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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



Chimes



416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, Wisconsin 53570

Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action

**The LORD is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?**

**The LORD is the stronghold
of my life—
of whom shall
I be afraid?**

Psalm 27:1 NIV

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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!



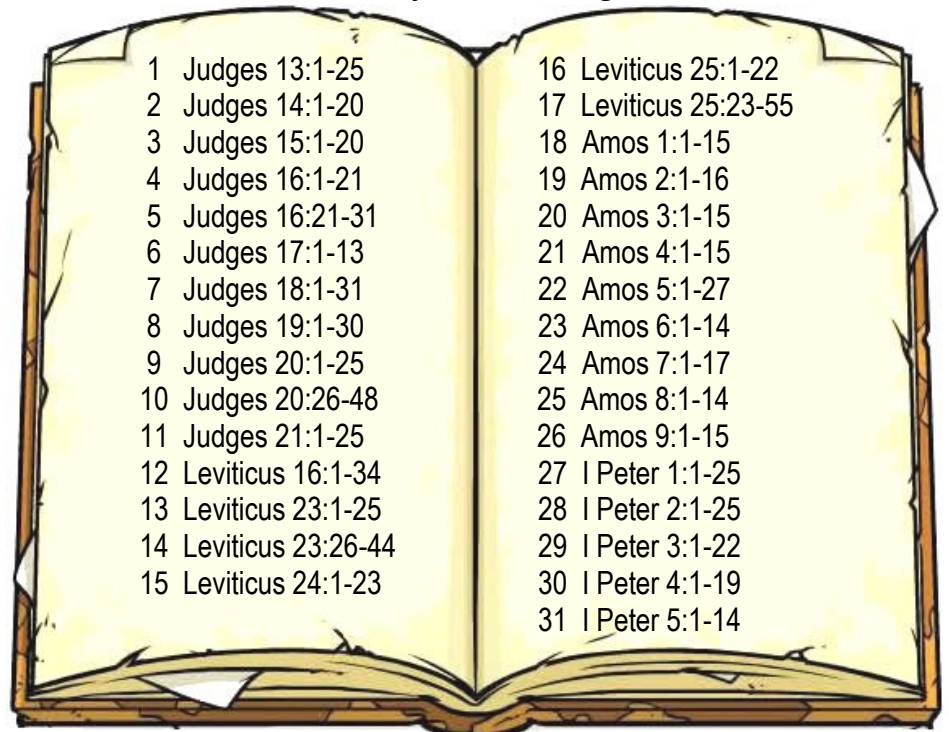
Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello) – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar to watch the Livestream @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



Email us @ zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com

Daily Bible Reading

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| 1 Judges 13:1-25 | 16 Leviticus 25:1-22 |
| 2 Judges 14:1-20 | 17 Leviticus 25:23-55 |
| 3 Judges 15:1-20 | 18 Amos 1:1-15 |
| 4 Judges 16:1-21 | 19 Amos 2:1-16 |
| 5 Judges 16:21-31 | 20 Amos 3:1-15 |
| 6 Judges 17:1-13 | 21 Amos 4:1-15 |
| 7 Judges 18:1-31 | 22 Amos 5:1-27 |
| 8 Judges 19:1-30 | 23 Amos 6:1-14 |
| 9 Judges 20:1-25 | 24 Amos 7:1-17 |
| 10 Judges 20:26-48 | 25 Amos 8:1-14 |
| 11 Judges 21:1-25 | 26 Amos 9:1-15 |
| 12 Leviticus 16:1-34 | 27 I Peter 1:1-25 |
| 13 Leviticus 23:1-25 | 28 I Peter 2:1-25 |
| 14 Leviticus 23:26-44 | 29 I Peter 3:1-22 |
| 15 Leviticus 24:1-23 | 30 I Peter 4:1-19 |
| | 31 I Peter 5:1-14 |





Pastor's Page

To Share a “Good Word”

Every Pastor has their own approach to sermon preparation. I am sure mine will change as I age but, for now, it all starts with a gut feeling. Early on, usually by Monday, I have a feeling that I will be writing my sermon or delivering it from outlines/extemporaneously. If you have wondered why I go by manuscript, outline, or extemporaneous, that is the best answer I can provide. I leave myself at the mercy of the Spirit and then begin my preparation.

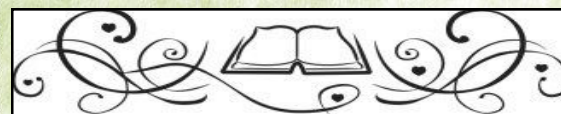
I continue to be awed by the work of the Holy Spirit. I'm no stranger to writing or articulating myself yet, I continue to find a gap between the message on my heart and what I can express. Occasionally, the Spirit moves and the message breaks through. When it does, I have to stop and proclaim, “Thanks be to God!”

I do not know if other Pastors have an “off switch,” a time when they are not formulating a sermon. For better or worse, I'm always preparing sermons in the back of my head. Sometimes I'm brainstorming metaphors/allegories for the current week or planning weeks ahead. Oftentimes I free write drafts or sketch out ideas that never make it to the pulpit.

Preaching requires a tremendous amount of self-confidence, faith, doubt, humor, and humility. If all goes well, a congregation will hear a good word to grow with. If ego or lack of editing get in the way, the human element sets in and congregants are left watching the clock, falling asleep, or daydreaming. It's humbling to remember that no matter how well a message is received one week, the work is never done.

Every week, I give thanks for the opportunity to be your Pastor, to share a “Good Word.” Each Sunday presents an opportunity to offer all glory and honor to God. To carry this responsibility and blessing is to remember a sermon is only “good” or “bad” in its capacity to speak to the mystery of God, the love of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit. To step into the pulpit is to risk falling short, stumbling on words, or failing to hit the mark. If I should fall short, I pray you will tell me. There is no room for ego in this call. If I go on too long, lack a point, stray from scripture, or am ungrounded from the life and love of Christ, I hope you will tell me. As the congregation, I hope you expect your Pastor to approach each week with the proper preparation, thought, and prayer, so you might be taught and guided on your path of faith. I pray I shall never be found wanting but, should that be the case, I welcome and encourage constructive criticism and feedback.

As I look ahead to what I hope will be decades of ministry, I rejoice at the opportunity to continue to learn and grow with you all. I know not how I will preach and teach in thirty or so years, but I look forward to the journey that unfolds as each Sunday comes and goes. The Good Word is a source of joy and inspiration that never runs dry, the cup that overfloweth. May we go to the well each week and draw forth the Living Water to sustain us in the work and ministries we are called to. Thank you for your faith, care, generosity, and for calling me as a teacher to walk the path of faith with you. I must conclude this letter because I feel the Spirit moving and nudging me towards a message for this Sunday. So, it is time to take up the pen and practice from the pulpit. I look forward to seeing what fruit this work shall bear. All glory, praise, and honor be unto the Lord.



Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Peter Strobel

Peace be with you!
Pam Venden
Care Ministries Coordinator

May has been an interesting month of discovery. I have had the opportunity to share uplifting visits with folks who live one day at a time through spirituality, faith, and resilience.

The Installation Service for Pastor Peter on May 17th was both welcoming and inspirational. I shared a copy of the Installation bulletin with members that I visited. All were so appreciative to receive it and it was one small way to bridge that connection to Zwingli Church. It's amazing how our little actions and kindness make the biggest impact.

The Zwingli Women United have assembled Friendship Packs that I can share during visits. These packs include bios of Pastor Peter and myself, along with a puzzle book, pen, notepad, current "Chimes," and some treats. These packs have been cheerfully accepted with a smile.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Cinda Field sent 20 birthday cards and 5 anniversary cards on behalf of Zwingli UCC in May.

May activities of the Sunshine Team:

- *Cards: 42 cards sent
- *Phone calls: 4 calls made
- *Visits: 6 visits
- *Provided rides to appointments: 6 rides



Thank you to Cinda, the Sunshine Team and Prayer Chain members for their dedication, support, and love shared through this mission of caring.

Community Dinners: The May Community Dinner was enjoyed on May 25th, hosted by Suzy and Don Halvorsen and Nancy Karlen. Great food and fellowship were shared by 48 people on a beautiful Memorial Day holiday. The June dinner will be hosted by the Zwingli Women United, and The Brotherhood will be back at the helm to host the July dinner. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our hosts who share in this outreach mission!

Please join us for dinner and bring a friend or neighbor;
the conversation is as great as the food!

Feel free to reach out to me with any care concerns you may have:
Phone: 608-214-4685 (text or leave a message)
Email: CareMinistries@zwingliucc.com

"...The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants..." Matthew 13:31-32



ZWU Women

Zwingli Women United includes ALL the women of our Church. You can volunteer in many different ways.

During the months of **June and July**, we are serving **Root Beer Floats** to several assisted living and nursing homes in the area. On Sunday mornings, there are volunteer signup sheets on the first pew on the east side of the Sanctuary. During the week, the sheets will be in the Church Office. Pleasant View has asked that we play Bingo, so that group will need additional volunteers. These are always enjoyable afternoons.



If you have any additional thoughts or questions, please contact Carolyn Hilliard at 608-938-2449. Thank you!!!

Root Beer Float Time



Are you thinking about some of those special treats of summer?



Would you like some Peaches?

For many years when Tree-Ripe came to New Glarus or Monroe, I have picked up peaches from them. Several years ago, I started sharing the peaches with some of our seniors who couldn't stand in line to get them or would never use 25 pounds of peaches on their own. If you would like me to include you in my "Caring is Sharing Peach delivery" and have a few peaches from Pearson's Farms, please let me know.

The peaches will arrive on July 3rd and again on July 31st. The number of folks I have on my list will determine the number I will have to share. I usually try to have 3-4 peaches in a bag for one person and 6 for two people. A lot also depends on the size of the peaches. Last year, I had a couple folks ask if I could pick up a box that they could share and I am happy to do this also or if you would like me to bring back a full 25 pound box for you the cost is \$52.

Please let me know by June 28th for the first delivery and by July 26th for the second delivery. Please call 608-938-4306 and be sure to leave a message with your name and call back number. I do not usually answer calls if I don't know the number so if you leave a message and I'm home I'll pick it up. Otherwise, I will confirm that I received your call.

Sue Sinnett



"A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside."

Denis Waitley



America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles.
George Washington

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.

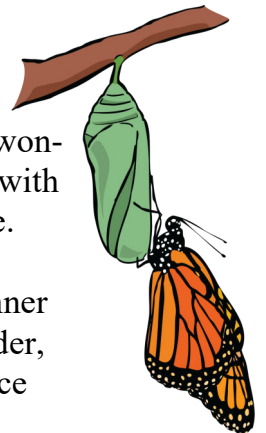
Sign up during Social Hour or call the Church Office (608-938-4369) to reserve a Sunday.



Volunteer Today!

Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender, and obedience before God. James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*



SUMMER

ZWINGLI UCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1—August 30



Wednesday

July - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August - 5, 12, 19, 26

Morning Brew, Bible Study.

10am to 11:30am

@Sugar River Country Bakery

Thursday

July - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August - 6, 13, 20, 27

Chat & Chew Lunch

12pm to 1pm

Check schedule for locations

Sunday

July - 5, 19, 26
August - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Liturgist & Prayer Training

10:30am to 11:30am

@Zwingli UCC

Sunday

July - 5, 19, 26
August - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Pastor Peter at the Park

4pm to 5pm

Check schedule for locations

Sunday

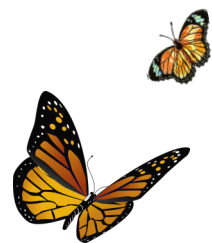
July - 5, 19, 26
August - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fireside Chats After Dark

8:30pm to 10pm

At firepit outside the Parsonage

Chat & Chew Lunch



July 16
M&M Cafe
Monticello, WI

August 13
M&M Cafe
Monticello, WI

July 23
Culver's
New Glarus, WI

August 20
Culver's
New Glarus, WI

July 2
M&M Cafe
Monticello, WI

July 30
M&M Cafe
Monticello, WI

August 27
M&M Cafe
Monticello, WI

July 9
Culver's
New Glarus, WI

August 6
Culver's
New Glarus, WI



Pastor Peter at the Park



July 26
New Glarus State Park
New Glarus, WI

August 16
Montesian Gardens
Monticello, WI

July 5
New Glarus State Park
New Glarus, WI

August 2
Montesian Gardens,
Monticello, WI

August 23
New Glarus State Park
New Glarus, WI

July 19
Montesian Gardens
Monticello, WI

August 9
New Glarus State Park
New Glarus, WI

August 30
Montesian Gardens
Monticello, WI



Grab your lawn chair & join us

in Montesian Gardens

Sunday, July 12th, @ 9:30 a.m.

for the

Community Worship Service

Sponsored by

Washington Reformation

& Zwingli UCC



Welcome Table Community Meal
The Last Monday Of Every Month
Don't Eat Alone - Free & open to everyone!



Our next meal is on
July 27th with the
blessing promptly at **5:30 p.m.**
in Zwingli's Fellowship Hall.

The **July Meal** is hosted by
The Brotherhood.



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

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

Super Sunday

The interactive program wrapped around stories of the Bible that includes crafts, activities, and fellowship will be taking a break in July.

**JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP ON AUGUST 30TH
FOR AN AWESOME SUPER SUNDAY!!!**



The purpose of **Zwingli Shares** is to provide an opportunity for those with excess produce to share it with those who do not have a garden or have access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you have an abundance of produce from your garden or orchard, please consider sharing with your Zwingli community members. Place the vegetables and fruit that you would like to share in the basket on the shelf at the East Entrance.

Drop off produce on Sundays or Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 12 Noon. If the Church is not open when you come to drop off your produce, call or text Barb Duerst at 608-558-4458.

If you can use some produce, fill a bag with what you can use/eat and take it home or share with someone in need. We will plan to keep the Zwingli Shares display with basket and supplies up from Mid-June through September.

If you have questions, contact Barb Duerst (contact information above).



Personal Hygiene Items Drive Summer 2026

Did you ever wonder what the little house-like structure mounted on the pole in the back yard of the parsonage is? ? ? ? ? ?

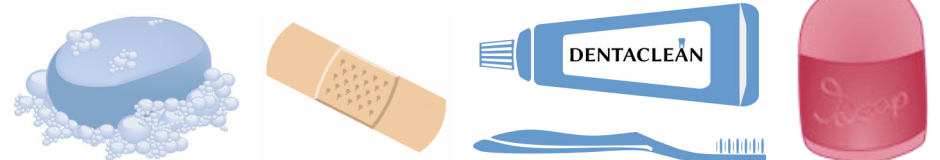


It was actually created a few years ago by former Pastor Lance Smith, Roann Austin, a group of kids, Bruce Pahl, and Bob LaBarre. The plan was for the members of Zwingli to fill it with personal hygiene items that would be available to community members in need.

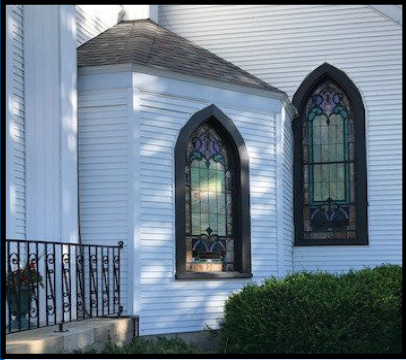
We have been stocking the personal hygiene pantry that we call **Blessings and Basics** for almost a year. It is time to stock the pantry again. Please plan to bring items and place them in the basket by the East Entrance.

The following things are considered personal hygiene items: bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads), liquid soap, and band-aides. You may also provide a cash donation.

The Chime Choir has taken responsibility for the pantry permanently so that we can keep it filled throughout the year. If you have questions, please contact Barb Duerst at blduerst4@gmail.com or 608-558-4458 or Kathleen Grossen. Thank you for considering a donation to this cause.



Capital Campaign 2026 News



Repairing Our Windows - June 2026

We are in “A New Dawn” Phase of our Capital Campaign. We are emphasizing restoration of the Sanctuary windows and updates to streaming technology, highlighting opportunities for light to break on through. 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.

If you have returned your Pledge Card: THANK YOU for your loving support and faith in the future of Zwingli United Church of Christ.

If you have not returned your Pledge Card: Please prayerfully considered making a contribution to help us reach out and share the love of Jesus to our community and all of Green County.

If you need a Pledge Card or have questions: Contact us—we would love to hear from you.



**Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.**

**Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.**

**But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!**

Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems





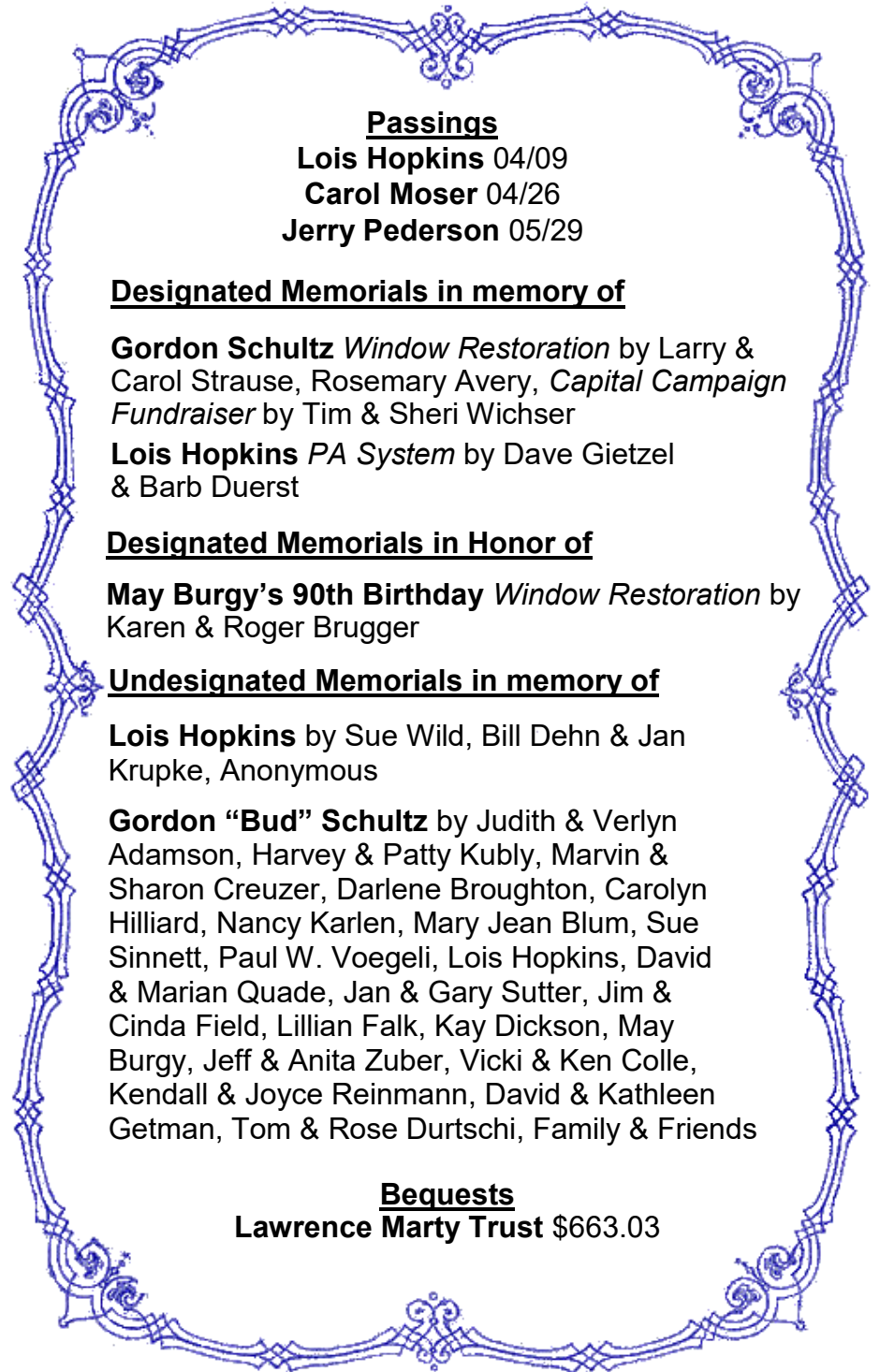
- 02 Alyssa Holcomb
Ruth Sherman
- 03 Lonnie Schmid
- 04 Nick Field
Madilyn Hauser
- 05 Megan Lehr
Marjorie Waelchli
Travis Zuber
- 06 Karl Schwoerer
- 07 Jordyn Kubly
John Wild
Melvin Zimmerman
- 08 Roxanne Kolasch
Beth Voegeli
- 10 Bridget Kammes
- 11 Shelly Strause
- 12 Julie Zurfluh
- 14 Karen Gempeler
- 16 Ben Workman
- 18 Savannah Bettin
Marci Hensel
Roger Zimmermann
- 19 Allison Vogt
- 21 Abert Everson
- 22 James Disrud
- 23 Elizabeth Pendergrass
- 25 Lacey Stoerp
- 26 Kristine Signer



- 27 Matthew Sherman
Michelle Wichser
Terry Wichser
- 28 Jesse Espe
- 30 Christopher Koester
Jeff Reed
- 31 Jim Marty
Ken Zimmerman



- 05 Jim & Cinda Field
- 17 Gary & Anna Marie Davison
- 20 Roger & Karen Brugger
- 21 Hailey & Lukas Kolasch
- 24 Ashley & Chris Twarog
- 27 Don & Mary Roe
- 29 Sarah & James Koester



Passings

Lois Hopkins 04/09
Carol Moser 04/26
Jerry Pederson 05/29

Designated Memorials in memory of

Gordon Schultz *Window Restoration* by Larry & Carol Strause, Rosemary Avery, *Capital Campaign Fundraiser* by Tim & Sheri Wichser

Lois Hopkins *PA System* by Dave Gietzel & Barb Duerst

Designated Memorials in Honor of

May Burgy's 90th Birthday *Window Restoration* by Karen & Roger Brugger

Undesignated Memorials in memory of

Lois Hopkins by Sue Wild, Bill Dehn & Jan Krupke, Anonymous

Gordon "Bud" Schultz by Judith & Verlyn Adamson, Harvey & Patty Kubly, Marvin & Sharon Creuzer, Darlene Broughton, Carolyn Hilliard, Nancy Karlen, Mary Jean Blum, Sue Sinnott, Paul W. Voegeli, Lois Hopkins, David & Marian Quade, Jan & Gary Sutter, Jim & Cinda Field, Lillian Falk, Kay Dickson, May Burgy, Jeff & Anita Zuber, Vicki & Ken Colle, Kendall & Joyce Reinmann, David & Kathleen Getman, Tom & Rose Durtschi, Family & Friends

Bequests

Lawrence Marty Trust \$663.03

Still Worth More Than You Know



A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?"

Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?"



Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?"



The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled, and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."



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
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July 2026

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12 9:30am Community Worship @ Montesian Gardens 	13	14 	15 10am Morning Brew Bible Study @ Sugar River Bakery	16 12pm Chat & Chew Lunch M&M Café Monticello By Noon "Chimes" Info Due	17 7pm AA Meeting	18
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