

May, 2026

Zwingli
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, Wisconsin 53570

Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action



Join Us For Worship on
May 24th, Pentecost Sunday
Please wear red, orange, or yellow

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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.



The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

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!



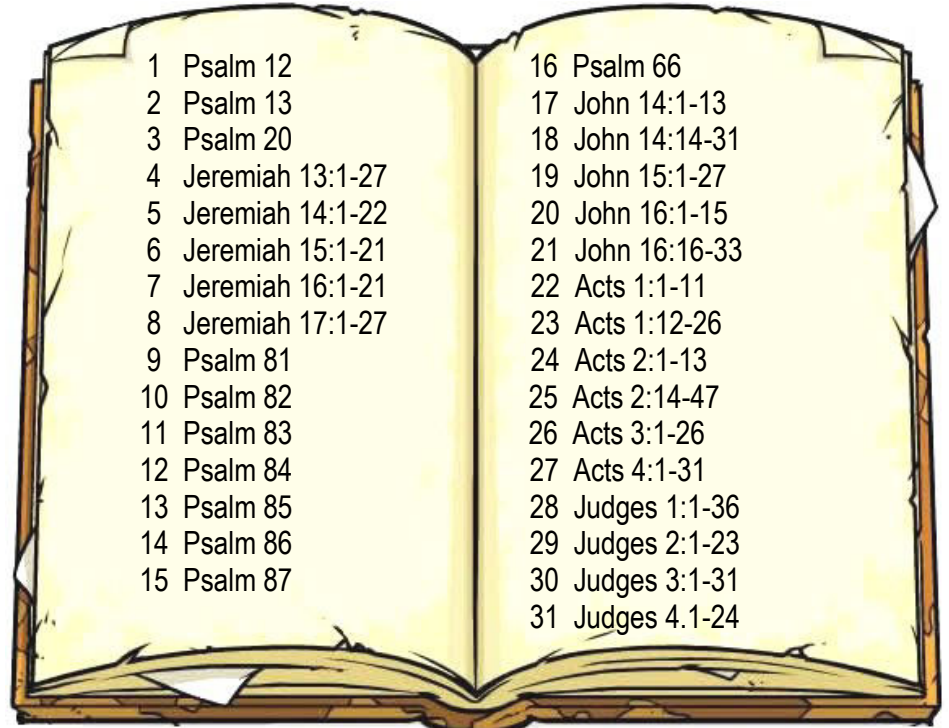
Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your Facebook search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your Facebook search bar to watch the Livestream @ 9:15 a.m.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



Email us @ zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Daily Bible Reading

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Psalm 12 | 16 Psalm 66 |
| 2 Psalm 13 | 17 John 14:1-13 |
| 3 Psalm 20 | 18 John 14:14-31 |
| 4 Jeremiah 13:1-27 | 19 John 15:1-27 |
| 5 Jeremiah 14:1-22 | 20 John 16:1-15 |
| 6 Jeremiah 15:1-21 | 21 John 16:16-33 |
| 7 Jeremiah 16:1-21 | 22 Acts 1:1-11 |
| 8 Jeremiah 17:1-27 | 23 Acts 1:12-26 |
| 9 Psalm 81 | 24 Acts 2:1-13 |
| 10 Psalm 82 | 25 Acts 2:14-47 |
| 11 Psalm 83 | 26 Acts 3:1-26 |
| 12 Psalm 84 | 27 Acts 4:1-31 |
| 13 Psalm 85 | 28 Judges 1:1-36 |
| 14 Psalm 86 | 29 Judges 2:1-23 |
| 15 Psalm 87 | 30 Judges 3:1-31 |
| | 31 Judges 4:1-24 |





Pastor's Page

As the full beauty and bounty of spring reveals itself, testifies to the majesty and wonder of God, I hope Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 might serve as an anchor for us who are jolted from winter and Lent into the joy and vitality of Easter and spring. Allie and I arrived here in the dead of winter, about 90 days ago (time flies when you are having fun!). As a fresh, young pastor, spring feels like a natural invitation to do more, to be more. My head and lists are full of programs, ideas, and initiatives, people to talk to, so many ways to seize the day and offer vitality and joy to a congregation and community I have come to love.

I feel the gentle nudge of the Spirit, a voice that whispers, "Give it time. Have patience. Trust in the Lord." I am reminded that all my predecessors served Zwingli UCC for a decade or more. I am eager to uphold their legacies, to carry the torch, but that good work does not have to happen lightning fast. When anyone from Zwingli or Monticello recalls the good work of those who came before me, they speak to presence, not programs. Ministers who were there for every season of life, to baptize, marry, bury, and celebrate or comfort for every moment in-between. That is work that takes years to accomplish.

Since January, I've been going full steam to alleviate the anxiety and worry of a congregation that has endured a long search. I have thrown in new programs, projects, and meetings to project vitality, to give members something to cling to. I've felt your sadness for what used to be, anxiety for what might be, and tried to

provide a sanctuary of rest and respite.

I do believe Zwingli UCC has a bright future and tremendous potential in the present, but it is a disservice to try to banish the anxiety, sadness, and worry away. Let us remember, "There is a time for everything..." If we place our trust in the Lord, we might live into whichever season we find ourselves in.

This is a season of contemplation, flexibility, and rediscovery. We have known 139 years of what has been, yet know not what might be. Amidst anxiety, we might hear an invitation to a season of holy imagination. This month, I want each member to discern, "What is the place of the Church?" and "What is Zwingli UCC?" Historically, we have thrived by having people come to the Church, the physical building of Zwingli UCC. In this season, I want us to imagine how Zwingli UCC might go to the thousands of unchurched in Green County.

We are the Church for the Village of Monticello.

What is stopping us from being the Church for greater Green County? We are in a time when, more than ever, people want and need faith, Church, and community. So many parched souls who know not their thirst.

Like electric, gas, or water companies, we have a hub that supplies something the masses cannot do without. No water, gas, or electric company would stay in business if they made you go to the hub to get your utilities. Before we can expect others to come to the well, to Zwingli UCC, we must go to the masses who know not their thirst. There is a future where, once again, we have overflowing Sunday School classrooms, robust choirs, and families and faithful of all ages and stages. That is a future I am working towards, but one I cannot realize without all of you.

I am new to the area. I am still learning names and traditions. I'm eager to be a part of Monticello and Green County, but I need your expertise and connections to help enmesh Zwingli UCC into the life of both. I am now part of the Lions Club and the Community Club. But that is just the start! I hope you might join me in crafting new connections with the school, the Chamber of Commerce, the village, local nonprofits, businesses, care homes, and communities of faith. This is work I cannot do alone. Please, reach out and join me in building relationships that will help be "The Church" to all. We follow one who created a faith movement through many small acts of compassion, mercy, and kindness. We have the Living Water and have been nourished at the well of Christ. Let us endeavor to quench the thirst of all who thirst for the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Peter Strobel



This will be my final report as the interim Caring Ministries Coordinator. I am thrilled that we have been able to welcome Pam Venden as our new Caring Ministries Coordinator. I am confident you will enjoy working with her, as she will bring consistent spiritual support to our Zwingli members who are in care facilities, are homebound, or are grieving. I look forward to everyone getting to know her. Moving forward, please direct any prayer requests to Pam.

As I conclude this temporary role, I want to sincerely thank the Sunshine Team and Prayer Chain members for bringing so much joy to our Zwingli members and the wider community through their phone calls, cards, visits, and texts. My thanks also go to the Consistory, Pastor Peter, Carolyn Hilliard, and Jim Iliff, who collaborated with me to refine the Caring Ministries Coordinator position in response to our Church's evolving needs. The position has changed, and I am confident that the new description is better suited to our current requirements.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Roann Austin. Her guidance was invaluable as I transitioned into this role, and our many conversations helped me gain a deeper understanding of the position and how we could improve it together. I am not sure everyone realizes just how much Roann contributes to the Church and all of us. I am truly grateful for everything she does.

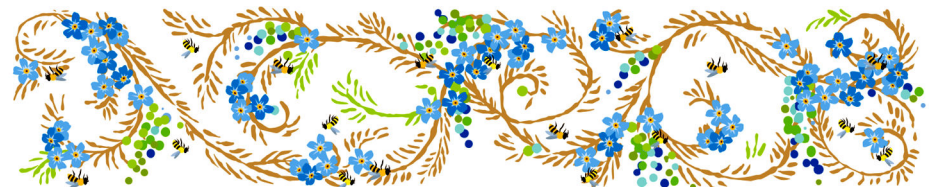
During March, much of my time was dedicated to the application, interview, and selection process for our new Caring Ministries Coordinator. Although an unexpected illness temporarily delayed my plans for onboarding Pam, I will continue to be available to assist her as she transitions fully into the role.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Cinda Field sent 20 birthday cards and 2 anniversary cards on behalf of Zwingli UCC this month.

Sunshine activities reported for the month of March were:

- Cards sent: 40 cards plus 16 Easter cards
- Phone Calls made: One phone call
- Visits made: 18 visits were made (Shout out to Deb Broge who made many visits this month.)

Community Dinners: The March Community Dinner was hosted by Carol and Larry Strause and Sheri Wichser. Forty people attended. The Brotherhood will host the April Community Dinner and are planning to serve spaghetti.



Peace be with you!
Pam Venden
Care Ministries Coordinator

I am grateful for the opportunity to step into the role of Care Ministries Coordinator for this community of faith. Thank you for the warm welcome and kind words at my introduction in church on April 12.

Barb Duerst leaves big shoes to fill, but she has been so helpful and a wealth of information. (I just hope I can be as organized!) Thank you, Barb.

Zwingli Church is blessed to have Pastor Peter. He has graciously given me many answers to many questions as I get acclimated to this role. We've already made several visits to the various care facilities in the area where I have met some delightful members.

Thank you to Roann, who is also a keeper of vast information, for all the help she has given. A phrase I heard once – “she’s the one that keeps the wheels on the bus!”

I attended the Welcome Table Community Dinners in March and April. This is a great fellowship and outreach opportunity – and DELICIOUS! Thank you to everyone involved. This would not be possible without you! The May dinner is on Memorial Day, May 25th, and will be hosted by Suzy and Don Halvorsen.

I look forward to working with the Care Ministries Team and getting settled into my role as Coordinator. Feel free to reach out to me; cell phone 608-214-4685 (text or leave a message) OR email CareMinistries@zwingliucc.com.

“A smile can turn someone’s whole day around”

An Unusual Answer to a Mother’s Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her “worry button” get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.



Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called “a dialogue with God.” She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: “I guess you want me on my knees that weekend.”

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther’s first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. “There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther’s tent,” she wrote, “while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it.”



Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th

Loving God, we thank you for mothers and mother figures, and for your steadfast love that surrounds and sustains us all.

**348 HUNGRY PEOPLE
(120 Carryout, 228 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 dessert bars.

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



Class Of 2026

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.

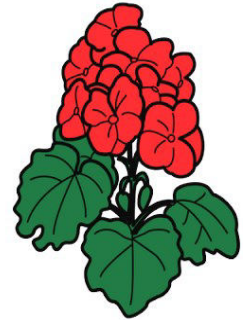


Red for Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is May 24th, 2026,

and we invite you to help fill the Church with vibrant, red geraniums as we celebrate this special day. If you'd like to participate, red geraniums are available for purchase at **\$8.00 per plant from**

now through May 14th. Each plant comes in a six-inch pot. The geraniums will be used to decorate the Church for the service, and afterward, you're welcome to take your plant home.



To order your red geraniums, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office, mail it, or place it in the collection plate by the **deadline: 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

Dine-In or Carryout
Saturday, May 16th
6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

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



Free-will donations for the breakfast
help with Brotherhood projects

Are YOU coming to the Monticello
Community-Wide Garage Sales?
Then you will want to stop at the

Zwingli Brotherhood's
Spring Fling Garage Sale
On Saturday, May 16th!!



The sale starts at 6:30 a.m.

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The Committee on Ministry of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ, invite all members, friends, and clergy of the Wisconsin Conference and the Southern Region to the

Installation of Rev. Peter Strobel



Sunday, May 17th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

**Hosted by
Zwingli UCC of Monticello**

416 E. Lake Ave.
Monticello, WI 53570
(608) 938-4369

Clergy are invited to robe and wear their favorite stole.

Reception and meal will follow the service.

An offering will be received for the Wisconsin Conference Member in Discernment Scholarship Fund.



The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.

Welcome Table



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



Monday, May 25th
Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

May Meal: Don & Suzy Halvorsen

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



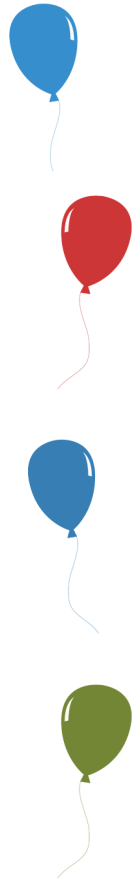
**To volunteer, contact Pam Venden at
CareMinistries@zwingliucc.com or call
Roann in the Church Office 608-938-4369.**



May

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 May Burgy
Aric Karlen
- 02 Holly Emberson
Cathie Laeser
- 03 Brad Freitag
- 04 Dorothy Schlapbach
- 05 Darin Erickson
- 06 Sheena Erickson
Michael Garfoot
Connor Grossnickle
Gracelyn Willson
- 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
- 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
- 28 Rev. Peter & Allie Strobel



Super Sunday



After Worship on May 31st

The interactive programs are wrapped around stories of the Bible and include crafts, activities, and FELLOWSHIP!! Kids - bring an adult & join us for this special event!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!

From Our Records



Undesignated Memorials

Dorothy Christen by May Burgy & Glenn Burgy, Carolyn Hilliard, Paul W. Voegeli, Jack & Sally Stenbrotten

Donna Ferguson by Thomas R. Hefty, Susan & David Wild

Jerry Kubly by Jan Ellen Woelffer, Harvey & Patty Kubly, Susan Hefty, Sue Sinnett, Terry & Marilyn Freitag, May Burgy & Glenn Burgy, Kay Dickson, Paul W. Voegeli, Shirley Hastert, Nancy Karlen, Scott & Melissa Rebholz, Darrell & Margo Indergand, Jean Ellen Woolworth, Jim & Cinda Field, Patty Blumer Riesen, Floyd & Susan Brown, Greg & Diane Bettin, Mary Jean Blum, Rosemary Avery, Dale Saxer, James & Mary Koepke, Paul Graber

Audrey Saxer by Sue Sinnett, Harvey & Patty Kubly, Janeen Trame, Carolyn Hilliard, May Burgy & Glenn Burgy, Fred & JoAnn Cruse, Patricia Gempeler, James Marty, Paul W. Voegeli, David Saxer, Michael Furgal

Gordon “Bud” Schultz by Michael Furgal, Jan Ellen Woelffer, Susan & David Wild

Designated Memorials

Donna Ferguson *Window Restoration* by Dean Ferguson, Clair, Cindy, Craig, Judy, Chris, & Barb Campbell, Harvey & Patty Kubly, Carolyn Hilliard, Larry & Carol Strause, Jack & Sally Stenbrotten, *Music Committee* by Dean Ferguson, May Burgy & Glenn Burgy, Mary Jean Blum, Sue Sinnett

Jerry Kubly *Brotherhood* by James Marty, *Window Restoration* by Larry & Carol Strause

Baptism

Kasen Matthew McGowan

Parents: Matthew & Brittany McGowan

Godparents: Amanda & Brian Hankel

New Members

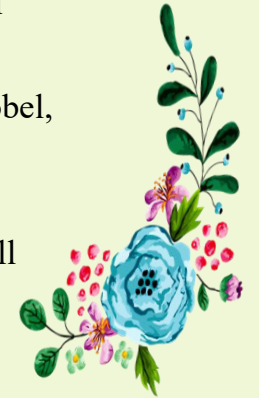
Sybil Klatt, Krissy Stahl, Allison Strobel,
& Rev. Peter Strobel

Wedding

Morgan Thompson & Hunter Marshall

Passings

Lois Hopkins 04/09/2026



Grateful for Those Who Gave All



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice, or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



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.



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

may 2026

1
7pm AA Meeting

2

May
Day



3 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour

4
7:30am Staff Meeting
Day of Service
Monticello Schools

5

6
5pm Kalberwurst Co.
6pm Chime Choir

7

8
7pm AA Meeting

9
9:30am Brotherhood



10 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour

11

12
1:30pm ADRC Stepping
On Class

13
5pm Finance
5:30pm Consistory

14
"Chimes" Info Due
by noon

15
7pm AA Meeting

16
6:30-10:30am
Brotherhood Pancake
Breakfast
6:30am Brotherhood
Garage Sale



17 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour
2pm Rev. Strobel Installation
Reception Follows Installation

18

19
1:30pm ADRC Stepping
On Class

20

21

23
7pm AA Meeting

23



24 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
Pentecost Communion
After Worship Social Hour
7pm Baccalaureate (Washington)



25
Memorial Day
Office Closed
5:30pm Welcome
Table (Halvorsen)

26
1:30pm ADRC Stepping
On Class

27

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29
7pm AA Meeting

30
Lois Hopkins Memorial
10am Visitation
11:30am Service
Luncheon Follows Service

31 9:15am Worship in Zwingli
After Worship Social Hour
After Worship **Super Sunday**



DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

