

April, 2026

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Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action



He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might
he increaseth strength.

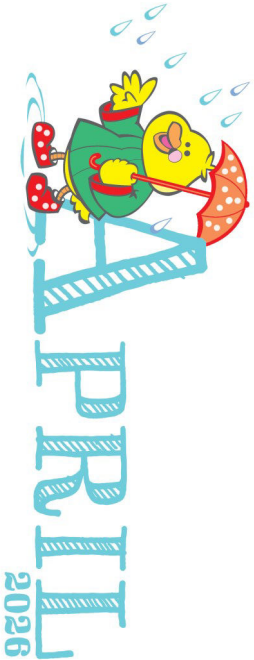
Isaiah 40:29, KJV

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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/@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

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Luke 21:5-38 | 16 Leviticus 4:22-35 |
| 2 Luke 22:1-38 | 17 Leviticus 5:1-13 |
| 3 Luke 22:39–23:12 | 18 Leviticus 5:14–6:7 |
| 4 Luke 23:13-56 | 19 Leviticus 6:8-30 |
| 5 Luke 24:1-35 | 20 Leviticus 7:1-21 |
| 6 Luke 24:36-53 | 21 Leviticus 7:22-38 |
| 7 Romans 5:1-21 | 22 Leviticus 8:1-36 |
| 8 Romans 6:1-23 | 23 Joshua 18:1-28 |
| 9 Romans 7:1-25 | 24 Joshua 19:1-23 |
| 10 Romans 8:1-39 | 25 Joshua 19:24-51 |
| 11 Exodus 40:1-38 | 26 Joshua 20:1-9 |
| 12 Leviticus 1:1-17 | 27 Joshua 21:1-45 |
| 13 Leviticus 2:1-16 | 28 Joshua 22:1-34 |
| 14 Leviticus 3:1-17 | 29 Joshua 23:1-16 |
| 15 Leviticus 4:1-21 | 30 Joshua 24:1-33 |





Pastor's Page

A Question For Our Time

Every Church tells a story. Whenever you walk in a Church, take a moment to look around. Remember, all you see before you is the result of a people's faith, hope, and sacrifice. The pews which generations of faithful sit in are often handmade or paid for by families. The hymnals, Baptismal Font, stained glass windows, Pulpit, Altar, Altar dressings, even the Bibles, bear the names of the members who, through their generosity, ensure we have hymns to sing, a place to baptize, windows to transform the light, and a place to hear the Good Word and receive the Sacraments. Each generation of the faithful rise to answer the questions of their own time. When a gathering of Swiss and German immigrants asked, "**Where will we worship?**" they answered by creating the Church we know and love. One hundred thirty-nine years later, this Sanctuary and our life of faith are a testament to the vision and sacrifice of those rugged, humble farmers who, with Christ as their rock and foundation, built new lives in a new land.

Through faith, we lay the foundations that future generations build on. I am always humbled by the faith, sacrifice, vision, and resolve of each generation that has built and maintained spaces of worship. For many of us, it takes great imagination to conjure visions of empty lots or exposed timbers because we know Churches as the closest thing to eternity; reliable, unchanging, certain. Schools close, and we eventually move to new homes, but our Churches linger as visible reminders, not just of the span of our lives, but the friends and family who have gone before us. Think of the pride and reverence when a grandchild points at a building addition and says, "**MY GRANDPA BUILT THAT.**" In every season, as banners change, think of all who choke up as they see the quilt or

adornment their great-grandmother made by hand. I believe that is why we all have a habit of calling this space "**OUR CHURCH.**" Like our homes, our Packers, our school, and our community, this place is "**OURS**" because we build our life around it. A Church is more than a building, it's the repository of years of hopes, dreams, sweat, blood, and tears.

Recently I've had the honor of celebrating the lives of beloved members whose services were mere feet from where they were baptized, confirmed, married, and regulars in decades of worship and Church life. Each life is a story forever intertwined with each board, nail, tile, and piece of carpet that combine to make Zwingli UCC. When you love a place and give your all for it, no other word but "**HOME**" will suffice. And, like a home, that comes with the good and the bad. It is still home when you must repair the roof, change the siding, replace some lightbulbs, and endure the endless dance of keeping the basement dry. We do what we must because it is our home. After all, without a home, where would we be?

Church is where we gather to worship, talk and gather for fellowship hour, celebrate, mourn, and follow Christ through each season of life. When it comes time to renovate, repair, and sustain this space, we approach every task not just as a bill or dollar amount, but a holy invitation to answer the question of our own time. That is, "**What is Zwingli UCC in 2026?**"

After Easter Sunday, every member will be receiving an invitation to give to **Zwingli UCC's 2026 Capital Campaign.** I want you to know that I never ask anything that I would not do myself. As your Pastor, I am asking you to support this campaign so that Zwingli UCC might not just exist but thrive in the future to come. By repairing and sealing the windows, we can preserve and showcase the beauty of our stained glass windows, generously paid for and provided by members long past. By investing in technology for streaming and recording

we ensure that all members, not just those in the Sanctuary, are able to participate in the life of the Church.

Thanks to the generosity of past and current members, we have a healthy reserve fund to rely on in times of crisis. However, we cannot thrive if we dip into this account for major expenses. This **Capital Campaign** will ensure we preserve and protect our building while setting us up to focus on providing life changing ministry to Zwingli UCC, Monticello, Green County, and beyond. As I noted in my last letter, I hope to be here for as long as you will have me. In many ways, I view this campaign as the first step in laying the foundation for decades of fruitful ministry, fellowship, and life with you all. This is our opportunity to celebrate and honor the saints who have gone before us, while ensuring that, when our time comes to enter that heavenly home, our friends, children, and grandchildren will be able to bask in the light of the morning sun and, staring through those stained glass windows remember, **“MY LOVED ONE DID THAT.”** Let it be so.



Blessings,

Pastor Peter Strobel



Message from the Caring Ministry
Barbara Duerst
Interim Caring Ministries Coordinator

I have started to print off my weekly prayer request emails to hand out during our Church Services. I have been hand delivering to one of the members of the Sunshine Team weekly but have found there are a few others who don't use email. I sent four weekly emails in February to 30 people on my email list and delivered hard copies to three others.

A reminder that the Zwingli Women United took back coordinating many of the activities that they used to coordinate after the implementation of our Caring Ministries Coordinator position, which will focus on caring for our nursing and care facility residents and homebound members, rather than serving as the coordinator for all volunteer activities, i.e., Birthday Parties, Root Beer Floats, New Year's Eve Party, Bingo, Trunk or Treat. I believe that they will not be doing Easter Cheer Bags this year.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Cinda Field sent 10 birthday cards and 2 anniversary cards on behalf of Zwingli UCC this month.

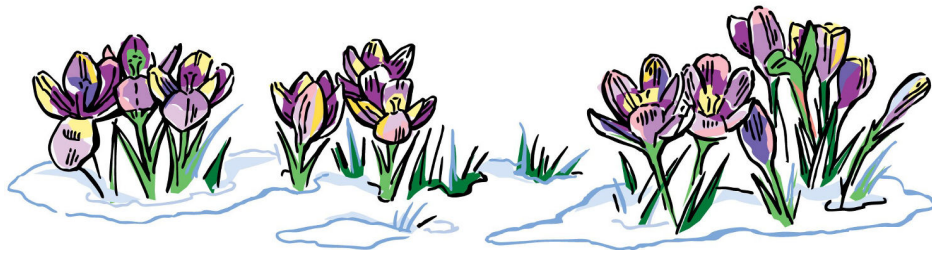
Sunshine activities reported for the month of February are:

- Cards sent:** 56 cards, plus 24 valentines
- Phone Calls made:** 4 phone calls
- Visits made:** 16 visits were made (Shout out to Deb Broge who made many visits this month.)

In a fun collaboration in February, the Super Sunday participants made cards for our eight college students affiliated with Zwingli. The cards were sent along with a Target gift card.

With the new job description for the Caring Ministries Coordinator taking effect in January and Pastor Peter becoming oriented to our local nursing and care facilities, I made 12 visits. Some were with Pastor Peter, and some were on my own.

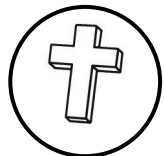
Community Dinners: The February Community Dinner was hosted by the Caring Ministries. We served pizza, garlic and cheese bread, and salad to 44 people. Kudos to Suzy Halvorsen and Karen Brugger who helped me serve and to Paul Rieder who helped with clean-up. The March Dinner will be hosted by Carol and Larry Strause and Sheri Wichser. The Brotherhood will host the April Community Dinner.



Name Tag Volunteer

Do **YOU** have some great tech skills that you can put to use on designing a cool name tag that will be used by our members and visitors each Sunday?

We are looking for a volunteer to help us with designing the name tags. A template will be provided. If you are interested, please contact **Barb Duerst** at **608-558-4458** or **blduerst4@gmail.com**



The best mathematical equation ever given:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



The Joy of the Resurrection

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the Church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).



If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?





Come Join Us At
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

Worship Schedule for Holy Week



Palm Sunday Worship
March 29th @ 9:15 a.m.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! As we wave our palm branches in praise, we remember the King who entered Jerusalem in humility and love. May our hearts welcome Him anew this Holy Week.



Maundy Thursday Service
April 2nd @ 7 p.m.

We are bringing back a treasured tradition. Join us in the **Church Lounge** for foot washing and a walk through the Last Supper. For many, this is one of the most memorable moments of the year.



Good Friday Service
April 3rd @ 7 p.m.

We will be opening up the downstairs to invite the community to walk the **labyrinth** for a day of prayer and contemplation. The **labyrinth** will be open from **9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Later, join us in the **Sanctuary at 7 p.m.** for a **Good Friday Service.**



Easter Sunday, April 5th
Sunrise Service @ 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast
(following Sunrise Service.
Serving until 9 a.m.)

Easter Service @ 9:15 a.m.

This year, we are bringing back the **Sunrise Service** and **Easter Breakfast!** Join us at **6:30 a.m.** as we watch the sun rise and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Stick around, or come early, for an awesome Easter Breakfast by the Zwingli Brotherhood. Then, join us at **9:15 a.m.** for our Easter Service.

Easter Sunday Brotherhood Breakfast



April 5th, following the Sunrise Service. (Serving until 9 a.m.)

After our Sunrise Service, join us in **Fellowship Hall** for a delicious **Easter Breakfast**. It's a relaxed time to enjoy good food, warm conversation, and community before the 9:15 a.m. Worship Service begins.



Menu:
Breakfast Casseroles
Sausage Patties
Fruit, Juice
Milk, Coffee

Come for good food and fellowship!!

Free-will Donation Supports Brotherhood Projects

Surprise!!! - EWE'VE BEEN FLOCKED!

April Fool's Day is known for pranks and jokes, but we are going to carry that fun-loving spirit through the spring season! This fundraiser for "**Capital Campaign**" encourages you to sponsor a flock of yard sign sheep (10, 20, or 30 at a time) to be put in someone else's lawn. This may be a good way to celebrate a family event this spring, by having sheep placed in their yard!

The sheep will graze there for 1-2 days until our special shepherds lead them to another yard to continue their rotational grazing. To get in on the fun, complete the information below or contact the Church Office. Information to participate will also be included at each grazing location.

_____ Flock of 10 Sheep - \$30

_____ Flock of 20 Sheep - \$50

_____ Flock of 30 Sheep - \$70

_____ Flock Insurance - \$100 *We have insurance agents who can help you avoid having your yard flocked altogether!



Your Name: _____

Your Phone # & Email: _____

Name & Address of the flock's next grazing site:

We know that you may not be able to donate to our fundraiser at the time you receive a flocking yourself, but we hope that you will enjoy the surprise and appreciate the spirit and goodwill that is intended.



Zwingli's Kalberwurst Dinner

Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Kalberwurst, Ham,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Copper Penny Carrot Salad,
Green Beans, Dinner Roll,
& Dessert Bars
(Served Family Style)

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$18.00
Day Of Sales: \$20.00
Children Under 10: \$8.00

Carryouts Available

Dine-In Seating Times:
4:30 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.



Advance Tickets are available from Zwingli
Consistory members or at the Church Office
(608-938-4369).

Zwingli United Church of Christ
416 East Lake Avenue, Monticello, Wisconsin

Calling All Volunteers

If **YOU** would like to help with our **Kalberwurst
Dinner**, simply go to **SignUpGenius**:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C044BA4AE2CA5F49-62302910-2026](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044BA4AE2CA5F49-62302910-2026)

Once there, review the available
slots and click on the button to
sign up to volunteer. You can
access **SignUpGenius** on the
Zwingli United Church of Christ
(Monticello) Facebook page.

**THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING!!**



Super Sunday



After Worship on April 26th

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

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

Thank You!



We would like to thank Rev. Peter Strobel for his visits to Donna and his excellent Memorial Service. Also, thanks to all Zwingli members and groups for assisting in the service and luncheon.

Family of Donna Ferguson



Welcome Table

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

**Monday
April 27th**



Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

April Meal: Zwingli Brotherhood
Serving: Spaghetti and Meatballs

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund. Thanks to the Strause & Wichser Families for hosting the Community Meal in March.



To volunteer, contact Barb Duerst at 608-558-4458 or Roann in the Church Office at 608-938-4369.

Stepping On Workshop

One in four people age 65 or older has a fall each year.

DON'T BE ONE OF THEM!!!!



In seven weeks, you'll learn:

- ⇒ To identify and remove or avoid fall hazards in your home and outside
- ⇒ How vision, hearing, medication, and footwear affect your risk
- ⇒ Strength and balance exercises
- ⇒ To get right back on your feet the right way if you do fall

Stepping On has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 31%!

Join Us for Stepping On!

Where: Zwingli UCC, Monticello
Held in Labyrinth Room

When: Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
May 12th--June 23rd

Spots are limited! Pre-registration is necessary!

Suggested Donation: \$15.00

To register, please call the Green County ADRC Office at: 608-328-9499.

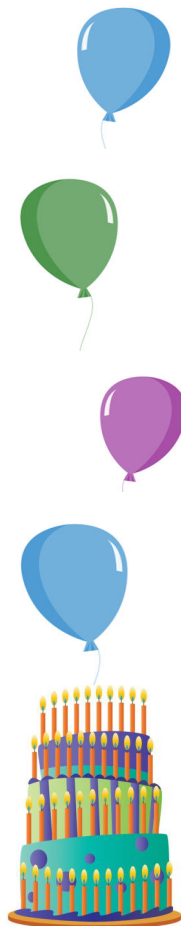




April

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Mike Sulzer
Judy Weichmann
Sally Yaun
- 02 Janet Jones
Jeannette Jorenby
Susan Rieder
Janice Schmid
- 03 Brandon Schlapbach
- 06 Lita Appel
Jeff Pfeuti
- 07 Lacy Bloedorn
Roger Brugger
Kristina Janisch
Clara Signer
Cher Venden
- 08 Joni Babler
- 09 David Lehr
Katherine Marti
- 10 Ronald Blumer
John Wendler
- 11 Camelia Rupp



- 12 Jady Grossnickle
- 13 Brett Hefty
- 16 Susan Dahl
Emilie Gietzel
- 17 Eugene Gessler
- 18 Lauren Pinnow
- 21 Steven Babler
- 22 Nathan Meier
- 23 Stephanie Erickson
Denise Gilbertson
Steven Holcomb
Daniel Lehr
Bradley Pickett
- 24 Anita Zuber
- 25 Don Roe
- 26 Whitney Disch
Derek Luchsinger
Gregory Moser
- 27 Ella Willson
- 28 Tyler McLoud
- 29 Janna LeGros
- 30 Weston Timm



April

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Urs & Mary Gafner
- 04 Linn & Cindy Lederman

- 17 William & Juli Gempler
- 23 Allan & Kathy Hefty
- 24 Steve & Deb Broge

From Our Records

Passings

Marvin Thomann 11/24/2025

(Service on 01/12/2026)

Wilbert Blumer 01/07/2026

Alfred Thomann 01/11/2026

Elise Constantini 01/26/2026

Gordon "Bud" Schultz 02/04/2026

Dorothy Christen 02/11/2026

Audrey Saxer 02/14/2026

Donna Ferguson 02/23/2026

Irving "Jerry" Kubly 02/28/26



Undesignated Memorials

Albert Pfeuti by Darlene Broughton

Gordon "Bud" Schultz by Patty Blumer Riesen

Designated Memorials

Dorothy Christen *Window Restoration* by
Mary Jean Blum

Donna Ferguson *Caring Ministries* by Jan Krupke
& Bill Dehn

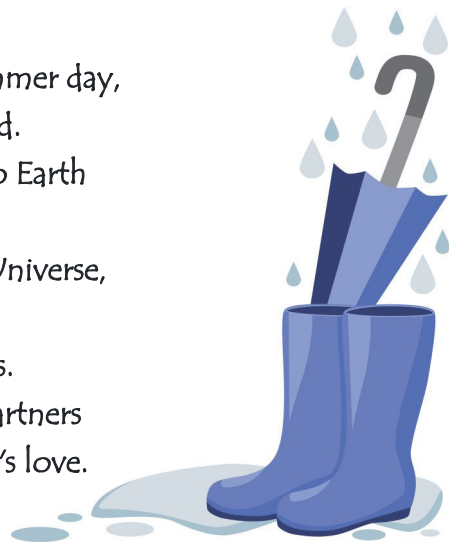
Gordon "Bud" Schultz *General Fund* by Roger
Zimmerman, *Window Restoration* by Jan Krupke
& Bill Dehn





Rain: A Gentle Reminder of God's Care

A rainy day can be many things ...
 It can be moisture for the farmer's garden,
 Or the picnic that has to be postponed;
 It can be the replenishing of a stream,
 Or the overflow of a flood;
 It can be relief from a hot summer day,
 Or the chill of an autumn wind.
 The rotating cycle of clouds to Earth
 Is part of Nature's plan
 For stability throughout the Universe,
 As old as the hills,
 And dependable as the seasons.
 Rain and sunshine are equal partners
 In the daily expression of God's love.
 Jeanne D. Birrell



Yes, I can!

I cannot end poverty, but **I can** feed one hungry person. I cannot stop war, but **I can** offer peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but **I can** hold the hand of someone who is dying.

These may seem like small acts, yet they are far harder—and far more meaningful—than any grand plan for social change. Christ reminds us of their worth: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, 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
5pm Kalberwurst Co.
6pm Chime Choir

2
7pm Maundy Thursday
Service



3
7pm AA Meeting
7pm Good Friday
Service

4



5 6:30am Sunrise Service
After Sunrise Service, Easter
Breakfast (serving until 9am)
9:15am Worship in Zwingli



6

7
1pm Lenten Study
The Chosen



8
6pm Finance
6:30pm Consistory

9



10
7pm AA Meeting

11
9:30am Brotherhood
WI CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING

12 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour
After Worship Peel Carrots
10:30am Worship & Music Co.



13

14
1pm Lenten Study
The Chosen



15
6pm Chime Choir
Make Carrot Salad

16
"Chimes" Info Due
by noon

17
3:30pm Set-up & Prep
for Kalberwurst
7pm AA Meeting

18
**KALBERWURST
DINNER**
SEATING TIMES
4:30PM & 6:00PM



19 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour



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21
1pm Lenten Study
The Chosen

22
6pm Chime Choir

23



24
3pm Practice for
Piano Recital
7pm AA Meeting

25



26 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour
After Worship **Super Sunday**
1:30pm & 3pm Piano Recital by
Carolyn Hilliard's Students



27
5:30pm Welcome
Table (Brotherhood)



28

29
6pm Chime Choir

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Dates and times subject to change

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