

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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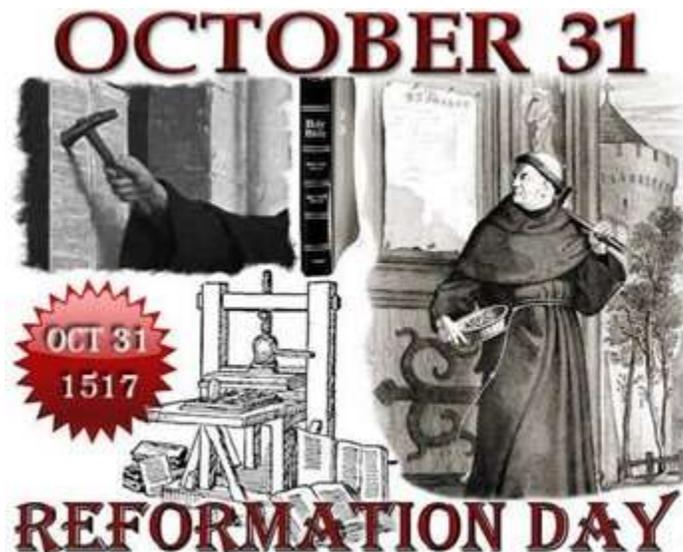
Dane County Mask Mandate

Masks are required for everyone entering the church for worship or other inside gatherings.

We also strongly encourage everyone to please get vaccinated!



October 26, 2021

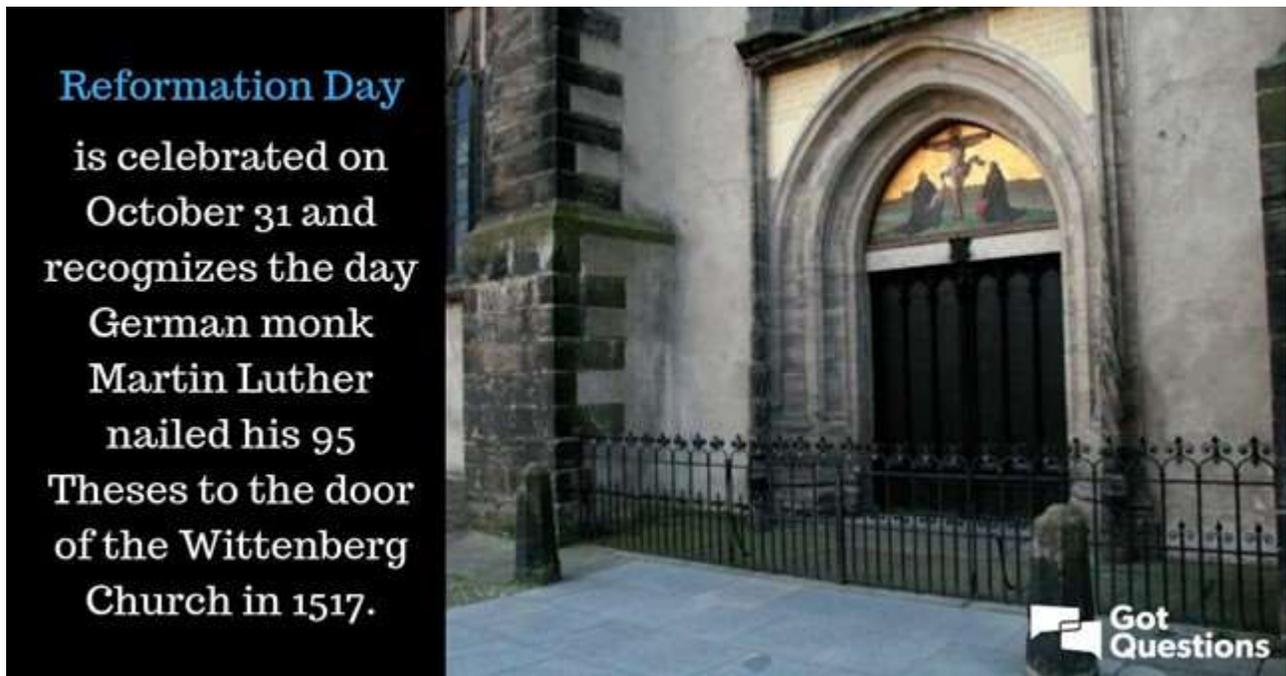


**REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 31
10 AM
(PARKING LOT WORSHIP)**

This Sunday, October 31, is Reformation Sunday (Yes, it is also Halloween or All Hollows' Eve). We will be reflecting on why we acknowledge the Reformation and its ongoing importance for the Church today. Following worship, we will have a brief congregational meeting to consider changes to the by-laws as recommended by the Session.

We will continue to worship outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair, or if you need one, we will provide it for you. Angie Williams will be our accompanist. We have been inviting people to sing as they feel moved to do so or to sing in their heart and head. Fellowship Time follows. If you are interested in providing refreshments for Fellowship Time, please let Mare Stewart or Pastor Scott know.

If the weather does not allow, we will gather in the sanctuary. Masks will be required of everyone who enters the church.



Reformation Day
is celebrated on
October 31 and
recognizes the day
German monk
Martin Luther
nailed his 95
Theses to the door
of the Wittenberg
Church in 1517.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 31
Of Heretics and Outlaws
The Edict of Worms**

Up until 1521, it had been relatively safe to show an interest in the writings and teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546). When Luther refused to recant his writings in opposition to various doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, the Edict of Worms was

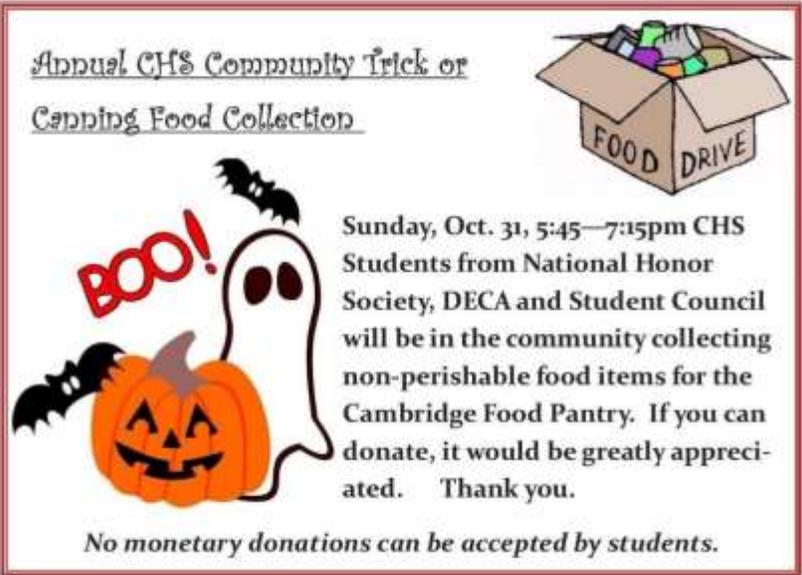
signed by Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, on May 25, 1521, officially declaring Luther a heretic and an outlaw. The decree “forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deeds, to receive, defend, sustain, or favor the said Martin Luther.” The Edict declared Luther to be an obstinate heretic and banned the reading or possession of his writings. It further called for his capture. Luther escaped to safety at the Wartburg Castle under the protection of Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, where he proceeded to translate the New Testament into German. Luther had become a prolific writer, fully embracing the new technology of the printing press to widely disseminate his teachings. Attempts to carry out the Edict were largely unsuccessful and the movement for Reform swept across much of Northern Europe, forever changing the face of Christianity. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have fought for their convictions and beliefs at any cost as we continue the work of building the Kingdom of God. (Presbyterian Historical Society)

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda

“The Church Reformed, and is Always Reforming - according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/ecclesia-reformata/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS: The Session has called for two meetings of the congregation. The purpose of these meetings is to consider changes to the By-laws. The Session is recommending that the Board of Deacons be incorporated into the work of the Session. The Session believes with our aging congregation and decreasing membership numbers, and the ongoing pandemic, we can no longer fill positions on both boards. The Session will assume the responsibilities of the Deacons. **The first meeting is scheduled for October 31 following worship.** This meeting will be to hear their recommendation, and ask questions. **The second meeting is scheduled for November 14 following worship.** This meeting will be to vote on the recommendation and also to (hopefully) hear the report of the Nominating Committee to replace two members of the current Session.



Annual CHS Community Trick or
Capping Food Collection

Sunday, Oct. 31, 5:45—7:15pm CHS
Students from National Honor
Society, DECA and Student Council
will be in the community collecting
non-perishable food items for the
Cambridge Food Pantry. If you can
donate, it would be greatly appreci-
ated. Thank you.

No monetary donations can be accepted by students.



**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7
10 AM
LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY**

On Sunday, November 7, we will gather in Lake Ripley Cemetery for our annual All-Saints' Sunday Service. During this service, we will be remembering our loved ones who died over the past year. If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned in the liturgy, please send us an email at office@OCPChurch.com or pastor@ocpchurch.com. Special Music will be provided by Bill McInnes, a professional bagpiper. Bill works with Pastor Scott at Gunderson Funeral Home as a Service Associate.



About Bill McInnes:

Canadian born transplanted bagpipe player

Pipe Major of several bands over the past years including:

Zor Shrine Pipes and Drums, Madison Wisconsin

Badger Pipes and Drums, Madison Wisconsin
Bravest and Finest Memorial Pipe Band, Madison, Wisconsin
Pipes and Drums of the Celtic Brigade, Madison, Wisconsin
Competed with bands in the Mid-West Pipe Band Association
Billy Mitchell Scottish Milwaukee, Wisconsin
La Crosse District Pipes and Drums La Crosse, Wisconsin
Badger Pipes and Drums Madison, Wisconsin
Currently Pipe Major and instructor of The Pipes and Drums of the Celtic Brigade.

SANCTUARY SERMONS WITH PASTOR SCOTT... Many of you remember Pastor Scott offered Meditations in the Meadow throughout 2020. Instead of live-streaming the entire service, he is going to be offering a brief summary of the scripture and his sermon each week from the sanctuary. This will be no more than 10 minutes long. You can join him on Facebook Live between 9:30-10 am. This will be in place of live-streaming the entire service.

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI>

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We are once again having some fellowship time following worship. As long as the weather is agreeable, we are serving outside, providing foods that can be individually shared safely. Thank you to Megan Meier, Cheryl Bettenhausen, Mare Stewart, Judy Schroeder, Melanie Rumpf, and Judy Pearson for providing food for our fellowship time. If you are interested in providing fellowship refreshments, please let Mare Stewart or Pastor Scott know.



Doreen Drennan

September 9, 1933 – October 19, 2021

It is with great sadness that we share with you the death of Doreen Drennan, wife of Hugh Drennan and mother of Ann Febock. Her Funeral Service is scheduled for Saturday,

November 6 at the Lake Mills Moravian Church. Service time is 11 am. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow the service. Pastor Scott will be co-officiating with Pastor Dave Sobek of the Lake Mills Church. Memorials can be made to OCPC, Lake Mills Moravian Church, Rainbow Hospice or a charity of your choosing.

<https://www.claussenfuneralhome.com/obituary/doreen-hebbe-drennan?lud=26609FC30A8A8FC4BC7D2169BE457CD8&fbclid=IwAR1AJKJ-skK4RL8YVraXkETvY4G5D9YtQfjXgNIYFt2QAWK1CfgOVxoLGYg>

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: The Cambridge Area Food Pantry is once again looking for donations to help with their growing number of Thanksgiving Food Baskets. While Second Harvest Food Bank will help with the main items, the various churches are providing different items to supplement those items. OCPC is providing paper products (plates and napkins) along with box brownie mixes. **If you wish to assist us with these donations, we ask that you either make a financial donation towards the paper products or purchase box brownie mix.** You can bring either to the church on Sunday or stop by the office in the morning, Monday – Thursday. Currently, the Food Pantry is planning on 55 baskets with a deadline of Sunday, November 14.

OCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

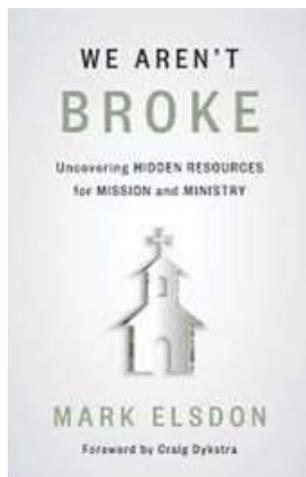
We have now endured eighteen months of this pandemic, impacting so many aspects of our lives, including church worship. The good news is that last year our church finances held strong. Giving continued even when services did not. We finished the year 2020 roughly down \$1,800 in anticipated income – a great success by just about any measure. Thank you!

We began 2021 in a similar fashion – strong giving continued. However, while other aspects of income remain strong – rental income, non-member giving, investment income – in recent months member giving has fallen off. Recent projections show that our member giving may fall \$6,000 below expectations – a significant drop-off.

Does this represent a financial crisis? Not really – not in the short run. We will cover the deficit by withdrawing money from our investment income. And it may represent a coincidence – a number of members who have forgotten to keep up with their pledge. At the worst, we will continue on. Overall, our financial picture is strong.

However, a larger deficit could possibly lead to budget cuts, a difficulty when we already have a “bare bones” budget. Or perhaps Session would feel the need to reconsider expensive improvements tentatively planned for 2022, including possibly painting the sanctuary, upgrading our video capabilities, improving the manse, replacing our signage, etc. A serious deficit would lead to very difficult decisions next year.

So if you have the ability to contribute, please do. Every little bit helps. If you find yourself unable to contribute to the church at this time, we certainly understand. And please remember, there are many ways in which you can support your church besides dollars!



OCPC Book Read for October

“We Aren’t Broke: Uncovering Hidden Resources for Mission and Ministry”

Rev. Mark Elsdon, who has been co-pastor at Pres House with his spouse, Rev. Erica Liu, has written a new book. The Session has decided to read this together. We are inviting others to join us. If you are interested in ordering a copy, please let Pastor Scott know or you can order your own copy online at: <https://www.amazon.com/We-Arent-Broke-Uncovering-Resources/dp/0802878989> . The cost is \$18.99

About Mark’s book:

“Many Christian churches and related institutions in the United States are struggling or, in some cases, facing imminent crisis, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance is down. Funding is harder to come by. People are no longer drawn to traditional church services and programming in the ways that they once were. Often, we feel broke and powerless to do much about it. We settle for doing more with less: Less money. Fewer people. Fewer churches.

But if we reexamine our perceived limits and our assumptions about how resources are supposed to be used, then something remarkable and beautiful comes into view: we aren’t broke at all but have enormous resources at our disposal. Church and missional organizations nationwide own billions of dollars of prime property and investment assets, which, when combined with social enterprise and new expressions of mission, can be put to work for innovation and transformation. And these resources are often available to us right now.

This book is an invitation to envision a different way of putting God’s gifts to work in the world. It draws upon a remarkable story of rebirth at a Presbyterian affiliated campus ministry center at the University of Wisconsin, along with profiles of other creative social enterprises, to describe how church property and investment assets can be put to work for innovation, transformation, and financial sustainability. Theologically rooted but practically minded, it provides guidance and tools for church and nonprofit leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors of all kinds who are seeking new ways to fund and participate in God’s work in the world.”

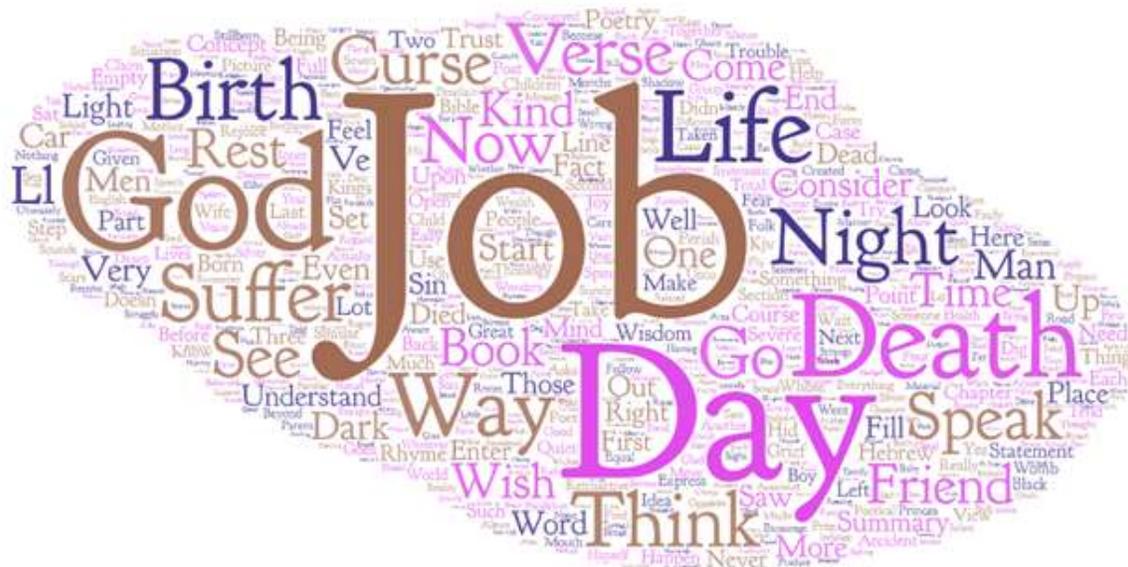
VOLUNTEER(S) REQUESTED – The family of Evelyn Reiner is looking for a person, or people, who would volunteer to visit her and read the E-News and/or bulletin once or twice a month. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott know.

OCPC HAS A MISSION FUND. The Session is looking for mission opportunities who might need our support. If you have a suggestion, please send it to pastor@ocpchurch.com



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Canned Meats, Rice, Cookies/Sweets, Cereal, Egg Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Cleaning Supplies, Feminine Products, Shampoo and conditioner. Donation bin is located outside of the lower level middle school/food pantry entrance and monetary donations are gladly accepted via the Food Pantry website or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Cambridge WI 53523. Thank you!

October 19, 2021





“LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF JOB”

OCTOBER 24

10 AM

(PARKING LOT WORSHIP WITH REV. HUGH DRENNAN)

This Sunday, October 24, we welcome the Rev. Hugh Drennan back to our pulpit. Hugh has been a frequent guest, filling in for Pastor Scott while he enjoys a Sunday off. Hugh will be preaching on the Book of Job from the Hebrew Scriptures.

We will continue to worship outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair, or if you need one, we will provide it for you. Karen Brunk will be our accompanist. We have been inviting people to sing as they feel moved to do so or to sing in their heart and head. Fellowship Time follows. If you are interested in providing refreshments for Fellowship Time, please let Mare Stewart or Pastor Scott know.

If the weather does not allow, we will gather in the sanctuary. Masks will be required of everyone who enters the church.

NEW CLEANING PERSON

The Session and Personnel Committee would like to introduce our new cleaning person, Margarita Garcia. She comes highly recommended to us. She will be cleaning the main level of the church twice a month, on Mondays.

October 12, 2021



“BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS”

On Sunday, October 10, we held our first “Blessing of the Animals” as a part of our worship. We had three in-person canine guests who came to receive a blessing along with their human companions. Each person who attended brought either their dog or pictures of their cats or dogs with them. Treats for humans and canines were shared after worship. It was meaningful worship service for all who attended.





**“MORNING HAS BROKEN, LIKE THE FIRST MORNING”
OCTOBER 17
10 AM
(PARKING LOT WORSHIP)**



Creation Care and the Climate Crisis

This Sunday, October 17, we will be reading and reflecting on the story of Creation in Genesis 1 while reflecting on our global climate crisis and the impact on our world and lives today and for generations to come.

Please bring a lawn chair, or if you need one, we will provide it for you. Our plan is for Karen Brunk to play the portable keyboard which will allow us to have music. We have been inviting people to sing as they feel moved to do so or to sing in their heart and head. Fellowship Time follows. If you are interested in providing refreshments for Fellowship Time, please let Mare Stewart or Pastor Scott know.

NEW CLEANING PERSON

We welcome Margarita Garcia to OCPC. She will be cleaning the church every two weeks. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped with cleaning over the past months.

MEALS ON WHEELS... Volunteers are needed to deliver meals from October 25 to November 5. If you can help, please contact Cheryl Stitz at 608-695-1838 to volunteer.

October 5, 2021



Painting of St. Francis with the Animals, a collaboration with Willem van Herp and Gilliam van Herp.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND THEIR HUMAN OWNERS
OCTOBER 10
10 AM
(PARKING LOT WORSHIP)**



Sunday and Pastor Scott would like to invite you to join them for a special Blessing of the Animals during our worship this coming Sunday (day of the week not the dog). You are invited to bring your pet or a picture of them or a favorite toy of theirs or some item that represents them. You may also bring a picture of one of your former pets. We will have a special liturgy with a time for blessing of our animals.

What is a “Blessing of the Animals” and why are we offering this special liturgy. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181-1182. “He was known for his respect of all nature, which earned him the title of patron saint of the environment. Francis wrote, ‘All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man (and woman). God wants us to help animals if they need help. Each being, whether human or creature, has the same right of protection. Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of the earth.’ So, on or around his death date of Oct. 4, many animals around the world are blessed in the name of St. Francis. To bless someone or something is to invoke for them goodness and wellbeing. To bless an animal is to honor the reciprocal relationship shared, and the value that is added to life, for both the human and the animal. It is to affirm that we all are creatures of the Creator, and the human role is that of steward, or care provider, rather than superior or ruler.

Around the world farm animals, work animals, and pets are all blessed with words of grace and gratitude.



St. Francis of Assisi Pet Print By Sue Betanzos

https://www.etsy.com/shop/ArtOfSue?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=236848828

"The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth and the sea.
They share in the fortunes of human existence
and have a part in human life.
God, who confers gifts on all living things,
has often used the service of animals
or made them reminders of salvation ...
We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals.
As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and thank God for setting us as stewards
over all the creatures of the earth."

—From "Occasional Services: A Service for the Blessing of Animals,"

This Sunday, October 10, we will offer a Blessing of the Animals. There will be a liturgy. Our Scripture will be Genesis 1:20-25 and Psalm 104.

Please bring a lawn chair, or if you need one, we will provide it for you. Our plan is for Karen Brunk to play the portable keyboard which will allow us to have music. We may even try singing as we did last Sunday. Fellowship Time follows. If you are interested in providing refreshments for Fellowship Time, please let Mare Stewart or Pastor Scott know.

October Worship
10 a.m.
Parking Lot

While the weather allows, we will be returning to worship in the parking lot through the end of October. Each Sunday, we will invite you to bring your own lawn chairs as we gather outside. This will allow us to spread out and not have to wear masks. Please dress for the weather. If the weather does not allow for us to gather outside, we will move indoors and masks will be required.

October 17 – Parking Lot Worship

October 24 – Parking Lot Worship

October 31 – Parking Lot Worship

AGING AND SENIOR CARE RESOURCES [Caring.com](https://www.caring.com) is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have been featured by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet. The following is a link to their Senior Care and Assisted Living Guide for communities in Wisconsin: (<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/wisconsin>)

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