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# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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*(Jesus said) "It is not the will of your Father in heaven  
that one of these little ones should be lost." Matthew 18:14*

This is our Watchword for 2023.

I wonder what God is calling us to do through this passage. We are called to make sure the little ones are not lost. What do we need to be doing that makes sure the youth in our midst are being cared for; spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, socially? We make promises at baptism that say we will care for them. I hope we are taking these baptismal promises seriously.

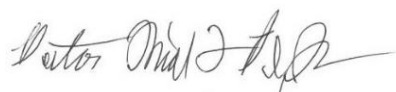
Who else might be considered "little ones"? Those who find themselves vulnerable in our world might be considered "little ones." How are we making sure they are not lost to the world?

In the verses just prior to this, Jesus lifts up a child in their midst and states that if anyone wants to enter the Kingdom, they must enter like a child. So, are all of us "little ones" as well? How are we taking care of each other in this community of faith, in our city, in our region, around the world? The verses that follow this passage explain to us how we are called to be reconciled to one another. Too often, our inability or refusal to be reconciled with one another, causes one of us to be lost?

Jesus says in this passage that if we cause a stumbling block for one of these "little ones" (whoever that may be), it is better that a millstone be tied around our neck.

We are called as followers of Christ, to see every one we encounter as a "little one." Let us remove all the stumbling blocks for the Kingdom!

Peace,



Pastor Mike

## PD Ann's Corner

During the pandemic I put a jigsaw puzzle on the table in the kitchen. There has been a puzzle on the table since that day. An unassembled puzzle is a useless pile of pieces. Once each piece finds its place, an intricate image emerges. The same is true for us as believers in Jesus Christ. We need to be connected together as the body of Christ. "For just as each of us has one body with many members and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us." Romans 12:4-6

Like the pieces in a puzzle, we have to figure out where each person fits in so that the complete image of Jesus can be seen by the world. As the church year begins our leaders need to identify the gifts of the members and allow each person to contribute to the body of Christ. Sometimes a jigsaw piece falls and is temporarily lost. Like the Shephard seeking the lost sheep, we have to search for the lost person. When we find the person, we need to throw a party and allow the person to be put into place. People will have a desire to join us when they see the whole body working together as a forgiving, loving and joyful people. They can see us forming a picture of Jesus serving the world.



Who are you leaving out? Where do you put up a road block so the person cannot fit in? Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to look at in a different way? Take time to look and listen to the people around you and to the people you fail to notice. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to seek ways to help people work together to form the body of Christ.



### Pastor Poole's Pins

If you haven't noticed, Pastor Poole has some pride in his Irish heritage. He belongs to several Irish organizations, and has participated in a few St. Patrick's Day parades.

He spent St Patrick's Day in 2009 in New Orleans.

He marched in the 2018 and 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parades in NYC. He was supposed to march in 2020, but it was cancelled due to COVID. He belongs to the Emerald Society of Columbus (police officers and fire fighters of Irish descent). He currently serves as Vice President and Chaplain. He is also an associate member of the NYPD Emerald Society. Pastor Poole belongs to the Shamrock Club of Columbus, which is the Pipe Band he originally learned to play the bagpipes. He has marched in many St. Patrick's parades in Columbus with these organizations. He marched in the Union NJ St. Patrick's parade twice. He served as an intentional interim pastor in Union NJ for 16 months. In NYC, he marched with the Richmond County Pipes and Drums. His family is from County Galway. He belongs to the Galway County Association of NYC and is an avid fan of the Galway United FC soccer club. His family name from Galway is McLoughlin.



## Sunday School News

We ended January with a movie day (5<sup>th</sup> Sundays are reserved for movies, snacks, crafts and sharing the word) Mrs. Sours once again made donuts for us and next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday she is making popcorn for us!

FEBRUARY WAS FANTASTIC!!!!!!

We started learning a new 10 Commandment song with Mrs. Becker. We're getting better saying The Lord's Prayer...some of us have almost memorized it.

SOCKS for SOULS...SOUPER BOWL CHANGE COLLECTORS...VALENTINE CARD MAKERS

February 12 was our winter service day and the children exceeded all expectations. Along with the Boards of Education and Social Ministry we hosted the Gathering Space, collected spare change from members coming and going to church, we dropped our change bowls 5 or 6 times, we made Valentine cards for our homebound members and we collected too many socks to count. Our spare change collection amounted to \$334.85.

The money collected and the socks will be donated to Heart of Ohio Homeless Shelter. Thank you to all who donated to this project, we are so grateful to our generous members.



COMING IN MARCH

Sunday School will be learning about Nicodemus, the woman at the well and the miracles of Jesus. Also during Lent we will have a special focus on prayer. We will be sending home prayer practices, prayer ideas etc. Sunday School students will also once again help the Board of Education with "Egging" houses during Holy Week. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on signing up for this fun event!

Candy is being collected for the eggs for this project. Donations can be placed in the baskets by the elevator anytime before Palm Sunday.

### Musings from the Church Mouse...

Have you noticed how much felt is coming in and out of this place? I have. I wonder what is goin' on. There are different colors, a lot of cutting, a lot of talking. I wonder when we'll see the finished product?

Do you remember those flannelgraphs? For all you young'uns, it was the old-school PowerPoint. We could tell a wonderful story with just moving those felt pieces around. I wonder if those will make a comeback.

Well, I guess I'll just have to wait and see.

See ya in worship!

*Church Mouse*

### The Story of Jesus

The Northwest Ohio Year of Story Bible Study is now available on the following website: [info@nwos-elca.church](mailto:info@nwos-elca.church). In the introduction Bishop Beaudoin explains that "our focus this year will be on learning and telling Jesus' story". "The mission of the Northwestern Ohio Synod captures both our call to be centered in the Gospel and our call to be sent into the world". The Bible Study is a 6 session Bible resource on the story of Jesus. The bishop encourages you to get your Bible, a group of friends, go outside the four walls of the congregation to learn and share the Jesus story. Contributors are Pastor Sarah Schaaf, Caroline Guy, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Calla Gibson and Deacon Sherry Krieger. Please take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skill in being able share the Jesus story. If anyone needs help accessing this Bible Study, please contact Parish Deacon Ann.

### Comfort Quilters Update

The Comfort Quilters had a special treat on Valentine's Day. A quartet from the Marionaires made a special visit and sang three songs. John Hoch presented his sister Carol with a red rose. We gave them treats of German Chocolate cookies.

March 18 is National Quilt Day. Lutheran World Relief is celebrating 75 years of "people putting their faith in action by making quilts for people around the world". If you want to contribute material to the quilters you can purchase prepackaged of one- and 2-yard material from Walmart for \$3 per yard or buy material at Hobby Lobby or your favorite quilt store. It takes 4 yards to make a quilt top. We cannot use fabric with military, national or religious symbols. Since the Jo Ann's store closed in Marion, we have been ordering batting online.

We will also be making quilts for the Senior High School Students who are graduating in the spring. We will be working with Cindy Rinker to have a special Seniors Recognition Sunday prior to graduation. More information will be coming in the spring.

Thank you for all of your support to the Comfort Quilters Project.



## Who is God Calling Us (Emanuel Lutheran Church – Marion, Ohio) To Be?

At the annual congregational meeting, we did an exercise to see who God might be calling us to be. First, we made our own lists of top three things. Then we got into sixteen (16) small groups and came up with top three items. Then we reported to the whole our findings. Here are the tabulations:

Outreach / Out in community / helping / work with homeless – 13

Be a community inside / respectful to each other / love each other / safe place – 6

Fishers of people – 4

All are welcome – 4

Open mind – 3

Engaging / Active / walk walk and not just talk talk – 3

Deeper in faith / active Prayer Life – 3

Example – 2

Beacon – 1

Youth and family – 1

Child care families – 1

Teachers – 1

Listen – 1

Smile – 1

Solar panels – 1

Cotton candy – 1



## Faith Journeys

Our Faith Journeys event for March will occur during our Wednesday midweek Lenten services. We will be focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Each week, we will take a look at one of the petitions of the Prayer.

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>March 1,8,15,22,29, 4/5</b>		<b>Lenten Lord's Prayer worship</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>6p-7p</b>	<b>Faith Journey Questions</b>
<b>Sunday-Friday</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>25,26,27,28,29,30</b>	<b>Confirmation Camp</b>

## Book Study

Our Lenten book study is by the same authors as the one we just finished. The book is "The Last Week – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem," by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. We have a virtual option on Sunday nights at 6:30pm, and in-person options on Thursdays at 11:30am and 5:30pm. We have about 30 people total reading along. Feel free to pick up a copy of the book. Let Pastor Mike know if you would like the virtual link. Keep an eye out for more information.

## Training for Readers in Worship

We will have a short training session for all of our worship readers as well as for anyone who would like to serve in this very important leadership role. We are going to work on making the readings come alive in worship. We will gather in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. We are asking all of those who currently read to attend. **If this is a ministry you might want to try, feel free to join us as well.**

## Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

We began with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 20 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to get benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So join us when you are able. We have just completed 1 Samuel, so you can still jump in!

## You Know You Are A Steadfast Lutheran If...



- ... You get suspicious when the pastor doesn't give one of their kids a biblical first name.
- ... You know what a flannelgraph is.
- ... You are in your eighties and can still recite at least three of your Sunday School Christmas pieces by heart, and know what grades you were in when you were a shepherd and a wiseman, and what grade you were in when you were roped in to playing either Joseph or Mary

## GREAT NEWS from the Board of Fellowship...

The Gathering Space is now stocked with breakfast treats, juice, and coffee on Sunday mornings. Stop by and enjoy some refreshments and Christian conversation on the way to or from worship.



**But we need your help...** Please sign up in the Gathering Space to host this ministry. You can host by yourself or invite a friend or two to host with you. All you need to do is bring some food – fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies, or other “sweets.” They can be homemade or purchased from a store. The Board of Fellowship provides the drinks. On that Sunday morning, you will be the host and delight in sharing conversation with our church members and friends. More complete instructions can be found in the Gathering Space.

If you have questions about hosting the Gathering Space Sunday morning fellowship, call the Board of Fellowship Director – **Betty Anderson 740-244-1661.**

**LGBT**  
and Allies

Our group met on February 5th for food and fellowship.

2023 Schedule \*\*\*Schedule Change\*\*\* First Sunday Each Month At 6PM



**March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3**

These LGBT and Allies Fellowship get-togethers are a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided. Questions: email at [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), calling or texting 740-262-2655



## Communication and Evangelism

One of our big goals for the year revolves around prayer. This team is tasked with supporting the congregation in their prayer life. Here's what we are planning:

- Prayer Ventures - Prayer ventures is a monthly pamphlet with a listing of daily prayers. The ELCA publishes this pamphlet monthly. You will find a copy of this in the Gathering Space. Feel free to take one or two.
- Prayer vigil - This team will host a prayer vigil on Holy Saturday (April 8<sup>th</sup>). More information in another article.
- Prayer room - We are going to turn the chapel into a prayer room. This space will be available anytime the building doors are open. We will have this up and running by March 1.

As for evangelism we have much planned as well.

- We will be working with the Fellowship committee on a Bar-b-que event in June. During this event we will make cards for local community members.
- On August 6<sup>th</sup> we will host a blessing of the bookbag event(s) with the Spiritual Life committee. This will continue beyond our church walls to a parking lot event.



These are just the highlights! We look forward to serving this community of faith with God's help. Brian Barger, Daryl Kraner, Janet Musser, Laurie Wise, and Dee Rinehart

## Social Ministry News...

It's March already, but there are still ways to share the Kingdom of God with our neighbors throughout the year.

**February** found us working with the Education Board and our youth to benefit the Heart of Ohio Homeless Shelter with **lots and lots** of donated socks and a noisy collection. Thanks go to all who donated socks and money; it was amazing to see all of those socks! We also made Valentines that were sent to our homebound and nursing home members. **You may not worship with us in person, but you are not forgotten.**

At the monthly Fresh Food Distribution, we are looking for April recipes that include leeks, rutabagas, and spinach. Want to join in? April recipes should be dropped off in the Social Ministry mailbox in the Martin Luther room or sent to Barb Russo at russofarm3@gmail.com by March 22.

The first 2023 GWOH opportunity to serve has two final dates remaining, March 4 and April 1. If you already made sandwiches for the Peanut Butter Jelly truck, we thank you for donating your time and talents to benefit our hungry neighbors. There is still time if you want to help. Contact Bev Young at 740 360-3704 (call/text) or [BevYoung40@gmail.com](mailto:BevYoung40@gmail.com) at least 1 week in advance to sign up.

Our next GWOH opportunity to serve will benefit the Oak Unit Creative Crochet Therapy program at Marion Correctional Facility. Members of the program learn to crochet and the items they make such as scarves, hats, stuffed animals and blankets are then donated to Faith Mission Homeless Project, abuse shelters, and VA homes in the area. During April, May, and June we are looking to collect unused yarn of any color or weight that will be given to this group for their use. So, when spring cleaning, don't throw away that yarn, donate it. A box will be set up in the Gathering Space beginning in April. Donations help men develop a contemplative habit, learn to make something useful and beautiful as well as experience the joy that comes with giving of oneself.

**March** finds us cooking a Lenten meal of chili on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. Won't you join us for a yummy meal, fellowship, and our Lenten worship? We begin serving at 5:30 in the parlor.

**April 15** is our spring Laundry Day. That Saturday we will again be working with Colonial Laundromats from 11:00–2:00 to provide washing and drying for our neighbors in need. Laundry products are still in good supply, but we need to raise at least \$1000.00 in order to serve this need. Any money raised above our April goal will be used at our winter Laundry Day in December. Won't you prayerfully consider donating to this cause either with your money and/or your time? Contributions can be made at any time by designating Laundry Day on the item line. Look for a sign-up sheet to work the Laundry Day in the Gathering Space at the end of March. For more information about this mission read upcoming church newsletters, weekly bulletins, and our Facebook page or see a member of the Social Ministry Board.

We are still working on details for a Medical Supply Lending Library with Aspire Ministries. If you have expertise or an interest in this area and want to work on this long-term project, send a note to Barb Russo at [russofarm3@gmail.com](mailto:russofarm3@gmail.com).

Join us in any or all of these opportunities to serve the needs of the community from a Gospel perspective using our time, talents, and treasures.



Stacy with daughter, Aubree

## HEAVYnly METAL

Even from way up here under the roof, it's easy to see that Spring is getting closer and time for happy dances! No question about who should lead us...Stacy Hoch at table #4 is the perfect choice. She's been dancing since she was 2 1/2 years old and is an instructor at Edge Cook's School of Dance.

If her name sounds familiar, it's because she has been a life-long member of Emanuel. Born and raised in the Marion/Prospect area, she attended Pleasant Local Schools exclusively. After graduation, she received a 2-year degree in Accounting from Marion Tech, which led to becoming the General Manager at Midwest Lettering.

Besides enjoying her daughter Aubree and fiancé Mark, she relaxes in the quiet homesteading lifestyle of gardening and the simple joys of reading and card-playing.

Stacy has been active in Emanuel's many music programs starting as a child, growing into the Teen Choir, and is now a member of the Adult and Bell Choirs. We're really grateful to her mom, Linda, for "roping" her into the Bell Choir where she enjoys and generously contributes to the music, fun, camaraderie, and fellowship.

Thank you, Stacy, for being a true blessing to all of us!

Will swoop by again next month to introduce you to .....

Until then, from the rafters,  
Batina Belfry





Welcome to the February Music Notes!

The Lenten journey that began with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup> continues through the whole month of March, and with it brings extra opportunities for Worship on Wednesday evenings. Throughout the evening services we will be singing favorite Lenten hymns, reminding us of the ultimate expression of the

Love of God – the death of Christ Jesus on the Cross. This month I would like to take a look at the hymns that will frame the month of March and how a closer reading of the hymn texts can enrich our Lenten experience.

Appropriately, the first hymn we will sing in March, on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, will be “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” (ELW #326), which describes the Lenten journey not as a solitary experience, but one taken along with the entire community of God’s people, with God sustaining and guiding us along the road “where faith is found.” This text reminds us that although all of our individual journeys may be along unique paths, with different needs and challenges along the way, the end of the road is the same -- the promise of God’s ultimate expression of love on the Cross.

Similarly, the Opening Hymn on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> will be “Lift High the Cross” (ELW #660), where we are reminded of John 3:17: “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” This hymn also reminds us of Christ’s death and victory on the Cross, and through His seal that we bear on our “brow” through baptism, we are called to be His disciples. In carrying the Cross, we are representatives of God’s atonement, forgiveness, grace, and love.

At the end of March, the Closing Hymn on both Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> will be “God Loved the World” (ELW #323). The first verse is clearly a rewording of John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Indeed the first four verses of the hymn are essentially an exposition on this verse, and are very similar thematically to “Lift High the Cross”, in that we are reminded of God’s saving grace and love. The hymn ends with a Doxology, which is an expression of praise to the Trinity. This hymn of praise ends the month with an appropriate hymn of Glory, as we look ahead to Easter.

This year for the midweek Lenten services we are doing something a little different – each service will share a common Hymn of the Day. I have chosen “That Priceless Grace” (ELW #591) as the musical representation of our Lenten journey. A simple hymn from the West African country of Ghana, it beautifully and effectively encapsulates the message, once again, of John 3:16. The text is by Emmanuel F.Y. Grantson (b. 1949), Pastor of St. Michael's Truth Lutheran Church in Mitchellville, Maryland (D.C. Metro area), and is written in a traditional African style with short, repeated, almost percussive phrases. The understated text contains the basic essence of Lutheranism – Jesus’ life, blood, death, and word is “priceless grace”. This “priceless grace” has taken away our sins and brought us eternal life.

As always, I encourage you to read the hymn texts prior to the service. The beauty of the poetry will certainly enhance your worship, and aid you on your Lenten journey. I will leave you with Verse 1 of “That Priceless Grace” (ELW #591):

That priceless grace, that priceless grace,  
that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus’ life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul

## Looking Back with Alicia Mayes

I sat down recently with Parish Deacon Ann Thomas to write this piece and to learn more about her.

Ann was born January 19, 1941 to Ann and Richard Thomas in New Melford, Pennsylvania. She grew up with church family being her family in the Baptist churches her father served though out his career. She lived in New Melford until her father was called to the First Baptist Church Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Ann Graduated from the high school in Kennett Square, Pa. in 1958.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from Alderson Broaddus College in Phillippi, West Virginia in 1962.



She worked at a Hospital in Philadelphia for a short time before entering Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. She graduated with a Masters in Religion in 1965. She then went to work on a Med-Surg. unit at Chester County Hospital, Westchester, Pennsylvania for three years. From there she went to Winston Salem, N.C. Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and worked six years as an instructor in the program. When the three-year program ended she came to Marion where her father was the minister at the Fairpark Baptist Church. She was hired into the Education Department at Marion General in 1974. Ann went back to school at OSU and graduated in 1988 with a Master of Arts Degree in Education while working at MGH. When she was working at MGH, she had an article published in a Healthcare Magazine called "Safety Program at Work." She worked at Marion General for almost 30 years in the Education Department from 1977-2004. She became a substitute teacher for the Tri Rivers Health Tech program that was held at Harding High School. She retired from teaching in 2020.

She volunteered in the nursery of her father's church and was not able to go to worship services. She discovered there was an 8 A.M. service at Emanuel Lutheran Church and started coming to that service prior to going to the nursery. Ann liked Emanuel's services and decided to join in 1977. She became the head of Quilters at Emanuel in 2004 after she retired from teaching. She also was camp nurse at Lutheran Memorial Camp for several years.

In 2017 Ann went to the Diakonia classes for two years. She was an intern for Parish Deacon for one year. She was set apart as Parish Deacon for Emanuel on February 10, 2019. Ann works part-time at Emanuel as Parish Deacon. Her responsibilities include: Hour of Prayer, coordinating Home Communion visits, making hospital visits, giving communion, preaching, and assists Pastor Mike with worship services.

She developed her fabric art skills through the years and created the banners that hang in the sanctuary. I went to a seminar at a church in Columbus with Ann a few years ago where a large group came to hear her speak about quilting. I held up the quilts and banners as she spoke. She held everyone's attention. The people that came that day were fascinated by the fabric art and banners she creates.

In her free time, Ann likes to read mystery novels, historical fiction, history books, to name a few. She participates in book club and other library events. In the past she traveled to the Near East, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Israel, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, England, China, Japan, Peru, Mexico, and Canada.

As you can see our Parish Deacon is not one to sit down. She likes to keep busy. Thank you, Ann, for all you do for Emanuel.

Until next time, Alicia

Goal of the month:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
8:00a.m. - Worship 9:15 - Worship & SS 10:30 - Worship 12pm Worship Team 2pm Bible Study 6pm LGTB & Allies	6  6:00 Communications	7  8:30 Quilters  6pm Praise Team	8  9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Meal 6pm Adult & Children's Choirs 7pm Lenten Worship	9  11:30 Book Study  5:30 Book Study	10  Waldo Food Distribution	11  9am - 1pm Leadership Mtg.
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## Lenten Prayer Vigil – April 8, 2023

A prayer vigil is a continuous prayer by many people over a given time period. Vigils are usually connected to some event. This Holy Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Communication and Evangelism Team will be hosting a vigil here are Emanuel. Our vigil will take place from 12:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Most of the vigil will take place in your home, with the church being open from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM. This is an event that anyone, young or old, a member or a non-member, can participate in. All we ask is that you dedicate an hour in prayer. The team will provide handouts and ideas on how to spend your prayer time, as some are not comfortable in spending an hour in prayer. The sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering space. Sign up for an hour or two. You can even sign up your family or a group of people.

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