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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.
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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 Jeremiah 20:1-18	16 Isaiah 40:1-31
2 Jeremiah 21:1-14	17 Isaiah 41:1-29
3 Jeremiah 22:1-17	18 Isaiah 42:1-25
4 Jeremiah 22:18-30	19 Isaiah 43:1-28
5 Jeremiah 23:1-8	20 Isaiah 44:1-28
6 Malachi 1:1-14	21 Isaiah 45:1-25
7 Malachi 2:1-17	22 Isaiah 46:1-13
8 Malachi 3:1-15	23 Isaiah 47:1-15
9 Malachi 3:16 – 4:6	24 Isaiah 48:1-22
10 Psalm 112	25 Isaiah 49:1-25
11 Psalm 113	26 Isaiah 50:1-16
12 Psalm 114	27 Isaiah 51:1-23
13 Psalm 121	28 Isaiah 52:1-15
14 Psalm 122	29 Isaiah 53:1-12
15 Psalm 125	30 Isaiah 54:1-17
	31 Isaiah 55:1-13

Pastor's Page

November 2, 2026

As I'm writing this month's letter, Christmas music is playing in the background and people across the country are headed to the polls to decide the result of the 2026 midterms. There are twenty-six days until the start of Advent but, already on November 3, it appears we have entered the "Season of Anticipation" ahead of schedule. As the country waits with bated breath to learn whether we will see a "blue wave," "blue mirage," or something in-between, I hope we might direct our hearts and minds to a more eternal question, "Emmanuel, Emmanuel, when shall you come?"

As we theme four Sundays around "Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy," we must resist the urge to rush to Christmas. I say all this as someone who has a soft spot for holiday lights, Hallmark movies, Starbucks cups, and as many traditions as one can handle. But that stems more from being culturally American; not Christian. As Christians, we celebrate on the 24th and 25th of December but, as one mentor somberly reminded his congregation, "We must let the babe grow up to become the man that is put on the cross."

Nine months ago, on Easter Sunday, I borrowed from the hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" just as the dark days of winter were banished by verdant greenery and endless sunshine. When we understand Easter and Christmas as separate events, the inclusion of winter events in the time of spring can be jarring, but not as out of place as talk of crucifixion in a time of joy and mirth.

When we live into a "Season of Anticipation," we understand the mixing of joy and sorrow, for we are a people who believe the world was forever changed when our Messiah was born. Christ's birth is so momentous that no event in pre-history or recorded history can compare. It's the beginning, not just of a new life for all who believe, but the end of the life and order that was known. When the babe in the manger grows to be a man, persecuted and executed thirty-three years later, the world died so all believers, baptized and united in the faith, might know life beyond death in the Resurrected Christ. In Advent, our hope for change ends with the birth of Christ. But, only in the Resurrected Christ can we understand proper anticipation.

Unlike the early disciples, we know what is to come. The Wise Men could celebrate and give gifts to a king, knowing not that he would later be crowned with thorns. As an Easter people, we wrestle with the uncomfortable knowledge that, if this is a season of joy, such joy must come at the expense of sadness and suffering in Lent, when Good Friday brings us to the last moments of one who did nothing wrong, was just as innocent and pure as a newborn babe, and yet is murdered for threatening what others hoped for. The babe in the manger is born to a world that was looking for a warlord, ready to conquer and triumph, to enrich and bring glory to a defeated people. Only those who believe in the triumph of the Resurrection can look back and see that the road to death can still be a season of "Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy." That is why, as we await a birth that changed everything, this Advent we will follow the life and legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian and visionary whose death and martyrdom imperiled the powers that be.

In modern Protestantism, it is likely that no figure has had as much of an impact as Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In our eternal grapple with the balance of Church and state, Bonhoeffer's faithful resistance to the entanglement of the Lutheran Church and Nazi Germany, ultimately marked him for death in the Flossenbürg concentration camp. If one were to examine our modern political landscape, they might find the tensions between the rise of fascism and far-left socialism hauntingly similar to what Bonhoeffer witnessed as the Weimar Republic he'd known, a place unparalleled in theological prestige, destroyed by the very professors, pastors, and politicians who gained considerable power in the Nazi party, at the expense of any and all who would not bow to partisan pressure.

November 16, 2026

In a society where November 4 was a triumph for some and a tragedy for others, can we, as a Purple Church, have a hope and theology greater than elections and platforms? Our focus on politics and shallow theology cannot be our sustenance if days of triumph can be blown away every two or four years. If one group could have been so triumphant two years ago, at the expense of those who now celebrate, do we still hope for the Messiah, or base all our "Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy" on whomever controls the levers of power? Whether you enter this Advent in a state of joy or despair, let the Church be a sanctuary to comfort, sustain, and uplift all who seek the babe in the manger.

I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and thank all for a truly blessed past year. I pray we all live lives with the easy comfort of Christmas lights, Starbucks cups, and little worries but, I would be a poor teacher and friend if I let all believe this faith is easy. If our hope is found in the babe in the manger, our faith will meet every occasion if, through our baptisms, we might die to this world and be reborn to know a story that did not end with death on the cross. Through the risen Christ, we all might know a merry and life-changing Christmas, regardless of if life be green like spring, or in a season of the Bleak Midwinter. Let it be so.



Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Peter Strobel



On November 11th, the Catalyst Team from the Wisconsin Conference awarded a grant to Zwingli UCC for a Media Cart project.

The $5,000 Grant will be used for Media Carts for Zwingli UCC, the New Glarus Home, and Glarner Lodge. This is a wonderful way to reconnected with those who are no longer able to attend Worship Services in person.

Pam Venden
Care Ministries Coordinator

"And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn." Luke 2:7

After years of teaching Sunday School and years of Christmas pageants, this verse is the gist of the story. A story we never get tired of hearing with a cast of unforgettable characters. A story filled with Care Ministry moments.

Joseph: a man of courage and conviction led by faith to care for and protect his family. He watches over them, finds shelter when there are no rooms, and prepares a soft bed of hay in a manger for the baby ***Jesus*** to sleep.

Mary: a kind and gentle woman with a heart filled with Love. She cradles baby ***Jesus*** in her arms, softly caresses his face, and cares for him as mothers do.

The ***Angels*** who cared by bringing the message, the caring hearts of the ***Shepherds*** as their fear turns to joy, and the three ***Kings*** who traveled many days to bring gifts and praise.

As we are reminded of the **Hope, Love, Peace,** and **Joy** of the season, let us also remember those who may be struggling during this Christmas season. Some may be experiencing a Blue Christmas. Reach out...be thoughtful...be respectful...offer Hope. Be the person sharing a Care Ministry moment.

Community Dinners: The October Community Dinner was hosted by the Chime Choir on October 26th with **65** folks in attendance. The November dinner will be hosted by the Zwingli Consistory on November 30th and Denise Pinnow & friends will host on December 28th. Please be sure to join us and remember to invite someone to come with you. All are welcome!

"Thank You" to everyone who has hosted or helped in any way to make our Community Dinners such a success in 2026.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards: Cinda Field sent 23 birthday cards and 8 anniversary cards on behalf of Zwingli UCC in October.

The Care Ministries team was busy in October:
31 cards were sent; 4 rides to doctor appointments provided, numerous visits and several phone calls.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in joining the Care Ministries Team OR providing rides when needed, please contact me.

Please 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 **OR** you may leave a message with Roann at the Church Office.

I wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas!

"...behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."



Zwingli Advent Worship Series

In the End, Faith: The Life, Death, and Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Join us in this Season of Anticipation as we look for a hope that brings new life.

NOVEMBER 29 9:15A.M.	Hope: When All Does Not Go As Planned
DECEMBER 6 9:15A.M.	Love: What is Worth Living and Dying For?
DECEMBER 13 9:15A.M.	Peace: When the Rubber Meets the Road
DECEMBER 20 9:15A.M.	Joy: How can faith defy circumstances?
DECEMBER 24 4 P.M.	A Pop-Up Christmas Pageant
DECEMBER 24 7 P.M.	Edelweiss: The Faithful Fight Over the fate of a Flower

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays from *11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.
at Sugar River Country Bakery, 209 N Main St., Monticello, WI 53570

DECEMBER 2 1 P.M. - 2 P.M.	Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
DECEMBER 9 11:30A.M. - 1 P.M.	Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
DECEMBER 16 11:30A.M. - 1 P.M.	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
DECEMBER 23 11:30A.M. - 1 P.M.	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

*First Wednesday of the month is 1 P.M. – 2 P.M.

Zwingli UCC 2026 Advent Learning Series
"Hope, Love, Peace, Joy"
Sunday mornings in the Church Lounge

NOVEMBER 29TH 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Theme: Hope
Topic: A History of Anticipation

DECEMBER 6TH 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Theme: Love
Topic: Covenant



DECEMBER 13TH 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Theme: Peace
Topic: Christian Exclusivism vs. Christian Inclusivism

DECEMBER 20TH 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Theme: Joy
Topic: Being Jolly in the Season of Mistletoe and Holly

Zwingli UCC's Christian Ed Committee invites all to grow together in the Season of Anticipation. Join us for a four week learning series, led by Rev. Peter Strobel, based on hope, love, peace, and joy. We aspire for this to be a hybrid series so that faithful near and far can participate. Stay tuned for additional information on ways to participate in-person and online.



2026 Community Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign
Nov. 29th – Dec. 13th

YOU can make a difference for others this Holiday Season by helping with the **Monticello Community Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.**

We need people to set up and take down the kettle each day as well as people to *"Ring the Bell."*

Set up is easy: Go to Zwingli UCC in Monticello and pick up the kettle, stand, apron, bell, propane tank, and heater. These will be located inside the East Entrance of the Church. Take them to Gempeler's Supermarket in time for the first shift.

Bell ringing is fun: Wear a Santa hat, reindeer antlers, or elf shoes. Play music or sing. You will meet friends and neighbors. It is a good opportunity to teach your children the value of community service. A propane heater will ensure your comfort. We ask that you show up a few minutes prior to shift change to ensure a "good handover."

Tear down is easy and important: Some of our ringers may not be able to transport the kettle due to physical limitations, schedule, or small vehicle ... If you are willing to meet the last shift and transport the kettle, stand, apron, bell, propane tank, and heater to Zwingli UCC's East Entrance, this is a quick and easy job for you!

All of the money collected comes back to Monticello ... Thanks for Volunteering and have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Use this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA8AE2BA31-67167518-2026/114900256#/ or contact Paul at pines@tds.net

Celebration of Life
Remembering our loved ones this holiday season



SSM Health Monroe Hospice invites you to the ***Celebration of Life*** an annual remembrance service held to honor those we have loved and whose memories are now close to our hearts.

SSMHealth. at Home

Please join us for this special evening of community connection filled with music, reflections, and heartfelt remembrance.

Service held at
Monroe United Methodist Church
2227 Fourth Street
Monroe, WI 53566

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
6:00 p.m., Celebration of Life Remembrance Service
6:45 p.m., Reception to follow in MUMC Fellowship Hall

Join the service virtually by searching "Monroe United Methodist Church (WI)" on YouTube.

Registration is not required and the service is open to all.

Christmas Fund
Veterans of the Cross
Special Mission Offering

Among the many letters and notes the Pension Boards receives from recipients of gifts made possible by contributions to the ***Christmas Fund*** were these words from a retired clergywoman in Kentucky:

"Each year in the face of your unwavering faithfulness it becomes harder to know how to thank you! In such an unpredictable time with not only aging, but Covid and violent world events, faithfulness and something I can count on that brings concrete relief to ease the burden is a blessing. You have stood by me and given me financial help when I needed it. It has allowed me to live in a sustainable way where I, too, can show the faithfulness of God to my neighbor and the world. **Thank you from the heart!"**

Because of your gifts, the ***Christmas Fund*** has provided over $1.7 million in pension and health benefits supplementation, emergency grants, and thank you checks to retired servants of the Church and their families. Every cent of that money came from the pockets of people like you. Please give as generously as you are able this year!

To contribute, place your donations in the offering plates. If sending a gift by mail, please send your check (with ***Christmas Fund*** in the memo line) to:
Zwingli UCC, P.O. Box 97, Monticello, WI 53570.
Thank you for your gifts.



From Our Records

Passings

LaVerne Rosenstiel 10/03/2026

Undesignated Memorials in memory of

Willis H. Babler by Verlyn & Judy Adamson
Bob Durtschi by Dan & Mary Stenbroten
LaVerne Rosenstiel by Harvey & Patty Kubly





Zwingli Mitten Tree

Please consider donating a warm hat, a pair of mittens, some gloves, comfy socks, or a winter scarf to help keep our community members warm during colder weather.



You can place your donations in the marked basket near the East Entrance of the Church from **December 1st -December 24th.** All donations will be given locally.





It takes a village to build a village!

Zwingli UCC
Brick Winter Village

DECEMBER 12th

10:00 A.M.-2 P.M.

Stop in during Monticello's Winterfest for coffee, cocoa, Christmas movies, and a chance to add to our winter village display.



For Christians, the evergreen can symbolize the eternal life we receive through Christ.



The Christmas tree can also remind us of the "tree" on which Jesus gave His life for our salvation.



Calling All Cookies!



Zwingli Women United
Pre-Christmas Bake Sale



December 12th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
in Zwingli Church's North Room



It's asked of all the women of Zwingli who are able to **please donate baked goods for this annual fundraiser**. Baked goods can be dropped off the morning of the sale or earlier in the week in the North Room kitchen. Any leftover "packable" goodies will be used for packing the **Brotherhood Cheer Boxes** following the Bake Sale, so do not worry about baking too much. Also, please try to label your items as to what they are or if they contain any allergens.

We are looking for anyone who would like to help with the Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12th. It's broken down into two shifts. The **first shift** is approximately from **8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** and helps with setup. The **second shift** runs from **10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** and helps with the cleanup. It's nice to have two to three people per shift.

If interested or if you have questions, please contact Karen Brugger at 608-938-3585 or Barb Pluss at 608-527-4293. **Thank you!**

Zwingli UCC
PRE-CHRISTMAS Bake Sale

Saturday, December 12th
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Zwingli Church's North Room



Holiday Cookies,
Bratzelies, Breads,
& MANY, MANY
other Goodies!!



Cookies sold by the pound
Containers will be provided



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Santa's Workshop

Santa Claus is coming to town!!
Santa will make his annual Pre-Christmas visit to Monticello on Saturday, December 12th, 2026, at the Monticello Fire Station.



While Santa greets the children there and hears their wishes for Christmas, his elves are working hard to set up a special shop for the children to buy gifts for their family members. **The Workshop at Zwingli UCC, 416 E. Lake Avenue, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for kids to shop before or after seeing Santa.** Santa's Workshop can't happen without your help.

As always, Santa's elves (Monticello National Honor Society members) look to the local community for donations of small gift items that the children can "buy" for their parents and siblings and grandparents. **Donations can be handled the same as in past years. If you have any new or like-new items to donate, please feel free to drop them off at Zwingli UCC.**

Each year people ask what they should donate. The original goal of the Workshop was for kids to be able to buy gifts for their parents, grandparents, and even siblings. So any small gift that you could see a child giving to their parents, grandparents, or siblings would be great! **We are looking for men's, women's, and children's gifts.** Gift ideas can include new decks of playing cards, hand tools, travel mugs, work gloves, flashlights, holiday decorations or trinkets, unused candles, new bottles of lotion, jewelry, coffee mugs, scarves, puzzles, toys, games, etc. Since our elves help wrap every gift, wrapping paper, tissue paper, and **GIFT BAGS OF ALL SIZES** are also appreciated!

Thank you for sharing!!!!



The Longest Night

December 21st

7-8 P.M. @ Zwingli UCC

416 East Lake Avenue

Monticello, WI 53570

A Moment Of Light And Remembrance
Amidst The Dark And Cold Of Winter

The Longest Night service is an opportunity for reflection and remembrance for all who find grief and sorrow in the busyness and expectations of the Christmas season. Come as you are and know there is space and a place for you.



Celebrate Christmas Eve with Zwingli UCC in two Services filled with reverence, soft candlelight, and the timeless story of Christ's Birth.

Thu 24 Dec	4 P.M. Pop-Up Christmas Pageant Service in Sanctuary 7 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service in Sanctuary

Zwingli United Church of Christ
416 East Lake Avenue, Monticello, WI 53570

Zwingli United Church of Christ
Consistory Meeting
October 14, 2026

Present: Chuck Anderson, Erica Appel-Wiesenberg, Vicki Colle, Barb Duerst, Suzy Halvorsen, Paul Rieder, Nicole Timm, and Jeff Zuber.

Staff Present: Roann Austin, Rev. Peter Strobel, and Sheri Wichser.

Vicki Colle called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Rev. Peter Strobel led the Consistory in prayer.

Barb Duerst made a motion to approve the Agenda. Nicole Timm 2nd. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report/Finance: Sheri Wichser presented the September Finance Report. In November, the Finance Committee will start work on the 2027 Budget.

	September 2026	**Year to Date**
Actual Income	$10,645.60	$164,586.21
Actual Expense	$18,191.95	$156,752.76
Current Income – Actual Expense	$(7,546.35)	$7,833.45

Secretary's Report: Erica Appel-Wiesenberg made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report and Minutes as written. Barb Duerst 2nd. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Strobel has applied for a Catalyst Grant with the WI Conference for digital presence. If approved, Zwingli will receive $5,000.00 for media carts for Zwingli UCC, the New Glarus Home, and Glarner Lodge. Rev. Strobel drafted the Stewardship Letter and met twice with the Stewardship Committee to learn about past Stewardship Campaigns. He met with Christian Ed to organize and revitalize the committee to support children, youth, and families as well as look at adult offerings for the future. Upcoming events include hosting the first Youth Cohort Gathering at Zwingli UCC on October 18th, Staff and Consistory "Covenantal Conversations" on October 20th, a dedication of windows and information session after worship on November 1st, and a visit from Rev. Andrew Warner from the WI Conference who will talk about planned giving after worship on November 15th.

Caring Ministry: The visits in September went very well. Albany Oaks Assisted Living is now Collinwood Memory Care. The September Community Dinner was hosted by Zwingli Women United on September 28th with 52 people in attendance. The October Community Dinner will be held on October 26th hosted by the Chime Choir. Going forward, Pam will have monthly meetings with Pastor Peter and attend the Zwingli Women United Annual Meeting on October 25th. She plans to introduce the sign-up sheet for the 2027 Community Dinners in Church on October 25th. The updated instruction sheet for Community Meal volunteers is now displayed in the kitchen.

Staff Updates: Liturgist sign-up sheet.

Calendars: October and November Calendars. Added to November calendar – Washington Reformation Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th.

Ongoing Business:

- Winter plowing will be done by Tyler Disch.
- Safe Church. Rev. Strobel completed the updated Safe Church Policy. The detailed 30-page document was sent to

Consistory members to review. Erica Appel-Wiesenberg made a motion to accept the Safe Church Policy. Paul Rieder 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Church Directory/Memory Documentation. For 2027, we will start plans to collect member memories and stories, have people submit photos, and obtain updated addresses and information for our records.
- Covenantal Conversations. The Southern Region Support Team from the WI Conference has begun Covenantal Conversations with members from every UCC Church in the Conference. These visits are designed to support congregational vitality by creating space for reflection and discernment about your Church's present realities, challenges, and future hopes. Staff and Consistory members are invited to this meeting on Tuesday, October 20th.
- November Community Meal from the Consistory will be a Baked Potato Bar. Barb Duerst will send out a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- End of Year Calendar review. Christmas Eve Services will be a 4:00 p.m. Pop-up Pageant and a traditional service later in the evening.
- All Saints' Communion on November 1st. Erica Appel-Wiesenberg prepares. Serving Communion: Erica Appel-Wiesenberg, Vicki Colle, Barb Duerst, and Nicole Timm.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: (Submitted Report) The Stewardship Theme for this year is "There Our Hearts Will Be." The Scripture from Matthew 6:21 reads, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Stewardship Sunday is November 8th. Sunday morning Stewardship Moments began with members sharing memories of their faith journey with the congregation.

Next Consistory Meeting – Wednesday, November 11th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Barb Duerst made a motion to adjourn. Suzy Halvorsen 2nd. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.
Roann Austin, Church Secretary

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Green County UCC Youth Cohort is Sunday, **December 13th, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.** at Swiss United Church of Christ, 18 5th Ave., New Glarus, WI.

Open to youth and friends in 6th through 12th grade from UCC Churches in and around Green County.



The Next SUPER SUNDAY is December 27th at 10:30 a.m. in the Labyrinth Room.

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

ALL ages – ALL are invited to Super Sunday.

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

Our next meal is on **December 28th** with the blessing promptly at **5:30 p.m.** at Zwingli UCC, Monticello.



Hosted by Denise Pinnow & Friends

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund.
Thanks to the Consistory for hosting in November.

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Andrew McMannes
02 Carolyn Mouchon
04 Barb Meier
05 Jarred Pendergrass
06 Reid Zanoya
07 Alex Roe
Leroy Spring
Kathleen Sulzer
08 Paul Rieder
Jerald Wettach
Sue Wild
10 Karen Wichser
Walt Althaus
11 Alice Fahrney
Jeff Grossen
Allison Hensel
12 Scott Blumer
Matthew Disch
Alyssah Kubly
Dylan Luchsinger
13 Timothy Disch
14 Shawn Simas
15 Pansy Balleine
Jade Foulker
16 Tricia Barker
Robert Halvorsen
17 Natalie Lehr
18 Gloria Bacher
Amy Lehr
19 James Voegeli
20 Lukas Kolasch
Robert L. Meier
Morgan Twarog
21 Heather Bacher
23 Ann Kaderly
24 Derek Schwartzlow
Hailey Thompson
25 Danetta Halvorsen
29 Maxen Brandl
Diane Disch
Andrew Garfoot
Tracy Wing
30 Kathleen Baebler
Melissa Carlson
Krisarah Gilbertson
Xzavier Janisch
Jeff Zuber
31 Damian Janisch
JoLynn Retrum
Jack Stenbroten

December ANNIVERSARIES

11 Douglas & Kelly Hilliard
17 Dennis & Angie Tomczyk

Church Cancellation Policy

On various occasions it may be necessary to cancel Sunday morning activities of the Church (Worship and Sunday School). Such cancellations will generally be the result of weather conditions including heavy snowfall (often with associated high winds), extreme cold, or icy road conditions.

1. The Congregation President – in consultation with the Pastor – will be responsible.
2. The decision to cancel will be made by 6:45 A.M. on Sunday morning.
3. Either the Pastor or the Congregation President will notify the local radio station (WEKZ) and Channel 15 to make a public announcement regarding the cancellation.

Guidelines regarding a decision to cancel:

Heavy blowing and blinding snow (whiteout conditions).
Extremely icy roads, Parking Lot, or walkways.
A wind chill warning. Any announcement by the National Weather Bureau deeming conditions to be hazardous.

(Reviewed by the Consistory January 8, 2014)

You can also check our Facebook page for a cancellation notice.

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.

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 1:00pm Bible Study (Off Site Location) 6:00pm Chime Choir (Choir Room)	3	4 7:00pm AA Meeting (North Room)	5
6 9:15am Worship at Zwingli (Sanctuary) 10:15am Social Hour (North Room) 10:30am Advent Learning Series - Week 2 "Love - Covenant" (Lounge)	7 7:30am Staff Meeting (Lounge)	8	9 11:30am Bible Study (Off Site Location) 5:30pm Finance (Church Offices) 6:00pm Consistory (North Room)	10 12:00am Chimes Info Due by Noon!	11 7:00pm AA Meeting (North Room)	12 9:00am ZWU Bake Sale (North Room) 10:00am Building Christmas Village with Zwingli Boosters (Lounge) 11:00am Santa's Workshop (Fellowship Hall) 12:00pm Brotherhood Meeting (North Room, Lounge)
13 9:15am Worship at Zwingli (Sanctuary) 10:15am Social Hour (North Room) 10:30am Advent Learning Series - Week 3 "Peace - Christian Inclusivism vs. Christian Exclusivism" (Lounge) 1:00pm Youth Cohort @ Swiss Church (Off Site Location)	14	15	16 11:30am Bible Study (Off Site Location) **12:00pm Annual Reports Due** 6:00pm Chime Choir (Choir Room)	17	18 7:00pm AA Meeting (North Room)	19
20 8:15am Zwingli Boosters (Lounge) 9:15am Worship at Zwingli (Sanctuary) 10:15am Social Hour (North Room) 10:30am Advent Learning Series - Week 4 "Joy - Being Jolly in the Season of Mistletoe and Holly" (Lounge)	21 **First Day of Winter** 7:00pm Longest Night Service (Lounge)	22	23 11:30am Bible Study (Off Site Location) 6:00pm Chime Choir (Choir Room)	24 4:00pm Pop-Up Christmas Eve Pageant (Sanctuary) 7:00pm CandleLight Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)	25 **Christmas Day** 7:00pm AA Meeting (North Room)	26
27 9:15am Worship at Zwingli (Sanctuary) 10:15am Social Hour (North Room) 10:30am Super Sunday (Labyrinth Room)	28 5:30pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	29	30	31		

Salvation Army Red Kettle Nov. 29th – Dec. 13th

Annual Reports are Due Dec. 16th