

# Wisconsin Gossellers November 2025



## Sing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent @ Pilgrim UCC in Grafton

Sat., Dec. 13 - Rehearsal 1-5pm

Sun., Dec. 14 - Wear Concert black

Warm up at 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am



The UCC encourages *all* its ministries, including ours, to observe Transgender Day of Remembrance, stating,

November 20 is a global day of mourning for transgender persons who have lost their lives to anti-transgender/nonbinary violence; a day to renew our commitments to and solidarity with people of trans and nonbinary experience.

May our witness leave no doubt that the United Church of Christ stands with our transgender and nonbinary neighbors near and far — and that we are keeping faith with the transgender, nonbinary and gender queer members of our church and community.

2025 is a great year to start something in your home church, because for the first time ever, an openly queer group was nominated for a Best Roots Gospel Album Grammy award. Upon learning of their nomination, **Harlem Gospel Travelers** member Ifedayo Gatling responded,

Many people have a certain view of what church is, a certain view of what gospel is. And sadly, it's not always the positive side," Gatling tells GRAMMY.com. "I think that when people see us, they're able to see a whole new side of what church, of what gospel is about and what the experience of being loved by God can be. And that is a greater calling than we could even say.

Since their nomination, the Harlem Gospel Travelers have gotten both harsh criticism and support from church folks. To quote activist (& coal miner's daughter Florence Reece, "Which side are you on, my people?"

4 songs from HGT's repertoire:

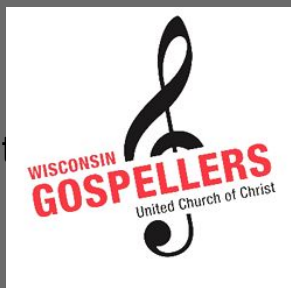
["God's in Control"](#) ["Help Me to Understand"](#)

["God's Been Good to Me"](#) ["Look Up"](#)



## Annual dues for 2025/26 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.



# 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**

**June 16 - July 2:** 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>                                                                                                            |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 8        | 10am-2:30pm           | Olivet UCC<br>313 West Prairie St,<br>Columbus, WI | <b>Basses provide lunch</b><br>Annual mtg during lunch<br><br>Coke, diet Coke, Sprite & Pepsi<br>available for purchase |
| Dec<br>13-14 | Sat TBD<br>Sunday TBD | Pilgrim UCC<br>1621 2nd Avenue Grafton             | Sing in 10:30 worship Dec 14!                                                                                           |
| Jan          | 10am-2:30pm           | Tentatively Oshkosh                                |                                                                                                                         |
| Feb          | 10am-2:30pm           | TBD                                                |                                                                                                                         |



Looks like our very own St. Jessi of the Ivories will be *LIVE* at Eden Ave Hall in **West Bend** on **Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

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