

The Promise

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



May 2023 The Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA

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A few months after moving to Wisconsin I learned that there was a local group that gathered monthly to hike and exchange information about walking El Camino de Santiago in Spain.

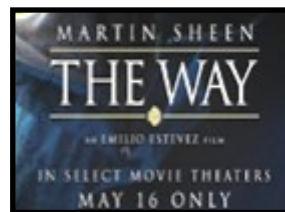


The Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St. James, is a renowned pilgrimage of medieval origin that sees pilgrims journey to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in the northwest of Spain.

Legend has it that the remains of the Apostle St. James the Great were buried in the Cathedral and discovered by a shepherd in the 9th century. The city of Santiago is named after St. James: Santiago de Compostela means St. James of the Field of Stars.

It's possible you've seen the movie *The Way* with Martin Sheen. This movie first came out in 2010 and is about a father who goes to Spain to bring back the body of his estranged son that was walking El Camino when, tragically, a storm hit and he died.

Ultimately, Sheen ends up finishing the hike to honor his son's life and dream of walking. The movie will be in theaters again for one night, May.



I have long wanted to do this pilgrimage on the Camino and hope to start in a couple of years. Walking one of the various routes in full can take

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A Note from the Pastor

around 6 weeks. My Facebook feed is filled with posts of those walking now. Mary Lou is a member of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of American Pilgrims On the Camino and is walking the Camino Frances now. She is blogging her experiences and the title of her blog is Beauty and Terror: What...Again?

(This is not her first pilgrimage). The title of her blog comes from this poem:

Let everything happen to you:

beauty and terror.

Just keep going.

No feeling is final.

RAINER MARIA RILKE

This seems fitting for both a pilgrimage on The Way of St. James, and also for life. The Camino Frances is 800km or almost 500 miles long (and by almost, I mean 497.096954 miles). Mary Lou, Ed, all the other pilgrims, and to all of you, dear Covenant members and friends, Just keep going. Buen Camino!

Pastor Wendy

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Council Highlights

Just a few highlights

We had a very successful blood drive on Monday, April 24th . They collected 42 units of blood. Thank you to Covenant for allowing the American Red Cross to use our facility for this life saving drive.

We celebrated our volunteers on Sunday, April 23rd. Thank you for all you do and thank you to those who provided the cute pens and key chains. It was very nice!



This past week we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day. We are very blessed to have Amanda and Carol in our office and are thankful for all that they do.

We began a fundraising effort for the Stoughton Resettlement Program (SRAP) on Sunday, April 23rd. We are thankful for Sharon Mason-Boersma and Mary Hanson for being with us following the worship service to explain more about the resettlement efforts in Stoughton. Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations for this program which will be matched by the Covenant Foundation up to \$500. This fundraising opportunity will continue until Sunday, May 7th. **You can make a difference!**

There are important dates coming up with Confirmation on Sunday, May 7th and Senior Recognition and Scholarship Presentations on Sunday, June 11th.



The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the merger of Our Saviors Lutheran Church and Central Lutheran Church into Covenant Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, June 25th . Stay tuned for more information regarding our celebration. We hope all of you will be able to join us for this very special day!

Unfortunately, we have experienced issues with the air conditioning unit that cools the office and narthex as well as with the unit that controls the sanctuary. Work is under way to try to repair these units as soon as possible. While we all would like to have some warmer days, hopefully the weather won't get too warm too fast.

WELCOME MAY BLESSINGS

May You be **happy**.

May You be **well**.

May You be **safe**.

May You find **comfort**.

May you have **strength**.

May You have **courage**.

May You have **healing**.

May You have **peace**.

May You have **joy**.

May You be filled with loving **kindness**.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED TODAY & ALWAYS!

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Deb Oakland, Council President

Lois Craig Memorial Information

Dearest Covenant members,



We regret to inform you that the memorials given to Covenant Lutheran Church in honor and memory of Lois Craig have been misplaced.

If you made a check out in Memory of Lois we assume that it is outstanding with your bank and not cashed.

Please verify this with your financial institution.

If you wish, you may reissue a check in Memory of Lois Craig, sending it to the Covenant Office, with the subject line clearly marked ‘Memorial for Lois Craig’.

Again, members and friends we are very sorry for this inconvenience.

We understand you place trust in the office and we want to assure you we are doing our best to keep things organized and in the correct place.

We will make a slight adjustment to avoid this issue going forward:

May you please help us with this?

If you stop by the office to leave something we ask that you please place the correspondence in the new Office mailbox on top of the desk.

We know that mistakes happen but we want to reassure you we are doing our best to avoid them.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to bring them to the office!



Social Action

Heritage/Awareness Months & ELCA Ethnic Specific Ministry Areas

Have you noticed that Covenant has been observing heritage and specific awareness months?

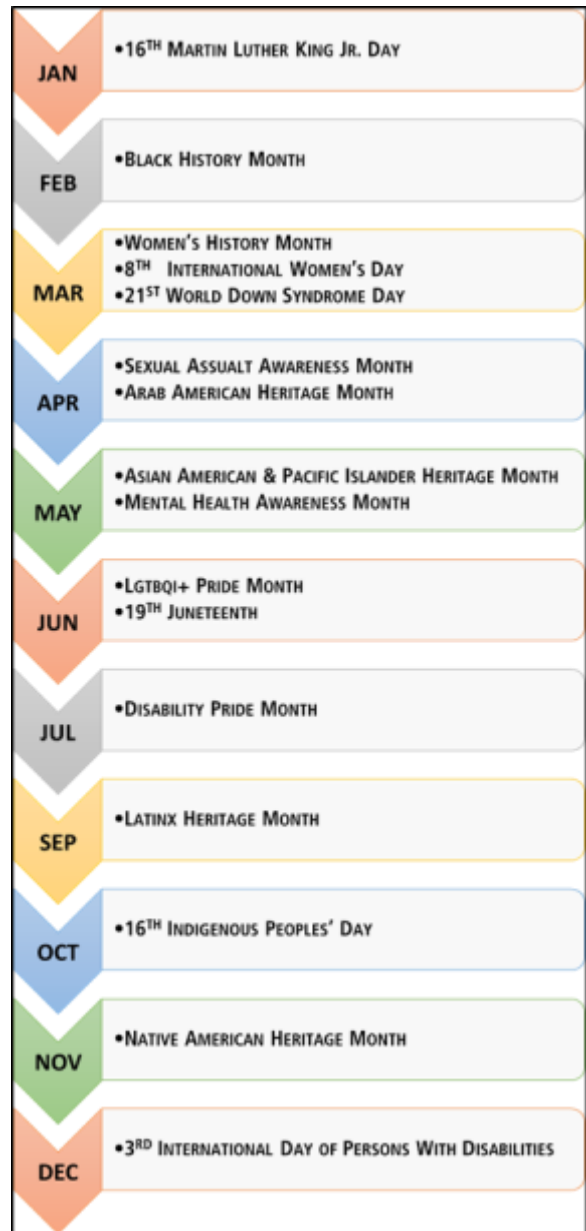
- ✚ Black History Month in February
- ✚ Women's History Month in March
- ✚ Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April

Did you know that the ELCA identifies 7 Ethnic Specific Ministry areas?

- ✚ African Descent (African American, Afro Caribbean, African National)
- ✚ American Indian and Alaska Native
- ✚ Arab and Middle Eastern
- ✚ Asian and Pacific Islander
- ✚ European
- ✚ Latino
- ✚ Cross Cultural Conversations

The Social Action Ministry Team will be highlighting additional awareness and heritage months and ELCA Ethnic Specific Ministry areas throughout 2023 and beyond to support us as we build connections with and appreciation for people throughout the world.

If you have ideas for lifting up these groups throughout the year, we encourage you to contact the Social Action Team so we can put those ideas into action!



May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

- ✓ There are approximately 22,000 Asians and Pacific Islanders in the ELCA
- ✓ Over 100 Asian congregations and ministries are part of the ELCA
- ✓ At least 17 different Asian languages are represented in the ELCA, including: Cambodian, Hmong, Indonesian, Lahu, Mandarin, Tamil, and Urdu
- ✓ The ELW contains several beautiful hymns from Asian sources, including:
 - ✚ ELW 158 Kyrie (from ELW communion setting 6) by Lim Swee Hong
 - ✚ ELW 247 Come Now, O Prince of Peace by Yi Kōn-yong
 - ✚ ELW 539 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather by Tokuo Yamaguchi, Isao Koizumi

Volunteer Schedule

Thank you to our Volunteers

Volunteer Assignments for Worship Services in May

Role	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Assistant Minister	Sime, Jean	Thompson, Ingrid	Nelson, Ann	Diebold, Jessica
Lector	Vols, Marijo	Diebold, Jessica	Tarpinian, Gary	Royston, Rebecca
Usher Team Leader	Westrand, Tamarine	Sime, Norm	Chose, Thomas	Herbst, Mark
Ushers	Heil, Matthew Heil, Judy Tarpinian, Gary Vodak, Greg	Christian, Thomas Peterson, Stephen V. Seamonson, Mark Sime, Jean	Cope, Jack Surrell, Jude	Cook, Bill Hanson-Cook, Rhetta Herbst, Garrett Herbst, Evan Herbst, Caleb
Communion Prep	Sime, Jean Sime, Norm	Sime, Jean Sime, Norm	Sime, Jean Sime, Norm	Sime, Jean Sime, Norm
Altar Guild	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)	Johnson, Pat (Patricia)
Greeter	Pritchard, Carol Vodak, Penny	Carpenter, Gloria Liddle, Cynthia	Brekken, Monty Brekken, Carol	Hanson-Cook, Rhetta Smith, Sam

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!



Celebrating 50 years of Covenant's Ministry

It's time to celebrate! Covenant will reach a major milestone in June for having been established 50 years ago. On June 1st of 1973, Central Lutheran and Our Savior Lutheran churches of Stoughton merged to become Covenant Lutheran.

In recognition of the ministries Covenant has provided near and far to thousands of people, it would like to pause, reflect and celebrate at this special moment in time. "Rooted in our Past. Committed to our Future" will be the theme of the day.

On Sunday, June 25th, available former Covenant pastors and staff will join Covenant members [both past and present] to worship together, giving thanks and glory for our precious time together over this half-decade. God has truly been faithful to our church family.. A program and a luncheon is planned to follow the special service.

It would be an honor to have you attend the special activities of the day. If you intend to join us for the luncheon, we need your reservations by June 1st. Please let the church office know. Reservations will be especially helpful in preparing the luncheon.

We're excited to host this meaningful event, marking not only our past, but the beginning of a future full of possibilities in more ministries within our walls and beyond.

Anniversary Committee [JoAnn Gilbert, Denise Pigarelli, Ingrid Thompson, Rev. Wendy Moen]



Treasurer's Report

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK:

These Reports are an easy way to share the Church's financial position giving the congregation a simple view of where the church stands on budget, expenses while also sharing that same information from the previous year.

For your convenience, find financial reports anytime on the bulletin board!

INCOME	Current Month Actual	Same Month Last Year Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
Member Giving	19,736.40	29,929.00	69,328.65	65,587.50	262,350.00	80,166.04
Other Income	6,946.06	1,192.93	12,155.95	6,458.65	25,834.48	1,284.64
Transfers (Dedicated/ G&M)	3,761.91	586.80	9,471.88	12,506.04	50,024.25	796.72
TOTAL INCOME	30,444.37	31,708.73	90,956.48	84,552.19	338,208.73	82,247.40
EXPENSE						
Mission Partners	1,613.00	6,940.00	6,724.38	6,799.88	27,200.00	6,940.00
Staff	17,124.87	16,318.69	50,273.76	53,305.69	210,858.73	38,287.09
Education	564.06	376.88	577.05	1,650.00	6,600.00	437.28
Congregational Life	1,104.12	839.12	1,312.10	900.09	3,600.00	929.12
Social Action	-	-	210.00	999.94	4,000.00	100.00
Worship & Music	966.09	575.16	1,202.07	3,162.47	12,650.00	575.16
Office Administration	3,967.93	1,648.44	10,773.82	6,637.32	26,550.00	7,461.26
Occupancy	11,766.82	5,230.80	25,278.66	13,687.46	46,750.00	14,913.03
TOTAL EXPENSE	37,106.89	31,929.09	96,351.84	87,142.85	338,208.73	69,642.94
INCOME – EXPENSE	(6,662.52)	(220.36)	(5,395.36)	(2,590.66)	0.00	12,604.46

I hereby submit the approved treasurer's report for the month of March 2023.

This month I added a column above to show the Annual Budget because a couple of our expense categories show being over budget YTD (Congregational Life, Office Administration and Occupancy). Our accounting software takes the annual budget and evenly distributes the total across each month but as most of know from experience, that isn't always the way that our expenses occur. I thought it would be helpful to compare to the annual budget total. Our contributions appear to be on target so thank you for your continued support!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Donna Tarpinian, Treasurer



Stewardship News

The Stewardship Team has continued to meet every other month since the 2022 Stewardship drive and we wanted to update you on what we been working on this year.

We held a Ministry Fair and Potluck for Covenant back in March that we believe went very well. All of the ministry teams at Covenant created displays for folks to look at and see the work we do within and outside our community.



Pastor Wendy tasked everyone to use the Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25, to show how we use our talents, resources, and opportunities to work toward God's purposes in the world. And everyone loved the potluck! There's nothing like a good old Lutheran potluck to make everyone happy. You may have noticed that we have been displaying some of the boards in the Narthex and rotating them in and out to encourage you to take a look while you grab a cookie and some coffee during fellowship after services. We met on April 25th to discuss how we can work with the Covenant 50th Anniversary team to help plan some meaningful activities on June 25th and beyond in recognition of the anniversary. There are a lot of creative folks working on together and how we can celebrate our past as well as look to our future.

Lastly, we have also been looking at creative worship and practical resources for our next Stewardship drive in October. We have selected a package called "Our Money Story" that calls out these core values:

- ✦ Art and stewardship belong together
- ✦ Stewardship is an ongoing spiritual practice that helps individuals and communities become more whole
- ✦ Our stories matter—they shape what we believe and how we act
- ✦ Stewardship is crucial to our spiritual health—especially in times of crisis or economic recession
- ✦ We worship a God of enough who calls us to work for equity and enough for all

We are excited about sharing more later in the year. Remember that you are always welcome to join the Stewardship team if this interests you. Please contact any one of us to learn more.

In gratitude, Covenant's Stewardship Team (*Jessica Diebold, Dan Oakland, Catherine Quint, Donna Tarpinian, Christy Unzicker and Mari Jo Vols*)

Education Updates



We are in the final stages of the school year for Sunday School. The students will be reporting to the congregation how they are going to spend the remaining Good Gifts funds for the year.

The last Sunday for classes is May 14th.

The 14th is a family-centered worship Sunday, but the students will go downstairs to put the finishing touches on Mother's Day gifts.

Over the summer, there are several activities that are designed to bring young people into the church. Right now we have VBS happening in July.

VBS

We will also be offering nights every month for an intergenerational activity.

I would like to invite members to talk with me about activities you would like to do either here at the church or attend within the community.



During a conversation with a family, the family members talked about wanting to try lefse-making. I know there are many lefse makers within our church community. Sharing that experience with others would be wonderful for both those with experience and those who haven't done it before.

I also know there are classes being offered at new places in the community. Getting a group of people together to participate in some of the activities might be something that would also be fun, and an inviting opportunity to connect.

A special thank you to Solveig Carlson. Solveig offered to talk to children about some of the things she learned while living in different parts of the world. During her first talk, she shared information about the baobab tree and its importance. The kids really enjoyed hearing about this unique part of life in Africa.

Thank you for the Empty Kleenex boxes and for coming to game night!

Karla



Property Report

Property Committee – Solar Array

Great news! The reimbursement rate from Stoughton Utilities, for our excess power, went way up starting in January of this year. The amount we paid for our March electric usage was only **\$3.21**, a new record low! We are looking forward to the April bill. Our Solar Array has now saved over **410,000 pounds of CO2 emissions** and the equivalent of over **3,100 trees** since the system was fully installed. Total power produced by the array is over **265 Mega Watt Hours**.



Property Committee – Lower-Level Lighting



Old Lights



New Lights

New LED lighting was installed in the Quilters Room and Fellowship Hall at the end of March. We replaced the dim lights and missing pieces. The brighter lights help the quilters see their work a lot better. The lights are dimmable in both rooms so they can be adjusted for presentations. The overall appearance of the ceiling has been greatly improved. We also put LED lights outside with a timer so they aren't on all day.

Special thanks to the Covenant Endowment Foundation for providing the funds that have made this project possible.

Peace and Friendship, Mike Gilbert

Please Save these Summer Dates!

Graduate and Scholarship Recipient Recognition

Celebrate Covenant's Graduates and the Foundation Scholarship Recipients June 11, 2023 during and after Worship.

Help to show our young adults how important they are to Covenant!



50th Anniversary Lunch and Program

Join in the Celebration as Covenant turns 50!

A lunch and special ceremony are scheduled for June 25, 2023.



Mid Year Congregational Meeting

Gather as we discuss the happenings at Covenant July 16, 2023.

Our end of year Congregational meeting has been moved to mid year to more evenly space out our congregational meetings.

Bible Study Meets Each Wednesday Night

You are invited to Bible Study May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31!

Meeting in person in the Gateway room
or via Zoom at 7pm!

[Click here to join the Zoom Meeting](#)

(The link is also on the webpage!)

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!



Covenant Lutheran is searching for five Summer Interns, could that be someone you know?

Outline of the Summer Internship

- 8-week Summer Internship Opportunity for 19-25-year-olds
 - June 4-July 27
 - Sun-Thursday – 20 hours/week
 - Stipend equivalent to \$18/hour
 - All-group meeting to start the day
 - Daily devotional, scripture and prayer
 - 1:1 coaching from the ELCA
- Telehealth therapy if desired through the ELCA at no charge
 - Learning about ministry and various vocations
- † Service projects for the church and Stoughton Community
 - † • Assist with VBS

Contact Pastor Wendy if you're interested in more information!



Invited to Connect

Covenant Lutheran Lunch Bunch

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

Meeting at 11:30 am
on May 3rd at:
The Nite Owl Sports Pub,
in Evansville



We Encourage Everyone to join this Dutch-treat style gathering.

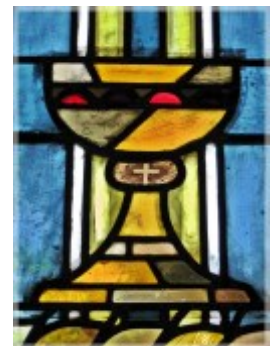
Contact Ann Nelson or the office for more information!



Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, May 7th at 9:30am during Worship

Join to support our confirmands as they declare for themselves that they desire to live out the promises made for them in their baptism!



Please join your Covenant Family in Celebrating our Confirmands!



Feeding the Hungry



In Search of Volunteers to serve food.

2nd Friday of each month
from 10:30-1:30,
at St. Marks in Madison
(Upcoming dates: May 12,
June 9, July 14, August 11)



**If you are interested please contact
the office for more information!**

Thank you for your partnership in this Ministry!



Covenant Social Action Committee



Will you join our meeting this month?

May 15th at 6:30 pm
by Zoom or at the Church



Scan the QR code or click [Here](#) to join the meeting virtually!

Link also available on our webpage!

Invited to Connect

A stone thrown, A friendly phone call or visit,
a personal invitation to worship,

How are you beginning the
ripples of kindness this week?

Who can you reach out to let them know:

You are thinking of them?

Praying for them?

That you would love to see them?

Make that call today!



Thirsty... Hungry... Homeless... Sick... Imprisoned... Lonely...

Who

Can We

Sit With

Today??

To whom can

we offer

Comfort
and Love?

Sick & Imprisoned

hungry Jesus



Who Will Help



homeless Jesus



Jesus



Who Will Help??



Hospitality Sign Up in the Narthex!

Gathering for light refreshments, **Growing** from connection and conversation and taking time to replenish our light before we **Go** out again into the world to do Good Work for our Lord!

Sunday Hospitality is a Group Effort!



There is a sign-up in the Narthex. Choose to provide set-up, refreshments and clean-up any Sunday you choose.

Coffee will always be served even on those Sundays no one has signed up to bring refreshments. **Many thanks to all the helping hands!**



Looking for **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 assistance,
Sunday Greeters & Much More!**



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



Stoughton Clothing Center helps everyone!

The Clothing Center receives daily requests for clothing. If you have gently used clothing 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 10am - 2pm, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – noon, and Thursdays from 10am – 5pm.

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

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



**Together we can build a
Supportive and Safe Community!**



Ways to be a Blessing



**Contact Richard
at 608-873-6112 or
rwhoffman64@yahoo.com**

Looking for a way to volunteering but not sure when or how?

ATP is looking for volunteer drivers!!

Mileage reimbursement of 65.5 cents per mile driven, no commitment. Just helping those in need— one trip at a time!



**Help build
stable futures,
one volunteer
hour at a time!**

Habitat has a critical need for construction volunteers in Stoughton, **Thursday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Individual & group volunteers appreciated.

All skill levels welcome!

Build with us at
habitatdane.org/stoughton

May 2023 topic:

Proper Medication Disposal

Did you miss the drug take-back event at the Stoughton fire station in April? No worries! You can dispose of outdated and unneeded prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications at any time... see below!

–Why is correct disposal so important?

- ✦ Avoids poisoning of children and pets
- ✦ Averts misuse by teens and adults
- ✦ Prevents use of outdated products
- ✦ Keeps medications out of streams and rivers

–How can I get rid of unwanted, unused, or outdated prescription or OTC medications?



BEST option:

use the drop-off box at the Stoughton Police Department!

- a. looks like and opens just like a blue, freestanding mailbox
- b. available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- c. located right outside the entrance to the Stoughton Police Department (across the street from Stoughton public library)

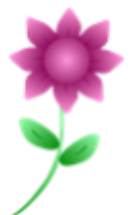
Less preferred option:

1. Mix pills or liquid medicine with cat litter or used coffee grounds
2. Put mixture in a disposable container with a lid or a ziplock bag
3. Place sealed container in the trash/garbage

NEVER burn medications or flush them down the toilet or sink/drain

In faith and health,

Denise Pigarelli



Gratitude



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

Covenant Lutheran Church survives on the
dedication & love you share!

This community is better because of you.

Blessings to you as you continue to bless others.

May God's Grace and Love Surround you always!





Members and Friends who have chosen for their Thrivent Choice Dollars to come to Covenant this month include:

Dennis Bremer, Kelly Schieldt, Norm Sime, Jean Sime

We are grateful for the financial support and you believing in Covenant as you dedicate funds to organizations you trust to share your gifts locally and with the world.



Gratitude

Thank you to our Landscape Team, Highway Clean-up Crew and helping hands throughout!



Did you know Scout troop 167 has been meeting at our church for the past year? Covenant Lutheran Church is grateful to Troop 167 for lending a vital hand for spring highway cleanup on Rutland Dunn Townline Road on Sunday April 2. An appreciative shout out to scouts Joseph, Miles and Jude on this very windy day of service!



Many thanks to so many scouts from Troop 167, which calls Covenant their home, helping with spring clean up on April 15. Scouts Gavin, Evie, Jackson, Miles, Jack and Garrett and their family members helped make the grounds look brand new in record time this year!

Gratitude

Ring & Sing

*To those who rang, to those who sang,
and to those who came:*

Thank You!

It was Beautiful and we are Grateful!

Prelude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, Brass Group;
Morning is Broken Denise Pigarelli- flute & Michelle Osterhaus- piano

Combined Choirs: Vocal, Bell and Children's Choirs

Communion Music: Treble and Bell Choirs with Flute

Sending Hymn: Congregation with Children's Choir Instrumental

Postlude: *Easter Melody* by: Michelle Osterhaus-Piano, Meghann Proper-Organ

Vocal Choir: Kristin Johnson, Larry Judd, Angie Kettner, Jean Lamers, Eileen Nelson, Jack Nelson, Diane Nissler, Meghann Proper, Rachel Royston, Jim Seamonson, Donna Tarpinian, Ingrid Thompson, Glenn Van Rossum, Laurie Woodhouse - Director Beth Gardner

Bell Choir: Alex Thiessen, Robin Wendt, Marcie Mahuta, Dianne Johnson, Judy Luschen, Susan Diebold, Beth Andersen, Margaret Raisbeck, Donna Tarpinian, Scott Wendt, Doug Johnson- Director Meghann Proper

Treble Choir: Beth Gardner, Kristin Johnson, Angie Kettner, Jean Lamers, Chris Melland, Eileen Nelson, Diane Nissler, Meghann Proper, Rachel Royston, Donna Tarpinian, Ingrid Thompson, Laurie Woodhouse - Director Meghann Proper

Grace Notes: Angie Kettner, Meghann Proper, and Donna Tarpinian

Children's Choir: A wonderful group of Covenant children

Brass Group: Doug Johnson- Trombone, Dianne Johnson- French Horn, Russ Melland- Trumpet

Flute: Denise Pigarelli; **Drums:** Lars Forde

Gratitude



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rwhoffman64@yahoo.com

Pastor Mpen -
Thank you so much for the continued donations
& support for our ATP program -
We are also looking for drivers. Perhaps someone
in your parish would be interested
Please share - Thanks Much!
ATP Board

Also:

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commitment. Just helping those in need— one trip at a time!



Gratitude



CITY OF STOUGHTON

Dear Covenant Lutheran Church

April 7, 2023

On behalf of the Stoughton Food Pantry we thank you for your donation of 65 pounds of food.

During March 2023 the pantry served almost 157 households and distributed over 10,000 pounds of food. This was a substantial increase in the number of households seeking help from the pantry over the prior years. In particular we are witnessing a marked increase in the need for assistance as food and other prices have hurt family budgets.

Due to the generous support of our community we are now allowing pantry clients to utilize the pantry twice each month. We have increased the amount of food given to the clients and we have begun delivery to clients who are without transportation to the pantry. We have recently opened the pantry to in person shopping. In just the past 2 months we were able to join Second Harvest and provide more and better foods for our clients. All of this is possible only with the generosity of our donors and tireless volunteers.

We know there are many organizations that deserve your support. Thank you for making Stoughton Food Pantry a priority and helping us advance our mission.

Sincerely,

Karen Krapp

Volunteer
City of Stoughton Food Pantry

March 22, 2023

Your recent financial gift of \$30.25 in support of Lutherdale's ministry is a tremendous blessing. Thank you for including Lutherdale in your giving. We believe that every camper has the opportunity to be **welcomed, accepted, known, celebrated, and loved**, as a child of God at Lutherdale. Your gifts help us to keep camp affordable for all families and to offer scholarships to make sure no one is ever turned away.

While it might still be the heart of winter, we are deep into planning for summer. We are excited to see registrations starting to come in and are putting together our summer staff. We know camp changes lives. Please hold us in your prayers as we pray for another summer of ministry.

I am grateful for your partnership with Lutherdale and our mission of building lives in Christ. Our ministry is expanding and ready to serve the church of today, tomorrow, and the future. Your support helps to make Lutherdale the outstanding ministry that it is.

Grace and Peace,

Rev Tracy Polzin

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Thank you for your support!



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Dear Friends,

March 22, 2023

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Your ongoing support ensures that students at UW-Madison have a community of faith that supports them and accompanies them during their formative college years.

Students on campus continue to struggle with loneliness, mental health issues, and the developmental challenges of the college years. Your support makes it possible for us to care for these students and equip them to care for one another.

Now, more than ever, your gifts make our ministry possible. The ministry of LCM and the young people who have been blessed, nurtured, and fed through this ministry are possible because of your trust in God, and your trust in what the Holy Spirit is doing here on campus. Your gift of \$30.25 on 2/28/2023 gives us confidence as we gather students for prayer, support, and spiritual formation.

Thank you again for your gift. May God bless you.

In Christ,

Rev. Emily Tveite

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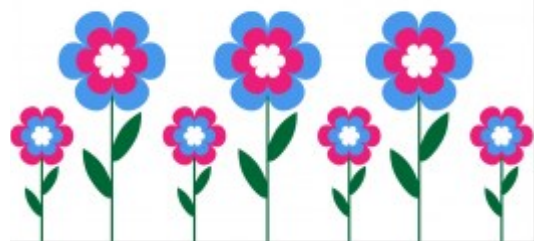
Rev. Emily Tveite
Campus Pastor & Director

Dear Staff + Members,

Thank you so very much for your recent monetary donation for supporting the Stoughton Affordable Transportation Program. We are so grateful for the loyalty you have shown to help ATP remain sustainable to provide safe, dependable, + affordable transportation to those in need in our community.

Thank you Again!
Staff + Volunteers of ATP

**Thank
you!**



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Dear Friends,

Thank You!

March 16, 2023

Thank you for sharing your love with neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey. Your \$1,133.00 emergency gift is a godsend to families in desperate need.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to get lifesaving care to families. Because of you, families will get the urgent support they need, like medical care, food, water and other critically needed items. It's because of your compassion and generosity that we are able ready to deliver urgent relief aid.

Please check our website for updates about the response to this tragic situation.

Thank you for extending God's love where it needed most.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Speckhard".

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO



Pastor Wendy and the people of Covenant,
Thank you for sharing your love and generosity
with the people of Turkiye as they suffer the
devastating loss caused by the earthquake. Last year,
you were incredibly generous because of the war
in Ukraine and now you are doing it again. As you
celebrate our new life in the risen Christ this Easter
know you helped to bring a new life for neighbors in Turkiye.
Grace + Peace, Tim Krick

*I give you a new commandment, that you **love one another**.*

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

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*The deadline for submitting items for the **May** newsletter is **Thursday, May 25.***

Please submit to form [here](#) or to covlutheran@covluth.org.

Thank you!

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