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COVENANT LIFE CHURCH  
7501 MUNCASTER MILL RD. GAITHERSBURG 20877

**March 7**  
**9:00am - noon**

**PARTICIPANT**  
**REGISTRATION \$25**





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BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH  
1315 WASHINGTON AVE, SHEBOYGAN

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