



# *The Shepherd's Voice*

May 2021

Beloved of God,

Throughout the pandemic, organizations have needed to be creative in living out their mission while mitigating the risk of spreading the virus. One key part of Good Shepherd's mission is to "nurture and support Christ's flock through Christ centered worship." We have done this creatively through online worship, short outdoor gatherings for communion and Zoom communion services.

Now that more of our members are vaccinated and the weather is warming up, we are again being creative in living out our mission. We are moving into prioritizing low-risk ways to gather for in-person worship. Online worship will continue as an important form of outreach. However, our focus will be on gathering the body of Christ to be nourished by word and sacrament.

At a recent Congregation Council meeting, we discerned together about the role of online worship. We explored the question, "Does online worship have the same potential to transform us?" I want to share the insights from that discussion with you all.

The council reflected that it is helpful to be in holy, set apart places for worship. It is harder to experience transformation when we worship in the same places and on the same devices that we use to work, shop, pay bills and socialize. It is also important to be with others, with people we love and people we struggle to love. Being in community forms and transforms us.

As I reflect on what the council said, I was struck by how much Christianity is an embodied faith. It is centered upon a God who became flesh to be with us and who forms us into Christ's body. Yes, Christ is present with us wherever we are, we have seen that this year! Yet our bodies and spirits need sacred places. Yes, the Holy Spirit has kept us connected as congregation this year. Yet it is also important to be with other bodies to be shaped as the body of Christ. For these reasons, we are returning to an in-person worship while continuing to care for bodies through COVID mitigation measures.

We are now prioritizing outdoor worship as that is lower risk. More of us can gather and we can sing! We will work to have outdoor worship every Sunday this spring and summer. You do not need to sign up for outdoor worship. Masks and distancing are required. We need help with ushering and setup to make these services work. The tasks for ushering and setup are very simple and you don't have to take attendance. Please sign up today!

If we need to move indoors, we will share a sign-up form via email. A decision to move the service indoors will be announced in an email message by Friday afternoon. If a sudden weather change occurs at the time of the planned outdoor service, the decision to move indoors will be made by 7:30 am on Sunday and announced in an email message. You will need to sign up to limit the attendance to 50 people. (It may be that we can accommodate 60 people; this is still being determined as we work with the space.) Attendance will not be taken. Masks and distancing are required. We need ushers for this as well. Indoor ushering is very simple as we are not collecting an offering and people move up to the altar rail for communion on their own.

We will continue to offer online worship. When we are regularly back in the sanctuary, we will livestream the whole service. During this time of outdoor worship, we won't be able to livestream as the quality won't

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be good outdoors. We will offer a simple online service with two pieces of special music, the Psalm song by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, the Prayer of the Day, scripture, and sermon. I will preach the same sermon for the recording and for in-person worship. These online services will premiere on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and be available on KWLC 1040am at 9:30am. They will also air Friday nights on the public access channel.

If your health, concerns about COVID, or work schedule prevents you from gathering for worship, know that you are a valued member of this body. You will be able to stay connected to the congregation through our shorter online worship offerings this summer and through livestreaming when we are back in the sanctuary. I am glad to bring you communion at your home.

Please keep me, the Congregation Council, the Worship and Music Committee, Brooke, Vicar Kathryn, Jenny, the Altar Guild, the Communications Subcommittee, the COVID-19 Task Force, and all worship leaders in your prayers as we move into this new phase of in-person worship. We will all need to be flexible. We all have some level of decision fatigue at this point in the pandemic! I trust that God is at work in all of this to shape us more fully into the body of Christ on earth.

Peace, Pastor Amy

## May Prayer

God of Life, thank you for showing us the way the way, truth and life through Jesus. Thank you for the way he summed it all up at the end: "love one another as I have loved you." Thank you for bringing these words back to us over and over, inviting us to notice how you continually touch our lives with your love. Thank you for helping us turn to others to see how we can bring your love to their lives. Help us to remember Jesus' promise that he would send the the Spirit to teach us, guide us, and help us live out all that he taught.

God of all seasons, thank you for May weather that invites us each day to notice your presence in our own lives. Thank you for helping us deepen our awareness of the ways our response to the day's weather reflects our walk with you. Thank you for helping us seek your will each day and let go of the attachments and desires that weigh us down. Thank you for helping us grow in gratitude, in stewardship for the gifts of this planet, and our awareness of the needs of others.

God of healing and wholeness, thank you for each step toward more normal lives as the vaccine is distributed and we continue to make choices reflecting our love for each other. Thank you for helping us to use our experience of isolation to grow in our awareness of those who suffer isolation every day: those suffering from physical or mental limitations; those cast aside, unseen, or unvalued by others. May we not confuse privileges for rights. Thank you for guiding us to use the privileges you give us to reach others in need.

All these things we pray in the name of the Risen One. Amen.

Offered by Jane Jakoubek

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES HAVE BEGUN!

We are moving to full outdoor worship services in the backyard. If weather prevents us from gathering outdoors we will move indoors in a limited capacity. See the details about these services below. We will continue to offer online worship as well.

### INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE – INCLEMENT WEATHER ALTERNATIVE

The decision to hold the service indoors will be made by Pastor Amy and Music Director Brooke Joyce and **announced in an email message by Friday** afternoon. If there is to be a sudden weather change at the time of the planned Outdoor Service, the decision to move indoors will be made by 7:30 am on Sunday and announced in an email message.

Worship indoors is limited to **50 people**, due to the size of our Sanctuary, with **sign up required**. A **sign-up form** will be shared in Pastor Amy's weather-related email messages and posted on the website.

During this season of outdoor worship, it will not work well to livestream the outdoor service. This means that, starting in May, our online worship service will be shorter and simpler than the current online service. It will include scripture, sermon and music. Online worship will still premiere every Sunday at 9:30 am on our YouTube channel. When we return to regularly scheduled worship in the sanctuary, we will then livestream the indoor service.

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

- Full worship service with Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending
- Singing allowed
- Pickup band, choir, handbells
- No signup needed
- Worshippers please bring lawn chairs
- Distancing and masks required; encouraged for kindergarteners and younger
- Families and children most welcome: We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. We know and trust that parents will encourage their children to be respectful of other congregational members.
- Communion served using individual cups
- Restrooms open, one household at a time
- Vaccines encouraged

### MOVE INDOORS if weather prevents outdoor worship: Limit 50 people with signup required

- Distancing and masks required; encouraged for those under age four
- Families and children are most welcome. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. We know and trust that parents will encourage their children to be respectful of other congregational members.
- Designated spots for seating in the sanctuary
- Windows open
- No singing or wind instruments
- Communion served using individual cups
- No Fellowship Hour
- Nursery closed to children, open for nursing moms
- One household at a time in restrooms
- Vaccines encouraged

## Baptism: Announcing Our Place

Amalia Vagts

In January of this year, I had the chance to preach at First Lutheran on the day in the Church calendar when we reflect on Jesus' baptism. I was eager for the opportunity to preach about this central sacrament in the life of a Christ-follower. In writing, giving, and thinking about my sermon, however, I ended up spending most of the time thinking about verbs! What exactly is happening in baptism, anyway?

Lutheran teaching about baptism is grounded in Matthew 28 in which Jesus instructs his disciples. In the earliest centuries of Christianity, the focus of baptism was as an entrance rite. Martin Luther's teaching focused on God's movement through baptism: bringing about what God promises - forgiveness and restoration (Luther used the words "redemption" and "salvation"). Lutherans teach this action happens through water used with God's word.

*Sometimes, I think the harder we try to explain things like baptism, the further we get from understanding God's transforming action.* Yet I still long for words that help us talk about baptism. This is especially important to me because of the way that baptism is sometimes used as a "membership" stamp that can make people feel left out rather than invited in. Two core values for me are evangelism and hospitality. How do we tell others what we've experienced in Christ? And how do we create communities of belonging? In that sermon back in January, a mentor of mine noticed I used the verb "remind" multiple times in reference to baptism. I landed on this word as an attempt to describe the way in which I think baptism shows us what God has and is already doing. Wisely, my mentor pointed out that Lutherans teach that baptism is much more than a "memorial" ritual. *Something is happening in baptism.* But how to describe it?

Sometime after giving that sermon, I was on a walk and noticed the geese flying overhead. It made me think of Mary Oliver's poem "Wild Geese," which I had referenced in my sermon. I rolled the poem over in my head and suddenly it hit me - I had missed the most important part when I quoted her in my sermon. The verb! Mary Oliver says that the wild geese are *announcing* our place in the family of things. I felt deep excitement as I thought about how this describes my sense of baptism.

*At Good Shepherd, Pastor Amy has helped us hear again and again that we are beloved. My encounter with the wild geese helped me find additional words to talk about this.* In baptism, God announces our beloved identity and our vocation to love as we are loved by God. God, in Christ, through the Spirit is declaring what is already promised by God and given to us by faith: who we are and whose we are. This promise of forgiveness and wholeness through God's love for all the world is worth proclaiming, sharing, and celebrating.

# May Scriptures

<b>May 2 5 Easter</b>	<b>Jesus the True Vine</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
<b>May 9 6 Easter</b>	<b>“Love One Another” / Jesus Calls His Disciples Friends</b>	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
<b>May 16 7 Easter</b>	<b>Jesus Prays for His Disciples</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
<b>May 23 Pentecost</b>	<b>The Work of the Spirit</b>	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24- 34, 35b	Romans 8:22- 27	John 15:26- 27; 16:4b-15
<b>May 30 Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Nicodemus Visits Jesus</b>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12- 17	John 3:1-17

## OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Online Worship** click [here](#).

Sundays at 9:30am

Online worship premieres at 9:30 am with live chat.

Participate then or watch anytime later.

**Luther College KWLC Radio** will broadcast our Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

**Decorah Public Access Channel** Our online worship services from the previous Sunday will be available each Friday at 6:30 p.m. on Mediacom Public Access Channels 15 and 79-2.

**Podcasts** of worship, music and sermons are now available. Click on the [buzzsprout icon](#), upper right on our website’s homepage, for a shortcut to the Good Shepherd podcasts.

**Listen to Pr Amy’s Sermon online** through the [GS website](#), watch just the sermon on You Tube or contact the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

# Good Shepherd Announcements

**CARD SHOWER** - Haldis Kaasa will be celebrating her 90th birthday on May 19th. Please send her a card greeting to 8 Ohio St. #208, Decorah.

## Would you serve as a MEAL TRAIN COORDINATOR?



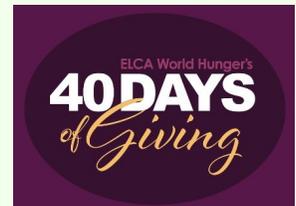
A note from Amalia Vagts:

I have loved coordinating Meal Trains these last few months! The reason I love this ministry is because my family was the recipient of church-prepared meals for 6 weeks when I was in 7th grade. My mother had a major skiing accident and my dad needed support taking care of her and 4 kids. We loved these meals and the care that came with them. And we found out that people liked to help! **I would like to train a couple people to help coordinate Meal Trains for our Good Shepherd community. If you have a computer and are comfortable working with Facebook and other websites, you can easily learn how to set up a Meal Train.** Please contact Jenny if you are interested in learning more about helping coordinate Meal Trains.

**Amazon Smile Account** - Good Shepherd is enrolled in the AmazonSmile program in which Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice. Next time you make a purchase on Amazon, login to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1102488> and designate Good Shepherd as your charity of choice.



**LUTHERAN WORLD HUNGER** was sent **\$10,127.51** from the Good Shepherd **Congregation** which was collected from the Lenten 40 Days of Giving Project initiated by the Education Committee. Thank you so much for your great generosity toward helping to feed the those in need around the world.



**CONGRATULATIONS to Kristi Kjome-Johnson** who has successfully completed class and passed the high stakes Nurse Aide State Competency exam to become a Certified Nurse Aide. The class was very intense, concentrating all the lecture, lab, and clinical into a 5-week time frame. Kristi did this on top of regular classes, tennis and two part time jobs! Congratulations Kristi!

**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** MAY 20

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

**Russ & Marie Freerking: new address**

# SAVE THE DATE!

## INTERGENERATIONAL SUMMER FUN DAY

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

More details to come in the June newsletter! Activities are being decided and will be determined by Covid 19 conditions. Please contact [Bridget](#) if you would like to lead an activity or be involved in the planning of this event.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Wednesday, July 12-14, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Children will rotate between music, crafts, games and storytelling activity stations. A light, brown bag dinner will be provided.

Covid safety protocols will be in place. We will be outside as much as possible.

All youth and children ages 5 and older are welcome – please join us! The cost for VBS is \$10 per child or \$15 per family.

To register, call the church office at (563) 382-3963 or contact [Kathryn](#).



**The Northeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization** is planning to hold their 33rd annual gathering June 19 in Waverly at St Pauls Lutheran Church. Plans have not been finalized but a ½ day gathering is being planned with in person and virtual options available. Interim Bishop Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl will lead the Bible Study and Pastor Kyle Barton from LSI will preach at our worship service.

**Education scholarship** application forms are also available for women who are furthering their education. Scholarship deadline is May 15, 2021. Contact Bev Sheridan for more information.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to our LWR kits - supplies, monetary donations, Thrivent action cards and your time. Several of us met on Wednesday April 28 and assembled the kits. Totals will be available in the next newsletter.

**Gather circle meeting** will be held on **Tuesday May 25 at 7 pm via zoom**. Sharon Drew will be our bible study leader. In the May devotional, "The journey of generations", we will look at the shared blessings that intergenerational relationships might bring. There will be scripture passages to guide us, stories that might spark your own recollections, and questions for your reflection. May this devotional be your invitation not only to step outside your generation, but to bring the wonder of who you are to someone not matching you in years. (from Gather website)

### **WELCA Zoom Circle Mtg. Gather Study 5/25 - 7 p.m.**

Zoom information will be send out prior to the meetings.

***All are welcome.***



# Stewardship

It goes without saying that 2020 has turned out to be a year like no other. COVID-19 has upended our lives in more ways than we could have imagined and yet throughout it all, Good Shepherd Church has remained committed to our Church family. The abiding love of God, the connections of friendship and prayer within our congregation and our commitment to reach out in service to our neighbors have never wavered despite our Church building being closed since March 2020.

One thing that worshipping over this last year has taught me is that church is not a building. Church is the people I worship with, human connections that comfort us and make us better. Because the church isn't a building, not being able to fully use our facilities can't derail us. We can thrive in all conditions, and historically, we thrive best in hardship. Gathering the church outdoors helps reinforce our theology by reminding us we're not a place, we're a people. As we start worshipping as a church outdoors, I feel grateful for our outdoor spaces we are soon going to gather on. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the people that is making the outdoor services possible. Moving the sanctuary outside is no easy task and takes time commitment and dedication to do this.

Most importantly, I am more grateful for the entire congregation for making this happen. Without your spiritual, emotional and financial support, Good Shepherd could have not done what it did with its online worship services over the last year. That is also true for our journey into outdoor worship. I have missed the human connections Good Shepherd gave me and look forward to gathering with the congregation outdoors and the start of our goal of in person worship within the sanctuary, and of course fellowship!

Be Well, Brent Parker

Stewardship Committee Chair



## First Quarter Treasurer's Report

As I have noted in the past comparing income versus expenses is not as clear as it once was because giving patterns have changed in recent years. In the past most persons put an envelope in the offering plate each week or each month. Now it is not unusual for persons to give quarterly, semi-annually or even annually. Likewise, expenses tend to vary, especially when we undertake projects with a one-time significant cost (replacing the windows in the sanctuary, for example). Nevertheless, the numbers provide a good sense of how we are doing.

Income during the first quarter was \$79,451.91; that is significantly higher than last year when our income for the first quarter was \$71,645.69. First quarter expenses were \$79,923.83 (last year the total was \$73,346.95). Note that we have just under \$37,000 of funds (a mixture of last year's surplus and some 2021 offerings made in 2020) that do not yet show in the general fund. We also are on target to meet the projected statements of intent: based on the total for 2021 we should have received \$73,351.00 to date and have received \$71,515 (actually, it is a little higher because I have not transferred offerings intended for this year, which were given last year).

In sum, both income and expenses are about what we would expect, meaning at this point we are in good financial shape.

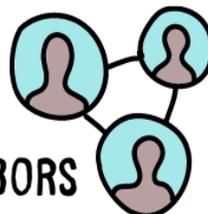
Submitted by John Moeller

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## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 7:30 pm

### Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

**Present:** Pr. Amy Zalk Larson, Jonathon Struve, Cynthia Ernst, Robert Fitton, Ann Naslund, Brent Parker, John Moeller, Marie Freerking, Martha Monson Lowe, and Hayley Jackson.

**Devotions and Initial Actions:** Martha Monson Lowe led devotions.

### **Consent Agenda:**

*Items in the Consent Agenda are designed to be approved by consent of the council without discussion or formal vote. The items in the consent agenda are considered approved when the meeting agenda is approved. Before approving the meeting agenda, the chair asks if any member wishes to move an item from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda if the member feels a discussion is warranted.*

1. Approve March Council minutes.
2. Approve committee reports as submitted.

The Consent Agenda was approved by consent of the council. Motion to approve the agenda seconded and passed

### **Discussion Agenda:**

**Reopening Plan for Worship and Facility:** Pr. Amy shared the COVID-19 Task Force's reopening plans for in-person worship and reopening the facilities. The plan lays out guidelines for outdoor worship (full worship service, vaccines encouraged, masks required, no sign-up, worshipers bring lawn chairs), indoor worship in the event of inclement weather (decision made by 7:30 by Brooke and Pr. Amy, limited to 50 persons, sign-up required, spaced seating, vaccines encouraged, masks required, no singing or wind instruments), online worship (simple services will still be available online, outdoor worship will not be livestreamed), and for opening of the building (masks required, groups of 17 or fewer may meet in Adult Forum space, Sunday School and Youth Forum meeting outside, regular sanitation of church, group usage of Fellowship Hall and Sunday School room can be coordinated with Kinderhaus.) Council was generally supportive of the reopening plan. Discussion included what consisted of inclement weather (generally rain, but cooler temperatures would also be considered, how sign-up would work (link would appear in email from the church), and how other groups who use Good Shepherd space would be handled (AI-Anon would like to begin meeting again). Bob Fitton moved that Council accept the reopening plan, Cynthia Ernst seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Proposal to Purchase Solar Panels from GoSolar:** John Moeller brought a proposal from the Operational Support Committee (OSC) that we purchase the GoSolar panel system. Currently, GoSolar and Good Shepherd have a 10 year contract where GoSolar sells electricity to us that is generated by panels we have on the property. As Good Shepherd does not own the panels, our insurance does not cover liability for them, so GoSolar has been insuring them. Their insurance rate is about to increase, so they have proposed ending our current contract (due to end in 6 years) now and selling the panels to Good Shepherd for \$6,000, in \$91 interest-free payments for 66 months (\$1,092 per year). Church Mutual insurance has assured us the system will be covered and we will save \$1,350 per year. Council was favorable to the motion. Discussion included if there would be a bill of sale (OSC is working with GoSolar to draft the paperwork now), if anything else needs to be brought up to code to support the system (no), and any anticipation of continued maintenance (no). Bob moved to accept OSC's proposal to purchase the system now at \$91 per month for 66 months, interest free. Motion passed unanimously.

**Tree Removal:** Bob brought a proposal from the Facilities, Grounds, and Landscaping Committee to remove the two maples in the courtyard and the linden adjacent to the bell. The maples are diseased and have the potential of falling on the church building, while the linden tree has a beetle infestation that can only be contained using pesticides, the use of which has been banned by previous councils. The committee believes that removing the trees as soon as possible would be the best solution to minimize risk of damage, as well as prepare for upcoming proposals for using the courtyard for outdoor worship and placing a photovoltaic installation that would further move the church toward a carbon neutral position. The committee intends to replace the trees with ones of different species on different parts of the property that will not interfere with the geothermal

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system. Discussion included if the trees could remain for shade during outdoor worship this summer (risk of damage is too great - they should be removed as soon as possible), and the appropriateness of using memorial funds for tree removal. Council generally agreed that memorial funds were appropriate to purchase new trees but the operational budget should pay for removal. Ann moved that we used the \$3,000 from the Depot earnings to pay for tree removal and money from John Bale's memorial fund to purchase new trees. Brent seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Registration with Amazon Smile: The Stewardship Committee reviewed the possibility of signing the church up with Amazon Smile, a feature that allows Amazon shoppers to support chosen charities with part of their purchase dollars. While participation likely will not bring in significant amounts of funding, it would be an option for members who regularly shop on Amazon. Stewardship moved that we put information about Amazon Smile affiliation in the Giving Tab on the website and the newsletter to alert those who use Amazon. Cynthia seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Possibility of In-Person Council Meeting: Jon and Pr. Amy asked Council how they would feel meeting in person for the May meeting in the Adult Forum space, which would have room for everyone to be distanced. Reaction was positive and members agreed to meet in person

### **Recurring Work of the Body – Committee, Pastor, and Officer Reports**

The Committee Reports were received and accepted as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Amy

Vicar Kathryn will do Clinical Pastoral Education at Good Shepherd. Vicar Kathryn needs to do Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) as part of preparation for ordained ministry. This is often done in a hospital or nursing home setting. CPE involves engaging in direct pastoral care and reflection upon it with a supervisor and a group of peers. She was scheduled to do this at Gundersen in La Crosse this summer but the supervisor left Gundersen. For Collaborative Learning Students at Wartburg Seminary, it is also possible to do CPE in context in your own ministry setting. This is what Vicar Kathryn will do now. She will be engaged in 20 hours per week of pastoral care ministry at Good Shepherd. To allow her to focus on CPE, the Education Committee has contracted with a Luther student to lead Vacation Bible School.

Vacation: It became clear that I wasn't going to get a full week of intentional vacation time during the week after Easter. There was just too much anxiety and grief for our members at that time. I changed to doing Continuing Education reading days and followed up with pastoral care issues. I will take more intentional vacation days at the end of May/early June. Vicar Kathryn can be on call for pastoral care and a local pastor (TBD) can provide supply preaching and coverage for funerals.

Education Committee

Remaining confirmation classes this year will be held indoors. Remaining SS & YF classes for the year will be held in-person.

Save the date - Intergenerational Fun Day, Saturday, June 26th

VBS dates are July 12-14. Marshall Laidlaw, Luther College first-year, will direct VBS.

Treasurer's Report: John Moeller

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Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline: April 22, 2021

Next Council Meeting: The next meeting will be May 18, 2021, 7:30 PM in the Adult Forum Space

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Pr. Amy Larson led the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. ---Submitted by Hayley Jackson, Congregation Secretary

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### **Pastor Amy Larson**

Music Director: Brooke Joyce

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