



The Spire

December 2021



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All Are Welcome!

**Swiss Church Worship
Services Every Sunday
at 9:00 am**



A Message from Pat Pluss



As I began my many preparations for Christmas, I realize the traditions that cause me the most stress are man-made and the least stressful are God given. For example, the most stressful part of the season for me, is shopping! I absolutely love watching our family open their gifts, but with so many children and grandchildren to buy for it seems almost like a mountain of a task. While I love the scenery and lights of Christmas, the decorating can become another huge task to try to fit in an already busy schedule, along with that, there is the added expectation of Christmas baking. The most enjoyable and less stressful parts of Christmas are sitting around the Christmas tree with family, laughing and remembering, singing beautiful Christmas Carols together with others, and of course candle-light worship on Christmas Eve. Yes, the most stressful parts of the season are human-made traditions that we feel are necessary, and the less stressful activities of the season are God-made. Being in families, in a community, praising, and worshiping are all found in scripture. These are all things the Bible tells us to take part in. The others, while are enjoyable, are the things we often spend the biggest part of the season on. Listen to the words found in **Luke 2:11-12** "*A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master!*" After that announcement, the Shepherd were too told to go and look for Jesus. Perhaps that is where our focus needs to be this year, time spent on the celebrations that help us find Jesus!

I hope you will find time to join us for worship each week as I share a sermon series titled "Finding Christ in Christmas." As you celebrate the traditions of the season may our Creator fill your heart with all the joy that surrounds Christmas!



Pat Pluss - Worship Leader

Dave and I would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas!

Greetings from Pastor Patty Marty



"Be anxious about nothing, what you will eat or drink or what you will wear! Is not your life more important than food, and your body more important than clothes?...See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Matthew 6:25

When Jesus spoke these words, they were words of comfort, peace and beauty to the multitudes. It was near the plains of Gennesaret, an area known for its masses of flowers and colorful beauty.

During this ongoing pandemic, we are continuing to take precautions by distancing ourselves from one another and have found ways to worship, ways to entertain ourselves, and ways to not be anxious about our circumstances. Fortunately, we also live in an area of beauty and have been gifted with another exquisite autumn once again. One of the most fun and entertaining things we have been doing is to explore and travel on many nearby country roads. Every weekend, we take a ride on some country road we had never been on before and we have discovered so much to be thankful and praise God for. So much beauty that we didn't even know existed surrounds us.



This is not an "as usual time" we are now living in. We are blessed to have been able to worship each week in so many exciting, and different ways, thanks to our worship leader and dedicated staff here at Swiss UCC Church. For that I am truly grateful for this holiday season!

Blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year!

Pastor Patty Marty

Swiss Church Worship Services

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

Online Worship: Swiss Church sermons and the Children's Moment are pre-recorded weekly and are available on Facebook/Swiss Church or go to the Swiss UCC website at 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 receive the Weekly E-News, you will receive the Wednesday Warm-up. If you'd like to be put on the mailing list, contact the church office Tuesday-Thursday at (608) 527-2119 or email Monica at monica@swisschurch.org

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.

Support & Prayers

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 our prayer chain leader:** Pat Pluss at (608) 558-6063 (email pat@swisschurch.org) or Ruth Anderegg at (608) 558-0776.

Swiss Church Office Closed Dates

The Swiss Church Office, located in Zwingli House, will be closed on the following days in observance of Christmas, and New Year's Eve--Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th and New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st.

Church Message

From Consistory President



Frohe Festtage!

The season of Advent in our church means singing carols, flickering candlelight, children's wide-eyed awe, and joyful celebration. May you and your family enjoy all the goodness and peace the season offers you. Absorb it all!

On November 17th, Consistory, Property, and Cemetery Committees met once again to discuss the outcomes of the Congregational Survey and how to best proceed. The survey has generated substantial internal momentum. Using sensitivity and careful thought we hope to maintain this momentum in a positive direction. We will utilize those best knowledgeable concerning Zwingli and the cemetery. It is easy to get caught up in the emotional aspect of maintaining these properties, but reality has not been kind to our old building and upkeep of the cemetery has become financially unworkable.

In the January Spire you will receive a congregational voting ballot. Two voting ballots will be sent. Additional votes can be photocopied or picked up at the church office. We also hope to have online voting available. It is extremely important that our 25-50 age group become involved. Your voice is essential to guaranteeing the health and future of our church. By our Annual Meeting, February 11th, votes will be counted and data analyzed. The challenges which result from our vote may seem daunting, not unlike our ancestors' building concerns; but certainly, they would be cheering us on in our mission to bring our congregation and community together.

Segen,

Blessings,
Bonnie Klassy

Christmas Eve Worship

Join us at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 24th as we celebrate the Joy of Christmas during worship. The service will include *singing Christmas Carols, Scripture, Children's Moment, a Message, Special Music, and Candle Lighting*. Invite others to join us for this beautiful service!



Advent Candle Lighting

The season of advent is here. We are looking for a family of 2-4 people who are interested in lighting the Advent candle(s) during one of the December services. The first Sunday of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28th at the 9:00 am worship service at Swiss Church and continues every Sunday up to Christmas Eve. Advent Candle lighters are needed for Sunday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th for the 9:00 am service. Contact Monica in the church office by calling (608) 527-2119 or email her at monica@swisschurch.org



Join us for our "Interactive" Children's Christmas Program!

Our "Interactive" Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 19th during the 9:00 am Worship Service. Everyone from the community is invited. During worship all children will be invited to come forward, receive a simple costume, and then take part in our interactive pageant. No rehearsals are needed! The service will include the singing of beautiful Christmas Carols, Scripture lesson, and a brief Message. This is a service for all ages that you won't want to miss! Each child taking part in the service will receive a gift. Please invite your neighbors, bring your children, grandchildren and join us!

Stamped Christmas Card Collect

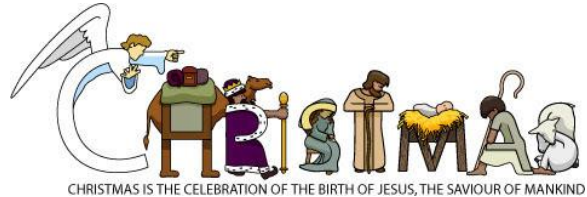


From December 1st to December 12th, we are collecting stamped Christmas Cards to be taken to the Green County Jail for inmates to send cards to family members and loved ones. Each Christmas Card must be stamped. Many of the inmates have children, this allows the child to receive a card from their parent. The stamped cards can be brought to worship on December 5th or the 12th, or placed in the office mailbox. Thank you for your support.

December Celebrations!

First Sunday of Advent

Sun., Nov. 28th 9:00 am
Worship at Swiss Church



Second Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 5th 9:00 am Worship at Swiss Church

Annual Cookie Walk

Sat., Dec. 11th 8 am-12 pm

Third Sunday of Advent (Communion)

Sun., Dec. 12th 9:00 am Worship at Swiss Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 19th 9:00 am Worship at Swiss Church
"Interactive" Children's Pageant

Christmas Eve Services

Fri., Dec. 24th 2:00 pm Glarner Lodge
3:00 pm NG Home Chapel (residents only)
7:00 pm Celebrate the Joy of Christmas at Swiss Church

First Sunday After Christmas

Sun., Dec. 26th 9:00 am Worship at Swiss Church

Poinsettias for Christmas

The poinsettias have been ordered and will grace our church with their vibrant colors during the Christmas season. There is no denying that poinsettias make bright, festive decorations during the winter months. But do you know the story behind them? They have been a tradition for years. Did you know they're native to Central America, particularly southern Mexico, and they're actually colorful leaves, not flowers. So why do we consider them the official Christmas flower?

The reason we associate poinsettias with the holidays comes from an old Mexican legend. A young girl named Pepita was sad that she didn't have a gift to offer for the baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that "even the humblest gift, given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." Having no money with which to buy a gift, Pepita picked a bouquet of weeds that she walked past on the way to church. When she got to the church, she left the bundle at the bottom of the nativity scene. Miraculously, the bundle of weeds transformed into beautiful red flowers—the Christmas colors of red and green! From that day on, they became known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night."



The poinsettia flowers this year were given to spread Christmas Cheer and in Loving Memory...

Red & Marble Poinsettias In Loving Memory of... Rolland & Betty Hustad, Palmer & Mavis Duerst (Dale & Carol Hustad); Ralph, Annie, Jack, Ted, and Dean Huntington (Rosalie Huntington & Ron Kittleson); Royal & Doris Ziltner, Dick, Shirley and Pat Nelson (Guy & Sandy Nelson Family); Beth Ann Hustad (Dale E. Hustad); Shirley Ann (wife) & Steven (son) Disch (Rolland Disch Family); Lawrence Meland (Naomi Meland, Madeline & Marilyn); Donna Nevil (Lowell Nevil); Fred & Eleanor Meyer, Ron Martinson, Abert & Violet Martinson (Jane Martinson); Richard Oakes & Lucille Huffman (The Sidwell Family); Katie Elmer-NGH (Mary Usher); Armand Hanna (Phil & Brent Hanna, Brenda & John Berglund and Family); Family & Friends (Dorene L. Disch); and All of Our Loves Ones who have passed before Us (Chris & Butch Kiesz).

Donation made in Loving Memory of... Erwin Zweifel (Kay & Family); John F. Marty (Arlene Marty & Family).

Give the gift of life... give blood.

New Glarus Bible Church

Friday, December 17th

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

A vertical poster for a blood drive. At the top is the American Red Cross logo. Below it, the words "GIVE BLOOD" are written in large, colorful, stylized letters. The poster is for the "New Glarus Community Blood Drive" at the "New Glarus Bible Church, 207 - 6th Street". The date and time are "Friday, December 17, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.". It provides contact information for appointments and mentions that the drive is sponsored by the New Glarus Bible Church. It also promotes the use of RapidPass for faster service and a promotion for a Red Cross T-shirt. At the bottom, it says "Give Something that Means Something" and provides the website RedCrossBlood.org and a QR code for the Blood Donor App.

Give the gift of life... give blood.

New Glarus Community Blood Drive

New Glarus Bible Church
207 - 6th Street

**Friday, December 17, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Corner of 3rd Avenue and 6th Street

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: NewGlarus

Sponsored by New Glarus Bible Church

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Spread cheer! Come give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 for an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, Ltd. qty!

Give Something that Means Something

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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. 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!



OCWM Neighbors Donations

As we near the end of 2021, we have received a message from our UCC Wisconsin Conference that they would like our donations before year end. Therefore, any donations you would like to give to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support (OCWM) needs to be submitted to the church office by the new deadline of **December 15th** to insure it is received by the UCC Conference. Thank you for your generosity.

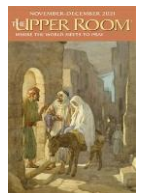


Visit the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ website for Resources and Reading from COVID, Kairos Call to Action, Generosity, Justice Ministries, Programs & Education, and Events at www.wcucc.org

Visit the United Church of Christ at www.ucc.org Here are a few links to get you started from the UCC website.

The Upper Room Publication

Swiss Church receives a small supply of the periodical, "The Upper Room." The Upper Room has been a resource available through the church to individuals for Christian education, small-group study, personal reflection, and outreach. There are a few copies of the November/December 2021 edition left. If you'd like a copy, they are available in the church Narthex or contact Monica in the church office by calling (608) 527-2119 to make arrangements for your copy.



MISSION/EVENTS/NEWS

Friends and Fellowship Event 2022

Our next Friends and Fellowship Event is scheduled in 2022 for **Wednesday, February 9th at 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**. We are planning to serve a meal and have a time of fellowship together. A free will offering to cover the costs of the meal will be collected. Pat Pluss is looking to assemble a team who will help shop, prepare, serve, and help with the clean-up after the meal. If you are willing to help with this fellowship ministry, please contact Pat at (608) 558-6063 or pat@swisschurch.org

El Salvador Mission: All God's Children

El Salvador Mission Baked Potato Dinner

Thank you to everyone who ordered a potato dinner on Wednesday, November 17th. People were very generous with their donation. We made over \$500 to support the children's education program and the project program that will support the community gardens, chicken projects, and a new pig project. Thank you everyone!

2021 Kilby Season: Express Take Out, Walking Swiss Meatballs Food Stand & Silent Auction Report(s)

Our 2021 Kilby Season events were all incredible successes! When we began to make plans for our 2021 Kilby season, we had elected to not host a sit down Kilby Supper given the continued uncertainty with the pandemic. Instead, we focused our efforts on how best to maximize our ability to serve the greatest number of guests with either take out dinners, or at our food stand at the south church lawn. In all, we served 245 take-out and delivery dinners that evening. We also served over 400 people at our Taste of Kilby - Walking Swiss Meatball Stand throughout the day.

The financials from donations and the Kilby Saturday events are as follows:

Gross income/proceeds \$12,776.00

Expenses <\$2,324.82>

**Outstanding estimated expense <\$300.00>

Expected Net Profit - \$ 11,691.18

(**Note, we do still have one invoice outstanding – we are waiting to receive and pay this item. We estimate this will be in the range of (not to exceed) \$300, and have accounted for this above).

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We had another fantastic Kilby Season Online Silent Auction again in 2021! Bidding opened on Kilby Sunday, and concluded on October 31st. We had 19 items that were awarded and delivered to high bidders. **The grand total of dollars raised this year with the Silent Auction was \$1,240.** Thank you to the gracious donors of the bid items, and to our incredibly generous bidders!

All of the dollars raised in the various segments of the Kilby fundraisers this year are designated to be directed to the Church Campus Repair & Improvement Fund. A sincere note of thanks to all of our faithful church family members and friends who generously donated of their time, their talent, and their financial resources to support us in these endeavors this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melodie Ace & Tabatha Barnaby
The Kilby Coordination Team Co-Chairpersons

Habitat for Humanity Help Needed

Carol Holmes is asking for some assistance getting the word out as Habitat for Humanity in Monroe is working on a duplex. Anyone who has some free time and is willing to provide some assistance would be appreciated. To help or donate food, contact Carol Holmes at (608) 225-0341 or email her at rholmes@tds.net



Confirmation December Classes

Students and mentors will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 1st from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please note this time change. There will be **NO December ZOOM classes** due to the additional time commitments we are asking of our students.

Confirmation students are asked to remain after church on December 5th and December 19th for a 15-minute discussion on the Worship Service for that day.

Confirmation students are to help **ring bells** for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 3rd. A schedule will be given for the students to sign up for ½ hour increments. We are responsible for bell ringing from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am. This will take place at Roy's Grocery Store.

Confirmation students are to help with a "**Cookie Preparation Day**" on Thursday, December 9th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The cookies will be sold at our Cookie Walk on December 11th. Thank you for your support!

Children's Sunday School

Just a friendly reminder, Sunday School is meeting in person each week at 9:15 am. We have a wonderful new curriculum, bright, welcoming space to worship together, and a handful of dedicated, thoughtful teachers ready to welcome our youth. Please join us, bring your friends and neighbors, and share the love of Christ.

Blessings,
Nicole Sidwell and Heidi Mondloch

Sunday School Schedule – December 2021

December 5th (Prepare for Christmas); December 12 (Sunday School); December 19 (Christmas Pageant @ 9 am Worship Service-No Sunday School); December 26 (No Sunday School)



Devotional from UCC

Needing Bread

By Mary Luti | published on November 23, 2021

"The disciples came to Jesus and said, "Send the crowds away, so they may go buy food." Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." — Matthew 14:15-16 excerpted (NRSV)

It used to be that if you didn't understand it, weren't baptized, didn't believe correctly, or weren't morally pure, you were barred from Communion. It was called "fencing the table." Everybody did it.

But these days some churches are unfencing. Completely. They say Jesus never turned anyone away from his table, so neither should we.

Never mind that Jesus was always a guest with no table of his own to welcome anyone to. Or that the early church emphatically excluded notorious sinners, the unbaptized, and heretics. Or that the church has consistently taught that Communion is for members. Only.

We're opening our tables anyway, even though we've never done it this way before. Really. Never.

Now many people once ruled out are coming. Little kids, unbaptized adults, intellectually disabled people, the weary, the sin-sick, the doubting, the curious—they're all coming.

Because they want it, this gift they can't explain, don't believe in correctly, or were told they don't deserve. They want it, this company for their loneliness, this healing for their estrangement, this home for their wandering, this approval for their very beings. This pardon. This love. This memory. This meeting. This mercy. This food.

Above all, this food. For a bottomless hunger.

And the church that's always needed to have all its theological ducks in a row before budging an inch; the church that's always gone to the wall for its beliefs and put others up against the wall for theirs; this obtuse yet still teachable church is finally starting to obey Jesus: "You give them something to eat."

There is so much hunger. The church has bread.

Prayer

We don't have to be deserving. All we need is to need the bread. Thank you, Jesus.

Joyful Hearts Mission Committee

Joyful Hearts Mission Committee is excited to announce the future opening of a **Swiss UCC Food Pantry!** Our pantry will open January 5, 2022 and be open every Wednesday from 4:00 pm–6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am–10:00 am. Those facing food insecurities are invited to ring our office door bell and they will be given a box/bag of food. A list of items included will be given and if there are items they will not use, we will remove them from their box/bag. The pantry will stock 12 specific items. No expired items will be given. We will also deliver to those living in the community (within village limits). There are no requirements to use our food pantry, and all are welcome! (continued page 10)



During the month of December, we will collect items for our food pantry. The collection will be called ***“The 12 Days of Christmas.”*** Any food item collected that is not from our list will be taken to Green Cares Food Pantry. Please bring your items to the church on Sundays, or contact the church office and drop them off there. Thank you for your support!

The 12 Days of Christmas – Food Pantry List:

1 jar peanut butter, 2 cans of tuna, 1 can of chicken, 1 small jar mayonnaise or miracle whip, 1 large box of pasta, 1 jar of pasta sauce, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 1 box of cereal, 1 can of beef stew, and 1 box of saltine crackers.



The Green Cares Food Pantry needs your help. The number of people needing food is climbing. Many have lost or have been laid off from their jobs due to the pandemic especially with grocery prices on the increase. The pantry is needed more than ever with families depending on it for food and other items. With the holidays approaching, no one should not be without a nice dinner with their loved ones.

Join together with other church members and fill some grocery bags with much needed food or do a monetary donation. The Green Cares Food Pantry is located at W5198 Cty Rd. C, Monticello. Open the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 7 pm. Other Tuesdays from 4 pm to 7 pm; Thursdays from 9 am to noon; and Saturday 8 am to 11:30 am. Call (608) 938-4238 and leave a message for questions.

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17

Spread Christmas Cheer & Support Fair Trade

Our Mission and Service Committee sells Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil. Support local farmers everywhere; buy local, buy fair. If you need to replenish your coffee supply or would like to give a gift such as a candy bar for the holidays, contact monica@swisschurch.org There is a plentiful supply available!



November Warmth Donation Thank you, Thank you!








Right: Donations of warmth from our church members for the November drive.

Thank you so much for your generous donations of hats, gloves, mittens, and socks collected in November. Your gifts will help many folks this winter. These gifts are greatly appreciated.



DECEMBER

Calendar of Events 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office Hours: Monday: 12-3 pm; Tuesday-Thursday: 9 am-3:00 pm; Friday: Closed				December Greeters Dec. 5 – Barb Hodgson Dec.12 – Ron & Amy Legler Dec. 19 – Kim & Brenda Bright Dec. 26 - Vacant	Communion Setup Dec. 26 Vacant	
			1	2	3	4
*SS-Sunday School 			6 pm-7:30 pm Confirmation Students & Mentors <u>Fellowship Hall</u>		5:00 pm-8:00 pm Salvation Army Bell Ringers Confirmation Students	
2ND Sun of Advent 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Worship Service & live-streamed 9:15 am-10 am Children's SS* 9:45 am-10:00 am Confirmation Students			2:00 pm Glarner Lodge Church Service 6:30 pm Executive Committee	6:00 pm-7:00 pm Confirmation Students Cookie Preparation-Fellowship Hall	7:00 am Joyful Hearts Mission-ZOOM	8:00 am – 12 Noon Cookie Walk Fellowship Hall 
3rd Sun of Advent 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Worship Service & live-streamed 9:15 am-10 am Children's SS*						
Children's Pageant 19	20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas 25
4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Worship and Children's Pageant Service & live-streamed 9:45 am-10:00 am Confirmation Students			6:30 pm Consistory 		2:00 pm Glarner Lodge Service 3:00 pm NGH (residents only) 7:00 pm Swiss UCC Worship Service	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
1st Sunday after Christmas 9:00 am Worship Service & live-streamed			COFFEE HOUR Join us for Swiss Church Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in December in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. Contact Monica in church office if you are willing to volunteer or Pat Pluss at pat@swisschurch.org			



Christkindli Market-Street Closures

The New Glarus Christkindli Market is Friday, December 10th to Sunday, December 12th with the Swiss Church Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11th. The street closures: 1st Street between 5th and 6th Avenues and 5th Avenue between Railroad Street and 2nd Street will be closed to traffic from Wednesday, December 8th through Tuesday, December 14th.

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 Monica at monica@swisschurch.org. We are always ready to welcome anyone who would like to be a part of our church family with open arms.

Moving or Relocating?

If your address, phone number or email changes, please notify the office so we are up-to-date! Also, if you plan to mail something to a church member, please do not use the 2015 Swiss Church Directory because most of those addresses have changed. Call the church office and we can verify the address or give you the correct one.



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Prayers and Get Well Wishes for... Dianne Barr, Evan Bartosch, Ron Schneider, and Tim Soddy (Pat Pluss's children's father)

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of Phil Cox who passed away on Wednesday, November 24th, 2021.

(If anyone wishes to send a card and needs an address, please contact the church office at (608) 527-2119 or send an email to monica@swisschurch.org.)

North Stairway Closed



The outdoor steps, leading up to the church from 4th Avenue, will be **CLOSED** from approximately mid-November through mid-April (depending on the weather). Closing the stairwell helps protect our property from damage that would otherwise be caused by salt. Chains will be in place to help protect **YOU** from potential injury – please do not bypass them. Members and visitors are encouraged to enter the church directly from the handicap accessible entrance on the north side, or through the south doors. Your cooperation helps prevent unnecessary falls to yourself and others.

December Joyful Celebrations

Anniversaries

4	Gary & Alexis Boll	26	Ronald & Jane Pierce
9	Merton & Delayne Retrum	27	Kent & Barb Anderson
12	Jerad & Heidi Lumina	30	Jon & Judy Ziltner
14	Carl & Linda Marquart	30	H. Gregg & Linda Smith
29	John & Joy Freitag		

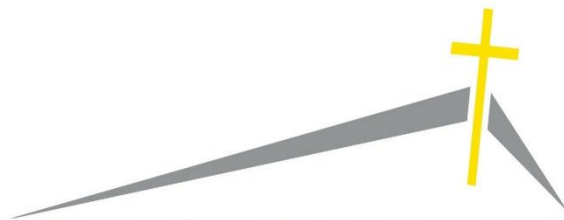


Birthdays

1	Pete Shaffer	16	Jason Perkins
2	Calvin Johnson, Ruby Righter,	18	Michelle Disch, Don Rupnow, Leah Hanson,
3	Ty Ready, Shirley Lueschow, Diana Clark		Betty Owen
5	Beverly Yaun, Katie Barr	19	Ken Breezer,
6	Katie Pavek, Kay Zimmerman, David Owen	18	Betty Henning, Ava Krueger
7	Delayne Retrum	20	Sue Kempfer
8	Kay Lukszys, Brody MacLean	21	Brenda Fisher, Rachel Baker
9	Judy Ziltner,	22	Merlin Boley
11	Avery Stamm, Carter Stamm, Devyn Wieser	23	Ron Schneider,
12	Mary Kratzenberg, Bonnie Klassy	25	Amanda Smith, Carol Hustad, Dan Wilkinson
13	Kathy Holland, Tate Horne	26	Will Oelke, Tori Kalscheuer, Louise Hicks
14	Oliver Pavek, Kim Stamm	28	Jess Swan, Sam Perkins,
15	Reece Lumina	29	Charleen Mattmann, Karen Wenger, Taylor
			Legler, Rebecca Hauser, Patricia Pluss
			Macy MacLean
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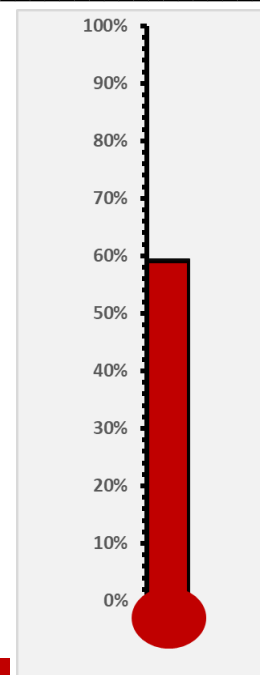


We are truly very sorry if we missed your anniversary or birthday. The information is taken from Realm the church database. Contact the office so we are aware of your special day so we don't miss it next time.



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We Love, We Serve, We Build



A Fundraising Event for Church **Building Updates.**

Help Us to Reach Our Goal of \$150,000!

We've collected \$88,889

2021 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund								
	2021	2021	2020	2021	2021	2020	2021	BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	NET	NET
	INCOME	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	INCOME	INCOME
January	\$19,528	\$19,752	\$21,948	\$21,136	\$18,506	\$16,318	-\$1,608	\$1,246
February	\$22,954	\$21,583	\$19,701	\$21,921	\$22,609	\$24,464	\$1,033	-\$1,026
March	\$15,623	\$22,728	\$22,546	\$22,231	\$21,290	\$20,782	-\$6,609	\$1,438
April	\$19,684	\$25,753	\$23,289	\$21,630	\$20,156	\$18,121	-\$1,945	\$5,597
May	\$16,928	\$22,120	\$20,355	\$19,404	\$22,555	\$17,729	-\$2,476	-\$435
June	\$21,112	\$16,399	\$15,403	\$17,028	\$22,328	\$21,416	\$4,084	-\$5,929
July	\$19,936	\$19,433	\$17,296	\$17,041	\$18,756	\$17,258	\$2,895	\$676
August	\$22,046	\$18,536	\$16,415	\$15,651	\$20,153	\$19,009	\$6,395	-\$1,618
Sept.	\$17,861	\$15,994	\$12,597	\$16,163	\$20,032	\$17,863	\$1,698	-\$4,039
October	\$15,945	\$16,222	\$16,421	\$15,493	\$22,387	\$20,437	\$452	-\$6,166
Nov.			\$19,606			\$18,400		
Dec.			\$35,781			\$20,049		
YTD	\$191,617	\$198,519	\$241,358	\$187,699	\$208,773	\$231,844	\$3,918	-\$10,254

2019 BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS			OTHER FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY			Balance as of 10/31/2021		
	OCWM	Non-OCWM	Net Income					
	Restricted	Restricted	Cemetery	Property	Endow	General		
January	\$964	\$4,508	\$1,152	-\$554		Property		\$35,676
February	\$849	\$2,065	\$2,281	\$972		Restricted		\$77,446
March	\$739	\$1,105	\$4,862	\$1,607	\$6,510	Cash Reserve		\$73,822
April	\$914	\$1,225	\$276	\$1,932		Cemetery		\$75,000
May	\$904	\$8,064	\$4,247	\$1,967		Cem. Savings		\$12,351
June	\$784	\$885	\$2,068	-\$11,519	\$3,807	Debt Obligation		\$6,806
July	\$809	\$1,130	\$1,131	\$3,392		Current Liabilities		\$0.00
August	\$759	\$3,774	-\$573	-\$9,784				\$1,996
Sept.	\$879	\$10,971	\$1,211	\$25,162	\$1,704			
October	\$674	\$12,135	\$911	\$7,189		PROPERTY FUND PROJECTS		
Nov.						Balance as of 11/15/21		\$88,889.14
Dec.						GOAL		\$150,000.00
YTD	\$8,275	\$45,861	\$17,566	\$20,362	\$12,022			
Pledge	\$10,000						1:34 PM	11/15/21

Stay Safe in the Winter

Use your discretion during the winter months regarding your attendance at worship services. Extreme lows in temperature plus the wind chill factor can make for dangerous situations. Please use extreme caution when large amounts of snow/ice are present, too. If weather officials are recommending travel ***“only if absolutely necessary”***, most likely all church activities will be cancelled.

How will I know if Swiss Church Services been cancelled?

- Listen to local radio stations: WEKZ 1260AM or 93.7FM
- Watch Madison TV stations: 3, 15 or 27
- Check your email or our Facebook page.

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