

Wisconsin Gossellers October 2025



Join us in Sheboygan Oct. 11-12!

First Congregational UCC Sheboygan has supported the Gossellers since our beginnings in... 2007(!?!). It's great to be heading back there this fall!

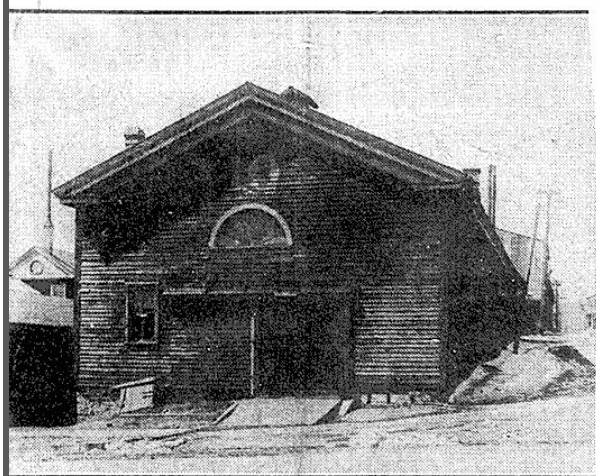
Remember,

- Concert black attire
- we'll rehearse **1-5pm Sat**, w/ singers from the church
- Sunday, **warm up at 9am**, with worship at 10am. The congregation is providing lunch after worship; please plan to stay!



Daily Press
Sheboygan, Wis.
October 3, 1935

Fire At City's "First Church"



Pictured above is the old First Congregational church, which was burned here this afternoon. The structure was built in 1847 and was the first church building in the city.

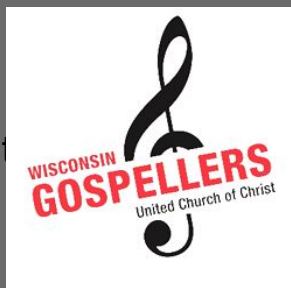
DID YOU KNOW?

The forests (now fields) around Sheboygan once sheltered Ho-Chunk, Potawatomi, Ottawa, Menominee & Ojibwe communities, who likely encountered French fur traders in the early 1600s. The first permanent European settlers arrived 200 years later, many hoping the newly chartered Sheboygan & Fond du Lac Railroad Co. would help the town outgrow—and outshine—Milwaukee.

Sheboygan's First Congregational Church was started in 1845 with the help of the American Home Missionary Society's Rev. Stephen Peet (who also organized Watertown's first congregational church). First Congregation Sheboygan dedicated their first building—pictured here—in November 1847. They added a 925-pound bell 2 years later.

Annual dues for the 2025/26 year are DUE! We ask \$150 of each active member. Divided by 8-10 professional-led rehearsals, it's a good deal! If you or your family cannot pay full dues, please reach out to Treasurer Cathy. If you can afford more, know your tax-deductible gifts help us keep membership fees low & provide travel support.

<https://genealogytrails.com/wis/sheboygan>
[https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Sheboygan Press](https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/SheboyganPress)



Wisconsin Gossellers

Oct. 2025



2026 Germany Tour (ca. June 16- July 2)

Includes:

- round-trip coach airfare & in-country travel
- concerts in Frankenberg, Essen, Bad Arolsen (left) & Erfurt (right)
- cultural experiences
- lodging in homestays & simple hotels—usually doubles or triples
- breakfasts & some other meals

Max Cost: \$3,790

need-based scholarships

& student rate TBD

\$1,000 deposit due Dec. 12

FAQ

Can my partner/SO come along? If they join us as singers, yes. It is not our practice to travel with “plus ones” or fans. They are welcome to join you at the end of the tour for personal travel.

How does the \$ work? You pay the WI Gossellers. The Leadership Team organizes travel with our hosts & travel agents. Your fee also supports need-based scholarships & our professional musicians.

When do I pay? **Non-refundable down payment \$1000 due 12/12/2025. Balance due 3/1/2026.**

What about allergies or other accommodations? Please disclose those needs when making your down payment; we’ll do our best to accommodate you. That said, we are NOT Road Scholars or Viking Cruise Lines; our goal is choir fellowship & person-to-person cultural exchange,

Is language a problem? No. Truly.

How can I help?

Recruit singers.

Pay your annual dues.

[Get your passport!](#)

Organize a fundraiser.

Learn/memorize your music.

Pray. Sing. Repeat.





Mission Statement: To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music.

Vision Statement: A world where God's love triumphs over that which divides us.

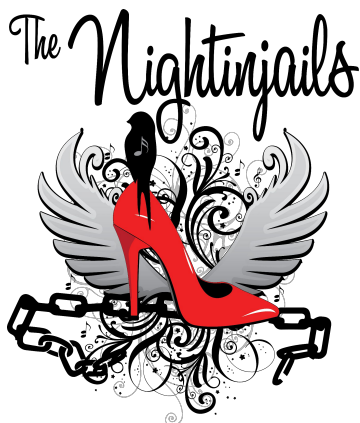


2026

Late June-early July: choir trip to Germany

Aug 1: brat fry fundraiser @ Miesfeld's, Sheboygan - contact Catherine Wilson

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Oct 11-12	1-5pm Sat Sun 9am warm up; 10am worship	1st Congregational UCC 310 Bluff Ave Sheboygan	Sing in worship Oct 12 w/ lunch to follow provided by the congregation.
Nov 8	10am-2:30pm	Olivet UCC 313 West Prairie St, Columbus, WI	Basses provide lunch Annual mtg during lunch
Dec 13-14	Sat TBD Sunday TBD	Pilgrim UCC 1621 2nd Avenue Grafton	Sing in 10:30 worship Dec 14!



Looks like our very own St. Jessi of the Ivories will be *LIVE* at Eden Ave Hall in West Bend on Nov. 30th. Classic rock from the Allman Brothers to Zeplin—and a few surprises along the way. Check out **The Nightinails** on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

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Join the WI Gossellers

for

concerts, fellowship, homestays & cross-cultural adventures

in

GERMANY



approx. June 16 -July 2, 2026

INCLUDED:

- airfare to/from Chicago
- lodging (homestays & doubles/triples in modest hotels)
- professional musical leadership
- breakfasts & some dinners/lunches
- in country transportation (train & bus)
- joint rehearsals & concerts in Hessen, Thuringia, the Rhineland & more
- admissions to cultural/historic sites
- cultural prep & support
- experienced guides & translation
- spiritual nourishment & fellowship



Not included:

- U.S. passport
- some meals
- Trip extensions
- Small gifts for hosts
- \$150 annual choir membership

Maximum Cost: \$3,790

need-based scholarships & student rate TBD

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