

February, 2026



**Zwingli**  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello, Wisconsin 53570

*Inviting ALL to follow Jesus in faith & action*



A New Day  
Is Dawning As  
Zwingli Welcomes  
Rev. Peter Strobel

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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](http://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!

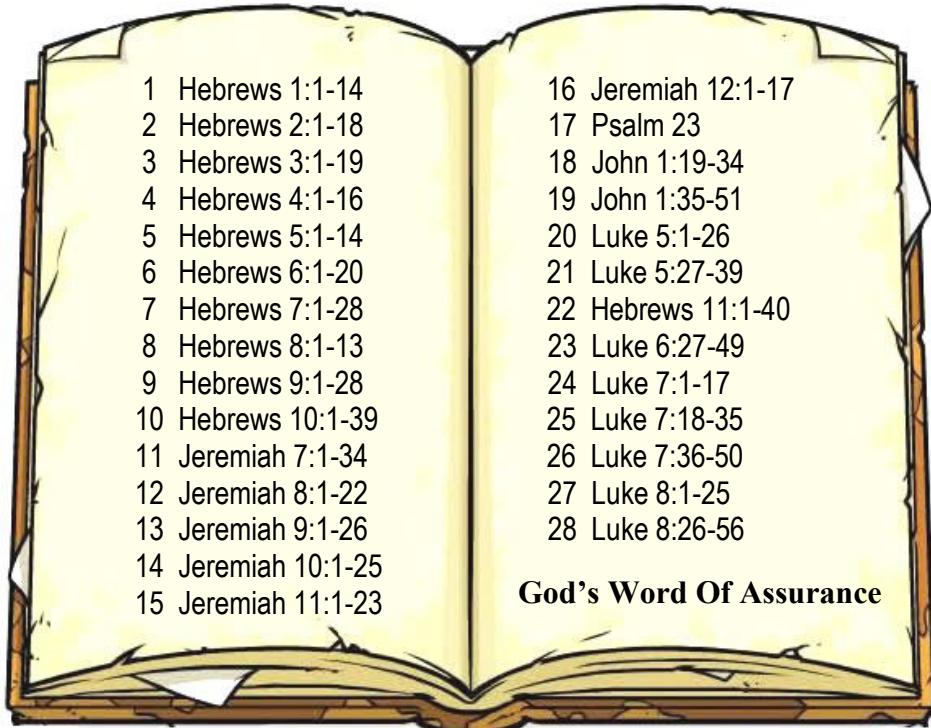


**Zwingli United Church of Christ (Monticello)** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar and enter the world of Zwingli UCC. Our timeline has had all manner of things and ideas that are Zwingli related posts! **Zwingli UCC Stream** – Type this in your **Facebook** search bar to watch the Livestream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



Email us @ [zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com](mailto:zwingliuccmonticello@gmail.com)

### **Daily Bible Reading**



### **God's Word Of Assurance**

## Zwingli UCC Welcomes Rev. Peter Strobel as our new Minister!!!

“Peter Strobel is a child of the Midwest. He grew up in Kansas City, KS, and was baptized and Confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA). Growing up in a historically Swedish Church, he learned the importance of coffee hour, eating together (especially by Smorgasbord!), and fell in love with the history of the Reformation and theologies of grace.

In college, Peter went to Doane University in Crete, NE, where he majored in History, with minors in Communications, Sociology, and Leadership Studies. A love of singing and a choir scholarship exposed Peter to the UCC through collaborations with First Plymouth UCC in Lincoln, NE, and annual choir tours to over twenty different states over years.

In his senior year of college, Peter discerned a call to ministry and journeyed to New England to study at Yale Divinity School with Andover Newton Seminary. During Seminary, Peter did chaplaincy at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, MO, and pursued ordination in the UCC. Upon Graduation, he took his first call at Plymouth UCC in Des Moines, IA, to develop as an Associate Pastor through two years of a Transition into Ministry (TiM) Pastoral Residency. At Plymouth, Peter discovered a love for preaching and caring for congregants.

After completing his TiM residency, Peter accepted a call as the Associate Pastor at UCC Norwell in Norwell, MA, where his primary responsibilities were leading the youth group, supervising children’s ministry, preaching, and offering pastoral care to families.

Outside of work, Peter is passionate about history and loves to read, go for walks, find new coffee shops, and explore new places with his beloved wife, Allie. Allie is Peter’s better half in every way and has added joy and energy to each ministry setting. Allie is working on her Masters in Library Sciences and (fingers crossed) will be transferring to finish her studies at the University of Wisconsin. Peter and Allie hope to start a family in the near future but, for now, shower their love on their cat, Millipop.”



## Welcome to Zwingli



## Message from the Caring Ministry

*Barbara Duerst  
Interim Caring Ministries Coordinator*

During the month of December 2025:

**Prayer Chain:** Weekly emails (x4) to 22 Zwingli members (plus one hard copy recipient) and Rev. Iliff, including various prayer requests.

**CD Distribution:** 12 CDs were distributed.

**Birthday/Anniversary Cards:** Cinda Field sent 19 birthday cards and 1 anniversary card on behalf of Zwingli UCC this month.

**Caring Ministry Coordinator Visits:** I accompanied Rev. Iliff on 6 visits in New Glarus (Glarner Lodge and NG Home) on December 2, 2025, and 2 visits on December 9, 2025. All members who wanted Communion, were provided with it during the last quarter of 2025.

**Cards:** During December, 65 cards were sent. Special thanks to Sally Disrud for providing 25 more winter-themed greeting cards.

**Phone Calls:** Sunshine Team members made 13 phone calls this month.

**Visits:** The Sunshine Team reported making 11 visits in December. Some of the visits reported were to deliver Brotherhood Cheer Bags.

**Ride Coordination:** Coordinated rides for a few people who needed assistance to get to appointments.

**Community Dinners:** The Zwingli Brotherhood hosted a Chili Dinner for the December Community Dinner. There were 35 in attendance. The Search Committee will host the January, 2026 Community Dinner.



## Job Opportunity At Zwingli UCC, Monticello

### Part-Time Caring Ministries Coordinator

We are seeking a compassionate and organized Caring Ministries Coordinator to serve our congregation in a part-time role. Working closely with the Pastor, this position provides care and connection for members who are homebound, grieving, or residing in care facilities.

#### Responsibilities include:

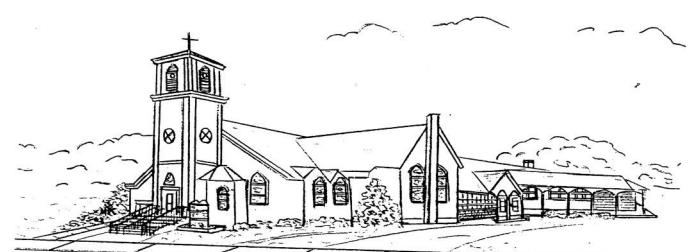
- Coordinating and participating in Pastoral Care visits
- Organizing volunteers who provide visits, phone calls, and cards
- Coordinating the Church's monthly Community Dinners

This role is ideal for someone with a heart for caring ministry, strong organizational skills, and the ability to work collaboratively with staff and volunteers.

Apply by providing a cover letter and resume to [zwinglira@gmail.com](mailto:zwinglira@gmail.com)

or Zwingli United Church of Christ, 416 East Lake Ave., Monticello, WI 53570.

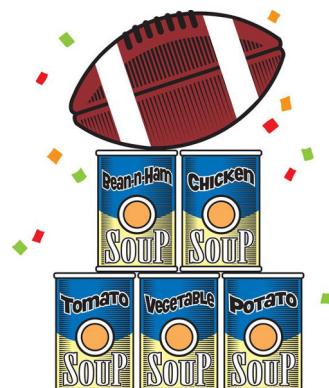
Application deadline: March 1, 2026.



## Souper Bowl Sunday is February 8th!!

On Souper Bowl Sunday, many congregations around the country collect cans of soup to be donated to local food pantries. Zwingli Church has been a faithful participant in this effort for several years.

Please help us in this effort by donating cans of soup by **Sunday, February 8th**. All cans brought to Zwingli will be donated to Green Cares Food Pantry. Thank you for sharing!!!



## SOUPER BOWL Sunday



*Ash*  
WEDNESDAY  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

7 p.m., February 18th, in the  
Zwingli UCC Sanctuary

Sponsored by  
Zwingli UCC and Washington Reformation

The Next Super Sunday Is February 22nd

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!

Join us  
After  
Worship



## Welcome Table



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



**Monday, February 23rd**  
Blessing Promptly @ 5:30 p.m.  
Zwingli UCC, Monticello

Pizza Party Hosted by the Caring Ministry

All free-will offerings go to the Zwingli Church Community Fund.



Thanks to the Search Committee for  
hosting the Community Meal in January.



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



## February Blood Drive

The first  
**Monticello Community Blood Drive**  
for 2026 will be held on  
**Friday, February 27th, 2026**, 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 February. The need for blood is always ongoing.

Thank you for being a donor.

## Walking Through Grief Support Group

**February 4th – March 25th, 2026**

Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Location:

Monroe Custom Engraving  
1005 30th Street  
Monroe, WI 53566



### Registration Information:

This is a free event. Space is limited.  
Please register online at [ssmhealth.com/events](http://ssmhealth.com/events) or call 608-324-1229 for more information.

## Page of Thanks

I was totally shocked at all the beautiful cards I received from Monticello for my ancient birthday! It made me miss you all so much. How I wish I could come see you. You really made my day! Thank you for your kindness.

Love you all,  
Lois Hopkins

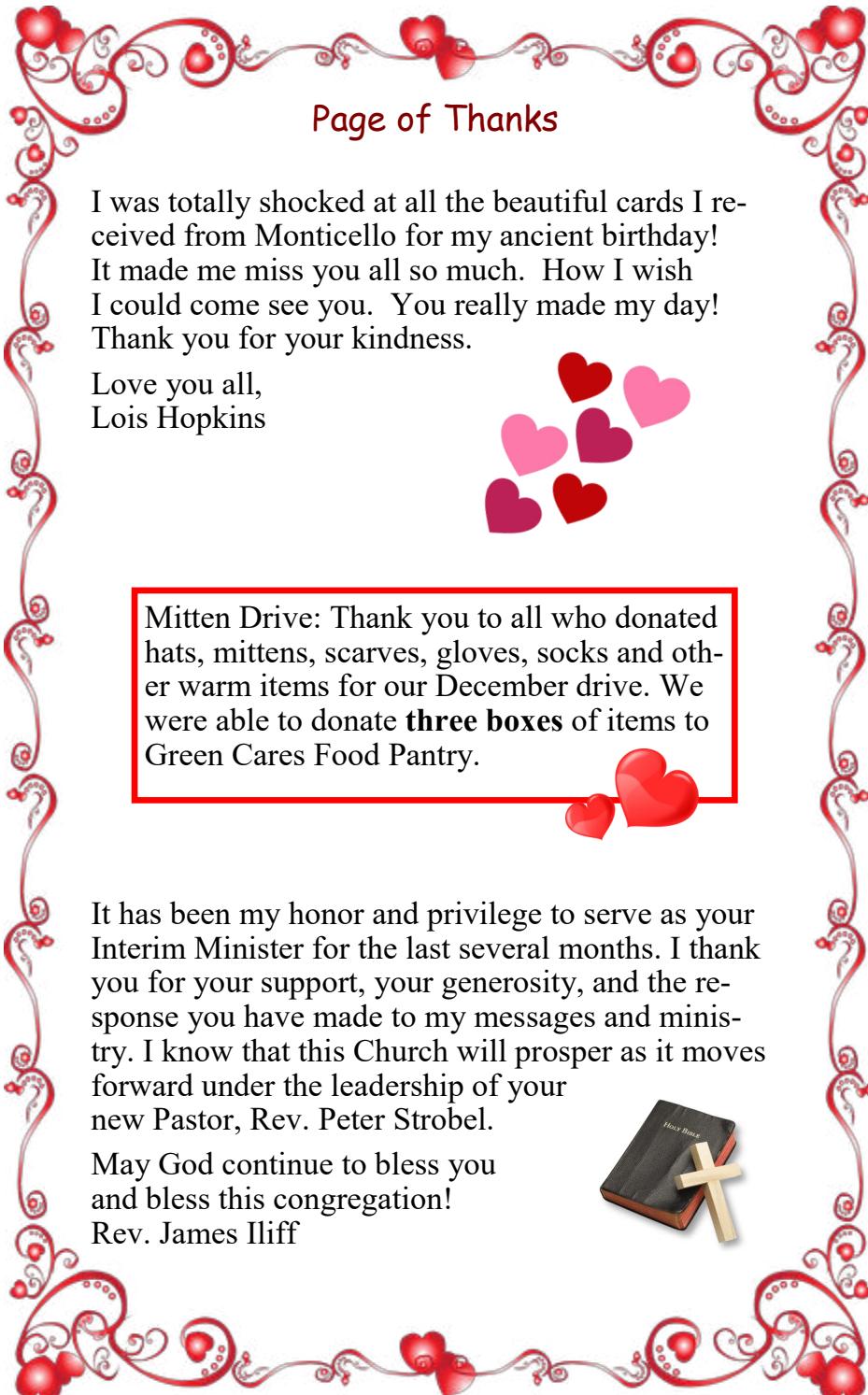


Mitten Drive: Thank you to all who donated hats, mittens, scarves, gloves, socks and other warm items for our December drive. We were able to donate **three boxes** of items to Green Cares Food Pantry.



It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Interim Minister for the last several months. I thank you for your support, your generosity, and the response you have made to my messages and ministry. I know that this Church will prosper as it moves forward under the leadership of your new Pastor, Rev. Peter Strobel.

May God continue to bless you and bless this congregation!  
Rev. James Iliff



## From Our Records

### Passings

**Albert Pfeuti** 12/18/2025



### Undesignated Memorials in memory of

**Florence Babler** by Verlyn & Judy Adamson

**Willis H. Babler** by Verlyn & Judy Adamson

**Lillian, Werner, & William Hefty** by Thomas Hefty

**Carol Powell** by Vicki Colle, Carolyn Hilliard, Sue Sinnett, May Burgy, Mary Jean Blum, Harvey & Patty Kubly

**Mary Sulzer Puntillo** by Vicki Colle

**Cindi Ritter** by Vicki Colle

### Designated Memorials in memory of

**Carol Powell Window Restoration** by Roger & Karen Brugger

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Voegeli**

*General Fund* by Paul W. Voegeli

**Mr. & Mrs. Fred W. Blum**

*General Fund* by Paul W. Voegeli

**Mr. & Mrs. Emil G. Voegeli**

*General Fund* by Paul W. Voegeli

### Bequests

**Lawrence Marty Trust** \$650.26



## Shine Without Wax



How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.

The word *sincere* comes from an old Latin phrase meaning "without wax." In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.



The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?



- A) Eros
- B) Phileo
- C) Agape
- D) Storge

Answer: (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)



# February

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Linda Christen  
Theresa Sawle
- 02 Elizabeth Burgy  
Clare Gietzel Hammer
- 03 Porter Brandl
- 04 Kris Zanoya
- 05 Derek Gilbertson  
Norma Lehne
- 06 Jinelle Kubly
- 08 Zoe Endres  
Jesse Wahl
- 09 Preston Berg  
Joseph Janisch  
Jessica Yaun
- 12 Nancy Briggs  
Hailey Kolasch
- 13 Tyler Dahl
- 15 Lindsay Brockert
- 16 Aaron Hefty  
Michael Janisch
- 17 Gene Luchsinger



# February

ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Dave Gietzel & Barb Duerst
- 20 David & Amy Lehr
- 22 Alan & Gloria Bacher

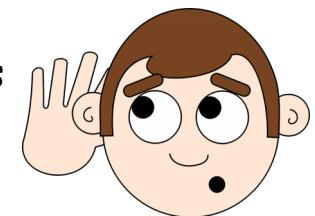
## Stop, Look, and Listen

### Why should we observe Lent?

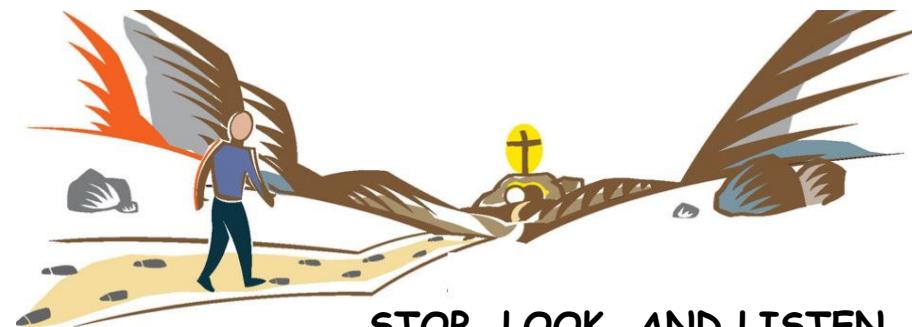
We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."



We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.



We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.



**STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN.**  
These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

## 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.



**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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# February 2026



**1** 9:15am Worship in Zwingli  
After Worship Social Hour



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**8** 9:15am Worship in Zwingli  
Souper Bowl Sunday  
After Worship Social Hour



**9**

**10**



**11**  
6pm Chime Choir  
6pm Finance  
6:30pm Consistory

**12**  
"Chimes" Info Due

**13**  
6pm AA Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall)



**14**  
9:30am Brotherhood

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



**16**

**17**



**18**  
7pm Ash Wednesday  
Service @ Zwingli



**19**

**20**  
7pm AA Meeting



**21**

**22** 9:15am Worship in Zwingli  
1st Sunday in Lent/Communion  
After Worship Social Hour  
After Worship Super Sunday



**23**

5:30pm Welcome  
Table  
(Caring Ministry)

**24**



Dates and times subject to change

**25**  
6pm Chime Choir

**26**

**27**  
12noon-5pm Red  
Cross Blood Drive  
7pm AA Meeting



**28**