

# The Trinity Trumpet

## August 2018

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### When Someone Else Gets The Honor

Some of the most basic human emotions are – anger, hatred, and resentment. The emotion I would like to focus on is – envy. Yes, dreaded envy! One of the most basic elements in the make-up of human beings is envy. We see in the first pages of the Bible. Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain, a tiller of the ground. “And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering, he had no regard. So Cain was very angry.” Gen 4:4-5.

You know the result of Cain’s envy, murder. Is there any emotion more basic to our natures than that of jealousy of another’s gain? Is there any emotion more deadly?

We need to begin by noting that envy always springs from a feeling of insecurity about our own self-worth. If we felt good about ourselves, would we need to worry about other people’s accomplishments, position, gift, or whatever? God asked Cain, “If you do well will you not be accepted,” and Cain had no answer. The truth is that Cain wasn’t sure if he was acceptable or not. That’s sad. Whenever a person is envious of another, you can be sure that individual has never fully recognized and accepted his or her own gifts.

Tragically, our efforts to bolster our self-esteem at the expense of the one we envy does more harm to us than it does to them. Dwight L. Moody once told a fable about an eagle that was envious of a fellow eagle that could fly better than he could. One day the eagle saw a sportsman with a bow and arrow. He said to the sportsman, “I wish you would bring down that eagle up there.” The man said he would if he had some feathers for his arrow. So the jealous eagle pulled one out of his own wing. The arrow was shot, but it didn’t quite reach the rival bird because he was flying to high. The jealous eagle pulled out another feather, then another, until finally he had lost so many feathers that he himself couldn’t fly. The archer took advantage of the situation, turned around, and killed the helpless bird. Moody concluded, “If you are envious of others, the one you will hurt the most by your actions will be yourself.” That has always been true. That is why so many fables deal with envy.

Is there any hope for us in dealing with the demon of envy? The answer is, YES! There was a man who hung on a cross who says to us, “you are worth the entire world to me. You’re not a failure, you are not a loser, you are a child of the living God!” How frustrated God must be in seeking to get that one truth into our minds and hearts.

Only a month before his death in 1971, Damasus Winzen, Abbot of Mt. Saviors, told one of his Benedictine brothers, “When I look back upon the seventy years of my own life I see quite clearly that I owe my present inner happiness, my peace, my confidence and my joy essentially to one fact: I am certain that I am infinitely loved by God.” That is the real source of peace, happiness, self-worth.

We are infinitely loved by God!

Together in Christ Jesus,

### An Invitation to Serious Faith

I will strive to...

**PRAY** daily

**WORSHIP** weekly

**READ** the Bible

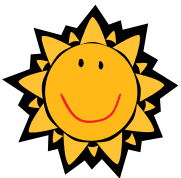
**SERVE** at and beyond Trinity

Be in **RELATIONSHIP** to encourage  
spiritual growth in others

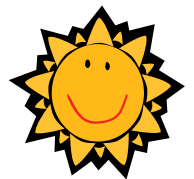
**GIVE** of my time, talents & re-  
sources

## Worship Services In August

- ◆ Every Saturday at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (one service only)



## Super Summer Saturday!!!



Saturday, August 11 — 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Building community relationships and providing free, fun activities for all ages and all members of the local area.*

- Free pulled pork sandwiches, chips, drinks, and banana splits
- Bingo (with prizes!) beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Giant Games from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—All your favorite family games, but GIANT sized
- Bill Slasher drawings at 7 p.m.—Must be present to win!

### Bill Slasher Drawings

TLC will be giving away a total of \$500 in drawings *to help you slash your monthly bills!* Drawings will be held for: \$200 toward mortgage/rent; \$75 toward electric/gas; \$50 toward water; \$50 toward telephone; (2) \$50 toward groceries; and \$25 toward gasoline. Attend each monthly event to register and increase your chances of winning!

Must be present at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 11 to win.

## Amazing Race Recap

14 Teams participated in this years race! Congratulations to all the participants and a huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers! Many bags of food were donated to the food pantry as part of this year's service project challenge.



### Church Council

**President:** Dean Krohn

(712) 249-0760

**Vice-President/Property Management:** Dustin DeJong

(712) 579-5640

**Secretary:** Carolyn Oldenburg

(712) 755-2945

**Christian Education:** Cristin Rold

(712) 741-3734

**Worship:** Katie Collins

(402) 250-9313

**Finance:** Margie Schenck

(712) 755-3547

**Outreach:** Josh Guyer

(402) 682-1254

**Stewardship:** Brenda Kelly

(712) 343-2713

**Treasurer:** Shela Jacobsen

(402) 490-2423



CHURCH  
BUSINESS

Weekend of	Total Attendance	Total Gifts Received
07/01/2018	107	6060.00
07/08/2018	145	4026.00
07/15/2018	73	1298.00
07/22/2018	120	11,729.00



**LaVere Andersen**— Charles & Laura Ann Allen, Alan & Suzette Blakestad, Normalee Krohn, Robert & Linda Andersen, Pauley Jones, Clarence & DeLores Harder, Rod Andersen, Larry & Marilyn Chapman, Gerald & Donna Rold

The Trinity Lutheran Church Women met on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Bonnie Kardell read from "God's Passion for You."

President Jeannie Klindt called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved. M/C.

Next Meeting will be August 2nd, 2018

Correspondence was read.

Christian Service will meet July 10th and 31st.

Mission Community: All weeks are filled for Mobile Meals. Two wedding crosses have been given.

Bible Study Group: Betty Oehlertz meeting in July.

Old Business: Served 75+ for Jacqueline Holtz Ramage funeral and 108 for LaVere Andersens funeral. Both went well.

New Business: Gospel Sunday is July 29th. Rummage Sale is Sept. 28th and 29th, 2018.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Kelly and seconded by Dolores Harder. M/C

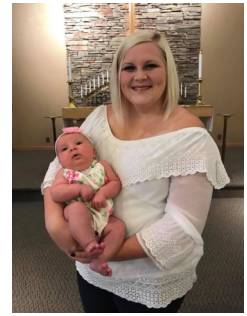
M/C

Happy Birthday was sung to Bonnie Kardell.

Preamble was recited.

Table Grace was sung.

Secretary Pro Tem, Karen Pope



## Taryn Dee Constable

Taryn Dee Constable was baptized in the family of Christ during the 9:30 a.m. service on July 8th. Taryn's mother is Hannah Constable. Her sponsors are Haley Constable, Hope Constable, and Mark & Lynelle Jeppesen. Welcome Taryn!



## Jake & Rachel

J Christopher Olesen III (Jake) and Rachel Pauley were united in marriage on July 21st, 2018, with Pastor Eric Meissner presiding over the ceremony here at Trinity. Congratulations and many blessings to the new

Mr. & Mrs. Olesen!



## August BIRTHDAYS

August 02	Michelle	Freeman
August 02	Sheryl	Harder
August 02	Peggy	Jacobsen
August 03	Jennifer	Partlow
August 04	David	Jorgensen
August 05	Jayna	Engle
August 05	Kieghan	Johnson
August 06	Marie	Madden
August 06	Becky	Woltmann
August 08	Breanna	Pauley
August 10	Ava	Paulsen
August 10	Makenna	Paulsen
August 10	Samantha	Scheffler
August 10	Seth	Schmidt
August 10	Bryson	Setran

August 11	Cara Beth	Buboltz
August 11	Gary	Collins
August 11	Janae	Sternberg
August 12	Andrea	Emmanuel
August 12	Larry	Lippold
August 15	Karen	Hansen
August 15	Michael	Scheffler
August 17	Alice	Botcher
August 17	Julaine	Carley
August 17	Gary	Soetmelk
August 17	Matthew	Sternberg
August 18	Alexander	Hansen
August 18	Ethan	Hoepner
August 18	Brittany	Kelly

August 19	Eli	Collins
August 19	Dennis	Jarrett
August 19	Wilma	Klindt
August 21	Kristen	Krohn
August 21	Preston	Krohn
August 23	Jordan	Blotzer
August 23	Roger	Nelson
August 24	Joan	Johnson
August 24	Betty	Kubik
August 25	Connie	VonEschen
August 26	Sienna	Christian
August 26	Courtney	Freeman
August 27	Jim	Hansen
August 28	Robin	Andersen
August 30	Jerry	Mez
August 31	Jason	Holst

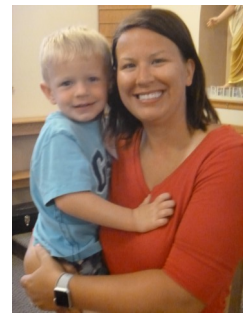


# Vacation Bible School 2018

We had an average daily attendance of 112 kids with Tuesday being our most attended day with 116 kids! Joyce & Jerry Mez and Karen & Phil Rodriguez each hosted 4 counselors in their homes this year. We ended VBS with a closing program followed by ice cream sundaes on Thursday evening. Thank you so much to all of our donors and the 41 amazing volunteers who made all of this possible!



We will again be able to continue to sponsor Caroline Alexa through World Vision this year! Enough money was raised to also purchase her a gift as well.



*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33.*

## Back to School Night

As we've done for the last several years, TLC will be hosting our Annual Back to School Night for all members of the A-H-S-T-W school district on August 19th.

During this time, backpacks and school supplies will be provided at no charge to any child who needs one. ***Again this year, in order to ensure that each child receives a backpack that is different from everyone else's, we are asking for your donations of backpacks you select and purchase.*** Please remember that we have many Jr. High and High School age students who take part in this giveaway and they need bigger backpacks that are more heavy-duty.

This event holds great opportunities to connect with others. In order to make this successful, however, help is needed. If you would like to be part of this impactful event, please contact Sue at (712) 343-2518 or (402) 639-6054. Ways you can help:

- ◆ Help organize the backpacks, supplies, and clothing prior to the event.
- ◆ Provide bars or cookies for the event.
- ◆ Assist with the flow of the evening, such as handing out the backpacks, serving snacks, helping with clothes, etc.
- ◆ Sponsor a child with your donation and/or purchase a backpack to donate. See below.

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Yes, I would like to provide a

**Back Pack and/or School Supplies for a child or teenager!**



This year, we are asking for donations of backpacks in order to ensure each child has the opportunity to select a backpack just right for them. In addition, a \$10 donation will help provide a child or teenager with the basic school supplies needed to start their school year off right. Help us show the love of Christ through your giving!



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will purchase and donate \_\_\_\_\_ number of backpacks.

\_\_\_ \$10 for one child

\_\_\_ \$20 for two children

\_\_\_ \$30 for three children

\_\_\_ Other amount God has set in my heart

Attach your donation to this form and drop it in the offering plate, take into the church office, or give to Sue Paulsen. We thank you for your help!

Registration is required no later than Monday, August 6th to ensure we are stocked with enough supplies for everyone. To participate in Trinity Lutheran Church's Back to School Night, please complete the following and return it to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 N. Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521 no later than Monday, August 6.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide Information about your children and indicate their needs:

Name	Age	Boy or Girl	Grade	Needs Backpack & School Supplies	Needs School Supplies only

If you have questions, please call Sue Paulsen at (712) 343-2518 or (402) 639-6054.

If you do not wish to participate in this program, but would like to donate, we are accepting donations of backpacks and monetary donations. Backpacks for students of all ages, including high school age, are needed. **Children's** clothing donations will be appreciated. All donations may be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 N. Chestnut Street, Avoca, on or before August 8th. Monetary donations may also be mailed to TLC, P.O. Box 456, Avoca, IA 51521. Please indicate "Backpack Program". Thank you for your continued support of this program for our local children!

## TRINITY'S FIVE & DIME



Welcome to “Trinity’s Five & Dime”. This section is dedicated to stories, experiences, and devotionals where together we can share God’s spiritual candy. Thanks be to God for his never-ending love, grace, and mercy that he blesses me with, and for the opportunity that I’ve been given to share my experiences and thoughts about God’s lessons in my life. Amen.

Neil Paulsen

...And so are the motives of our deeds, and the thoughts within our own hearts, that they teeter on that fine line of doing acts that are truly Christ-centered or completely self-centered. To the point of before doing anything, we must ask ourselves, who is the benefactor of what I am about to do?



### At the Heart of the Matter (Part 3 of 6)



Next we’ll look at two scriptures, both from Matthew, that at the first glance seem to contradict each other. But with keeping that fine line in mind, you will find that they are stating the same thing. First is Matthew 5: 15, 16 where Jesus says, “No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Now let’s look at Matthew 6:1-4. Here Jesus starts off by saying, “Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do – blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.” In the explanation of the second scripture, it explains that the term hypocrites, as used here, describes people who do good acts for appearances only – not out of compassion or other good motives. Their actions may be good, but their motives are hollow. These empty acts are their only reward, but God will reward those who are sincere in their faith. It’s easier to do what’s right when we gain recognition and praise. To be sure our motives are not selfish, we should do our good deeds quietly or in secret, with no thought of reward. Jesus says we should check our motives in three areas: generosity, prayer, and fasting. Those acts should not be self-centered but God-centered, done not to make us look good but to make God look good. The reward God promises is not material, and it is never given to those who seek it. Doing something only for ourselves is not a loving sacrifice. With your next good deed, ask, “Would I still do this if no one would ever know I did it?” In the first scripture it says to do all your good deeds for all to see, and in the second it says not to do your good deeds publicly. The key difference between these two scriptures is who is getting the praise. In the first example, the good deeds are done with Christ-centered motives, where God will receive the praises. While in the second scripture, the good deeds are done with self-centered motives, so that the person doing the good deeds will receive the praise and lose the reward from God. So do as it says in Proverbs 23:26. O my son, give me your heart. May your eyes take delight in following my ways.



# August Volunteer Schedule

If you are unable to serve during worship at the time you've been scheduled, *please find your own replacement* and let the church office know of the change so the information in the bulletin can be changed. **A great place to begin looking for a replacement is the schedule itself—Look for someone who is scheduled for the same duty during the same worship time.** Don't forget to check Breeze for phone numbers and email information, when trying to contact others. If you are not able to find a replacement or have questions, please contact:

Joy Krohn      Cell (712) 307-0496

	<b>Saturday August 4, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday August 5, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Jane Tech
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Peggy Osbahr
Support	Reva Bylund	Jim Hansen
Communion Asst.	Ronda Holst	Deb Meissner, Jim & Karen Hansen
Acolytes	n/a	Adryan Bruce
Greeters	Norma Krohn	Johnni & Danny Pattee Family
Ushers	n/a	Barb & Bob Brown
Power Point	Jan Niemann	LuAnn Jensen
Camera	n/a	Ashtyn McCarthy
Altar Guild Set Up	Jan Niemann	Greg & Marge Petersen
Altar Guild Clean Up	Jan Niemann	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff
	<b>Saturday August 11, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Dick Brown	Matt Sternberg
Prayers	Dick Holtz	Cheri Knauss
Support	Dick Brown	Marilyn Chapman
Communion Asst.	Jan Holtz	Sue Paulsen, Joyce & Jerry Mez
Acolytes	n/a	Kyle Sternberg
Greeters	Rose Krohn	Lori Snyder
Ushers	n/a	Julie Engel & Mabel Jacobsen
Power Point	Jan Niemann	Larry Chapman
Camera	n/a	Kaleah Guyer
Altar Guild Set Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Greg & Marge Petersen
Altar Guild Clean Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

	<b>Saturday August 18, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Aug. 19, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Dorothy Nelsen	Gayle Stuart
Prayers	Jan Holtz	LaDonna Conroy
Support	Don Nelsen	Larry Chapman
Communion Asst.	Dorothy Nelsen	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	Hannah Nielsen
Greeters	Don Nelsen	Tonya & J Olesen
Ushers	n/a	Marge & Greg Petersen
Power Point	Carolyn Oldenberg	Shela Jacobsen
Camera	n/a	Jordan Blotzer
Altar Guild Set Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Greg & Marge Petersen
Altar Guild Clean Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff
	<b>Saturday August 25, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Aug. 26, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Ronda Holst	Gary Soetmelk
Prayers	Ronda Holst	Dora Rock
Support	Reva Bylund	Ron Winter
Communion Asst.	Dick Holtz	n/a
Acolytes	n/a	Ally Meyers
Greeters	Carolyn Oldenberg	Ashley & Dustin DeJong
Ushers	n/a	Nicole & Heath Lamp Family
Power Point	Jan Niemann	Steve Munyon
Camera	n/a	Cody Munyon
Altar Guild Set Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Greg & Marge Petersen
Altar Guild Clean Up	Carolyn Oldenberg	Beth Schueman & Brenda Roloff

## **September Volunteer Schedule**

	<b>Saturday Sept. 1, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m.</b>
Scripture Readings	Judy Williams	Brandi Luth
Prayers	Dick Brown	Roger Nelson
Support	Dick Brown	Jerry Conroy
Communion Asst.	Judy Williams	Kami Willett, Marge & Greg Petersen
Acolytes	n/a	Abbie Willett
Greeters	Reva Bylund	Donna & Mick Schuler
Ushers	n/a	Leslie & Gary Nielsen
Power Point	Carolyn Oldenberg	Adam Krohn
Camera	n/a	Brenda Kelly
Altar Guild Set Up	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Janiece Schroder
Altar Guild Clean Up	Roger & Kathy Nelson	Maxine Sornsen

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2018

Members present: Dean Krohn, Pastor Eric Meissner, Dustin DeJong, Katie Collins, Cristin Rold, Brenda Kelly, and Shela Jacobsen

Recognizing Guests: Tatum Knop, Thams Agency presented follow up on insurance, Sue Paulsen

Silent Centering

Prayer – Dean Krohn

Prayers of a God Chaser- Pastor Eric

Thank You Cards- Sent to Kathy & Roger Nelsen for representing Trinity in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Approve the agenda – Cristin Rold moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dustin DeJong, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from last meeting – Brenda Kelly moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dustin DeJong, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Discussion: Shela Jacobsen reported we paid off the furnaces. Katie Collins moved to approve, Cristin Rold 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried.

Bills none

Presidents Report/comments –Food pantry is low.

Pastor Eric/s Report – Evon Kohlscheen Graveside Service is July 20, Pauley/Olesen Weddings is July 21, VBS July 23-26, Food for the Poor is Aug. 4-5 with a speaker from St. Louis to be here. NALC Convention is August 15-17. Pastor Vacation is August 18-29<sup>th</sup>. A/V Equipment needs replaced and a committee started to head up the audio visual elements of the church. Garage door sensors need replaced at the parsonage.

Sue Paulsen, Director of Ministry in Daily Life, Report – Members are continuing to gain access to Breeze and utilize it. Super Summer Saturday – Amazing Race will be July 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. VBS is July 23-26<sup>th</sup>. Back to School Night is planned for Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. Lifetouch would like to set up portrait dates in 2019.

Council Reports –

Education- Cristin Rold - Bible School is fully staffed, 9<sup>th</sup> of September for Sunday School to resume.

Property Management – Dustin DeJong – Two light bulbs in the sanctuary replaced. Paulsen's to replace office window. Dustin will order a speed bump to try and divert the water between the parsonage and the neighboring house.

Stewardship-Review for membership roster can be done annually.

Worship- Katie Collins-Saturday night service will be every Saturday at 5 p.m. beginning in August.

Motion made by Dustin DeJong and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Kelly to approve the reports.

Old Business- None

New Business –TLC Logo was discussed and designed. The video recording and sound system bid from Yandas Music was discussed. Dean & Sue will follow up with Yandas with more questions.

Changes to church Records: LaVere Andesen, DOD 06/24/2018, Funeral, 07/03/2018, Baptism, Taryn Dee Constable, DOB 05/13/2018, Baptism 07/08/2018

Next Meeting Date is August 14, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Paulsen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship/Food For the Poor 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	6 2 p.m. Prayer Team Meeting	7	8	9 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 5 p.m. – Worship 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Super Summer Saturday
12 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Study	13	14 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Christian Service 7 p.m. Committee Meetings 8 p.m. Council Meeting	15 Pastor NALC Convention – Out of Office	16 9:30 a.m. Faith Bible Study 2 p.m. Avoca Nursing Home Worship Pastor NALC Convention – Out of Office	17 Pastor NALC Convention – Out of Office	18 5 p.m. Worship Pastor On Vacation
19 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Study 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Back to School Night Pastor On Vacation	20 9 a.m. Salem Lutheran Home Worship Pastor On Vacation	21 Pastor On Vacation	22 Pastor On Vacation	23 Pastor On Vacation	24 Office Closed Pastor On Vacation	25 5 p.m. Worship Pastor On Vacation
26 8 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Study Pastor On Vacation	27 Pastor On Vacation	28 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Christian Service Pastor On Vacation	29 Pastor On Vacation	30 Pastor On Vacation	31 Pastor's Day Off	

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**Worship Services for August**  
Each Saturday at 5 p.m.  
Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School will resume in the Fall  
Holy Communion: Celebrated at each worship service

For assistance or to leave information,  
contact the church office at the number shown above.  
In an emergency, contact Pastor Eric Meissner at (402) 660-1121.  
If no answer, contact Shari Munyon at (402) 669-7675.

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