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*western New York, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, western Maryland*

*“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift.” (Ephesians 2:8)*

## **Your Life and Ministry - Where Are You Headed?**

**“He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”**

***The Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, Dean***

The summer months have been good months of ministry in our Mission District with congregations calling pastors, other congregations interviewing, some working through difficulties, the joy of dedicating our Mission District Church Camp at St. Thomas Church Grove in Somerset, and the NALC Convocation in Nashville. For me personally, having some time for R&R at the beach and with my family in Virginia has been important for renewal, prayer and reflection as well. I

don’t know about you, but I find it very important and necessary to step back from the usual routine of my 24/7 life in order to see the “big picture” now and then. Where is our congregation going? Where are we in the NALC seven years down the road from becoming a new Lutheran denomination? Where is my ministry and life headed this year? Is it in accord with God’s will? Do you sometimes ask questions like that?

While I was at the beach, spending some time both enjoying myself and listening for God, inviting God to “clean me out” and make me ready for a new season of life and ministry, I did some serious reading along with enjoying one of James Patterson’s latest top ten adventure novels.

This past June, theologian and author Rod Dreher spoke at our seminary in Ambridge during the two day “Ancient and Future’s Conference.” I purchased his book and put it on my read pile for the beach.

*“Orthodox worship, living in church community that shapes our faith, morals and values, remains at the heart of who are as congregations and pastors of the NALC.”*

I am aware as Dean, and all of our pastors are aware that the number of people going to church is declining, that our congregation’s generally are attended by an active older membership, and that the number of younger adults 18 – 40 see less need for a practicing faith life. This is true of most denominations and congregations, not just us Lutherans. ...So don’t think it’s just your church!

In his book, *The Benedict Option*, (Sentinel Books, Penguin Random House LLC, New York, New York 2017), Rod Dreher writes about this reality in a way I think you will find helpful for congregations and pastors, as we prepare for the present and future.

While Rod Dreher has an agenda, it seemed to me after reading his book I could say, “Yes! This is why God has called us to form The North American Lutheran Church.” “Yes! This is the present reality.” Rather

than doing ministry the way we “have always done it,” he address what it means to “be church today” in a way that is informative and helpful.

In *The Benedict Option*, Dreher writes about how the secularization of Christianity and spiritual crisis have been overtaking the Church in the western world over the past five decades. Resulting in “unprecedented numbers of young adult Americans and others saying they have no religious affiliation or need for the church. According to the Pew *(cont. next page)*

## ***Your Life and Ministry – Dean’s Article***

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Research Center (2016), one in three 18-to-39 year olds have put religion aside, if they ever picked it up in the first place,” he writes. “If the demographic trends continue, our churches will soon be empty and more and more congregations closing.”

But even more troubling, he says: “many of the churches that do stay open will have been hollowed out by a sneaky kind of secularism that has infected the core of the Church to the point where the ‘Christianity’ taught there is devoid of power and life, ...The Christianity being practiced has little to do with the Christianity of Scripture and the tradition of the apostles which taught repentance, self-sacrificial love, and purity of heart, commending suffering love – the Way of the Cross – as the pathway to God. “Secular Christianity he argues,” is as much of the problem in the decline of Church as the secularization of the culture.

If he is right, and I think he is, all of our congregations and pastors have our work cut out for us! In so many places the church’s loss of its distinctive culture is also a loss for the world, which God intends to bless through the Church’s life. The result is something he calls, “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” (MTD) – a pseudo-Christianity that is only tenuously connected to the actual historical Christian tradition and is more about the worship of our human nature than of God.

The Scripture this past month has reminded me of the hope that is ours and heartened me as I read Dreher’s book, reminding me that we are headed in the right direction in The North American Lutheran Church as we minister in our secular culture. The Parable of the Sower in Matthew’s Gospel affirms that the power (Divine Life) is in the “seed” and in God’s promise that when the members of Christ’s Church sow the seed, while it will not immediately take root everywhere, it will never return to God empty. In some cases it will yield one hundred fold, and in others sixty and thirty. It’s time to put emphasis on evangelism again, to do more than offer programs that try to attract members and raise finances. It’s time for the Church to learn to sow the seed again and be the Church. We have much to learn but we are on the right track.

Keep first things first things. Orthodox worship, living in church community that shapes our faith, morals and

values, remains at the heart of who are as congregations and pastors of the NALC. Our liturgies of worship, diverse as they may be, are oriented toward praising and partaking of Him. Through Word and Sacrament ministry and the liturgy Christ forms and shapes our lives to be the living, breathing Body of Christ. Our orthodox (holding to the Truth of Scripture and the apostolic tradition of faith) guide us to love all people with the love of God – But also how to obey God’s Word and be open to the Holy Spirit’s leading. This way of life teaches us to bear with the world in love and to transform it as the Holy Spirit transforms us.

Dreher’s book is not a book of answers, but, perhaps it will reaffirm you as it has reaffirmed me in both my ministry and in our ministry together in the NALC pointing you in the right direction as you seek to discern the direction for your congregation and its ministry this fall.

Thank God for you and your partnership in the Gospel.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, Dean

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# 2017 ANNUAL CONVOCATION

of the

## MID-NORTHEAST MISSION DISTRICT

Saturday, November 11, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson St., Kittanning, PA 16201

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8:30 a.m. ~ Registration Table Open/Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - REFORMATION 500 FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

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### Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. James Arne Nestingen

*Break-Out Group Discussions*

### Elections:

One Clergy and One Lay Member to Mission District Council

Dean

### Reports:

Dean, Treasurer, WNALC, Youth Team, Other

### Budget 2018

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Cost: \$ 12/person or \$30/congregation (number unlimited!)

(No cost for Lutheran students enrolled at the North American Lutheran Seminary)

*(If anyone else needs assistance with the registration fee, please contact the Dean directly.)*

**REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOV. 6, 2017.**

PAYMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH REGISTRATION OR BROUGHT TO THE CONVOCATION.

Please use the registration form found as an insert in this publication.

It is critical to have all the names of participants for proper name tags

and to have totals for lunch, materials, and seating.

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017

Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Sign-Up and Registration Form    Pastor (or contact): \_\_\_\_\_

Email of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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+Welcome to Pastor Darian L. Hybl, his wife Michele and eight year old daughter, Sarah; and God's blessing to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Export, PA. Pastor Hybl has been called and accepted the call to become the pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran in Export this past July. Pastor Hybl has been serving as the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church in Goodland, Kansas. He and his family will be moving to Pennsylvania this August and will begin ministry at Emmanuel, Export on Labor Day Weekend. The Service of Installation is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Emmanuel. Clergy are asked to vest as we welcome Pastor Hybl and celebrate God's call with the people of God at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

+St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Charleston, WV will begin the NALC congregation self-study P-CAT (Pastoral Care and Transition Team) Review in preparation to forming a search committee upon the resignation of Pastor Jerome Klutz who has accepted another call in Minneapolis MN after serving at St. Timothy for less than a year. Interim Pastoral Ministry is being considered.

+Congratulations to Pastor Carl Johnson, Assistant to the Dean and Pastor of St. John's in Kittanning who celebrates his 30th Anniversary of Ordination this September.

+Thank You Margherita King! Margherita will be resigning her position on our Mission District Executive Council and her position as Assistant to the Pastor at St. John's on September 14th to begin a long time goal of working to attain her degree as a certified nursing assistant.

+At Paul's Lutheran in Sarver, PA the old church building has now been torn down to build a new sanctuary on the same site. Congratulations Pastor Shawn Smith and Congregation as you grow to serve the Church and community.

+The Church Council of Holy Trinity in Grove City has voted to have Pastor Sandy Towberman serve the next six months as part-time interim pastor while continuing to heal and make plans for the future. Our prayers and God's blessing.

+Pastor Karl Schoch after many years of faithful ministry and service to the Church and to Zion Lutheran Church in Chicaro, PA will be retiring this September. "Well Done Good and Faith Servant."

+The Conference of Deans will be meeting in Nashville with Bishop Bradosky and his staff August 11th and again for three days in Columbus, Ohio on November 14-16. If you have matters you would like me to address with the Bishop and his Staff let me know.

+Our prayers continue to be with Pastor Carl Hendrickson as he deals with health concerns; our prayers and Christ's healing.

+My thanks and our gratitude to Pastor Scott Baker who is soon completing a full time intentional interim ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin, PA. Holy Trinity is now entering the call process, seeking a fulltime time pastor. Pastor Baker's ministry has been a great blessing to the people of Holy Trinity and the Church.

+Welcome Pastor Warren Smith and his wife Sara who join us in the Mid-Northeast Mission District. Following certification interview and approval Pastor Smith has been received in admittance to the NALC clergy roster as a pastor of our Mission District.. Pastor Smith retired this June as pastor of St. John's Lutheran in McKeesport, PA. Pastor Warren and Sara Smith reside at 3400 Daniel Lane Apt 303 in Monroeville, PA.

+Welcome to Vicar Matthew Vatalare who begins a year of internship at Christ Rupp Lutheran in Kittanning. Vicar Matthew is a member of our congregation, St. Timothy in Charleston, WV.

+Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Letart, West Virginia! Zion Lutheran is now a congregation of the Mid-Northeast Mission District. We are looking forward to getting to know you and are glad to have you with us. (Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church C/O Nancy Kearns, 5558 Graham Station Road, Letart, WV 25253 Contact person: Treasurer Nancy Kearns – 304-882-3686)

+Pastor David Luecke has been approved by the Mid-Northeast Mission District Executive Council to meet with congregations seeking to hold a one or two day retreat for growth and renewal. Pastor Luecke resides in Cleveland, Ohio and is willing to travel to all of our congregations at minimal cost. He has taught at Fuller Seminary and written several books about the Holy Spirit's work in the life of the Church. A retired pastor in the Missouri Synod he is Missions Pastor at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Royalton, Ohio 44133. (440-237-7958, ext 106); email [www.royred.org](http://www.royred.org) . [dluecke@royred.org](mailto:dluecke@royred.org)

+For those looking for a good adult Reformation DVD series about the meaning of the Reformation and our identity as Lutherans today, I highly recommend a two part study series: "A Man Named Martin" by Lutheran Hour Ministries – Part 1: "The Man," five sessions; and Part 2: "The Moment," three sessions. Questions follow each session in the leader's material. The Lutheran Hour series has some depth, but is not over the heads of laity and most sessions are interesting as well. The series has been well attended at St. Mark's this summer and I have been impressed. (Available on Amazon or at Christian Books, among other vendors.) ...Also Rick Steves' DVD, "Luther and the Reformation," a one-hour public television special commemorating the 500 anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Steves' presents the Reformation in a travel dialogue from a more general protestant perspective and doesn't help form our self-identity today as much as the Lutheran Hour series in my opinion, but it is worth viewing as well.

**An Invitation has been received  
from Emmanuel Lutheran Church (NALC) in State College, PA  
for Penn State Campus Students and Their Families!**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is one of the newer NALC congregations. We are located in State College, PA, just 2 blocks from the Penn State campus. Like those in other local churches, Emmanuel's members would like to begin a ministry to the students at Penn State, to welcome them to State College and to support them in their life here. We thought the best place to start would be with the NALC students who are attending PSU. We'll invite them, and their roommates, to worship with us and to join our fellowship events. We'd like to build a relationship with the students, as well as make a connection to their families so they all know where they can worship when they come up for Parents' Weekends and the like.

We are planning to invite the students to our Thursday night fellowship time (dinner and Bible study) and include them in other special events as they are interested. We also envision the possibility of members of Emmanuel "sponsoring" or taking college students under their wing, helping the students with transportation needs and providing a resource for the students while they are here. We all know (and many have personally experienced) that the college years are a time for many of questioning their faith, and falling away from regular worship. Connections are important and we hope that through keeping in touch emails, -nals goodie bags, meals in a family setting and local smiling faces, that we can be a part of making your students have positive college experiences.

To that end, would you be willing ask your college student families if you can send us the names and contact information of the families and students who are attending Penn State, University Park campus? We'll contact them by email and/or telephone, inviting them to join us. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Pr. Chris Milarch, prchrism@gmail.com or 570.502.3450. Our Emmanuel website address is <http://www.emmanuelnalc.org/> if you'd like to learn more about us. (We are in the process of changing website hosting so don't be surprised if you look at our site now and again in a couple weeks- it may look differently then!) If you have any ideas for our ministry to PSU students, please share them with us. If we can implement them, we will.

In Christ,

Pr. Chris Milarch



# CAMP IN-TENTS DEDICATION

**In-Tents Lutheran Church Camp was dedicated to the Glory of God  
on July 23, 2017.**

**This historic event in our Mid-Northeast Mission District was part  
of our Reformation 500 events.**



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Saxonburg, PA Opens Door to Reformation Story**

Information sharing is nothing new but the method has changed in the last 500 years. A Saxonburg Lutheran church has opened a door to sharing its message rooted in the Protestant Reformation with people using today's technology.

This year, Christian churches worldwide are remembering the peaceful protest of a religious monk who was concerned about church injustices five centuries ago. Martin Luther nailed a list of 95 points to the wooden doors of a university church in Wittenberg, Germany. His simple action ignited the Reformation movement.

An old wooden door at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Saxonburg is given new life as a focal point of an outside display to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this fall. In addition to seeing the display, the public is welcome to post online at the church's website about how faith in Jesus Christ has changed one's life.

"It's not just intended to help us remember the past, but the display celebrates how faith in Jesus Christ is reforming people's lives even today," says Rev. Roger Keller, St. Luke's pastor. "God's Word has the power to change lives, hearts and minds, to worship God first and then to love and serve others."

The "Wittenberg" door display is located outside Centennial Hall behind the church at State and Main streets. The door was tucked away in storage after recent church renovations until it was transformed into a work of art.

The God-inspired ideas started coming together in February, according to Richard Smith, one of the project leaders. From start to finish, the display took less than two months to complete in time for Easter.

Luther, a noted theologian and professor, nailed 95 statements or theses on the church wooden doors at Wittenberg University on October 31, 1517. Luther invited a series of academic debates about his concerns. It was customary for information to be posted on chapel doors for students and the public to discuss. Luther opposed indulgences or certificates that were being sold by the church as a way for members to earn God's forgiveness of sin. At the time, church leaders were trying to raise funds for the construction of a cathedral.

"It's a piece of art to help us remember (the Reformation) and Martin Luther's theses on the door," Smith said. "The basis of all this is God's provision. God is the one who gave the door without extra cost, gave creative ideas and gathered people together to put it up. It was all simple because God is in control."

The St. Luke's door once served as an entry point to the church. Smith and Bob Kaltenhauser, another key leader, refurbished the door, painted it, placed the hinges and installed the handle. Once a location was determined, the door was set up and installed by a group of church volunteers. The door has a dark, refurbished brown hue and a cross-shaped window in its center. Signage was completed by Signs by Rick of Butler. A sign on top of the door says "Celebrating the Reformation."

The door is accompanied by two signs and is surrounded by a black picket-type fence. One sign, in the shape of a banner scroll, says "500th Anniversary. In 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 objections to the door of the official church calling for reforms. No more payments to God. Salvation is free!"

Indulgences cheapened God's grace because it did not require true repentance, Luther said. Luther's statements were likely posted on all church doors in Wittenberg. With the age of the printing press, the document was quickly copied, translated and distributed throughout Germany and Europe.

The second sign in St. Luke's display lists the "Five Solas" which Luther used to summarize the five principles of Reformation theology: Solus Gratia (by grace alone), Solus Scriptura (by scripture alone), Solus Fide (by faith alone), Solus Christus (by Christ alone) and Solus Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone). Sola means alone in Latin. Luther said that eternal salvation is a gift only through the grace of God. People are saved by Christ alone through faith, Luther said,



and not by works. Salvation is God's gift to us, and God should be glorified always, Luther said.

The whole display was "how I pictured it. I am thankful for it and humbled by how creative power comes from the Holy Spirit," Smith added, thanking all who were involved with the project.

To go on-line, the public can go to the church's website at [stlks.com](http://stlks.com) and click on the Wittenberg Door tab to share a faith story.

Known as the Castle Church, the Wittenberg structure was damaged by fire in 1760. The original wooden doors were destroyed in that fire, and replaced in 1858 by bronze replicas bearing the Latin text of Luther's theses. The church was fully restored in 1892. Today the church is a place of worship but it also houses the town's historical archives, a museum and youth hostel. It underwent more renovations last year in time for the 500th anniversary.

One may not be able to visit Germany this fall for the Reformation remembrance but you can get a taste of it by visiting the St. Luke's Wittenberg door display.



*Thank you to St. Luke's in Saxonburg, PA and office manager Chris Savannah for sharing this press release with us. St. Luke's is served by Pastor Roger Keller.*

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |                                                     |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| May  | Shawn Smith (2012)<br>Carl Johnson (1987)                                                                                                                                                                                                      | July      | Alden Towberman (1970)<br>Ntahombaye Nestory (2005) |
| June | Maurice Frontz III (2002)<br>Gregory Held (1981)<br>Robert Grewe 2009<br>Carl Hendrickson (2013)<br>Sandra Towberman (2013)<br>Mark Werner (1998)<br>Nila Cogan (2009)<br>Joyce Dix-Weiers (2005)<br>Thomas Beam (1990)<br>Brian Shirey (1979) | August    | NONE                                                |
|      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | September | Sam Scheiderer (1986)                               |

### SPOT THE SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Lutheran Lay Renewal: Spot the Spirit Workshop @ NALS, Ambridge, PA

Oct 7 @ 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

This workshop was designed and will be led by Lutheran Lay Renewal Board Member, the Rev. David Luecke, Ph.D., pastor, psychologist and author.

There will be four teaching sessions, with each followed by small group discussion.

1. Spotting the Spirit at Work in your Life
2. Receiving the Spirit's Gifts and Fruit
3. Growing in Closeness to God
4. Building Up the Fellowship of the Spirit

Registration fee: \$20.00 - includes lunch and a copy of Pastor Luecke's latest book

"How to Spot the Spirit's Work in Your Life"

Please register in advance.

For more information or to register contact:

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**CAMP IN-TENTS**  
**JULY 24-27, 2017**  
*Hooversville, PA*



# CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

| EVENT                                                      | DATE                                                         | TIME                                          | LOCATION                  | CONTACT(S)                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mission District Council Meeting                           | Sept. 7, 2017                                                | 10 a.m. -2 p.m.                               | First Ridgway, PA         | Pastor Alden Towberman, Dean <a href="mailto:atowberman@zoominternet.net">atowberman@zoominternet.net</a>            |
| WNALC Retreat                                              | Sept. 23, 2027                                               |                                               |                           |                                                                                                                      |
| Service of Installation<br><i>for The Rev. Darian Hybl</i> | Oct. 1, 2017<br><i>Clergy are asked to vest and process.</i> | 4 p.m.                                        | Emmanuel Export, PA       | Pastor Alden Towberman, Dean <a href="mailto:atowberman@zoominternet.net">atowberman@zoominternet.net</a>            |
| Spot the Spirit Workshop                                   | Oct. 7, 2017                                                 | 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.                              | NALS Ambridge, PA         | Lutheran Lay Renewal<br>724-287-5151<br><a href="mailto:LLRAJ316@gmail.com">LLRAJ316@gmail.com</a>                   |
| <b>MID-NORTHEAST MISSION DISTRICT ANNUAL CONVOCATION</b>   | Nov. 11, 2017                                                | 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.<br><br>(8:30 – Registration) | St. John's Kittanning, PA | Rebecka Andrae, Admin. Assistant<br><a href="mailto:randrae.midnemdnalc@gmail.com">randrae.midnemdnalc@gmail.com</a> |
| Mission District Council Meeting                           | Nov. 16, 2017                                                | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.                                | TBA                       | Pastor Alden Towberman, Dean <a href="mailto:atowberman@zoominternet.net">atowberman@zoominternet.net</a>            |
| <b>NALC Life Conference</b>                                | Jan. 18, 2018                                                | TBA                                           | TBA                       | Rebecka Andrae, Admin. Assistant<br><a href="mailto:rebeckaandrae@yahoo.com">rebeckaandrae@yahoo.com</a>             |
| <b>MARCH FOR LIFE</b>                                      | Jan. 19, 2018                                                |                                               | Washington, D.C.          | Rebecka Andrae, Admin. Assistant<br><a href="mailto:rebeckaandrae@yahoo.com">rebeckaandrae@yahoo.com</a>             |

## NALC LUTHERAN WEEK – August 7-11, 2017 Nashville, Tennessee



Clockwise, from left: Convocation Festival Eucharist, the glorious processional crucifix, Mid-Northeast Bible Study, our own Pr. Carl Johnson who chairs the Election Team annually, and WNAL's Stuff the Truck.

## MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

NALC ANNUAL LIFE CONFERENCE  
Thursday, January 18, 2018



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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests continue for:

- **Pastor Carl Hendrickson** (back)
- **Pastor Mark Werner** recovering from out-patient surgery.



Please visit our mission district web site at

[www.midnemdnalc.org](http://www.midnemdnalc.org)



**Love. Grow. Serve.  
In Christ.**

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DISTRICT FACEBOOK GROUP!**







In-Tents Lutheran Church Camp  
 Ribbon-cutting ceremony  
 July 24, 2017  
 Hooversville, Pennsylvania

**Special thank you to:**

The Rev. Nila Cogan  
*Camp Director*

The Rev. Joyce Dix-Weiers  
*Order of Dedication*

The Rev. Dr. Alden Towberman,  
*Dean*

ALL the members of the **YOUTH TEAM!**

Ms. Rebecka Andrae  
*Administrative Assistant (and kitchen help)*

**St. Thomas Lutheran Church** whose contributions in the categories of space, time, and financial resources are acknowledged by a grateful mission district

**...and all the YOUTH whose spirit and passion for the Lord Jesus Christ inspires all of us!**

**Keep coming to YOUR camp!!**

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