

# The Spire

April 2022



## A Message from Our Pastor, Pat Pluss ...



Greetings,

Typically, I do not like things to be empty. I don't like to be driving and look down and notice the arrow heading towards empty. We all know the frustration to be in the midst of preparing a recipe only to find the cupboard empty of a needed ingredient. An empty milk carton, bank account, coffee pot, and cookie jar are just a few things I do like to find empty. An empty heart is the most painful of all. There are many things in life I prefer not to be empty.



There is one thing I praise God for its emptiness – the Easter Tomb! That very first Easter when the women, who were followers of Jesus, went to the tomb to anoint His body with spices, found the large stone covering the entrance of the tomb rolled away and the tomb was empty. Death lost its victory. Listen to words found in **1 Corinthians 15:55** *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*

All of us know life on this earth can have dark, difficult times. There are times when evil seems to be in control. Jesus certainly experienced such times in His earthly life. But that empty tomb the first Easter Sunday reminds us we can trust in the one who conquered the grave, our sins have been paid for and our guilt and shame removed!

Join us each Sunday in worship as we celebrate this gift in Christ. May the remainder of your Lenten journey bring you to a celebration, join with me in worship so we might celebrate together. He has Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!!

Blessings,  
Pat Pluss, Pastor



## Lent/Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 10th** – 9:00 am in-person and live-streamed.

**Maundy Thursday, April 14th** – 6:00 pm Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) & a service of reflection and Communion at 6:30 pm (Sanctuary).

**Good Friday, April 15th** – 6:30 pm – A service of reflection and scriptures (Sanctuary).

**Easter Sunday, April 17th** – 9:00 am – A service of music, scripture, and rejoicing (Sanctuary). These services will be live-streamed.

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**All Are Welcome!**

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## Message from Consistory President ...



Grutzi,

Spring is about renewal. March winds have eased the travel of tree sap to the upper branches nourishing new buds, the mourning doves coo us awake in the morning, and we enjoy sunshine well into the early eve. It assures us of God's presence and the belief in His goodness and power.

Work continues on our church home. When weather permits, we can observe those with more courage than I walking the roof to replace shingles. Say a prayer for them and the job they do. Insulation has been blown in the attic. The beautiful fans have been attached to our ceiling. Painters have been contacted and our masonry will soon get an update. There is much to do thanks to successful fundraising. Your generosity is being put to work repairing and maintaining our beautiful, historical church home.

Recently, it has come to our attention that air quality, including radon at the Zwingli Haus, has become questionable. During the next weeks, staff will be working at home until we are able to move them to the downtown Bank of New Glarus. Pat, Monica, and Marlis will work on the top floor of the building. Stay tuned for an exact date. Hours will remain 8-4 pm. Enter the front doors of the Bank, turn to your left and proceed up the steps.

At the Annual Meeting it has been decided we gather an Ad Hoc Committee to continue the dialogue with the Village and Library Board concerning the Cemetery and Zwingli Haus. We now have the appropriate number of volunteers. Keep in mind, as we proceed forward, this group will report to the Consistory and the Consistory will report to the congregation.

With all life changes local and globally, come confusion, anxiety, and fear of the future. Feeling fearful first is how we humans are wired. But those of us with faith, believe we are being cared for by a higher power and pray for spiritual strength to make the tough decisions.

Join us this Easter season. Renew your faith and spirit. Coffee Hour has begun, and Sunday School continues to see more attendance each week. Confirmants are studying their lessons in preparation for May 1st, and a Cemetery Clean-up Day is planned for April 23rd. We are a vibrant and "always forward" congregation here at Swiss Church. Come worship and sing with us this Sunday.

*"Don't be anxious about things, instead pray." Philippians 4:6-7*

Blessings,  
Bonnie Klassy



## Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>—Service and Meal

Don't forget to join us for our Lenten Supper on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We will gather for a delicious bowl of soup and bread supper before going to the Sanctuary for our Maundy Thursday worship service. A free will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the meal. Join us for a warm bowl of soup before gathering for worship. *Everyone is welcome!*

## **Devotional from UCC**

### **Resurrection**

By Jennifer Brownell | published on March 24, 2015

*"You are witnesses to these things," Luke 24:48*

It was not one thing, but all the day's little annoyances that combined to feel completely overwhelming. Pecked to death by ducks, I thought crabily, driving home from another meeting. So, I'm not sure why I stopped my car when I saw the woman sitting on the curb, staring intently into a sewer grate.

She pointed at a chirping flock of ducklings perched on the edge of a PVC pipe that emptied into a cloudy square of water under the grate. A mallard nearby called and walked in nervous circles. We agreed the duck must have been crossing the road, and walked over the grate, when the chicks following her fell through – plop, plop, plop. She was too big to get in, and they were too small to get out.

After a bit, a man arrived and began pulling ducklings out of the pipe. It seems mallards can't count very high, because as soon as she had four, the mama collected them under her wings, waddled toward the nearby creek and floated downstream.

The man was still pulling ducklings out of the pipe, so I got hold of one before it wandered away. Although they had seemed so important just a few minutes before, I forgot all the day's annoyances as I lay down in the mud by the stream and set that fluffy, trembling little body in the water, to paddle away with its family.

We think that resurrection, when it comes, will come with trumpets and earthquakes and angels perched cheekily on stones. But sometimes it's not one big death, but a thousand small ones that bury you. You are witness, too, to the resurrection that comes as a flutter of life, so tiny you can hold in your hand. And when you stand up dripping mud and maybe tears, you will find it's not just another life that's been saved, it's your own.

### **Prayer**

Brother Christ, resurrect me, please, today and every day. Amen.

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## **Swiss UCC Worship Services**

**In-person Worship:** Every Sunday at 9:00 am. No pre-registration required.

**Online Worship:** Swiss Church sermons and the Children's Moment are pre-recorded weekly and available on Facebook/Swiss Church or go to the Swiss UCC website at [www.swisschurch.org](http://www.swisschurch.org) to view.

**Wednesday Warm-up & Weekly E-News:** Each Wednesday, Pat Pluss provides a weekly "Wednesday Warm-up" to give a little mid-week boost in your faith. If you'd like to be put on the mailing list, contact the church office at (608) 527-2119. The Wednesday Warm-up and Weekly E-News will not be available the week the Spire is published (last week of the month).

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## **Scripture Reading and Listening**

For those who want to spend quality time reading the Bible daily or maybe you want to listen to a Christian radio station go to 102.5 FM or 88.3 FM. A good website for scripture readings go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com).

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## **Support & Prayers**



*Prayer Requests*

The Swiss Church Prayer Team supports our church family, friends, and neighbors during difficult times. If you are experiencing illness, anxiety, grief, difficult relationships, financial issues, or are worried about other concerns, our prayer team is ready to pray for you. Information is kept confidential, unless you request it to be shared with the congregation. To begin a chain of prayers for yourself or your loved ones, **contact:** Pat Pluss at (608) 558-6063 (email [pat@swisschurch.org](mailto:pat@swisschurch.org)) or Ruth Anderegg at (608) 558-0776.



## ***Easter Flowers***

The lovely Easter Flowers in the Church Sanctuary can be enjoyed by all during the Holy Week and Easter to the following members who donated on behalf of a loved one.

### ***In Loving Memory of ...***

Ron Martinson, Fred & Eleanor Meyer, Abert & Violet Martinson; donated by Jane Martinson & Family  
Roy & Doris Ziltner, Richard, Shirley, & Pat Nelson; donated by Guy & Sandy Nelson Family  
Erwin Zweifel; donated by Kay & Family  
Clarence & Mildred Otten; Naomi Meland & Kay Zweifel  
Donna Nevil; donated by the Nevil Family  
Beth Ann Hustad; donated by Dale Hustad  
Lawrence Meland; donated by Naomi M. Meland, Madeline, and Marilyn  
Miloe & Hulda Hoesly, Nordean & Lillian Hoesly; donated by Mark & Nora Lea Hoesly  
Bob, Joyce, Robin & Dee Roth; donated by Bonnie Klassy  
Hans K. Anderegg; donated by Ruth E. Anderegg  
Ralph, Anie, Jack, Ted, & Dean Huntington; donated by Ron Kittleson & Rosalie Huntington  
Phil Cox; donated by Pam Cox, Shaun Cox & Family  
Baker siblings & parents, Eichelkraut siblings & parents; donated by Dennis & Rachel Baker



Flowers were donated by Katie Elmer to the New Glarus Home Chapel *"Because it's Easter!"*

***Thank you for your kind generosity!***

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## ***EASTER EGG HUNT***



*Grab a basket and join us after the Easter Sunday worship service on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. All ages are welcome! Everyone leaves with something sweet. The event is weather permitting and will be held on the church lawn or inside the church in Fellowship Hall.*

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## **Message from the Planned Giving Committee**

The Planned Giving Committee of Swiss United Church of Christ wishes to encourage the Christian stewardship of accumulated, inherited, and appreciated resources. It is understood that special gifts and bequests should not take the place of faithful stewardship of current income but should be made to enable the church to continue to extend its mission in the future both here and abroad. The gifts toward this stewardship may include bequests in wills, charitable remainder trusts, transfers of property, life income gifts, assignment of life insurance, and memorial gifts.

The Planned Giving Committee disburses earnings on the Swiss Church Endowment Fund with the approval of the Consistory. Planned Giving earnings for 2021 were \$6,598.98 and will be disbursed in 2022 according to our bylaws as follows: 25% Property \$1,649.75; 20% Benevolence \$1,319.80; 10% Christian Ed \$659.90; and 45% Innovative Ministries \$2,969.53.

In the past, we have contributed to Green Cares Food Pantry, Salvation Army, SUCC Property Account, Christian Ed. Curriculum, sermon recording equipment and recording fees, church signage, membership directory costs, and an upcoming art camp. Our goal is to keep as much of the earnings as possible within Swiss Church as dictated by Planned Giving bylaws. So, while assets accumulated by the Swiss Church Endowment Fund are to be held for Swiss Church in perpetuity, the earnings can and are being used now to support Swiss Church. Please consider contributing to the Swiss Church Endowment Fund. Talk with your financial advisor or tax preparer to see how it may be beneficial for you to contribute.





## Joyful Hearts Mission Committee

Thank you for your generous support of our Heifer International Mission project! You more than filled an ARK! The total collected was **\$5,673!** This money will help give the gift of animals to many, the animals will become the gift of a small business and help families with an income.

Our new Mission Project is our **Sunshine in Ukraine Project**. From now through Easter, we are collecting funds to help the people of Ukraine. This money will be sent to the UCC Conference where collectively the church will provide shelter, food, and other essentials to refugees and internally displaced people in Ukraine. You can mark your offering "Ukraine Fund" or place change and loose offering in the large vase in the front of the Sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our brothers and sister in need. Please join us as we pray for the situation in Ukraine and offer assistance.

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## Join the 2022 Kilby Coordination Team

Greetings!

The annual Kilby Supper and related events have been a part of the fabric of our church family for decades. It's evolved over the years and looks quite different than it did even 20 years ago. With time comes change!

As we are looking ahead to our 2022 Kilby Weekend events earmarked for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we are in search of some fresh faces, ideas and energy to add to the Coordination Team mix. Please consider joining the crew.

We have a lot of good, historical perspective on things that have worked well in the past, but that certainly doesn't preclude new ideas or visions for what could be. We welcome you, and your fresh, innovative thoughts, energy and perspectives. We are in search of a team of persons that will be willing to co-lead and help coordinate the flow of events that day. That could take a variety of forms.

Let's make the 2022 Kilby Homecoming Celebration and Supper event better than ever - join us! If you would like to join this merry band, please connect with Melodie Ace or Monica in the church office to let us know. Truly, thank you for your consideration to leverage your personal unique talents and your time to help! Submitted by Melodie Ace.

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## Swiss UCC Food Pantry News

The Swiss Church Food Pantry continues to be open every Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and every Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. People wishing to access the Food Pantry are to go to the northside door across from the park. Deliveries are also available in the Village of New Glarus. Please share this information so those with food insecurities may be blessed!

## Support Fair Trade



Our Fair-Trade products are available in the church narthex. A shipment of fresh coffee and chocolate were just received and are available for purchase. Individual coffee packages are available for \$1.50 each. Tea and Olive Oil is available for purchase and is on sale—half price! Stock up now and support local farmers everywhere - buy local, buy fair!

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## Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) One Great Hour of Sharing

Offerings for "One Great Hour of Sharing" began on **March 27, 2022 and continues in April**. If you would like to make a donation, use your own envelope and write **OCWM-One Hour** on the front. Envelopes are available in the church mailbox and in the Narthex.



**From Green Cares Food Pantry**, "Thank you so much for your recent donation(s) in January and February to the Green Cares Food Pantry in Monticello. With your help, we can continue our mission of putting an end to hunger in Green County. Sincerely yours, Marcia Voss, Board President"

**From the El Salvador Mission Group (All God's Children)**. The El Salvador Mission group hosted a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. Several people attended and there were deliveries and pick-ups of carry out Spaghetti dinners. The mission group received \$625. On behalf of the El Salvador Mission Group, thank you for your generous donations and those who volunteered their time. It was fun seeing many of you again!



*Memorials have been made in memory of Larry Shanahan to the Restricted - Undesignated memorial fund.*

*Prayers and Get Well Wishes for ...Tabatha Barnaby, Dianne Barr, Yvonne Cooley (Ruth Anderegg's daughter), Lois Heinzelman (Pam Hauge's mother), Art Marty, Jeanette Rupnow, Jerry Stein, Cary Ziltner, and the people of Ukraine.*

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## Card Shower Call!

Katie Elmer's birthday is Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Let's shower her with cards to celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday! It's easy—all you have to do is find and send a card and drop it in the mail before April 28<sup>th</sup>. Send birthday wishes to Katie Elmer, 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, #421, New Glarus, 53574.



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## Cemetery Flower Notice

Flowers that are weathered, faded or out-of-season, wire stand's or mementos placed on gravesites in the Swiss UCC Cemetery must be removed between April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>rd</sup> before the annual cemetery clean-up. Any items not removed during that time period will be removed by cemetery staff. Contact Bonnie Klassy with any questions.

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## Swiss Church Spring Clean-up Day

Let's get together and do some Spring cleaning to spruce up our church inside and out. Plan to meet at Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am to 12 Noon. If it rains, stay tuned for a rescheduled date and time. There is a working washer and dryer from Fellowship Hall free for the taking—you haul! Contact [Monica@swisschurch.org](mailto:Monica@swisschurch.org) to make arrangements.

# Confirmation



Confirmation students and mentors will enjoy a Pizza party on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a time for fellowship and food! We will also be talking about what a faith statement is and how to choose a scripture verse. Those students being confirmed will be asked to have their **faith statements and scripture choice turned into me by Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. A faith statement is simply what the student believes about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit and/or the Bible at this time. It is a statement of what you believe, hope and trust. We understand as students continue to grow in their faith, their faith statement will change.

Confirmation students are to attend the **Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. **There is a meal at 6:00 pm and the service starts at 6:30 pm. They will be served Communion as a class during the service.** After the service, students will be given a confirmation gown to take home. The gowns are to be left at the church following Confirmation Sunday on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We would also like the students to attend the Good Friday service on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

We will meet online Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am via ZOOM. This meeting is to share your scripture verse and faith statement. Then we meet at the church at 10:00 am for a rehearsal. I hope to share the ZOOM recording in church on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pat Pluss.

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## Sunday School Schedule

April 3, 10, and 24<sup>th</sup> | May 1, 8, 15<sup>th</sup> (last day)

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## UCC News

The United Church of Christ is featuring a webinar on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, *Weathering the Storm: Faithful Climate Resilience*, will help prepare congregations for Earth Day celebrations. To register go to [https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/8116462328784/WN\\_B9fD1WYnRHmz\\_N8no4E9FQ](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/8116462328784/WN_B9fD1WYnRHmz_N8no4E9FQ)

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am, there will be a special online Earth Week event, a keynote followed by a panel discussion that will focus on what the Hebrew prophets can teach us as well as what prophetic actions are currently being taken To register go to: [https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_te6ia440SGe1g-lnofYcoA](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_te6ia440SGe1g-lnofYcoA)

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## Southwest Association Annual Meeting

All are invited to take time and connect with others for the 2022 Southwest Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (via Zoom). Lay delegates, ministers, and visitors are encouraged to attend and should register online at [wcucc.org](http://wcucc.org) or call the church office for a copy of the registration form. The registration deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>. During our morning together, we will hear a spiritual message of encouragement from our Conference Minister, Rev. Franz Rigert, have the opportunity to meet our very new Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Amy Lunde-Whitler, and conduct the annual business of the Association.





# April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Church Office Hours</b> <b>Monday: 12-3 pm</b> <b>Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am-3:00 pm</b> <b>Friday: Closed</b> <b>*Sunday School</b>			<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> <b>Wednesdays: 4-6 pm</b> <b>Saturdays: 8-10 am</b> <b>Located in Zwingli Haus,</b> <b>Waber Conference Rm.</b>		<b>1</b> Staff Mtg. 10:00 am	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:00 am- Worship Service/Live <u>Streamed</u> 9:15 am-10 am <u>Children's SS*</u>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Bible Study-Chalet Landaus 2:00 pm Worship Glarner Lodge 6:00 pm Confirmation Pizza Party	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 am Joyful Hearts Mission	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Worship Service/Live Streamed, 9:15 am-10 am Children's SS* 10:30 am Worship at NG Home (residents only)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Bible Study-Chalet Landaus  6:30 pm Executive Mtg.	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Worship Service	<b>15 Good Friday</b> 10:30 am NG Home Service (residents only) 6:30 pm Worship Service	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter</b> 9:00 am Worship Service/Live <u>Streamed</u> 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, SUCC grounds	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Swiss Church Spring Clean-up
<b>24 Communion</b> 9:00 am Worship Service/Live <u>Streamed</u> 9:15 am-10 am <u>Children's SS*</u>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Confirmation Meeting Rehearsal @ church 10:00am

## April Greeters (North (N) & South (S) Entrances)

April 3: Denny & Diane Holcomb (N); Vacant (S)  
 April 10: Guy & Sandy Nelson (N); Ruth Anderegg (S)  
 April 17: Michelle Barnett (N); Tom & Nancy Marty (S)  
 April 24: Bonnie Klassy (N); Vacant (S)  
 Communion: Vacant



If you are willing to greet or prepare Communion, please contact Monica at [monica@swisschurch.org](mailto:monica@swisschurch.org)



# Swiss UCC Celebrations

## April Anniversaries

- 2 John & Kelli Zellmer
- 13 Jon & Aleta Martinson
- 22 Dale & Lori Arndt
- 23 Tom Betthauser & Elaine Grenzow
- 24 Bruce & Cheryl Bartle; Tom & Nancy Marty
- 26 Karl & Kristin Lueschow



## April Birthdays

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| 1 Kristina Ziltner, Grace Barnaby, Lana Swenson, Amy Legler, Jody Hoesly | 14 Gene Dahlk, Makaila Onsager, Kevin Bright, Tatum Boatman, Haleigh Fish |
| 2 Marvin Schneider, Marlene Johnson, Alexis Marty, Lance Brecklin        | 15 Harrison Hubbard   |
| 3 Pam Hauge  | 16 Ripley Swenson, Jane Ott   |
| 4 Nicole Burton  | 17 Sandy Nelson, Lori Arndt, Wayne Duerst                                 |
| 5 Carl Marquardt, Faun Phillipson  | 18 Braden Pittman, Julie Landmark, Greg Schieldt, Beau Rockett            |
| 6 Joy Fretitag   | 19 Holden Righter   |
| 7 Jared Martinson, Jackie Hustad   | 20 Judy Adamson   |
| 8 Gloria Bodenmann, Ruth Kundert   | 22 Sally Lamp, Keith Disch  |
| 9 Kegan French   | 23 Mike Flannery  |
| 11 Teresa Wearing, Kent Anderson, Ashley Rockett                         | 26 Gary Klassy, Mark Thompson, Bob Hodgson                                |
| 12 Ruth Anderson, Heidi Mondloch, Mary Little                            | 28 Katie Elmer, H. Gregg Smith  |
|  | 30 Duane Hustad   |



*We are truly very sorry if we missed your anniversary or birthday. Please contact the office so we are aware of your special day, so we don't miss it next time.*



Dan Holmes singing at the Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Worship Service

**Green Haven  
Family Advocates**  
*30th Annual*  
**Mother's Day Plant Sale**  
*sale dates:*  
**Friday, May 6th 8am-5pm**  
**Saturday, May 7th 8am-12pm**  
*locations:*  
**Monroe - First National Bank  
(on the square)**  
**Monticello - Voegeli Chevrolet**

You can download the pre-order form at  
[www.greenhaven4help.com](http://www.greenhaven4help.com)  
We purchase all plants from Ahren's Acres Greenhouse  
Green Haven Family Advocates, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to strengthening the families of Green County through prevention education, advocacy, support, and services to adults and children affected by domestic violence.



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## A THANKFUL HEART OVERFLOWS WITH *Generosity*

Here are a few different ways to give and support our ministry...

### CHECK

Make a check payable to either Swiss United Church of Christ, Swiss UCC or Swiss Church. You may designate a specific fund such as General, Property, OCWM, Cemetery or a different fund on your memo line of the check.

### DIRECT AUTOMATIC FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please call the church office to complete an authorization form to authorize a monthly donation from your bank account and return to Financial Secretary with a voided check.

### ONLINE

Click the GIVE button on our church website at [swisschurch.org](http://swisschurch.org)

Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund and enter your email address.

Click GIVE and enter your payment method to complete the transaction.

### TEXT

Text [SWISSCHURCH](https://www.swisschurch.org) and the amount to [73256](https://www.swisschurch.org).

Click the link you receive in your text message response.

Select a fund, enter your email address and payment information to complete the transaction.

Thank you for your generous support of the work of our church!



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## 2022-2023 Consistory Members

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## New Consistory Member

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Pam Venden who has joined the Consistory to replace Larry Shanahan. Pam was responsible for teaching Sunday School for many years to our young children. She is knowledgeable concerning our church history and building construction and worked as a prior church secretary. Pam will be a wonderful asset to the Consistory.

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## Becoming a Church Member?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Swiss Church, please contact the church office at (608) 527-2119 or email Pat Pluss at [pat@swisschurch.org](mailto:pat@swisschurch.org). We are always ready to welcome anyone who would like to be a part of our church family with open arms.

## 2022 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### General Fund

	2022	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021	2022	BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	NET	NET
	INCOME	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	INCOME	INCOME
January	\$17,158	\$16,415	\$19,528	\$16,147	\$17,988	\$21,136	\$1,011	-\$1,573
February	\$22,409	\$21,750	\$22,954	\$20,326	\$17,838	\$21,921	\$2,083	\$3,912
March			\$15,623			\$22,231		
April			\$19,684			\$21,630		
May			\$16,928			\$19,404		
June			\$21,112			\$17,028		
July			\$19,936			\$17,041		
August			\$22,046			\$15,651		
Sept.			\$17,861			\$16,163		
October			\$15,945			\$15,493		
Nov.			\$18,502			\$15,396		
Dec.			\$39,932			\$20,043		
YTD	\$39,566	\$38,165	\$250,051	\$36,473	\$35,825	\$223,137	\$3,093	\$2,340

2019 BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS			OTHER FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY			Balance as of 2/28/2022	
	OCWM	Non-OCWM	Net Income				
	Restricted	Restricted	Cemetery	Property	Endow		
January	\$809	\$1,180	\$882	\$22,542		General	\$59,437
February	\$1,029	\$2,844	-\$184	\$3,527		Property	\$153,043
March						Restricted	\$57,278
April						Cash Reserve	\$75,000
May						Cemetery	\$18,045
June						Cem. Savings	\$8,157
July						Cem. Perpetual Care	\$57,547
August						Endowment Fund	\$617,403
Sept.						Debt Obligation	\$0
October						Current Liabilities	\$1,988
Nov.						<b>PROPERTY FUND PROJECTS</b>	
Dec.						Balance as of 2/28/22	\$153,042.82
YTD	\$1,838	\$4,024	\$698	\$26,068		GOAL	\$150,000.00
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### Moving, Relocating or Just Out of Town?

If your address, phone number or email changes, please notify the office so we can make the updates to our mailing lists. During the winter months, some of us like to leave Wisconsin for the sunny warm weather of another place or to take a long vacation(s) periodically throughout the year. If you are planning an extended leave, please let us know so we can put a hold on sending you any church mailings. We have been receiving quite a few returned mail pieces for people who are "temporarily away." The post office charges us a fee for returned mail. We appreciate your notifying us and wish you safe travels!



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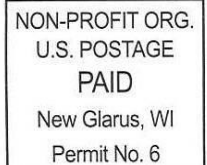
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