat

Many hands make light work and we welcome **YOUR** hands and participation.

# Zwingli's Kalberwurst Dinner Saturday, April 22nd, 2023!!



Save  
the Date

Watch  
For Details

## Sunday Social Hour

Zwingli's Sunday Social Hour will happen on the Sunday Mornings when we have a Volunteer Host. Volunteering is simple to do. The Church furnishes the paper products and the coffee. You only need to bring whatever juice and light snack you choose to share. Cleanup is simple and easy.

Sign-up sheets will be at Social Hour or call the Church Office (608-938-4369) to reserve a Sunday.



Volunteer Today!

## Several Ways To Give To The Church

Set up your Church giving contribution using your **Bank's online bill pay feature!** You decide the amount, the date you want it sent, and finish making the contribution.



**ONLINE  
GIVING**  
Made Easy

Information you will need:

Your Checking Account Number

Make Payment To:

Zwingli United Church of Christ

Your Giving Envelope Number

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Monticello, WI 53570 608-938-4369

Email: [zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com](mailto:zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com)

Website: [www.zwingliucc.com](http://www.zwingliucc.com)

**OR** - Go to our Website and click on the hand to bring you to the giving page.



**Credit/Debit** - Click on Give button below for Credit/Debit options.

**GIVE**



**OR** - Checks Can Be Mailed to:  
Zwingli United Church of Christ  
PO Box 97  
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**OR** - Drop off your Donation in the Drop Box at the East Entrance to the Church.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Zwingli United Church of Christ.



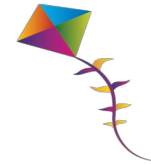
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# March 2023



**1**  
Mid-Week Devotional  
12noon Brown Bag  
Bible Study  
4pm Mission Meal  
@ Crossing  
6:15pm Chime Choir  
7pm Lenten Study

**2**



**3**  
12noon-5pm Blood Drive  
7pm AA Meeting

**4**



**5 9:15am Worship in Zwingli**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
After Worship Social Hour  
After Worship Confirmation  
5pm Cub Scouts



**6**  
3:15pm Hands of  
Change

**7**  
2pm Book Club  
6pm Finance  
6:30pm Consistory

**8**  
Mid-Week Devotional  
12noon Brown Bag  
Bible Study  
6:15pm Chime Choir  
7pm Lenten Study

**9**  
1pm Garden Club



**10**  
7pm AA Meeting

**11**  
9:30am Brotherhood



**12 9:15am Worship in Zwingli**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins  
After Worship Social Hour



**13**  
No Hands of  
Change

**14**  
2pm Book Club



**15**  
Mid-Week Devotional  
12noon Brown Bag  
Bible Study  
6:15pm Chime Choir  
7pm Lenten Study

**16**  
"Chimes" Info Due  
by noon

**17**  
7pm AA Meeting

**18**  
3pm Cub Scouts



**19 9:15am Worship @ Zwingli**  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
After Worship Confirmation  
2pm Piano Recital  
(Dawn Jordan Students)



**20**  
3:15pm Hands of  
Change

**21**

**22**  
Mid-Week Devotional  
12noon Brown Bag  
Bible Study  
6:15pm Chime Choir  
7pm Lenten Study

**23**  
7pm Historical Society



**24**  
7pm AA Meeting

**25**



**26 9:15am Worship in Zwingli**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
10:30am Super Sunday



**27**  
3:15pm Hands of  
Change  
5:30pm Welcome  
Table

**28**



**29**  
Mid-Week Devotional  
12noon Brown Bag  
Bible Study  
6:15pm Chime Choir  
7pm Lenten Study

**30**



**31**  
7pm AA Meeting

**Dates and times  
subject to change**