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OF CHRIST



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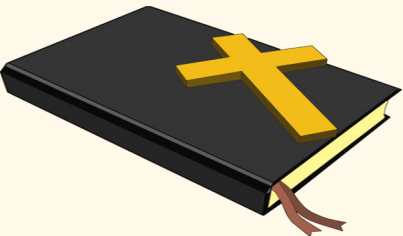


416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, Wisconsin 53570

Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action

The *grass* withers,
the *flower* fades,
But the word
of our *God*
stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8 (NASB)



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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.



**Happy Mother's
Day!! May 11th**

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/@ZwingliUnitedChurchofChristMon/>



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!

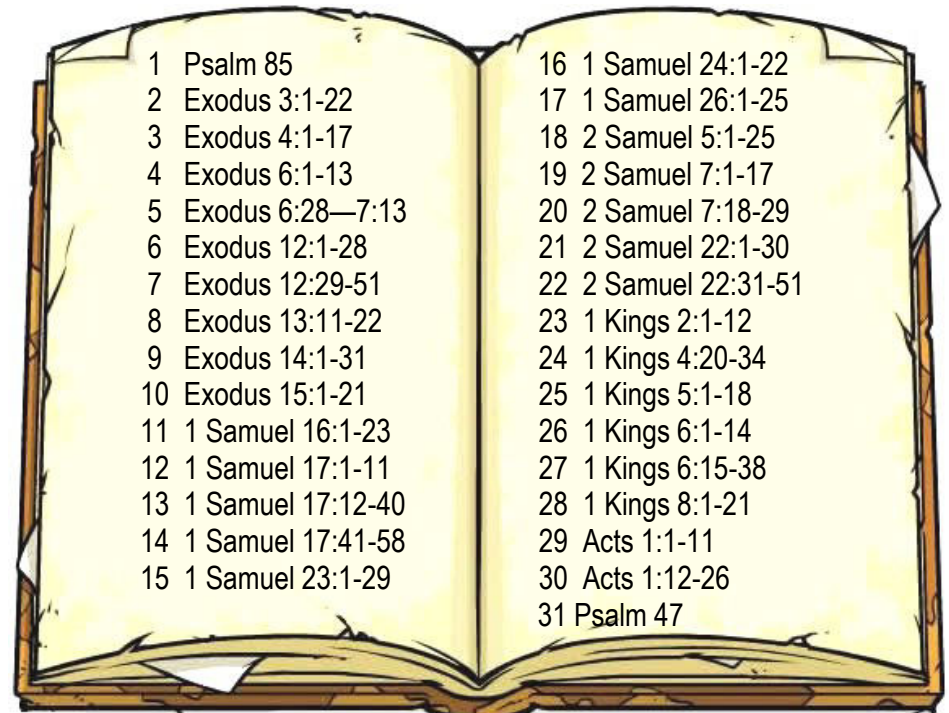


Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar to watch the Livestream @ 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



Email us @ zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Daily Bible Reading



Caring Ministry Reminders

Dates to Remember

National Day of Prayer, May 1st
Mother's Day, May 11th
Armed Forces Day, May 17th
Brotherhood Drive-Thru Pancake
Breakfast, May 17th
Memorial Day, May 26th
Welcome Table, May 26th
Ascension Day, May 29th



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A PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Dear Lord, thank You for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on You for guidance, patience, and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love You, worship You, and serve You with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREEN HAVEN'S 33RD ANNUAL Mother's Day Plant Sale

Friday, May 9th
from 8 AM-5 PM

Saturday, May 10th
from 8 AM-Noon

LOCATIONS:

Monroe: Southeast Corner
of the Square

Monticello: Symdon Chevrolet

Questions? Call Erika at 608-325-6489 ext.
102 or email erika.z@greenhaven4help.com



Please send us a photo of your Graduating Seniors and a short bio that shares their goals, dreams, future plans, and any awards they have received. We will be recognizing these accomplishments as part of a worship service.

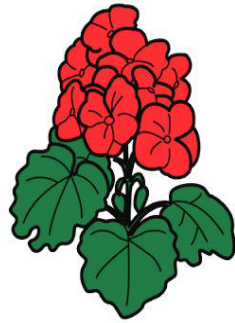
Please email info to:

zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com by **May 14th**.

Class  Of 2025

Red for Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th, 2025, and we are planning to turn the Church **red** with **red geraniums** to celebrate the day. If you would like to purchase a plant, we will be selling **red geraniums** for **\$7.00 per plant until May 14th**. All plants will be in 6-inch pots. We will use the **red geraniums** to decorate the Church and then you can take them home with you that day after the service.



To order **red geraniums**, please fill out this form and bring it or mail it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate by the deadline, Wednesday, May 14th.

Checks should be made payable to **Zwingli United Church of Christ**.

My check or cash for \$ _____ is enclosed with this form payable to **Zwingli United Church of Christ** for _____ 6-inch **red geraniums**.

(Your Name)



Zwingli Brotherhood Pancake Breakfast

Drive-Thru

Dine-In Option Available

Saturday, May 17th
7 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Tasty Pancakes, Maple Syrup,
Butter, Sausage, & Applesauce!!

Only At Zwingli UCC
416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello



Free-will donations help with
Brotherhood projects

Super Sunday

The interactive program wrapped around stories of the Bible that includes crafts, activities, and FELLOWSHIP **WILL BE TAKING A BREAK OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.**

Welcome Table



Join us for a **FREE Community Supper!!**
Free & open to everyone!



Monday, May 26th
Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

May Meal: Sue Sinnett & Kris Zanoja

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund.
Thanks to **Zwingli Women United**
for hosting the Community Meal in April.



To volunteer, contact Cindi Ritter at
care4zwingli@gmail.com or 262-993-5435
or call Roann in the Church Office 608-938-4369.



Awesome
Volunteer Opportunity

Join our Sunday Morning
Recording Team!!

For details,
contact Dean Ferguson
or the Church Office.

DAY-BY-DAY MEMORY CAFÉ

FOURTH THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH

1:00-2:30 PM

St. John's UCC
Fellowship Hall
1724 14th Street
Monroe, WI

Please call or email to
register for this free event
and for more information.

Call 608-205-8203 or email at
[daybydaymemorycafe@](mailto:daybydaymemorycafe@stjohnsuccmonroe.com)

stjohnsuccmonroe.com





I would like to extend my sincere "Thank You" and gratefulness to my Church Family for all the prayers, support, phone calls, emails, and cards we received during Dick's journey these past few months. Even though he might not have personally known all of you, he welcomed your words of encouragement, as did I.

*Forever Grateful and Thankful,
Patty Blumer Riesen*

**296 HUNGRY PEOPLE
(some Carryout, some Dine-In)
WERE SERVED AT ZWINGLI'S
KALBERWURST DINNER!!**

Thank you to all of our wonderful, hard working volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Thank you to the awesome women who made heavenly desserts.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. It was a pleasure serving you.



Rushing Past The Warning Signs

Being in a hurry rarely ends well. Case in point: Up against a deadline to pay for my son's youth trip, **I once paid hundreds of dollars to the wrong Church!** I went online, typed in our Church's name, and clicked on the first search result. **The website colors were different, and I didn't recognize any faces.** "That's odd," I thought. "They must have redesigned the website." Yet, I continued.



I clicked on the giving page and noticed the Church accepted credit cards. This was different too, but I welcomed the change. After the large sum was processed, I received an emailed receipt. **Only then did I realize the Church had a similar name but was in another state.** My heart sank. I was concerned about the hundreds of dollars but also troubled with my own foolishness. I had ignored and rushed past clear warning signs!!

I immediately emailed the Church Office, alerting them about my mistake. When I called the next business day, the bookkeeper graciously refunded my payment.

The next time you're in a rush, remember this wisdom from Proverbs 19:2:

"If you want to do something but you do not know how to do it, that is dangerous! If you hurry to do it, you will get into trouble." (*EasyEnglish Bible*) Janna Firestone



CAUTION



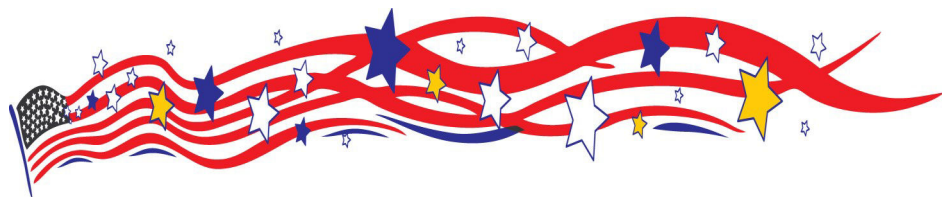
MORE THAN A NAME

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

“I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy.”

That’s a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simply names. They were living people who loved and were loved... and are still loved.

(Adapted from *Homiletics*)

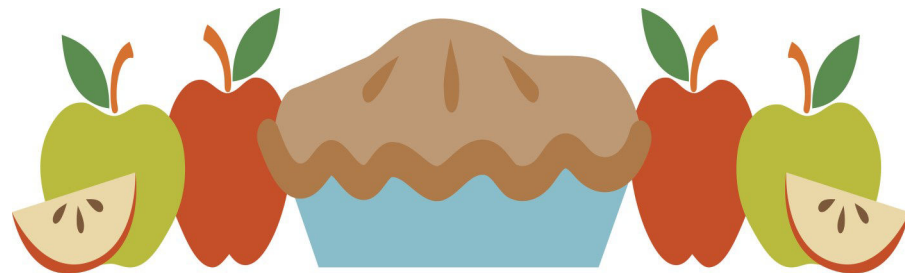


“He ascended into heaven...”

During his earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. “Only those could speak to him who came to where he was,” explained Archbishop William Temple. “If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee” (from Readings in St. John’s Gospel).

Spiritually speaking, Christ’s Ascension means he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. “Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. (Tenneva Jordan)

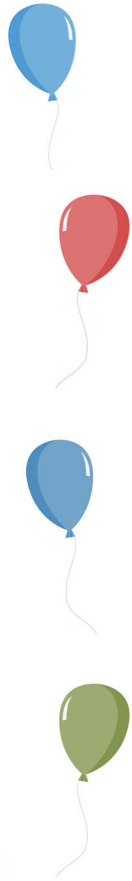




May

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 May Burgy
Eric Karlen
- 02 Holly Emberson
Cathie Laeser
- 03 Brad Freitag
Audrey Saxer
- 04 Dorothy Schlapbach
- 05 Darin Erickson
- 06 Sheena Erickson
Michael Garfoot
Connor Grossnickle
Gracelyn Willson
- 07 Callisa Briggs
- 08 Deborah Disch
- 10 Chris Caldwell
- 11 James Gempeler
James Grossen
- 13 Ava Aasve
Ashley Appel
Elyse Appel
Linda Lehne
Sally Roe
Mark Wittenwyler
- 14 Becky Kammes
Kody Klitzke



- 15 Nathaniel Lederman
- 16 Caleb Laeser
- 17 Tim Kolasch
Barbara Pluss
Ashley Wichser Gilbertson
- 18 Addison Turner
- 19 Sandy Trumpy
Cohen Wiesenberg
- 20 Karen Pfeuti
- 21 Katherine Hauser
- 24 Travis Balleine
Logan Ringhand
- 25 Mary Field
- 26 Jean McMannes
Ethan Rupp
Sue Sinnett
- 27 Eric Stenbroten
- 28 Stephanie Beckwith
Ken Gempeler
- 29 Jonathon Wettach
- 30 Lori Blanke

May

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Ralph & Marian Gempeler
Bruce & Angela Quade
- 17 Rosco Wiesenberg & Erica Appel-Wiesenberg
- 18 Lawrence & Pansy Balleine
- 21 Stanton & Jeannette Jorenby
- 23 Gary & Denise Gilbertson
Terry & Karen Wichser
- 25 Brian & Kim Vogt



**Adventure Awaits for
Kids of ALL Ages!**

Cedar Valley, Daycholah Center,
and Moon Beach Camps invite
you to enjoy the many
offerings of Outdoor Ministry.

Check Out ucci.org
United Church Camps Incorporated for:

- Summer Employment Opportunities**
- Youth Camps**
- Family Camps**
- Camp AweSum**



PUZZLE



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.

WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh, children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ wo_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

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

416 E. Lake Ave., PO Box 97

Monticello, WI 53570 608-938-4369

Email: zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Website: 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

Monticello, WI 53570

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1
May Day
 National Day
 of Prayer

2
 7pm AA Meeting



4 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
Communion
 After Worship Social Hour
 10:15am Worship & Music Committee



5
 Day of Service
 (Monticello Schools)

6

7
 2pm Search
 Committee
 6pm Chime Choir

8



9
 7pm AA Meeting

10
 9:30am Brotherhood



11 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
 After Worship Social Hour



12

13



14
 6pm Finance
 6:30pm Consistory

15
 "Chimes" Info Due
 By Noon

16
 7pm AA Meeting

17
 7-10:30am Brotherhood
 Drive-Thru Pancake
 Breakfast



18 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
 After Worship Social Hour
 7pm Baccalaureate



19

20



21
 2pm Search
 Committee

22



23
 7pm AA Meeting

24



25 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
 After Worship Social Hour
 Monticello High School Graduation
 (at Monticello Schools)



26
Memorial Day
Office Closed
 5:30pm Welcome
 Table
 (Sinnett/Zanoya)

27

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29



30
 7pm AA Meeting

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DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE