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Summer Worship, Summer Joy!!

Even in the relaxed pace of summer, GOD IS AT WORK!

Our Sunday services continue to be a source of joy and encouragement.

Join us each week for inspiring worship and meaningful community.



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Interested In **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

You

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 Tube 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





Message from the Caring Ministry

Barbara Duerst, Interim Caring Ministries Coordinator

We are still mourning the loss of our Caring Ministries Coordinator, Cindi Ritter, who lost her battle with cancer on May 15, 2025. At the May Consistory meeting, I was appointed as the Interim Caring Ministries Coordinator as a stop gap measure to keep things moving along until we can determine our Church community's needs for the future, keeping in mind that we will soon (hopefully) be having a new Pastor joining us. Our Zwingli Caring Ministry is not only about its coordinator. We have a cadre of volunteers who are helping to reach out to members of our community. As I am learning about all of these things, I thought I would share some of them with you.

- **Prayer Chain:** I send out a weekly Prayer Chain email to 21 people on a weekly basis. We only include people on the Prayer Chain with their permission. There are also a few additional people who are on a Prayer Chain who do not use email. They receive a weekly printout of the email.
- **CD Distribution:** Volunteers regularly deliver worship service CDs to four people.
- **Birthday/Anniversary Cards:** Cinda Field sends birthday and anniversary cards to all of our members on behalf of Zwingli. In May, she sent 20 birthday cards and 5 anniversary cards. The Sunshine Team also reports sending birthday and anniversary cards, since birthdays are listed in the "*Chimes*" each month.
- **Visits:** There is a four-person visiting team consisting of Carol Schultz, Deb Broge, Kris Zanoya, and Gloria Godfrey.
 - In May 2025, there were 11 visits and one ride to a medical appointment.
 - In April 2025, there were 38 visits. The number was higher because visitors distributed Spring Care Packages.

- The four members of the visiting team also make phone calls and send out cards. Carol Schultz puts together a monthly calendar with inspirational sayings and Bible verses. She distributes this to 13 people every month.
- Sunshine Team: There is a 25 person Sunshine Team that sends out cards, makes visits, or phone calls to people on a list updated quarterly. These include people in nursing homes and assisted living facilities as well as those who are confined at home or having some recent challenges (death in the past year, recent or chronic illness, etc.). The numbers reported here are likely underrepresented since not everyone on the Sunshine Team list submits an activity report.
 - In May 2025, 30 cards were sent by the Sunshine Team beyond those sent by Cinda. About half of the cards that were reported were birthday and anniversary cards.
 - In April 2025, 38 cards were sent by the Sunshine Team members. Many of these cards were Easterrelated.
 - In May 2025, there were eight phone calls placed to people on our Sunshine list, there were none recorded in April.
- We offer the Sunshine Team the option of using cards that we have on hand, and we have many cards available in the Caring Ministry Coordinator's Office for their use. Many of the cards have been made by Sally Disrud.

I am extremely grateful for the efforts of the Prayer Chain members, visiting team, and Sunshine Team for their efforts in connecting and sending joy and hope to our members. If you would like to join the email Prayer Chain or Sunshine Team, please let me know. Also, if you would like to have us pray for you or a family member, please let me know. I can be reached by phone call or text at 608-558-4458 or via email at <u>blduerst4@gmail.com</u>.

Sunday July 6th

Special Congregational Meeting directly after the Worship Service.

Subject: Hail Danage Repairs

Please plan to attend.



Sunday Social Hour

Zwingli's Sunday Social Hour has moved to the bright and cheery North Room!!

<u>Maybe YOU would like to host Social Hour - it</u> <u>is simple to do</u>. 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.

A sign-up calendar is at Social Hour or call the Church Office (608-938-4369) to reserve a Sunday.



Volunteer Today!

Sunday July 13th @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us for the Homecoming Community Worship Service in Montesian Gardens.

Sponsored by Zwingli UCC & Washington Reformation.

Bring a comfy lawn chair for this inspirational and joyful worship experience!!



July Blood Drive



The second Monticello Community Blood Drive for 2025 will be held on Friday, July 18th, 2025, in Fellowship Hall at Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

An appointment is strongly recommended. For an appointment, call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and use Sponsor Code: **MonticelloWI.** You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using **RapidPass**. Eat foods high in iron prior to donating. Remember, each donation can help three people.

Stay safe and well. The current blood supply is very low so we encourage all who are able to consider being a donor in July. The need for blood is always ongoing. Help fill the need by being a donor. Be the change. Help change a life. **Give Blood.** Thank you for supporting the **American Red Cross.** Welcome Table Free Community Meal The Last Monday Of Every Month Don't Eat Alone - All Are Welcome!



Monday, July 28th Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m. Zwingli UCC, Monticello

July Meal Hosted by: Suzy & Don Halvorsen Mary & Don Roe

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund. Thank you to Paul & Sue Rieder for hosting in June.



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



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Loving God, we thank You — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that "this is our Father's world" and that your goodness prevails. Amid trage-

dies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, "O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Amen. Sandy Hyland

"How Beautiful God's Love"

How beautiful God's Love for us So broad, so deep, so clear; A gift that's rich and personal, A joy that's always near.

Peggy Ferrell, Poems and Prayers



PREVENTING BLIND SPOTS

About 40% of any vehicle consists of blind spots, which are responsible for an estimated 800,000 accidents each year in the United States. People also have blind spots, and when they're spiritual, they can have tragic consequences.

Pastor Rick Warren suggests these steps for discovering and overcoming blind spots:



- Pray, asking God to remind you what is true about him and about you. "Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life" (Psalm 139:24, NLT).
- Ask some trusted Christian friends or family to point out things in you that you can't see. "Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others" (Proverbs 12:15, NLT).
- Finally, ask Jesus to change you. The Bible says the truth will set you free (John 8:32), and Jesus calls himself the truth (John 14:6). So the closer you are to Jesus, the more he will fill you with the truth. As God's truth helps you see clearly, you'll be less vulnerable to self-deception.



"Allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love." St. Teresa of Avila

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.



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Zwingli United Church of Christ PO Box 97 Monticello, WI 53570

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Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of Zwingli United Church of Christ.

