



The Spire

August 2025



A Message from Our Pastor, Pat Pluss ...

I came across this quote the other day: "August is nature's grand finale!" It certainly is a month of being not quite ready to let go of the fun, yet you can hear September clearing its throat in the hallway. I am reminded of this when I see the home of my daughter and her family. Her counter is covered with swim goggles and waterproof sunscreen along with new packages of pencils and crayons. If that is not August, I don't know what is.

August invites us to live in between rest and routine, summer easy days and fall energy. It reminds me of scripture found in **Ecclesiastes 3:1** *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."*



It is a month of mixed feelings – of trying to enjoy what's left of summer while also preparing for what is next. That is true for many of us in our daily lives, and it is true for our church too. August is a time for both gratitude and anticipation. We give thanks for the slower pace of summer – worship, fellowship, Sabbath – and we begin to turn our eyes toward fall. We are preparing for Sunday School, confirmation, Men's prayer breakfasts, book clubs, and more. We strive to continue to grow in faith and community!

So, whether you are holding a beach towel or a fall planner – or maybe both – know that this season holds space for both joy and preparation. And wherever you are, God is with you.

Wishing you peace, a few more lazy afternoons, and the Spirit's quiet nudge as we walk toward fall together.

Blessings,
Pat

Wanted Future Confirmation Students! – Upcoming 7th & 8th Grade Students

We are excited to begin planning for our upcoming Confirmation Class, which will start this fall! This class is open to students entering 7th and 8th grade, and is a meaningful opportunity to grown in their faith, ask big questions, and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ. It is also a wonderful opportunity to make some lasting connections with others in the church. It is a two-year program and runs from October until May. If you have a child (or grandchild) who is interested in participating, please let us know we can soon begin preparing materials and schedules. For more information or to register, please contact Pat at pat@swisschurch.org or Diane at diane@swisschurch.org or leave a message at the church office 608/527-2119. We are looking forward to a great year together!

Let the Little Ones Come to Me!

We are also excited to share that we now have a **"Children's Corner"** located just off the area by the elevator - a quiet, comfortable spot where parents can take little ones who may need a short break during worship. Please know that children are always, always, welcome in the service, but this new space offers another option for families when needed.



"Children's Corner"



Due to extreme temperatures...

On these terribly warm and humid Sundays, if you are experiencing any medical difficulty due to the heat and humidity or notice someone in worship who is, please know that we have a small, air-conditioned office near the elevator available for your comfort. If you need to use this space, simply let Pastor Pat, Diane Elmer, or Tom Marty, know, and we will gladly help you get there. Your well-being is important to us—please don't hesitate to speak up if you're feeling unwell.

Final Friends & Fellowship Summer Event – Thursday, Aug. 28th

Join us for our final Friends and Fellowship event this summer – Thursday, August 28th! We'll be gathering at 6pm – at **Dirty Dog's Taphaus**.

Our gracious hosts, Keith and Leah, will reserve tables so we can enjoy good company together. Dirty Dog offers a variety of delicious dinner options for purchase, including pizza and pulled pork sandwiches. You're welcome to bring your own soda, or treat yourself to their popular root beer on tap and other tasty beverages.

Bring a friend (or a few!) and enjoy a relaxed evening of food, fellowship, and fun – our final summer event! We hope to see you there!

Help needed – for “Grace Notes & Good Cheer!”



Swiss Church is excited to host “Grace Notes & Good Cheer” – an afternoon of music, laughter, and connection with the residents of The New Glarus Home. This special event is a joyful way to share our gifts and brighten someone's day.

We are looking for folks who would like to participate—whether through singing, playing an instrument, telling jokes, performing a short skit, dancing, reading a poem, or even juggling! If you have a talent (or just a cheerful spirit) we'd love for you to be part of this uplifting experience.

Our goal is to keep a meaningful presence at the New Glarus Home and events like this help build relationships and spread God's love through simple, heartfelt moments. We will plan on serving a simple dessert at the event.

Our “Grace Notes & Good Cheer” Event will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25th at 2pm at The New Glarus Home. To sign up or ask questions, contact Pat.

Come help us create smiles, share grace, and maybe even start a little dancing!



Thank you for
your partnership
to end hunger in
Green County

Thank you so much
for your recent donation of 255 pounds
of food to help fill our shelves.
– In gratitude,
Green Cares Food Pantry Board



Sunday School starts Sept. 7th – We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sunday school is starting up for kids 3 years of age through 6th grade. We're looking forward to meeting in our Sunday School space within Fellowship Hall.

Join us on Sundays at 9:15am for Sunday school following our children's moment with Pastor Pat.

We're looking for a couple of volunteers to help teach on Sundays. All materials will be provided for you. Join us and bless the children in our congregation! Contact Nicole Sidwell at nsidwell@gmail.com or 527-4089.

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, 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 Text SWISSCHURCH and the amount to 73256.

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!

*Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.* – Proverbs 22:9

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00.

We want you to know that your gift will make a real and tangible difference in the lives of

those who are less fortunate in our community.

May you experience a special peace, knowing this thoughtful donation will enable The Salvation Army to continue offering Christ's blessing to our neighbors in need.

Thank You!

Swiss United Church of Christ Sunday School Registration Form

Sept. 2025 – May 2026

Please submit this form to the church office (drop in an offering plate in the back of the church) or drop off on Sept. 7th, when you come to Sunday School. Thank you!

| Child Name (First & Last) | Grade (in Sept.) | Birthday (MM-DD-YY) | Allergies? | (please list all food/ medical concerns) |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|--|
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|--|

| Family Info | Parent/Guardian 1 | Parent/Guardian 2 |
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Name (First & Last)

Cell Phone

☐ ^{Text}
Yes
☐ No

☐ ^{Text}
Yes
☐ No

Home Phone

Email

Emergency Contacts

Name &

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Name & Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

I give the following people permission to pick my child/ren up from Sunday School (*can list more than one*)

I give permission for my child/ren to walk across the street to Village Park with a group of teachers, volunteers and classmates: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give permission for my child/ren to walk to Coffee Hour unescorted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give permission for photographs of my child/ren to be used by Swiss Church in publicity and promotion of activities, both online and in print: ☐ Yes ☐ No

By signing this form, I grant permission for my child/ren to participate in the Sunday School Program at Swiss Church.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

SUCC Giving Statement Information –

The Swiss Church Staff and Consistory are always looking for ways to keep costs down without greatly impacting service to our Congregation. One potential area of savings is in our mailing of paper statements of financial giving.

The Staff has achieved an excellent bulk mailing rate for Swiss Church mailings, but it requires a minimum of 200 pieces to be mailed. We currently mail out approximately 125 paper statements each quarter. With the bulk rate, it is actually cheaper to mail 200 pieces than 125 pieces at the full stamp price.

One possibility is for our Staff to add 75 more "dummy statements" in order to achieve the 200 pieces required for the bulk rate. But this adds cost for paper, ink and Staff time that we don't feel is efficient.

We believe a better solution is to send out emailed statements for the first three quarters of the year, and provide a paper statement for just the year end mailing. For members without email, the Staff is prepared to still mail out the paper statements if those families let us know that preference by calling or emailing the church office or a member of Consistory.

I hope everyone feels this is a reasonable plan to minimize cost to the Swiss Church while also providing all of our donors the statement information they need. Your feedback on this or other Swiss Church activity is always welcome!

Thanks for your understanding!

Kim Bright – Consistory President

"Cornerstone and Cookies Celebration"

All community members are welcome to attend

On September 2, 1901, The "Deutsch Schweitzerische Courier", (now the Post-Messenger-Recorder newspaper) announced the celebration of the cornerstone placement for the magnificent new "red" church. Considered by some to be the most beautiful church in southern Wisconsin at that time, it was built at a cost of \$16,000 with many hours of donated labor.

As part of the celebration, the church lawn was prepared to seat five hundred people. The program included the church's pastor Reverend Anton Roth, and neighboring clergy as speakers at the celebration, along with several musical presentations.

It was noted that the following were placed in the cornerstone during the ceremony: a

hymnal, The Heidelberg Catechism, the church constitution, a copy of the church history, and a newspaper clipping announcing the celebration.

Commemorative badges from the 40th and 50th anniversary celebrations of the forming of the colony along with a "Liederkrantz" (choir) badge were also included.

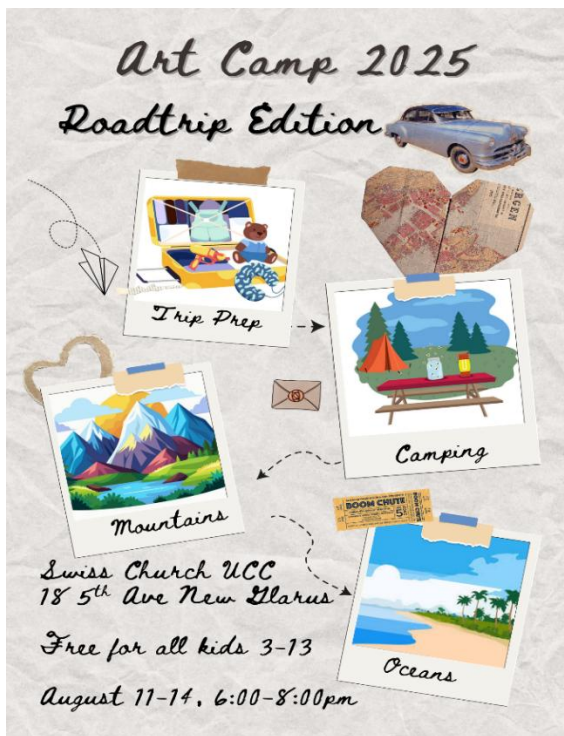
Swiss United Church of Christ will celebrate this 125th birthday since the laying of the church cornerstone at our 9am service, Sunday, August 31.

Our celebration will include Swiss singing, alp horns, historical artifacts for viewing, and refreshments.

All community members are welcome to attend.

2025 Consistory Members

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| Kim Bright, President (608)214-1962 (c); kimrbright@gmail.com | Chris Kiesz, Vice President (608)214-6853 (c) ckiesz@tds.net |
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**Many Blessings
 are all around us -- Thank you God!**





Welcome to the 2025

Kilby Homecoming Celebration Event!

We are excited to be hosting a modified version of traditional Kilby that we are calling 'Kilby Express'. Here are our plans.

A Taste of Kilby – Walking Swiss Meatballs & Food Stand - Saturday, September 27th – Our Food Stand will be open from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, or whenever the food sells out.

- In tandem with the New Glarus Oktoberfest celebration, we will be hosting a food stand at the church's south side lawn, offering 'A Taste of Kilby' to locals and visitors throughout the afternoon and into the evening.
- Serving will start at 11:00 am on Saturday, and this year we have decided to extend our serving time up until 10:00 pm, or whenever the food sells out. Our committee decided to extend our serving time on Saturday in the hope of improving sales and in response to the numerous requests for food after our tent had closed for the evening last year.
- **Sunday, Sept. 28th** - Any Kilby food leftovers will then be available for sale, immediately following our Kilby church service on Sunday morning, in the Fellowship Hall. **We will NOT open the food stand on Sunday.**

Kilby Express – Take Out Dinners on Saturday, September 27th

- We are offering "Kilby Express" take out dinners again this year. This will include Swiss Meatballs, Swiss Mashed Potatoes, Swiss Green Beans, and some of our traditional Swiss Specialty goodies as well.
- The Take-Out / Pick Up location will be at our 4th Avenue church entrance (at the north / park side of the church). **Pick up times will begin at 4:30 pm that afternoon.**
- Deliveries will also be available upon request.
- All take-out and delivery dinner orders need to be arranged for / reserved and prepaid by or before Wednesday, September 24th.
- Ways to reserve your Take-Out or Delivery Dinner:
 - Go online to the church website – Click the 'Give' Tab, then select Kilby Dinner from the dropdown tab.
 - Fill out the attached form - Kilby Express Take-Out / Delivery, and return it to the church office along with your check payment for the dinners.



Attention -- Kilby Pie Makers -

Please feel free to make the Apple pies in a square or a round pan.

HAPPY BAKING!

Your Support of Kilby in 2025

While we are once again not hosting a traditional supper in Fellowship Hall this year, our goal is to serve as many or more people than we have in the past - between the Take-Out Express Dinner and the Taste of Kilby Food Stand. We ask you to consider helping with the event and consider monetary support as well. Attached you will find the sign-up sheet.

The proceeds from the Kilby fundraising this year will be directed to upcoming property projects as recommended by the Property Committee and approved by Consistory. These projects may include replacement of the church front steps, brick work and tuckpointing.

You can make your check payable to Swiss Church and mail or deliver that to the church office. Please note "Kilby Donation" on your check.

Kilby Roll Call 2025

The Kilby Roll Call is a long-standing tradition for our church family as we celebrate this Homecoming event. Traditionally, at the in-person Kilby Sunday worship service as your Confirmation Class year is called, persons attending stand up to be counted. We also document persons attending who were confirmed in a different church, in a different country, or joined the family of faith in some other manner.

This year, and as we look to the future – we are embracing the opportunity to leverage our Online Worship presence, and our Kilby Roll Call will be hosted both in person at the Kilby Sunday worship, as well as virtually! If you will **not** be attending worship service in-person that day, enclosed you will find a Kilby Roll Call sheet to please complete and send back to the church office. We will tally the replies received from our online attendees and will share our response numbers as well on Kilby Sunday, September 28th.

We look forward to a successful Kilby Celebration!

Yours in Christ,

Kilby Coordination Team – Tabatha Barnaby, Shelly Johnson, & Diane Elmer

OCWM Wisconsin Impact -

OCWM Wisconsin Impact, formerly known as OCWM Basic Support, funds the wider mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ. Because of our gifts to OCWM Wisconsin Impact, the Conference can support the vitality of congregations like ours. A portion of OCWM Wisconsin Impact goes to regional missions like United Church Camps, Inc. (outdoor ministry) and the National Ministries of the UCC.

{Please check out the article (by Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister) displayed on the SUCC bulletin board, by the South door to the outside.}



SWISS CHURCH 2025 KILBY EXPRESS TAKE-OUT DINNER MENU

The updated menu for the Kilby Express Take-out Dinner includes:

Swiss Meatballs - Swiss Mashed Potatoes

Swiss Style Green Beans - Bread & Butter - Braetzi

Zueribierter - Pear Bread - Pie

- ➔ The Kilby Express Dinner is being hosted on Saturday, September 27th. Dinners are \$15 each.
- ➔ The take-out/pick-up location will be at our 4th Avenue church entrance (at the north/park side of the church). **Pick up times will begin at 4:30 pm that afternoon.** Deliveries will also be available upon request.
- ➔ All take-out and delivery dinner orders need to be reserved and prepaid by or before Wednesday, September 24th.
- ➔ Ways to reserve your take-out or delivery dinner:
 - Go online to the church website (<https://www.swisschurch.org>)
 - Click the 'Give' Tab.
 - Click the drop-down arrow next to 'Fund'.
 - Then select Kilby Supper – Take out Meal \$15 each.
 - OR - Fill out the attached form - Kilby Express Take-out/Delivery and return it to the church office along with your check payment for the dinners.

"Thank you" for your Support!

Local Blood Drive – Aug. 29th

The Blood Drive is Friday, August 29th – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the New Glarus Bible Church. Corner of 3rd Ave. and 6th St.



Swiss Church is once again in charge of the Kitchen duties and the treats, please bring your best bars and cookies! Drop off your goodies at the NG Bible Church by 10:45am or call Ruth

Anderegg, 608-558-0776 or Sara Kiesz, 608-636-0437, to pick them up from you.

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

Please make an appointment today! Hope to see you there on **August 29th**!

Your coordinators - Ruth Anderegg, Sara Kiesz, Bill Kuenzi, and Linda & Tom Coughlin

Swiss United Church of Christ

2025 Kilby Supper Sign-up Sheet

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Jobs and shift preferences

Please mark the box next to the shift and job with which you are able to help. Thank you!

Kilby Saturday (9/27):

Kitchen & Carry-Out Prep (Fellowship Hall)

☐ 9 am

Meatball Preparation at the **High School**

☐ 9 am

Potato Making Crews

☐ 11am ☐ 3 pm ☐ 5 pm

"Taste of Kilby" Food Stand

☐ 10:30 am – 1:30pm (includes setup)

☐ 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

☐ 4:30 pm - 7:30pm

☐ 7:30 to 10:30pm (includes cleanup)

Deliveries

☐ 4 pm

Carryout Team

☐ 4 pm to 7 pm

*Please reply with responses to Diane Elmer
by or before **Thursday, September 18th***

Email: diane@swisschurch.org

phone: 608-527-2119

**or mail to Swiss Church,
PO Box 97, New Glarus, WI 53574**

Email: _____

Donations

*Please deliver or arrange for your food donation to be at Fellowship Hall by **9 am on Saturday, September 27th**.*

☐ **Braetzli** (a batch - ~100)

☐ **Pies (2)**

☐ **Monetary donation**, enclosed:

\$ _____ (Tax deductible)

Or – make your Donation at our church website at: <https://swisschurch.org>. Click "Give" in the upper right corner of the home page; then select "Kilby Fund - Donation" with the dropdown arrow; enter the amount of your donation and your payment method.

Take Out Reservations

☐ # of Dinners: _____

Payment for Kilby Express Take Out Dinners enclosed. Cost per meal \$15 or pay via the church website!

**** All Dinner orders must be prepaid in advance. Sorry, there will be no on-site tickets available this year. ****

\$ _____ (Not tax deductible)

**** Pick up at the North side entry will be available beginning at 4:30 pm. ****

☐ I'd like _____ meals DELIVERED:

TO (address): _____

☐ before 5:15 ☐ before 6:15

We will work to target these times to the best of our ability on a first reservation basis.

Please make check payable to:

**Swiss Church - note "Kilby Dinner"
or "Kilby Donation" in the memo line**

2025 Kilby Roll Call

(Please complete this for all Confirmed members in your household – if you will **NOT** be in church on Sunday, September 28th – Thank you!)

Name: _____ Year Confirmed: _____

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ I was Confirmed at Swiss Church
- ☐ I was Confirmed in another Church: _____
- ☐ I was Confirmed in another Country
- ☐ I joined the church in a manner other than Confirmation

Name: _____ Year Confirmed: _____

Please check one of the following:

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Members of our Household who will be Confirmed in the future. (Name, and current grade in school)

Please return this to the church office (mail, drop off, or email) by or before Thursday, September 18th, if you are unable to attend church on September 28th. Thank you for participating in the 2025 Kilby Roll Call!

AUGUST

Calendar of Events 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|--------|----------|
| 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. Swiss United Church of Christ Church Office –Please call the church office and leave a message (608)527-2119 and we will return your call, as soon as possible. Thank you! | | | | Please call the church office if you would like to sign up as a NEW Volunteer – We will add your name to our list of Volunteers – to greet or to host for Coffee Hour – (608)527-2119. THANK YOU! | | |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed COMMUNION | | | | Glarner Lodge church service – 10 am | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed Visit from Oscar Rodriguez (All God's Children) Welcome breakfast before worship | Art Camp – 6-8 pm in fellowship hall | Art Camp – 6-8 pm in fellowship hall | Art Camp – 6-8 pm in fellowship hall <i>Consistory Meeting 6:30pm</i> All Sept. SPIRE Articles are due today, except Consistory article – due Aug. 18th- 9am, Thanks! | Art Camp – 6-8 pm in fellowship hall | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed | Consistory Spire Article due – 9am today. Thanks! | | Property Committee Meeting – 6pm Fellowship Hall | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed | | | Executive Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Hall | Friends and Fellowship Event at Tofflers 6pm | | |
| 31 | | | | | | |
| 9:00 am Worship* In-person & live-streamed *Cornerstone & Cookies” Celebration at our church service today. | | | | | | |

Swiss UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

Attending Remotely via Zoom: Chris Kiesz, Rachel Baker, Pat Pluss, Jon Ziltner

Attending at Church: Steve Rossing, Ron Legler, Gary Krahenbuhl, Nicole Sidwell, Kim Bright, Jessica Swan

Absent: Heidi Mondloch

Kim Bright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Kim Bright lead the opening prayer.

Agenda

No additions were made. Nicole Sidwell motioned to approve agenda, Ron Legler seconded. All vote in favor.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Rachel Baker to approve the April consistory minutes; seconded by Nicole Sidwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for Financial Statements ending April 30, 2025

No changes required. Jon provided treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report for Financial Statements ending April 30. 2025 Income for April was \$21,865 and expenses were \$17,273 for a net income of \$4,591. Year to date income is \$92,810 and expenses are \$75,497 leaving a net profit of \$17,312. Income and expenses are both comparable to last year's numbers at this time and are in line with budgeted projections. The only expense for Property was for the sprinkler system work Aherns completed for \$22,234. The excess cash in General and Property will be moved into money market accounts the first week of May.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jon Ziltner

Discussion of checks: Ron Legler inquired about the payroll from this time period as it was elevated from prior months. It was clarified that this was due to an increase in gross pay for Diane Elmer and due to pay for the childcare supervisor, which was included on this payroll cycle.

Jon Ziltner had two additional checks to add: \$423.95 for hospitality costs, \$545.00 for a wiring fee for the offices.

Kim Bright motioned to approve the checks with the two additions, Steve Rossing seconded. All voted in favor.

Jon Ziltner provided information that \$190,000 was transferred from the general account and \$138,000 was transferred from the property account into money market accounts.

Pastoral Report

- 50 devotion booklets were distributed to women on Mother's Day (I purchased 50!)
- This Sunday, May 18 we will recognize our HS graduating seniors - 3 students plan to be present in worship. I have a gift of a prayer book and a small microwave covered container for each student in worship. 6 students shared their future plans which I will also share in worship and the Spire.
- I will be using the "silver bag" for children's moments in June, July, and August.
- I plan to host monthly book clubs during the summer, with each book meeting held as a single session. I'll offer two different time options for each meeting: Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- I have contacted Leah and Keith - with hopes we can schedule a monthly "Friends & Fellowship" gathering at Dirty Dog Taphaus. I am looking at the 4th Thursday of each month.
- The Hospitality Committee has designed a large, framed Mission statement that will hang in our narthex area (just outside the sanctuary entrance). I will pick it up from "Frame and Color" and ask Tom Marty or someone on the property committee to hang it.
- I am looking at having a copy of our mission statement made for the kiosk
- Next year there will be just 2 second year confirmation students. I have been in discussion with their parents and we have set Sunday, May 17th as Confirmation Sunday 2026.

- Annual Conference is June 6 & 7. Barb Anderson and Jessica Swan are attending and I also plan to attend... I may have a family conflict on June 6, but hope to attend on the June 7.

Calendar

- ❖ Sunday, June 1 – Communion
- ❖ Thursday, June 5 -10am Lodge service
- ❖ Friday, June 6 & Saturday, June 7 – Conference Meetings Green Lake
- ❖ Wednesday, June 11 – 6:30pm Consistory Meeting
- ❖ Sunday, June 15 – Celebrate Men in worship
- ❖ Tuesday, June 17 – 9:30am -11am Discussion of Book – Seeing The Supernatural
- ❖ Wednesday, June 18 – 9:30am – 11am Discussion of Book – Seeing The Supernatural
- ❖ Thursday, June 26 – 6pm Friends and Fellowship Event at Dirty Dog's Taphaus – 6pm (tentative)

Submitted by Pat Pluss - Pastor

New Business:

Rezoning of Property that was sold to Library

Kim Bright informed consistory that there is a public hearing on June 3, 2025.

Office Transition/Staff working from home

Kim Bright inquired if this transition is working well. Pastor Pat Pluss affirmed that it is.

Planned Giving Disbursement

An audit was completed and an audit report was provided to consistory for review. Kim Bright reviewed disbursements:

It is recommended that 2024 earnings of \$25,000.00 be transferred from the investment fund to Swiss Church to be disbursed as allocated. Christian Ed 5% = \$1,250.00; Benevolence 10% = \$2,500.00; Innovative Ministries 15% = \$3,750.00; Property 70% = \$17,500.00.

Jon Ziltner added that the following were approved by Planned Giving: \$400 for summer art camp (Christian Ed), \$200 for Care and Share (Innovative Ministries), \$250 each to NG Police, EMS and Fire, and \$500 Green County Salvation Army (Benevolence Fund). Kim Bright moved to recommend that consistory follow the recommendations of the Planned Giving Committee to disburse funds as noted, Rachel Baker seconded, all voted in favor.

Restricted Funds

7 funds have been inactive for some time, including the Blanket Fund, El Salvador Scholarship Fund, Church Food Pantry Fund, Hunger Action, Just Peace, Window Restoration, and Veterans of the Cross. The Restricted Funds Committee is recommending deleting these accounts. An additional 6 funds were also recommended to be deleted including Habitat for Humanity, Home of Our Own, Salvation Army (which can be transferred to Green County Salvation Army). Additionally, the following are on the church website but do not require a restrict fund: Neighbors in Need, OGHS, and Strengthen Our Church Funds. There is a \$0 balance in each of these accounts.

\$670.00 is left in the AED account and it was recommended that this be transferred to the General Account and \$405.00 left in Carillon Bells Fund was recommended to be transferred to property fund.

A motion was made to delete the 13 identified restricted funds, and to transfer the remaining funds from AED fund to the general fund, to transfer the caroling bells money to the property fund by Kim Bright, seconded by Ron Legler. All voted to approve the motion.

Marlis Silver will keep the history of all deleted funds.

Old Business

1. Zwingli next steps: Committee is now communicating and working on getting formed.
2. Suggestions for a young couple to provide a welcome to livestream viewer. Anyone with suggestions for participants should let Pastor Pat Pluss know. Online viewers can also participate in this. Suggestions were provided.

3. Terrace wall discussion- the village will provide an updated document for consistory to review. Discussed tabled pending further documents provided by village.

7:08 PM- Kim Bright moved to go into closed session, seconded by Nicole Sidwell, all voted in favor.

Kim Bright moved to go back into open session at 7:26 PM, Jessica Swan seconded, all voted in favor.

Pastor Pat Pluss requested that consistory meetings be held via Zoom over the summer.

Kim Bright moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM, Rachel Baker seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Swan

Swiss UCC Consistory Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

Attending Remotely via Zoom: Jessica Swan, Pat Pluss

Attending at Church: Steve Rossing, Gary Krahenbuhl, Chris Kiesz, Jon Ziltner

Absent: Rachel Baker, Heidi Mondloch, Nicole Sidwell, Ron Legler

Kim Bright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. as a quorum was present. Pastor Pat Pluss lead the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Kim Bright asked that an addition be made to discuss a mission committee question regarding advertisements in the local ball parks. Jon Ziltner made a motion to approve the edited agenda, Chris Kiesz seconded. All voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Bright moved to approve last month's meeting minutes; Jon Ziltner seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report for Financial Statements ending May 31, 2025

May's income was down from last year Jon provided treasurer's report. Yearly revenue is similar to last year and June will be a five Sunday month. Kim Bright moved to approve the treasurer's report, Chris Kiesz seconded. All voted to approve.

Income for May was \$16,691 and expenses were \$21,108 for a net income of minus \$4,417. Year to date income is \$109,501 for 2025 and last year it was \$111,348. Net income for 2025 is \$12,896 compared to \$15,642 for last year through May. The difference of \$2,746 is from lower income of \$1,847 and an increase in expenses of \$899. May interest income from our money market fund for the General Account was \$392 and for the Property Account it was \$299. Both were invested for a little less than three quarters of the month of May. Year to date income for OCWM is at \$4,470, which is on track to meet our pledge of \$10,255.

Respectfully Submitted, Jon Ziltner

Approval of Checks

A review of checks was completed. Jon Ziltner made a mention of the reduction in the insurance cost as the difference in savings on the Zwingli building was reimbursed on the current statement. Kim Bright mentioned the mission committee's swimming scholarships to local families to use the NG Pool. Jon Ziltner motioned to approve the checks, Chris Kiesz seconded. All voted in favor.

Pastoral Report

Pastor Pat Pluss inquired about possible committee and consistory reports to the congregation in church quarterly. The consistory agreed and this will begin in September.

Clergy Report June 2025

- The Hospitality and Outreach Committee and I are working with Brian Dove to create a Mission Statement poster for the kiosk, which will align with the one currently posted outside the sanctuary. Brian is also providing us with a display option for the kiosk that should work well for displaying posters.

- The Hospitality and Outreach committee would like to provide an area for our families with young children during worship. They would like this to be in the area across from the elevator. We will be adding books, a few toys, etc. Children could be taken there with a family member if a need arises during worship.
- The Hospitality and Outreach committee had mixed opinions on signage for the local parks. The idea was present to the committee and discussed. They chose to defer the decision to the Consistory.
- In honor of Father's Day – we will be serving Culver's custard after the service. They gave us a great deal on the treat (1\$ each!)
- The Mission Committee is guiding a collection of cereal and pasta for Green Cares Food Pantry. These items are being collected at the front of the altar area.
- The worship/music committee is providing flowers for our sanctuary during the summer months.
- Our first summer Friends and Fellowship event is scheduled for June 26, 6pm.
- The Historical Committee has some planned special events for the 175th celebration on June 22. They have requested someone from the conference to join us if possible. I will try – but due to the late request, I am not sure that is a possibility.

Submitted by Pat Pluss – Pastor

Old Business:

Spire Article: Heidi Mondloch will complete the July spire article

Committee Reports:

1. **Mission-** Pat Pluss apprised consistory about the scholarship provided to the pool.
2. **Property-** nothing new to report.
3. **Zwingli-** met twice, Kim Bright will try to attend an upcoming meeting. Discussed potential congregational needs.

Sanctuary Screen update: Kim Bright reported that Ben will have a consultant provide additional information to provide cost estimate. Discussed potential to have consultant provide information about option to amplify organ sound.

Library Landscape: Kim Bright provided an update that the village will maintain any bushes that are on church property when the library is built.

New Business:

1. WI Conference UCC Annual Meeting report: Jessica Swan and Barb Anderson were the WI Conference as delegates for Swiss UCC. Barb Anderson will provide an update to the congregation at church and Jessica Swan will provide an update via the Spire in August.
2. Discussion about advertising at the two local ball parks and costs associated with this. The deadline for ordering a sign was in March 2025, this will be added to an upcoming agenda to discuss prior to next spring.

Jon Ziltner moved to adjourn, seconded by Chris Kiesz, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Swan

Summer FUN -- Art Camp at Swiss UCC!

Reserve these dates: August 11-14 from 6-8 pm

This fun activity is open to: All Community members - Ages 3-13

Note: We need volunteers - Including adults and teens!!

Please contact Nicole Sidwell - nsidwell@gmail.com (608-527-4089)
or Heidi Mondloch – hesalzma@yahoo.com (608-527-4855 for
more information on helping as a volunteer.



Joyful Celebrations

Anniversaries

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|---|
| 3 | Terry & Peg Roth | 18 | David & Betty Owen; Brody & Dana MacLean |
| 5 | Rome & Josie Wieser | 19 | Larry & Diane Powers |
| 6 | Madeline & Randy Zuber | 21 | Andrew & Christine Craven |
| 7 | Roumaine & Kathy Holland | 21 | Frank & Mary Jo Kilpatrick |
| 12 | Eric & Jesse Fink | 28 | Kris & Penny Kubly |
| 16 | Marc & Tabatha Barnaby | 31 | Michael & Bonnie Klassy |
| 17 | Dave & Sally Lamp | | PLEASE NOTE: |
| | | | Lukas & April Bright celebrated their 1st |
| | | | Wedding Anniversary on July 6, 2025 |
| | | | (We have added your record to Realm.) |

BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|----|---|----|---|
| 3 | Bonnie Roberts | 19 | Milo Parker, Ron Legler, Ken Zimmerman, Jr. |
| 4 | Terry Marty | 20 | Alice Foster, Sue Lockard |
| 5 | Jaiden Sidwell, Larry Powers | 22 | Peri Erickson, Madi Perkins |
| 7 | Jenna Anderson | 23 | Gregg Erickson, Karen Gmur |
| 9 | Sally Jeglum, Claire Mondloch | 24 | Sara Hendrickson |
| 12 | Chuck Phillipson | 27 | Dennis Baker |
| 15 | Macy Rear, Sue Zimmerman | 28 | Beth Buesser |
| 16 | Nathaniel Sidwell, Dana Truttmann, Sloan Goldthorpe | 29 | Louann Bodenmann, Bob Roth |
| 17 | Bill Hustad | | |
| 18 | Larry Hauge, Diane Powers | | |
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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. Please contact the office if we missed your special day, and we will be sure to include your name to our schedule in Realm.

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

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. A good website for scripture readings go to www.biblegateway.com

2025 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

General Fund

| | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 | 2025 | BUDGET |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | NET | NET |
| | INCOME | INCOME | INCOME | EXPENSES | EXPENSES | EXPENSES | INCOME | INCOME |
| January | \$25,137 | \$20,286 | \$19,427 | \$18,999 | \$20,812 | \$18,978 | \$6,138 | -\$526 |
| February | \$21,413 | \$23,759 | \$25,888 | \$21,218 | \$21,517 | \$20,567 | \$195 | \$2,242 |
| March | \$24,394 | \$24,000 | \$30,268 | \$18,007 | \$21,156 | \$18,274 | \$6,387 | \$2,844 |
| April | \$21,865 | \$22,361 | \$15,460 | \$17,273 | \$19,793 | \$17,664 | \$4,591 | \$2,568 |
| May | \$16,691 | \$20,603 | \$20,305 | \$21,108 | \$23,343 | \$20,223 | -\$4,417 | -\$2,740 |
| June | | | \$18,039 | | | \$17,854 | | |
| July | | | \$16,466 | | | \$17,033 | | |
| August | | | \$14,418 | | | \$20,908 | | |
| Sept. | | | \$17,756 | | | \$19,408 | | |
| October | | | \$20,347 | | | \$18,941 | | |
| Nov. | | | \$18,133 | | | \$19,003 | | |
| Dec. | | | \$40,646 | | | \$19,428 | | |
| YTD | \$109,501 | \$111,009 | \$257,153 | \$96,605 | \$106,621 | \$228,281 | \$12,896 | \$4,389 |

| BENEVOLENCE DONATIONS | | | OTHER FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY | | | Balance as of 5/31/2025 | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | OCWM | Non-OCWM | Net Income | | | | | |
| | Restricted | Restricted | Cemetery | Property | Endow | General | | \$44,365 |
| January | \$1,127 | \$5,599 | \$141,442 | \$1,175 | 1st Qtr | Property | | \$26,115 |
| February | \$772 | \$1,620 | -\$17 | \$19,420 | Income 3,419 | Restricted | | \$74,950 |
| March | \$917 | \$660 | \$141,459 | \$36,297 | Sales 18,458 | Operating Reserve - LPL | | \$190,392 |
| April | \$892 | \$1,273 | | -\$20,382 | | Property - LPL | | \$138,299 |
| May | \$762 | \$898 | | \$1,474 | | Cemetery Checking | | \$0 |
| June | | | | | | Cem. Savings | | \$0 |
| July | | | | | | Cem. Perpetual Care | | \$0 |
| August | | | | | | Endowment Fund | | \$671,276 |
| Sept. | | | | | | Debt Obligation | | \$0 |
| October | | | | | | Current Liabilities | | \$1,486 |
| Nov. | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. | | | | | | | | |
| YTD | \$4,470 | \$10,050 | \$141,459 | \$37,984 | -\$15,038 | | | |
| Pledge | \$10,255 | | | | | | 3:23 PM | 6/5/25 |

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| June | \$19,326 | \$18,227 | \$18,039 | \$17,178 | \$19,839 | \$17,854 | \$2,148 | -\$1,612 |
| July | | | \$16,466 | | | \$17,033 | | |
| August | | | \$14,418 | | | \$20,908 | | |
| Sept. | | | \$17,756 | | | \$19,408 | | |
| October | | | \$20,347 | | | \$18,941 | | |
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| Dec. | | | \$40,646 | | | \$19,428 | | |
| YTD | \$128,826 | \$129,236 | \$257,153 | \$113,783 | \$126,459 | \$228,281 | \$15,043 | \$2,777 |

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| June | \$807 | \$2,098 | | \$3,236 | \$4,080 | Cem. Savings | | \$0 |
| July | | | | | | Cem. Perpetual Care | | \$0 |
| August | | | | | | Endowment Fund | | \$675,356 |
| Sept. | | | | | | Debt Obligation | | \$0 |
| October | | | | | | Current Liabilities | | \$1,439 |
| Nov. | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. | | | | | | | | |
| YTD | \$5,277 | \$12,148 | \$141,459 | \$41,220 | -\$10,958 | | | |
| Pledge | \$10,255 | | | | | | 1:23 PM | 7/7/25 |

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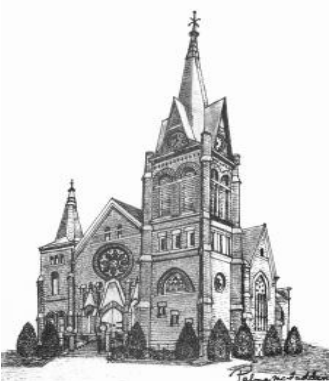
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