



The Spire

August 2023



A Message from Our Pastor, Pat Pluss . . .



Greetings,

Did you ever have a day where you felt like my little granddaughter looks? I call this a “shot out of a cannon” look. My daughter sent me this photo of my 1 ½ year-old granddaughter after having her first bowl of ice cream with chocolate syrup and whipped cream on top. She has had



previous “tastes” before, but this was her first own actual serving. She enjoyed it thoroughly.

Sometimes at the end of my day I feel like she looks. Our

days don’t always go as planned. Parents age and need care, children, even adult children, have struggles, families argue, finances and relationships don’t always go as planned, energy drains, and souls hurt. Life is messy. Things can happen that are completely out of our control.

Scripture shows us Jesus spent time with those who had messy lives, a thief, an unwelcomed dinner guest, death-row criminals, folks with chronic illnesses, children, sinners, and those who didn’t fit into the box society had for

them. Yet over and over again, we learn from scripture these three things.

- You are never out of God’s sight.
- You are never out of His reach
- You are never away from God’s tender care.

What do we do when our life gets messy? We continue to hope and trust in God! We know His loving care is forever with us, so we trust Him to see us through those messy times— however long they might be. We read in Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understand; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*

So, during those messy times we trust and wait for God to show us the next steps. During those times of waiting, we choose our attitude, when we know of God’s love and care for us, our attitude can be one of peace and trust.

Stand firm on those messy days, God will see you through. And now and then it helps to enjoy an occasional bowl of ice cream, chocolate syrup, and whipped cream. Ask my granddaughter – she will tell you!

Blessings,
Pat

MISSION/EVENTS/NEWS

SUCC Fellowship Events!

We have had a wonderful time at our fellowship events this summer so far!

We met at the Pink Heifer Restaurant in Monticello in May for a delicious supper of smoked brisket and other delights. We enjoyed the wonderful music of Marc Barnaby and his band after our supper.

In June we had a delightful pizza supper at Ticino's in New Glarus, (photos below).



SUCC Social Fellowship held recently at Ticino's in New Glarus

Finally, in August our fellowship event will be the **church picnic on Sunday, August 20th**.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events, we hope to schedule more!

Mission Project – July

We are very grateful for the generous collection of school supplies for Big Brothers Big Sisters!

At the time of this printing, **we still have one Sunday of Collection**. We will report our grand total as soon as we can.

Thank you for blessing so many children in need!

August Mission outreach – Collecting for Green Cares Food Pantry in Monticello, WI

Please bring your non-perishable items to the church and place them in our shopping cart. These items will be taken to **Green Cares**, monetary donations are also appreciated.

This is the list of needs given to us from Green Cares: canned fruits and vegetables, soups, juice, noodles, boxed meals, and personal hygiene items. Monetary donations allow them to purchase at Second Harvest too.

Thank you for your support!

Time to Start Thinking about Confirmation . . .



Our Confirmation program is an opportunity for our students to grow in their faith, and develop lasting relationships within the church community. Our program is a two- year program that runs from October thru April. We meet twice monthly. The first meeting of the month is on a Wednesday evening 6pm – 7:30pm. Parents will be asked to sign-up to provide the meals on Wednesdays. A confirmation mentor (in which the student will help choose) will help guide them through the lessons. The second meeting of the month will be an outreach event. Both meetings are required along with regular church attendance.

In addition to attending classes and church – the students will be asked to:

- serve as a greeter (along with family/friends) 3 times throughout the years
- serve as a liturgist, help with children’s Sunday school, provide special music during worship, or serve in the bell choir 2 times a year
- memorize 1 scripture passage
- Take part in our Easter Service – where students will have a special presentation

All of this information will be included in the confirmation packet for the class of 2023-2024.

Our first confirmation class is Wednesday, October 4. More information will be coming, a possible Confirmation Retreat is also in the works!

Please contact Pat to confirm you would like your student to be a part of this exciting program at pat@swisschurch.org or 60/558-6063.

SWISS UCC CHURCH PICNIC IN THE PARK



Sunday, August 20th

(The picnic will be held immediately following Sunday morning church service {8/20/23} at the Village Park)

We will supply: Meat, buns, beverages, silverware & plates, portable tables and chairs, Root Beer Floats, and Games

Please bring a dish to pass, if you are able.

(Picnic Committee: Rachel Baker, Chris Kiesz, and Nora Lea Hoesly)

Please let us know if you plan to attend by Aug. 13th – Picnic sign-up sheet will be in the narthex, or call the church office (608)527-2119. Thank you!

Art & Science Camp -- (Volunteers needed)

Aug. 14-17th – 6-8 pm --

Will be held at Swiss UCC – 18 5th Ave., New Glarus

Romans 12:6a -- Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them!

Please visit our SUCC website – EVENTS – More info available online for Art & Science Camp – Registration forms, contact info, etc.

Do you enjoy working with kids? Is crafting your “happy place?” Are you a high schooler looking for **volunteer** hours? **Then we need you!**

Art Camp preparations are underway and we need **volunteers** to help kids create and experience all the love and kindness our church has to offer.

The idea behind Art & Science Camp is to provide four evenings of science experiments, art lessons and fellowship to kids in New Glarus and the surrounding areas. All projects are planned out and materials are provided, we just need you to help our local kids have a great time.

We will be hosting Art & Science Camp on August 14-17, 2023, from 6-8pm. We begin and end our sessions in SUCC Fellowship Hall in the church basement.

Excited about it? So are we! Please contact Heidi Mondloch at (608) 527-4855, or hesalzma@yahoo.com or Nicole Sidwell at (608) 527-4089 or nsidwell@gmail.com with any questions or to **volunteer**.

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!



Art and Science Camp 2023

August 14-17-- 6:00-8:00pm

Swiss Church
18 5th Ave, New Glarus

Activities for kids ages 3-12

Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney

Please fill out one form (both sides) per child attending Art Camp.

Child's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work phone _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to child _____

Does your child have allergies (Food, Medicine, etc.?) Y N

Please List (use extra sheet of paper and attach if necessary)

I give permission for my child to participate in the activity (Art Camp) and release from all liability and indemnify Swiss United Church of Christ of New Glarus, and their officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees, from any and all liability, claims, judgements, cost or expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of any illness incurred by my child while participating in or traveling to or from the activity.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Photo Release:

I agree that Art Camp (Swiss United Church of Christ of New Glarus) may use my child’s portrait or photograph for promotional purposes and office functions, in print, social media and/or on their website.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Please complete EITHER Part I or Part II below:

Part I: Grant Consent In the event reasonable attempts to contact me have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the previously-named doctor, or, in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and, (2) the transfer of the child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted include:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Part II: Refusal to consent (DO NOT COMPLETE IF YOU COMPLETED PART I). I do NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the church leaders to take the following action (MUST BE COMPLETED IF REFUSING CONSENT FOR TREATMENT)

Description of desired action: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Consistory Update – (July 2023)

Greetings from the Consistory! We hope you are enjoying your summer.

This month I would like to update you about the parking challenges we face at Swiss Church when the village closes 4th Avenue during festival celebrations.

It was brought to my attention by our local funeral director that during a recent festival and 4th Avenue closure, a member was ticketed while parked near our handicap accessible entrance on 4th Avenue during a funeral. I sought out both our New Glarus Chamber and New Glarus Police Department for more explanation. The police chief let me know that he rescinded the ticket, but we both agreed some explanation could help prevent future frustration.

It should be pointed out that the ultimate decision to close 4th Avenue for festivals is taken by the Village Board after a several months long process of review. At that point, it is the chamber and police department's responsibility to carry out the closed road order. However, after talking with both organizations, they are very willing to use their judgement and discretion to avoid unnecessary conflicts.

On the rare occasion when a church event like a funeral is scheduled at the same time 4th Avenue is closed for a festival please take a couple of precautions to avoid conflicts. Both the chamber and police department agreed that a vehicle with handicap accessible markings could be allowed to pass the closed road barrier; however, the vehicle should remain inside the barrier for just the time it takes to drop off their handicapped family member. Once the drop off has been achieved, the car should be returned to a parking area outside the closed road barrier for the duration of the event they are attending. There is a reason the chamber and police department insist on what others of us might consider an inconvenient restriction. During the months-long review of a request to close the road, one of the considerations is Fire and EMS access to areas inside the closed road area in case of emergency. The potential for parked cars inside the closed area is not a part of their consideration and therefore must be avoided, except for the very short-term requirements for dropping off people at the

church with limited mobility. There is also the unintended consequence of additional cars following the one with handicap markings, thinking that "if they did it, it must be allowed".

I hope this explanation has been helpful. As always, bring your questions about this or other concerns to the Swiss Church Consistory and we will investigate and address it.

Respectfully,

Kim Bright
Consistory President

➤ Update on Swiss Church Committees --

As sometimes happens over time, some of our church Committees have become inactive. There are also some new activities that do not fit nicely under existing Committee responsibilities. So, Consistory thought it was again time to review our Committees and what they each do.

Committees may be dissolved, combined, and couple new Committees may be created.

Once this review is completed and both current Committee Chairs and Consistory approve, the new Committee list will be communicated to members.

The Committees, responsibilities and contact information will go out to everyone through the Spire. If anyone has comments they'd like considered during this review please reach out to a member of the Consistory.

Thanks,
Kim Bright

➤ Update on Cemetery Activity --

You may recall that the Swiss Church Consistory initiated discussions with the New Glarus Village Board last winter about transferring ownership and management of the Cemetery. While Swiss Church ownership and maintenance of the Cemetery made sense when it was the lone church in the community, it makes less sense now. Several new churches have been created in the decades since then and

the Cemetery serves as the final resting place for many people each year who are not members of Swiss Church. The money generated through plot sales each year does not come close to the annual cost of maintaining the Cemetery, so Swiss Church must then make up the difference. Attempts to get sustained financial support from other area congregations have gone nowhere.


Initial discussions with the Village Board met with significant resistance. There is a legal pathway for a church to “abandon” a cemetery but it takes years to achieve, and in the meantime the church cannot maintain the cemetery or the “abandonment” period starts over. As Memorial Day and summer approached, we experienced the inevitable unkept appearance of a cemetery in the abandonment process and the associated anger from our residents and family members who have loved ones interred at the Cemetery. Attorneys for the both the Village and Swiss Church negotiated an agreement by which Swiss Church would be allowed to mow and maintain the Cemetery, using Cemetery funds,

without restarting the abandonment time clock. We have and will continue to keep the Cemetery mowed until a mutually agreed upon transition plan is achieved.

Because initial discussions between the Village and Swiss Church were contentious, our Swiss Church attorney recommended all communications with the Village be between attorneys. Unfortunately, as of the time this article is being written, there have been no further discussion on the larger issue of transference of the Cemetery to the Village between the attorneys. The Consistory now plans to try and revive an amicable dialogue directly with members of the Village Board. We will keep you informed of any progress achieved.

Thanks,

Kim Bright (Consistory President)
and Shelly Johnson (Consistory Treasurer)



NEW GLARUS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
New Glarus Bible Church
207 6th Street


Friday, August 18, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Corner of 3rd Ave and 6th Street

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

Sponsored by Swiss UCC

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

All presenting donors will be entered for a chance to win a Summer Fun Grill Package including a Wireless Bluetooth Portable Travel Speaker, 60qt Wheeled Insulated Portable Cooler and Standup Propane Gas Grill! Approx. Value \$325. The package is non-transferrable or redeemable for cash.



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New Glarus Community Blood Drive

Friday, August 18th
11:00am to 5:00pm

Swiss UCC will Host the August Blood Drive, which is scheduled to be held at the New Glarus Bible Church --

- Kitchen duties
- Serving the blood donors
- Making baked treats

Please call Ruth Anderegg (608)636-2043 or see her in church, to volunteer your services for this important event.



SWISS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are a family of faith committed to the teachings of Christ, to social justice, and to mission at home and abroad. We strive to be a welcoming church that includes everyone wherever they are on life's journey.

Consistory Meeting-April 26, 2023

Present: Shelly Johnson, Nancy Galhouse, Pat Pluss, Ron Legler, Tabatha Barnaby, Heidi Mondloch

Present via Zoom: Jessica Swan

Absent: Rachel Baker, Gary Krahenbuhl

Call to Order: Completed at 5:33 PM

Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda for meeting was approved

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

The minutes from the March 22, 2023 were presented. Motion to approve was made by Shelly Johnson, seconded by Tabatha Barnaby. All voted in favor to approve the minutes without changes.

Financial Report

- YTD information through March was presented by Shelly Johnson.
- Spire – The month of March was strong for us financially. Our giving/income was \$24,410 (\$2,698 above budget) and our expenses were \$18,820 (\$2,390 under budget) which resulted in a Net Income for the month of \$5,590 (vs. a budgeted amount of \$503). This puts us in a solid position financially with a YTD Net Income of \$5,110 (which is \$7,200 ahead of the budgeted amount of -\$2,090).
- Shelly recommended consideration of a change to the budget for next year based on the increase in income.
- General fund balance is at \$65,665
- Discussion about two upcoming bills that Marlis is researching, both related to renewals for services that have had price increases. Marlis will follow up with Shelly when information is obtained.
- Offering 4/2/23- \$7,200
- Offering 4/9/23- \$3,950
- YTD income is \$58,154 with variance from the Spire report related to ETF/online donation.
- Motion to approve checks was made by Heidi Mondloch, with Tabatha Barnaby seconding this motion. All present voted in favor of approving checks as presented.

Committee Reports

Property-

- Shelly informed the consistory that she had Marlis mail a check to the attorney.
- The village has agreed to a meeting. Our attorney will have an upcoming listening session with the village administrator and the attorney will report back with information.
- No additional action is required at this time.
- Discussion was completed regarding the value of the cemetery, which is related to market values.
- Church spring cleaning date will be announced by the property committee.

Executive:

- Nancy Galhouse expressed to the consistory that she would like to step down from the president's position secondary to not having a co-president
- Discussion was completed about the role of the president position.
- Consistory members discussed reaching out to a former president or prior vice president to see if they may have interest in this position. The commitment would be until February 2024.

HR:

- No report

Pastoral Report:

- Discussion was completed about senior high recognition day and how to provide gifts to graduating seniors, particularly to those unable to attend service on 5/21/23. The consistory recommended purchase of a non-dated gift. Pat will provide invitations to graduates and make announcements in church.
- Pat announced that the Joyful Hearts committee has opted to discontinue the Swiss Church food pantry. Vouchers to Roy's supermarket will still need to be paid.
- A motion to retain the remaining funds of \$873.47 for use for families who contact church with food insecurity or a food emergency was made by Nancy Galhouse and seconded by Heidi Mondloch, with all present voting to approve.
- Pat discussed reinitiating church services at the New Glarus Home. A date of Sunday, May 7, 2023 has been determined to resume services there. There was discussion about how to ensure safety of NGH residents. Masks and hand sanitizing will be available and provided. If NGH has Covid + residents, the services will be cancelled. A call will be placed prior to services to inquire about any types of infectious outbreaks that would necessitate cancellation of services. Nancy and Jessica will attend the first service.
- The consistory discussed payment for special music services and agreed that if a musician is leading music during the service, they will be compensated at a rate of \$75. Shelly will write a policy to this effect.
- Pat noted that she is continuing video/Bible study on Tuesday mornings May 2-30.
- Glarner Lodge service is scheduled for 5/4.
- There is a confirmation student being confirmed on 5/7 and a baptism scheduled for 5/21. Senior high recognition will also be on 5/21.
- There are required Clergy Conference meetings on 5/1, 5/11 and 5/25.
- Mission committee is scheduled for 5/10 and a staff meeting is scheduled for 5/18.
- The Water Walk is scheduled for 5/20.
- The Mission committee is planning to help with the Bike Rodeo in New Glarus on 5/20.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Swan

**Swiss UCC Consistory Meeting
May 24, 2023
Via Zoom**

Attending: Shelly Johnson, Nancy Galhouse, Ron Legler, Gary Krahenbuhl, Heidi Mondloch, Tabatha Barnaby, Jessica Swan, Chris Kiesz, Kim Bright, Rachel Baker, Pat Pluss.

Also attending: Attorney Nathan Russell, Bonnie Klassy

Meeting called to order by Shelly Johnson at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda - vote needed to add Kim Bright and Chris Kiesz to the Consistory; vote needed to elect Kim Bright president of the Consistory. Motion to approve was made by Nancy Galhouse, seconded by Jessica Swan. Motion carried.

Tabatha Barnaby made a motion to add Kim Bright and Chris Kiesz to the Consistory; seconded by Rachel Baker. Motion carried.

Tabatha Barnaby made a motion to elect Kim Bright president of the Consistory; seconded by Jessica Swan. Motion carried.

Nancy Galhouse agreed to serve as vice president. It is recommended that these changes to the Consistory be printed in the Spire.

Approval of Last April Minutes

An amendment was made to the Pastoral Report with the addition of the last seven bulleted items. Rachel Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Nancy Galhouse. Motion carried.

Diana Clark Request

Diana Clark requested permission to make a presentation regarding June Pride Month similar to her presentation last year. She will coordinate with Pat on a date. Kim Bright moved to grant permission; Nancy Galhouse seconded. Motion carried.

History of cemetery abandonment by Shelly Johnson

In October, 2022, a survey of church members indicated that the majority was in favor of abandoning the cemetery. After correspondence back and forth between the church and the Village in September, October, and November, on December 6 at the Village Board Meeting, they unanimously rejected our proposal to have the Village provide maintenance and operation of the cemetery for one year based on their attorney's advice. However, the Village is legally required to maintain and operate an abandoned cemetery after five years of abandonment. We then retained Attorney Nathan Russell to help us proceed.

Because we cannot mow the cemetery for fear of losing our abandonment date of January 1, 2023, the grass has taken over, some families are mowing their individual plots, and it looks terrible.

One possible solution was to be issued a "noxious weed" citation, have the Village mow it, and have the church pay for it.

Another option is to negotiate with the New Glarus Township which is apparently willing to contribute funds to the Village to maintain the cemetery.

The total cost of maintaining the cemetery to Swiss Church is approximately \$26,000, \$13,000 for mowing and snow removal on the property, and \$13,000 for administrative costs of selling plots and maintaining records which is currently being done by volunteers since Kristina Schneider resigned. Bonnie Klassy believes the existing system of selling plots and maintaining records should be scrapped. The administrative tasks are laborious, sometimes working from hand-drawn schematics. These tasks average 4-10 hours per week.

Attorney Russell and Bonnie Klassy joined the meeting via Zoom.

Mr. Russell met with the Village Administrator, Village President, and their attorney on Monday, May 22. Overall, he was optimistic that they will continue to work with us on the transfer in some regard.

Mr. Russell stated that the church's point was made. The church has abandoned the cemetery and is transferring the maintenance and administration of the cemetery to the Village.

Because of the number of complaints the Village has received on the condition of the cemetery, with Memorial Day approaching, they agreed to have the church continue to mow it, with written assurance that it will not affect our abandonment date. They would like us to continue maintenance for one year. They also agreed that we can continue to sell plots and operate administratively as we did before.

They asked for an inventory of plots occupied, plots sold but unoccupied, and remaining plots.

They also asked for the exact amount of funds they would receive from the church should the transfer take place. Current balances as of 5/25/23 are Bank of New Glarus - Cemetery Checking Account from which the mowing is paid is \$11,237.27; Bank of New Glarus - Cemetery Savings Account is \$10,292.45; and United Church Funds - Cemetery Perpetual Care is \$106,323.79 Market Value/\$57,996.64 Book Value. Mr. Russell will get this information to their attorney.

Once this information is given to them, they will have further conversations and hopefully create a draft proposal at some point, but there is no timetable for how long this may take.

Kim questioned our liability regarding perpetual care for those who purchased plots in the past if the cemetery is not maintained. The quandary is what is our obligation to those who have bought plots. There is no case law or statutes regarding this.

Mr. Russell asked for our sense of whether the Village's reluctance to take over the cemetery is funds needed for cemetery upkeep or manpower for administrative functions. His sense is that it's manpower, especially if the Town is willing to help with funding. Shelly feels that they have plenty of administrative manpower.

Shelly asked about communicating this information to the general public. Mr. Russell advised that we say nothing about the negotiations occurring at this point because of the side agreement to continue mowing. He will draft a short statement we can say when questioned about the progress being made and send it to Shelly. At some point a joint statement can be published.

Attorney Russell and Bonnie Klassy left the meeting at this point.

Financial Report

Shelly Johnson reported that we are good financial shape.

Spire - Our giving/income was \$25,832 (\$3,636 above budget) and our expenses were \$17,617 (\$1,657 under budget) which resulted in a Net Income for the month of April of \$8,216 (vs. a budgeted amount of \$2,023). This puts us in a solid position financially with a YTD Net Income of \$13,337 (which is \$12,505 ahead of the budgeted amount of \$832).

The General Fund has a balance of \$75,753; Property \$81,878; Cash Reserve \$55,089; and Cash Reserve CD \$50,000.

Checks were reviewed. Shelly Johnson moved to approve the checks as listed; Kim Bright seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report

- Thursday, June 1 - Glarner Lodge Service 10am
- Sunday, June 4 - New Glarus Home Service 10:30am
- Thursday, June 8 - Required Clergy Meeting, Janesville, 9:30-11am
- Wednesday, June 14 - Joyful Hearts Mission ZOOM 7am
- Wednesday, June 14 - Graveside service 3:30 pm
- Friday, June 16 - Funeral Service Beal's Funeral Home
- Monday, June 26 - Required Clergy Meeting 9am
- Wednesday, June 28 - Consistory Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 29 - Staff Meeting 11:30am

April 2nd Planning Meeting

The fellowship brunch was well received and appreciated by those who attended.

Committees

A discussion was begun on the function of various committees within the church, especially the Music Committee and appropriate fees to be paid to a new choir director for practices and performances.

Committee restructuring and responsibilities will be placed on the June agenda.

Rachel Baker moved to adjourn; seconded by Jessica Swan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

2023-24 Consistory Members

<p>Kim Bright, President (608)214-1962 (c); kimrbright@gmail.com</p>	<p>Nancy Galhouse, Vice President (608)527-2496 (h); nlgsmile1@hotmail.com</p>
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Maennerchor will sing at SUCC on Sunday, Aug. 6th –

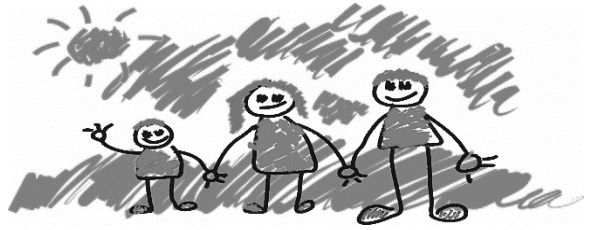
**Please join us -- “Pie and ice cream
reception to follow in fellowship hall”**



Sunday School Corner

Sunday School Kick-Off - Sunday, September 10th –

It's almost Sunday School time! Join us on Sunday, September 10th! We meet at 9:15 am downstairs in the classroom immediately following the children's moment with Pastor Pat. We have an exciting curriculum of children's Bible stories, crafts, games and snacks planned. Come join us!



If you love kids and want to share the Bible by teaching, contact Nicole Sidwell at nsidwell@gmail.com. Keep an eye on the Spire for student registration information or stop by the office or church in the following weeks for registration forms.

Kilby

The Swiss Church Kilby Homecoming Celebration 2023

“Please remember to mark your calendars for **Kilby weekend, Sept. 23rd– 24th**. More details will be coming out in the near future, but we will once again need volunteers for food prep, serving, and clean-up. Many hands make light work, so we will be looking to members of the congregation to contribute their time and talent to make this annual celebration and important church fundraiser a success!”



Memorial Donations -- August 2023

- ✚ In memory of Herb and Helen Gmur designated to the Property Fund
- ✚ In memory of Rollie Disch designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund
- ✚ In memory of Joanne Buesser designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund
- ✚ In memory of Nate Klassy designated to Undesignated Memorial Fund

We Gathered for Fellowship and to Remember Our Loved Ones



AUGUST

Calendar of Events 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship services are in-person & live streamed – Sundays – 9 am. The Church Office is located above the Bank of New Glarus, across the street from our Church Sanctuary.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday – 10:00 am – 2 pm Friday: Closed</p>				<p>Please call the church office if you would like to sign up as a <u>NEW Volunteer</u> – We will add your name to our list of Volunteers – to greet or to host for Coffee Hour – (608)527-2119. THANK YOU!</p>		
		1	2	3	4	5
				Glarner Lodge church service – 10 am		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed Maennerchor will sing in church Worship at NG Home – 10:30 am			7:00 am Mission -Zoom Meeting <hr/> 6:30 pm Executive Committee			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed	Art & Science Camp – 6-8 pm	Art & Science Camp – 6-8 pm	Art & Science Camp – 6-8 pm	Art & Science Camp – 6-8 pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed CHURCH PICNIC @ Village Park, after church			6:30 pm Consistory Meeting			
Communion 27	28	29	30	31		
9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed		Clergy ZOOM Meeting 9 am			Sunday School will start meeting again on Sept. 10th – in the church basement after Children’s Moments. Mark your calendar!	

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





Joyful Celebrations

Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|----|--|
| 3 | Terry & Peg Roth | 18 | David & Betty Owen; Brody & Dana MacLean |
| 5 | Rome & Josie Wieser | 21 | Andrew & Christine Craven |
| 6 | Duane & Lynne Hustad | 21 | Frank & Mary Jo Kilpatrick |
| 6 | Madeline & Randy Zuber | 28 | Kris & Penny Kubly |
| 7 | Roumaine & Kathy Holland | 31 | Michael & Bonnie Klassy |
| 12 | Eric & Jesse Fink | | |
| 16 | Marc & Tabatha Barnaby | | |

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|--|
| 3 | Bonnie Roberts | 19 | Milo Parker, Ron Legler, Marian Hustad
Ken Zimmerman, Jr. |
| 4 | Terry Marty | 20 | Alice Foster, Sue Lockard |
| 5 | Jaiden Sidwell | 22 | Peri Erickson, Madi Perkins |
| 7 | Jenna Anderson | 23 | Gregg Erickson, Karen Gmur |
| 9 | Sally Jeglum, Jack Roberts,
Claire Mondloch | 24 | Sara Hendrickson |
| 12 | Chuck Phillipson | 27 | Dennis Baker |
| 14 | Lynne Hustad | 28 | Beth Buesser |
| 15 | Macy Rear, Sue Zimmerman | 29 | Louann Bodenmann, Bob Roth |
| 16 | Nathaniel Sidwell, Dana Truttman | | |
| 17 | Bill Hustad | | |
| 18 | Larry Hauge | | |

We are truly very sorry if we missed your anniversary or birthday. The information is taken from Realm, the church database. Please contact the office if we missed your special day, and we will be sure to include your name to our schedule in Realm.



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2023 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund

	2023	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2023	BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	NET	NET
	INCOME	INCOME	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	INCOME	INCOME
January	\$14,898	\$15,105	\$17,158	\$18,404	\$18,930	\$16,147	-\$3,506	-\$3,825
February	\$21,565	\$22,976	\$22,409	\$18,517	\$21,744	\$20,326	\$3,048	\$1,232
March	\$24,184	\$21,712	\$20,984	\$18,820	\$21,210	\$18,375	\$5,579	\$503
April	\$25,832	\$22,196	\$20,708	\$17,617	\$19,274	\$17,195	\$8,216	\$2,923
May	\$17,245	\$20,355	\$19,207	\$20,052	\$20,008	\$17,147	-\$2,807	\$347
June	\$15,594	\$13,617	\$13,366	\$20,224	\$20,054	\$16,018	-\$4,630	-\$6,437
July			\$17,765			\$17,046		
August			\$15,623			\$17,255		
Sept.			\$20,071			\$19,279		
October			\$22,284			\$17,809		
Nov.			\$17,460			\$16,523		
Dec.			\$43,305			\$20,855		
YTD	\$119,318	\$115,962	\$250,339	\$113,633	\$121,219	\$213,973	\$5,685	-\$5,257

BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS			OTHER FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY			Balance as of 6/30/2023	
	OCWM	Non-OCWM	Net Income				
	Restricted	Restricted	Cemetery	Property	Endow	General	
January	\$707	\$425	-\$372	\$1,570		Property	\$67,507
February	\$1,035	\$2,543	-\$380	-\$11,940		Restricted	\$98,233
March	\$852	\$3,074	\$191	\$2,080	\$2,370	Cash Reserve	\$56,309
April	\$1,217	\$993	-\$1,553	\$2,699		Cash Reserve CD	\$55,161
May	\$727	\$2,391	-\$493	\$15,535		Cemetery Checking	\$50,000
June	\$847	\$278	-\$625	\$820	\$3,030	Cem. Savings	\$10,611
July						Cem. Perpetual Care	\$10,294
August						Endowment Fund	\$57,997
Sept.						Debt Obligation	\$614,745
October						Current Liabilities	\$0
Nov.							\$1,882
Dec.							
YTD	\$5,385	\$9,703	-\$3,233	\$10,764	\$5,400		
Pledge	\$10,000						
						1:20 PM	6/14/23

Swiss Church Worship Services

In-person Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Online Worship: Swiss Church sermons and the Children's Moment are recorded weekly and are available on Facebook/Swiss Church or go to the Swiss UCC website at www.swisschurch.org to view.

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.

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Mission...Our faith leads us to affirm all persons. We celebrate and share our common communion with all, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or national origin, physical and developmental abilities, age, educational background, economic or social status, faith background, family structure or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

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