

The Promise

The People of Covenant are called to:
gather, grow and go serve with Gods Love!



January 2023 The Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA

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It's a brand-new year.

And it's time to decide what you're going to do with it.

One of the spiritual practices that has provided a lot of insight and direction for me has been the study of the Rule of Benedict. Though written over 1500 years ago, it is an amazing document that articulates a way of life, a guide for living a life in Christ and a life in community that makes us holy. Benedict was born in Nursia, Italy in the year 480. Though from a well-to-do family, Benedict left the wealth and initially went to live as a hermit in the countryside. However, it wasn't long before he had disciples and requests to teach those looking for a more meaningful way of life.

After having survived a plot to kill him in one monastery, Benedict founded a monastery and this Rule that would have a major role saving Christian Europe during the Dark Ages.

You might think that a 1500-year-old guide for living in a monastery wouldn't have anything to say to us today or to people not living in a monastery. However, what Benedict wrote was a guide for living well with God and with others. The Rule of Benedict invites you to consider a spiritual life that includes work, study/learning, worship/prayer, rest and relationships.

May this season
bring opportunities
for gathering and an
endless amount of
love to you!



A note from the Pastor continues on the following page >>

It's a brand-new year. And it's time to decide what you're going to do with it. Perhaps one of these areas is out of balance in your life, maybe more than one. Benedict was very clear that the path to holiness is not in isolating oneself from the world or from others.

The path to holiness comes in listening to those around us – listening when your spouse or partner says they are lonely. It's easier to retreat into a book or tv show or an outdoor activity. But, Benedict, following Jesus, would say the holier path is to listen to the pain of loneliness, to attend to the one in front of you. A holy path, though not an easy one. Or, welcoming the stranger that doesn't look like us – a holy path, though not easy. In this rule are instructions for guiding the very young – in Benedict's time, some parents dedicated their children to religious life at an early age and they went to live there – and caring for the sick and elderly. Guidance and discipline for the young and not-so-young alike “was always meant to heal, never to destroy; to cure, not to crush.”¹

There are wonderful insights for living well with others and with God in the Rule of Benedict, there is humor in the Rule and there is joy and caution. I have resources and book suggestions, so, just ask me for some if you are interested and this is something you decide to take up this coming year.

Pastor Wendy Moen
Covenant Lutheran, Stoughton, WI
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¹ Chittister, Joan, O.S.B, *The Rule of Benedict: Insights for the Ages*, p. 104.

Gentle Reminder

As we gather in this season of sickness,
please be mindful of not sharing too much!



**Please Remember
Services are offered
LIVE on YouTube!**

ACHOO

God Bless
You!



If you are not feeling well,
we kindly request that you stay home,
rest, watch online if you're able and
let us know if we can be helpful as you recover!



Thank you for sharing LOVE & not Germs!



You are Loved!



Council News

Happy 2023 – A new year! New beginnings and new challenges! Your council is looking forward to 2023 and are excited that Christy Unzicker and Thor Anderson will be joining us beginning in February. A new year brings new excitement as we, the congregation, work together to grow our ministry at Covenant – to “Gather, Grow and Go Serve . . . With God’s Love.”

There are several important dates coming up in January.

Please update your calendars!

January 15th – Following our worship service – a listening session to review and discuss the proposed changes to Covenant’s Constitution and Bylaws. More information will be sent to you in a separate email.

January 16th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance – The council voted in June of 2022 that Covenant Lutheran Church will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th.

January 22nd – Following our worship service – a listening session to review and discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

January 23rd – Red Cross Blood Drive at Covenant 1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. The American Red Cross urges blood donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage.

January 29th – Following our worship service – Covenant’s Annual Meeting – Please plan to attend. We will have a full agenda, including:

- ✦ Election of Audit Committee, Director of the Covenant Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation Inc., Delegates to the Synodical ELCA gatherings, and Nominating Team.
- ✦ Approval of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws
- ✦ Approval of the proposed 2023 budget
- ✦ Pastor Wendy and Ministry Team Reports



Volunteer Schedule



Sunday Worship 2022

Role	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Assistant Minister	Nelson, Thomas P.	Sime, Jean	Heil, Matthew Heil, Judy	Nelson, Ann	Thompson, Ingrid
Lector	Diebold, Jessica	Vodak, Penny	Thompson, Ingrid	Nelson, Thomas P.	Vols, Marijo
Usher Team Leader	Chose, Thomas	Herbst, Mark	Nissler, Karl	Westrand, Tamarine	Sime, Norm
Ushers	Cope, Jack Cope, Helga Pietruszynski, Oliver Surrell, Jude	Cook, Bill Hanson-Cook, Rhetta Herbst, Garrett Herbst, Evan Herbst, Caleb	Anderson, Thor Eversoll, Mike Grefsheim, Larry Olson, Larry E	Heil, Matthew Heil, Judy Tarpinian, Gary Vodak, Greg	Christian, Thomas Peterson, Stephen V. Seamonson, Mark Sime, Jean
Communion Assistant	Nelson, David Nelson, Ann	Nelson, David Nelson, Ann	Nelson, David Nelson, Ann	Nelson, David Nelson, Ann	Nelson, David Nelson, Ann
Altar Guild	Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen	Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen	Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen	Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen	Nelson, Jack Nelson, Eileen



Here are the Volunteer assignments for Services in January

Please let the office know if you are unable to make your scheduled date or if you are interested in changing the way you are currently being scheduled. Amanda will be happy to get you on the volunteer schedule as your time allows!



New Year, New Hospitality!

Fellowship following worship service is a time for our church family to gather for conversation and light refreshments. It's a tradition that is valued and treasured. Starting January 8, 2023, we're simplifying how hospitality is served. A new sign-up sheet will be displayed in the Narthex. Simply put your name on a week to provide refreshments and clean-up afterwards. It would be ideal to have two people or family's sign-up each week. Coffee will always be served even on those Sundays where no one has signed up to bring refreshments. Many thanks to all the helping hands!



Bible Study Returns January 11th

Join Wednesdays @ 7pm in-person in the Gateway Room or via zoom!
[Click here to Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Come laugh, learn and grow together while we discuss the Bible.
This is a non-committal opportunity there is no homework,
no required preparation. Just come as you are!





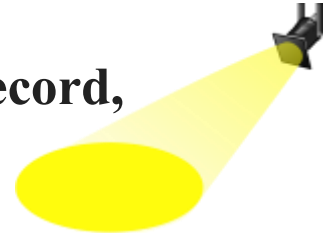
Recruiting Sewers for Blanket Makers



Blanket Makers shine a bright light on their need for more sewers.



**Although it may seem like a broken record,
we really *do* need more sewers.**



Currently we have only one person who consistently sews tops.
With the group hoping to finish 150 blankets a year,
that puts a heavy responsibility on one sewer.

We are asking for a few people willing to sew 6 tops for us in 2023.



Might you know someone who would take up this task?



We offer fabric, instructions, as well as ongoing assistance as needed.

Most quilt tops only have 5 - 10 pieces. Sewers can work from their
homes or by using the sewing machines at church.

Our group has 9 people who generally attend regularly. Workers drop
in between 8:30 am - noon. People assemble the blankets by tying
them, sewing the layers together and a variety of necessary tasks.

**We invite all interested persons to join us on Tuesdays
or work on their own at home.**

Workers do not have to be members of Covenant to help us.

The benefits of being a Blanket Maker are having good fellowship
while creating an essential item for people in need.

**Please prayerfully consider these requests. Any help you can give
us would be gratefully appreciated.**

Respectfully,

Leaders - Judy Heil, Marsha McBroom and Ingrid Thompson



Invited to Connect

Covenant Lutheran Lunch Bunch

Join every first Wednesday of the Month at 11:30 am

Meeting at 11:30 am
on January 4th at:
Pancake Cafe
in Stoughton, WI



We Encourage Everyone to join this Dutch-treat style gathering.
contact Ann Nelson or the office for more information!



Covenant Social Action Committee



Meeting on **Zoom only** this month!

January 9th at 6:30 pm

Scan the QR code or click [Here](#)
to join the Zoom Meeting!



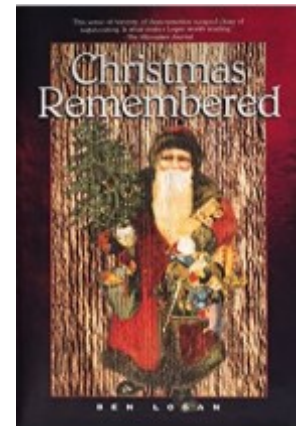


Covenant Lutheran Book Group



Sharing Christmas Memories - An INVITATION

The book, Christmas Remembered by Ben Logan, dusts off our own remembrances of Christmas. George and Solveig Carlson welcome and invite you to join them and others in sharing memories Thursday, January 12, at 1:00 pm at their home, 632 Kings Lynn Road. No need to read the book before joining the conversation. We will share our own stories as we feel comfortable.



Please email (geosolv65@yahoo.com) call or text (608-576-1747) Solveig to let the Carlsons know you plan to join them or just show up if you wish.



Feeding the Hungry

In Search of 3 Volunteers per month to serve food at St. Marks in Madison



Needed the **2nd Friday of each month** from 10:30-1:30, at St. Marks in Madison (Upcoming dates: Feb. 10 March 10, April 14)



If you are interested please contact **Pat Johnson** at 608-535-0441 or johnson.pat.skip@gmail.com

Thank you for your partnership in this Ministry!

Annual Meeting and Info Sessions

Covenant's Annual meeting will be held **January 29th**

In preparation please attend two listening sessions:
Jan 15 on Constitution and Bylaws, and Jan 22 on Budget
both sessions will take place after worship,
Please attend to learn more.

We are a congregation at Covenant and 'we' includes YOU!

Please plan to attend



Join Covenant's Blood Drive



January 23
in Fellowship Hall
1-6pm

**Help medical staff save lives
by donating Blood at Covenant!**

Invited to Connect

Join the Vocal Choir



All singers, high school age and up, are welcome.

We rehearse at 8:15 on Sunday mornings in the music room
(next to the columbarium) **please join us!**

For more information, contact Beth Gardner
(bethgardner5678@gmail.com or 608-873-9426)

or talk to any choir member.



Looking for another **Easy, Stress Free** way
to **Get Involved** at Covenant Lutheran Church?

We have opportunities for you!!



Is it a weekly, monthly or seldom commitment you are looking for?

We have many ways to get involved!

Sunday Worship Service Assistants

Weekday Service Prep

Church Committees

Sunday School

& Much More!

Contact the office if you're interested in information
on our current Volunteer Opportunities!



Invited to Connect



February 11, 2023
at St. Lukes
Lutheran Church,
Middleton, WI
from: 8:30am to-3:30 pm
Lunch and
Light Refreshments
Provided

WHAT IS LEAD?

- Worship & Fellowship*
Our time together will begin with worship and the day will leave plenty of room for fellowship and connecting.
- Keynote Speaker*
Our Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Sara A. Cooper, who serves as the Sr. Director for Operational Effectiveness with the ELCA Churchwide organization.
- Workshops & Displays*
The SCSW Ministry Teams will lead engaging workshops on a variety of ministry topics.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER
COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON



OR VISIT THE LEAD PAGE ON THE SYNOD WEBSITE:
WWW.SCSW-ELCA.ORG/LEAD2023



Dearest,
Women in Ministry at Covenant
You are invited to join the
Women of the ELCA



The Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) includes Lutheran women who gather for service, study, advocacy, and fellowship. W-ELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. There are approximately 75 active W-ELCA church units within the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. These church women’s groups are overseen by a Synodical Women’s Organization (SWO), an elected board of up to 13 women.



For more information visit: <https://scsw-elca.org/welca/>





We have some so many Thank You's to extend!!

Your hearts are HUGE and your kindness UNENDING!

There are numerous individuals and families in Stoughton and surrounding areas that feel blessed, supported, Loved, IMPORTANT and SAFE because of YOU!!!

THANK YOU Covenant for being YOU, you are a Blessing!



**Do you remember the excitement of Sunday School
and church activities in your youth?**



Help Covenant create great memories!

**Looking for adults willing to help with activities
planned for increasing youth participation,
Sunday School through High School age!**

**We only ask that you practice
radical acceptance of all of God's children!**

No commitment necessary.
Contact Pastor Wendy for information



Have extra time? Care to cook for members?

Marijo Vols is organizing a group to provide meals to members who could use a little TLC. The idea is to prepare easily frozen meal and dessert items, in the kitchen at Covenant as a group. To be delivered to members as needed. If you are interested in helping with this ministry group please contact Marijo Vols!

Email: dvols1@charter.net or 608-873-0622

Thank you for your kindness!



Additionally,
if you know of a member
who could use a meal,
Please let the office know!

Education Information



Reminder: There will be no Sunday School on January 1st. January 8th will be a Family Centered Worship.



Thank you to all the participants in the Christmas program. It was wonderful to see so many young people participating in the program. A special thanks to Matthew Heil for being the star. Thanks to all of the parents/adults who helped out. Finally thanks to Amanda and Pastor Wendy for not telling us about the problems they were having with the microphones right before the service started. It was such a festive and happy day.

Now that we are in winter, we are going to try a couple of different types of intergenerational events. One will be a movie night with some popcorn and lemonade thrown in for good measure. The other will be an evening of Minute to Win It games. With the Minute to Win It games, everyone is welcome to participate or have fun watching the competitions. Look at the weekly emails to see when each event will be occurring.

In Sunday School, the younger students will continue with their curriculum that reflects the week's scripture. The older students will be spending some time learning about Moses and his life.



Happy New Year to everyone.





Stoughton Clothing Center helps everyone!



The Stoughton Clothing Center receives daily requests for winter jackets, snow pants, insulated mittens/gloves and boots. If you have gently used winter outerwear especially in children's sizes we can get them into the hands of families who need them!

**Everyone is welcome
Come shop the Stoughton Clothing Center!
No referral or identification is needed!**

Our current schedule is posted on a Google Document [here](#), and on our website (www.stoughtonclothingcenter.com).

Please view the schedule before you plan to visit, for updated hours and availability.

We are also open by appointment via email at contact@stoughtonclothingcenter.com or message us through our Facebook page The Clothing Center.

The Stoughton Clothing Center is located at the back entrance of Covenant Lutheran Church. Typical weekly hours are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am – noon, and Thursdays from 10 am – 5:30 pm.

The Clothing Center is extremely appreciative for the partnership with Covenant as they work to serve a need in our community day after day.

Thank you for helping to make every season brighter for our neighbors and surrounding communities members!



Together we are building a Supportive and Safe Community!



Thank you to Covenant
**Members, Volunteers, Friends, Neighbors,
Musicians, Pastor and Staff!**

Covenant Lutheran Church **SURVIVES** on the
DEDICATION & LOVE you **SHARE!**

The world is blessed by your generosity.

Blessings to you as you continue to bless others.

May God's Grace and Love Surround you always!



Gratitude

Thank you for your Poinsettia Orders



In Loving Memory of:

Donald and Dorothy Seamonson, given by Mark Seamonson

Our Parents, given by Jim & Joyce Seamonson

Marian & Arlen Rambo and Lois & Herman Rothen, given by Jim & Joyce Seamonson

Roy & Jeanette Nelson, given by children & grandchildren

Fritz & Lillian Scheldrup & Bud (Owen) Scheldrup, given by 3 generations grandchildren/nieces/nephews

Marilyn Nelson, Parker & Leona Ellingson, given by Maggie Hagen

Richard & Audrey Quam Al Rice & Lois Rothen, given by Jeff, Julie, BJ & Ryan Rice

Conrad & Gladys Ring, given by Mary Ring

My Family, given by Marcia Trentz

Our Parents & Grandparents, given by Karl, Diane & Nissler Family

Loretta and Daniel Woodstock, given by Patty Woodstock and Family

Of Loved Ones, given by Marilyn Burrington & Mr. and Mrs. Rod Brickson

Sam Nichols, my father, given by Penny and Greg Vodak

Our Parents and Loved Ones, given by Mike and JoAnn Gilbert

In Honor of:

Our twin Great Grand daughters Ember and Autumn, given by Norman & Jean Sime

Our Grandchildren, given by Mary & Fred Sundby

My Family, given by Gloria Carpenter

Bernece Rice, given by Jeff, Julie, BJ & Ryan Rice

The Saints of Covenant, given by Pastor Wendy Moen

Ann and Kenneth Vodak, given by Penny and Greg Vodak

Addeline, Jaxon, Lola & Dennis Jr, Dennis, Lesly, Kyle and Jamie, given by Grandma Patty/Mom

Family Past and Present Chose, Knutson and Palmer Families and the families of Nick and Joe, given by Tom & Philayne Chose



Gratitude

Dear People of Covenant Lutheran

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift of towels and washcloths for residents of the Triangle. Triangle Community Ministry (TCM) staff and board were delighted and will share them at our December 19 Christmas celebration. The Parish Nurse is using some of the washcloths and bars of soap to make reindeer centerpieces for the tables. Each resident who attends the event will be invited to choose a towel and washcloth.



The centerpieces will be included in the gifting.



Thank you for sharing your resources with the people at the Triangle. If you would like to get to know the good people of this interesting community better by serving a Monday Meal in 2023, please let me know. We wish you blessings of Christmas and joy throughout the New Year.

Meg Nielsen, Interim Meal Coordinator
Triangle Community Ministry



Stoughton Area Resource Team - START
135 W Main St, Suite 102
Stoughton, WI 53589
STARTstoughton.org

December 12, 2022

Dear Covenant Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support of Stoughton Area Resource Team Inc. (START) through your recent donation of \$91.50. Your generous gift will help Stoughton Area School District residents experiencing hardship or crisis. It will allow us to link families with community resources and provide support in case management, housing, utilities, health, employment, education, and all other areas of basic needs. Please know that your contribution truly makes a difference.

Thank you again for your generosity, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. I can be reached at 608-577-5650 or lbraund@startstoughton.org.

With gratitude,
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Braund".

START is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.



Gratitude



Skaalen Retirement Services • 400 North Morris Street • Stoughton, WI 53589
www.skaalen.com • 608.873.5651 • Fax: 608.873.5748
Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 12, 2022

Dear Friends of Covenant Lutheran Church;

Skaalen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center gratefully acknowledges your gift of \$33.27.

Thank you for this gift that will help us care for all who reside here for years to come.

Sincerely,


Kris Krentz
President/CEO

Skaalen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center gratefully acknowledges your gift of \$50.00 for Christmas gifts for residents.



December 19, 2022



Greetings to our ministry partners at Covenant Lutheran Church:

A few weeks ago we received a donation in memory of a person who had been a camper in the 1950s. As that camper had aged and thought about her funeral, she requested that donations come to Lutherdale to the "Let the Children Come" fund because her time at camp as a child was so important to her that she wanted to be sure that other children have the opportunity to come to Lutherdale and experience the lifelong faith development she received when she came to camp as a child.

Thank you for your Christmas gift of \$16.64. Your support will have an overwhelming and positive impact on children of Grace and Peace,


Rev Tracy Polzin
Executive Director
tracy@lutherdale.org

*Thank you for your partnership
in ministry!*

Donor: Covenant Lutheran Church Gift: \$16.64 Type: Check #22894 Date: 12/7/2022

Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization. All gifts to Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. No goods or services were provided to the donor by Lutherdale Bible Camp, Inc. in consideration of this charitable donation.

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Elkhorn, WI 53121

o. 262.742.2352
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www.lutherdale.org
info@lutherdale.org

Gratitude



Thank You!



November 9, 2022

Dear Covenant Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous \$100.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting ... or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any questions regarding your donation, please feel free to reach out to us anytime at 800 597 5972 or via email at lwr@lwr.org. You'll also find inspiring stories of the life-changing work you make possible at lwr.org. And if you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive bi-weekly updates on the impact of your generosity.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO



Global Health Ministries

Helping the hands that heal

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your partnership in making health for all more than a slogan. Your support has helped make it possible for Global Health Ministries (GHM) to ship life-changing medical equipment and supplies around the globe to benefit some of the most vulnerable people on earth. Jeremie in Cameroon, who coordinates the receipt and distribution of supplies, wrote recently, "OSEELC is blessed once again with the arrival of 20,000 KG of materials and medical equipment from GHM. Yes we did it together! Praise God! Please know that we're so grateful for this shipment and opportunity of this wonderful partnership for the best care of our patients. They will feel Jesus Christ's blessings in their life. Be blessed again!"

Your gifts also help GHM reach into 13 low- and middle-income countries to partner with leaders like Besty in northern Nigeria. Besty trains village health workers (VHWs) who teach their neighbors practical ways to avoid diseases like malaria and typhoid, how to check for malnutrition in their babies, and how to provide the most nutritious food for their children. Lessons like these are improving life for about 58,000 villagers every year, in an area plagued by poverty and persistently in the shadow of Boko Haram.



Through scholarships, program costs, shipping, and consulting with these brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, your partnership is making a difference.

Together in Christ,

Doug Cox
Executive Director

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Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 2022

INCOME	Current Month Actual	Same Month Last Year Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Contributed Income	19,676.00	23,207.25	208,558.06	233,750.01	191,065.06
Misc. Benevolence	-	-	8,330.00	733.33	-
Other Income	10,146.85	1,092.24	32,940.67	42,073.17	25,700.28
TOTAL INCOME	29,822.85	24,299.49	249,828.73	276,556.51	216,765.34
EXPENSE					
Mission Partners	2,843.63	2,093.10	27,894.04	23,375.91	19,692.77
Staff	16,956.23	14,342.45	155,973.28	174,012.68	121,217.17
Education	169.94	214.50	6,636.97	6,050.00	1,720.28
Stewardship	103.84	5.00	312.91	641.67	238.5
Congregational Life	78.58	56.00	656.84	687.51	450.94
Social Action	-	-	640.04	916.67	258.00
Worship & Music	462.96	-	8,749.12	6,691.67	3,528.04
Office Administration	1,754.87	1,665.93	25,733.05	25,176.26	20,462.33
Occupancy	8,052.58	1,745.72	44,622.01	39,004.17	30,342.71
TOTAL EXPENSE	30,422.63	20,122.70	271,218.26	276,556.54	197,910.74
INCOME – EXPENSE	-599.78	4,176.79	-21,389.53	-0.03	18,854.60

As we near the end of 2022, our expenses continue to exceed income by a significant amount. While we are under budget YTD on the expense side, our income has fallen short. Fortunately, we have been able to cover this with reserves in our accounts but obviously this is not sustainable for the long-term.

I'm hopeful that December is a good month for contributions so that we can finish out the year on the positive side! Please prayerfully consider making an extra gift to help Covenant meet that goal.

Donna Tarpinian, Treasurer





An Opportunity to Welcome and Learn Venezuelan culture!!

Stoughton Resettlement is hard at work inviting new members to our community making Stoughton even more beautiful!

A new opportunity for the communities support:

This week they are welcoming a young woman from Venezuela!!

The resettlement team would love for her to be welcomed into a home where she can have a safe space be able to practice her English and have a friend who can show her around the community, help her with transportation and just support her in this transition.

Might you have a place in your heart and home?

A bit more information:

Hoping to find a home for a minimum of three months.

The resettlement group will pay rent and assist with food for her.

Rosany Sanchez Padilla is from Venezuela. She has been living in Colombia with extended family after fleeing Venezuela and family trauma. Rosany studied Physical Sciences at the university, and worked in finance at a local city hall, and also has administrative background.

Her greatest dream is to live in the US, have a better paying job with more opportunities, learn more English (she does know quite a bit) and maybe teach Spanish to Americans. While being able to help her impoverished family back in Venezuela.

If you know of a loving, accepting family who may be able to help us find a safe place for her please contact: Kay Weeden at 608-658-8523

Community Opportunities

Kids in the ROTUNDA

-We're back-
With VIRTUAL and IN-PERSON SHOWS!

FREE SHOWS
for kids & families

SATURDAYS AT
9:30 AM & 1 PM *EG*

In-person shows
with select performances online

OVERTURE.ORG/KIR

Overture CENTER

OVERTURE.ORG/KIR 201 STATE STREET, MADISON, WI | 608.258.4141

JANUARY 2023

- 7 **Monkey Business Institute**, Comedy Improv
- 14 **Panchromatic Steel**, Steel Drumming
- 21 **Limanya Drum and Dance**, West African Drumming*
+ LITTLE OH BIG OH YOGA
- 28 **L.E.X. .**, Rap for Kids

FEBRUARY 2023

- 4 **Overture's Jerry Ensemble**, Singalong
- 11 **James the Magician**, Magic
- 18 **Jolie Canoli**, Storytelling*
- 25 **Tom Pease**, Songs and Stories

MARCH 2023

- 4 **Trinity Irish Dance**, Irish Dance
- 11 **Little Miss Ann & Suzi Shelton**, Singer-Songwriter
- 18 **Kalaanjali**, Indian Dance*
- 25 **Beni Daiko**, Taiko Drumming

APRIL 2023

- 1 **International Festival**, no Kids in the Rotunda
- 8 **Drum Power**, West African, Afro-Cuban and Afro-Brazilian drumming
- 15 **Magic of Isaiah**, Magic
- 22 **Ken Lonquist**, Earth Day Music
+ LITTLE OH BIG OH YOGA
- 29 **The Lullaby Project**, Lullabies*

*Virtual Performance

VIRTUAL PERFORMANCES:

Please join us at overture.org/kir to participate!

IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES:

For the latest updates about our COVID-19 protocols, please visit: overture.org/health

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TIPS & TRICKS:

- Like the Kids in the Rotunda Facebook page for updates, discounts and more!
- Drumming is loud in our space. Consider ear protection.
- 1 PM performances are American Sign Language interpreted. *EG*
- Please plan to arrive early to go through our arrival process.

+the Rotunda cafe is open!

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