



Wisconsin Gossellers

June 2025

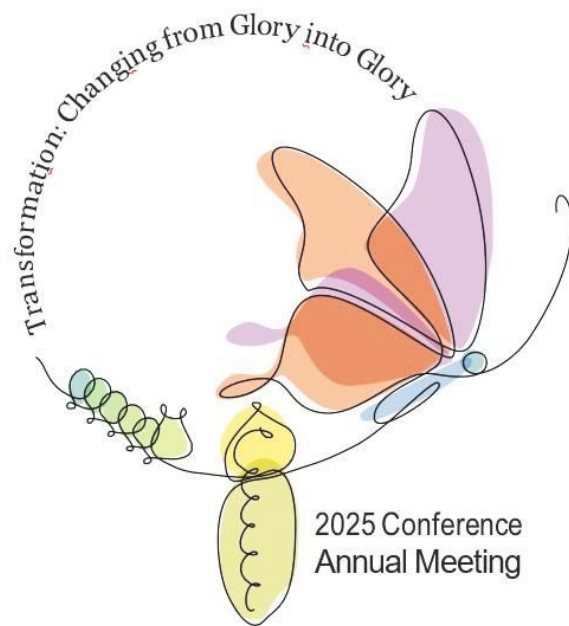
June 6-7: WIUCC Annual Mtg ...from Glory into Glory

For the Gossellers, the WI Conference UCC's Annual Meeting means rehearsing, performing, recruiting, food & fellowship on the FIRST weekend of June.

We'll provide music for Friday evening's plenary, then have an open rehearsal Saturday. Annual Meeting is also a great time to recruit new members.

No Sat lunch tickets may be purchased after June 2nd, but it's not too late to RSVP for our Saturday evening cookout at Stambaugh House! Dave White's skill at the grill last year was amazing... and the conversation was pretty good too!

<https://wcucc.org/annual-meeting>



Photos!

In addition to these great photos for posters & flyers, Troy got *lots* of wonderful candid shots during our April workshop at Cedar Community. View the whole album and order prints of your favorites via [THIS LINK](#).

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Early Music Mini-Retreat & Pop-up Choir

Join **Ensemble Parlamento** (visiting from Switzerland!) and Madison's own **ad meliora** for an afternoon of glorious early music, relaxed vibes & a memorable concert.

Sunday, June 29 3–6:30 PM

Madison Christian Community

7118 Old Sauk Rd, Madison

No audition required – all voices welcome
in the Grata pop-up choir!

3:00 PM – Rehearse

4:15 PM – Relax & Refresh! Stroll the prairie, gardens, or labyrinth. Enjoy refreshments. Read. You do you.

5:00 PM – Perform in a public concert:

Ensemble Parlamento: medieval masterpieces

ad meliora: sacred polyphony by Machaut & Dufay

Grata Pop-Up Choir: "Sumer is icumen in" (the oldest known 6-part polyphonic piece) & a new composition by Grace Newcombe: "How beautiful thy colors are, O marvellous month of May"



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Questions? Contact Jen @ jentstreit@gmail.com



On June 19th, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston Bay, Texas. Finally, 17 days after the last Confederate troops had surrendered, Granger began enforcing President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation (signed 2½ years earlier!) across Texas

The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer.

160 years after that first Juneteenth in Galveston, June 19th reminds us to honor the resilience of enslaved persons, recall unkept promises, and recommit ourselves to justice and equal opportunity.

Left: Emancipation Day celebration, June 19, 1900 held in "East Woods" on East 24th Street in Austin, TX (Austin History Center).

[Gilder Lehrman Institute](#)

[Nat. Museum for African American History & Culture](#)



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WHY A



Our choir is NOT funded by the WI Conference UCC. Yet we do have ongoing costs; these include sheet music, performance permissions (copyright), web hosting fees, marketing, compensation for our professional musicians, & travel scholarships for those who need it.

Annual membership fees (\$150) do not cover these costs. Thankfully, some members & supporters are able to provide financial support well beyond annual dues. Other folks provide in-kind donations: tracking finances, updating the website, managing 501c3 status, providing lunches, etc. Host churches offer rehearsal & performance space, as well as donations (performance fees) and/or free-will offerings.

This summer, we're trying something new!

Choir members have organized 2 brat fry fundraisers:

June 14 @ Sendik's in West Bend

Contact Cathy Wille for info: cwille2@me.com

July 4 in Waukesha

Contact Beth Yahr: eyahr1@gmail.com

You can help by frying brats, buying brats, and sending the brat lovers in your life t'ward the grillin' Gossellers!!

Sing from-and for-your heart

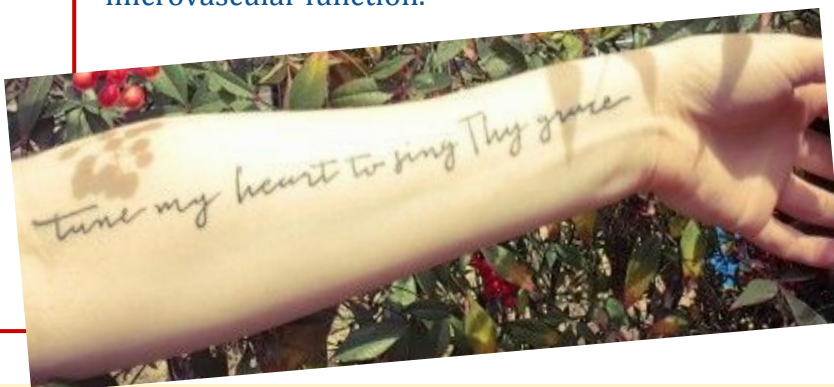
Dr. Julie Kulinski (Med. College of Wisconsin) recently completed a clinical trial on the impact of singing on older adults' cardiovascular health. The researchers noted that:

- a) *less than 1/4 of eligible medicare beneficiaries complete even 1 session of prescribed cardiac rehab*
- b) *persons with arthritis, chronic obstructive disease, or neuropathy (limb numbness) are even less likely to complete cardiac rehab.*
- c) *singing is a physical/aerobic activity that impacts the vagal nerves & heart.*
- d) *prior research* showed that just *14 minutes* of singing (regardless of musical ability!) improves vascular function.

In this clinical trial, 65 older adults with coronary artery disease completed 3 study visits:

1. 30 min. of live singing with a music therapist, or
2. 30 min. of singing along to an instructional video, or
3. 30 min. of rest (control).

Results show that singing-especially singing along to a practice video-has a statistically significant effect on microvascular function.



Email wisconsin_gossellers@gmail.com to receive the Wisconsin Gossellers' newsletter.

If you have items for the newsletter (articles, photos, events, etc.) email Kimberly guys-mom@hotmail.com



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.



Aug 1 2026: brat fry fundraiser @ Meisfleds, Sheboygan - contact Catherine Wilson

Late June-early July 2026: choir trip to Germany, including concerts in Essen, Erfurt & TBD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
June 6	6:15pm - Warm up 6:45 - Sing for evening session	WI UCC Annual Mtg. @ Green Lake Conf. Center We've reserved Stambaugh House for sleeping & fellowship; priority to those who stay over both Friday & Saturday nights.	Wear concert black , please! Pillsbury Hall
June 7	10-noon & 1-2:30ish In Crystal Room (Roger Williams Inn) 5pm cookout dinner		Pre-ordered meal tickets required for lunch For dinner, bring \$8 and something to share to Stambaugh
June 14	brat fry fundraiser @ Sendik's in West Bend - contact Cathy Wille cwille2@me.com		
July 4	brat fry fundraiser in Waukesha - contact Beth Yahr evahr1@gmail.com		
Aug 9	TBD		
Sept 13	Rehearsal @ Daycholah Center		
Oct 11-12	TBD	1st Congregational UCC Sheboygan	We hope to sing in worship Oct 12.

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