



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Praying, Working, Growing, Dancing, In Christ

# THE CHRONICLE

**Mankato, Minnesota**

**November 2012**

*Ponderings*

**Happenings for November**

Can you believe it!

I mean really. *Can you believe it!*

Neither can I...

It has been ten years—TEN YEARS—since a certain congregation in south central Minnesota called a certain priest to share a journey with them. Yep. You, the folks of St. John’s Episcopal Church, and I, Paul+, have been together for ten years, trying faithfully to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this corner of God’s reign-on-earth.

Seems like yesterday, don’t it?

We’ve seen a lot in this time, haven’t we? We’ve welcomed new members and said good-bye to old dear ones. We’ve baptized, confirmed, married, and buried. We’ve laughed with one another during times of joyous celebration and we’ve cried with one another in times of pain and loss. We have sought to address the needs of our community here in the Mankato area and have worked to find ways to help those in communities far from us. And we have been a leader in our community in the areas of fair trade, environmental stewardship and inclusion. My guess is that we will continue doing these

- Nov. 2 LifeLine Screening, 8am
- Nov. 6 Election Day
- Nov. 7 ECW, Wow Zone, noon
- Nov. 7 OMG, St. John’s, 5:30pm
- Nov. 8 St. Julians, Panera, noon
- Nov. 10 Men’s Group, 8:30am
- Nov. 14 Holy Eucharist 2pm Laurel’s Edge
- Nov. 17 Safe Church Training, 9-noon
- Nov. 18 Fair Trade Bazaar, 8:45am-1pm
- Nov. 18 Acolyte Rehearsal, noon
- Nov. 21 Community Thanksgiving Worship 7pm, St. John’s Catholic Church
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Meal, 11am-1pm, First Presbyterian Church
- Nov. 25 Vestry mtg., noon
- Nov. 29 Altar Guild, 9am

*More inside...*

things to which God has been calling us and that we will prayerfully seek the will of God in other areas of our individual and corporate lives. In all of this, we have faced challenges and obstacles to living faithfully as God intends. Our society has become more and more

pluralistic, which can be a very good thing, as such diversity helps us to see and value the many gifts that others have to offer. But also means that there are so many different demands for our time, talents and treasure. Being part of a religious community is but one facet of modern life which often finds itself at odds with the demands of work, leisure, education, social connections, entertainment, etc., etc. Instead of trying to compete with these, however, our challenge is to find ways to incorporate our spiritual selves in *all* that we do. Being faithful to the Gospel is not just something we do when we go to church on Sundays. It is what we are called to do in *all* aspects of our lives!

And so that becomes our call in the years ahead. But really it has been our call all along, hasn't it? To give generously of ourselves—our time, our talents, and, yes, our treasure—as we strive to live the reign of God here and now. To bring our understanding of the Love of God to all that we do and in all of the many circles of relationships of which we are a part. If we can live faithfully into this call, who knows what the next ten years will bring?

Happy Anniversary, Johannites!

Thanks be to God!



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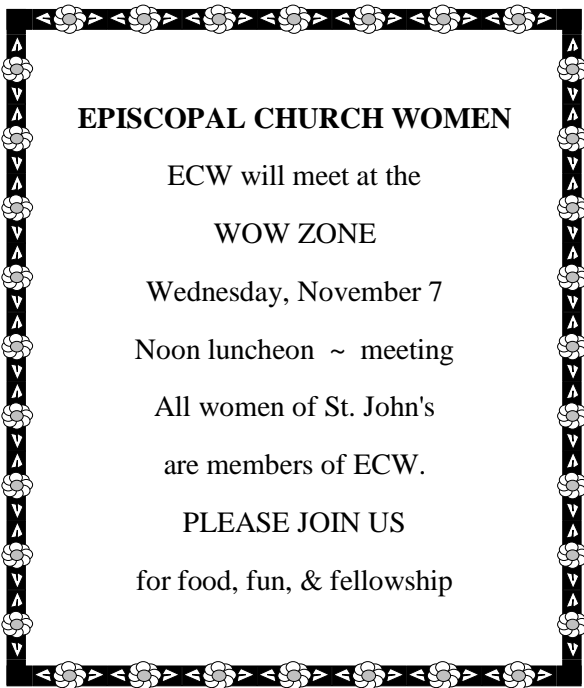
### **Safe Church Training: Safeguarding God's Children**

We all know how very important it is that our church be a place of welcome and joy for all who come to us. This is especially true with respect to our children and youth. As a parish within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, we have established a Safe Church Policy which is intended to assist us in making St. John's a place of safety for all.

All Church Personnel who regularly work with children, all Vestry Members, all Employees, anyone Who Has a Key—actually, Anyone who desires to learn more about how to make our parish safe for children of all ages—is encouraged to attend a Safe Church Training on 17 November, beginning at 900am. The training lasts three hours, so will be over by noon. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our rector, Paul Rider.



St John's Men's group will be meeting Saturday, November 10th at 8:30 a. m. at the church for training on Safe Food by USDA.



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

ECW will meet at the

**WOW ZONE**

Wednesday, November 7

Noon luncheon ~ meeting

All women of St. John's  
are members of ECW.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

for food, fun, & fellowship



**CELEBRATIONS...**  
**birthdays,**  
**anniversaries**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- 11/03 - Jaci Lageson
- 11/07 - Jerry Wegman
- 11/09 - Brennen Canavin
- 11/09 - Cullen Canavin
- 11/13 - Jane Kearney
- 11/18 - Jan Rozeboom
- 11/21 - Gerald Veaux
- 11/22 - Jerry Stump
- 11/23 - Ronnie Burton
- 11/24 - Elaine Larson
- 11/27 - Judy Anderson
- 11/27 - Ann McGuire

**Christmas Gifts to be given at  
Food for Friends**



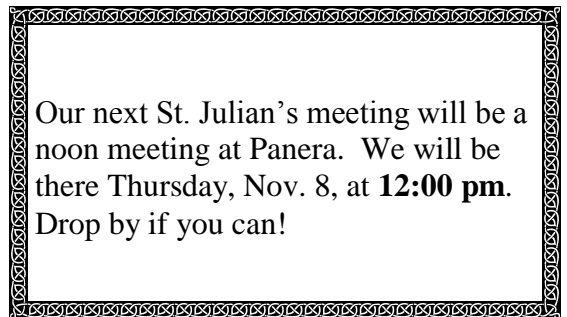
Every year a local church provides small Christmas gifts to the people who receive Saturday meals at the Salvation Army.

This year our church will be responsible for providing these gifts.

We are looking for donations of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and/or toiletries. Homemade items are welcome. If you like to knit or crochet, your handiwork is sure to find a good home. Look for a collection basket for these items beginning November 18<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be delivered to Salvation Army on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Audrey Splinter at 507-720-1155.

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 11/07 - Mark and Randi Manderfeld
- 11/19 - Tim Olson and  
Melissa Hagggar-Olson
- 11/25 - Joe and Barb Hogan
- 11/26 - John and Lauren Weber



Our next St. Julian's meeting will be a noon meeting at Panera. We will be there Thursday, Nov. 8, at **12:00 pm**. Drop by if you can!



## Financial Report – October 2012

Offerings deposits to the General Fund in September totaled \$ 12,980.85. There were no transfers to the General Fund from the Capital Investment Fund during September, bringing total transfers for the year to \$16,900. We received offerings of \$ 120.00 to the Property Escrow Account. The balances in the two investment accounts as of October 12, 2012 were:

**Capital Investment Fund**                      **\$30,146.26**

**Property Escrow Investment Fund\*** **\$18,087.82**

\*Balance reflects recent payment of \$ 5,050 for bringing elevator up to required standards.

--All pledging members of the congregation should have received a summary of their contributions to the General Fund and Property Escrow Fund. Please review your summary and get in contact with Gerry Schneck or Nickie VanStelten if you find any errors that may have been made between the summary and your personal records.

If you find that you are behind in your Regular or Property Escrow pledge(s), we any efforts that you can make to catch up would be greatly appreciated. If you find that your financial situation is offering you a problem in meeting your pledge(s), please let either of us know and we'll work with you on making any needed changes. Please note that any conversations about or information pertaining to your pledge(s) will be held confidential.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Schneck, Treasurer



## **AV Capability added to Parish Hall**

Some wiring has been installed to add audio-visual capability to the parish hall for events and presentations. The additions will provide sound reinforcement, sound from the sanctuary for overflow, and the ability to play recorded material from a variety of sources. A screen has also been added to make it possible to project power points, DVD's, and stream internet content from a laptop computer.

Jerry Stump has a personal LCD projector for loan and can help with setup. Contact Jerry if you are interested in a demonstration or have an event that needs AV support.

### **ECW is selling coupon booklets for Herbergers' Community Days**

**November 9 & 10**

Cost for each is a \$5 donation,  
and the entire amount will

go to

St. John's ECW ministries.

Please help us raise funds  
to help others!

Thank You



## Shout Outs!

- Our acolytes.
- Meg Stump, for organizing our Pridefest participation and the training session held by Minnesotans United for All Families.
- Betty Winkworth and the Green Team for their work toward the Green Congregations award.
- Margo Druschel and the MDG Team for their work with RAIN for the Sahel and Sahara in bringing its Director Bess Palmisciano to be with us on 21 October.
- Donna Casella, Paul Rider, the Cvancarras and the Winkworths for planting memorial trees for their loved ones at Tanager Road's handicapped accessible playground.
- From the Brave Hearts: David, Sara, Gerald, Cyrus and Ambry wish to thank those who came to our house blessing and also thank those who kept us in their thoughts and prayers that day. We are so thankful to be part of St. John's community!

To share your good news. E-mail Betty Winkworth at [jbwink@charter.net](mailto:jbwink@charter.net), or call 387-7170.

**During Advent of 2012**, a Wednesday evening program will focus on *Preparing for the Coming of Christ and Connecting our Lives to God: The Ultimate Thin Place*. Our time will include worship and a shared meal.

- Week 1, Paul will share his further insights from his travels and relate them to our Advent-theme;
- Week 2, the congregation will share out of our experience of renewal while Paul was on sabbatical;
- Week 3, we will develop goals to build on our experiences of "thin places" as we look ahead toward our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church in 2016.



## Eleventh Annual Advent Festival

Sunday, 2 December: This will mark the 11<sup>th</sup> year that our sanctuary will echo with the sights and sounds of An Advent Festival. Intended as a preparation for the Christmas celebration, this order of worship intersperses scripture readings foretelling the birth of the Savior with musical selections intended to invoke a sense of awe and wonder of God's gracious gift of Love and Hope.

Join us at 6pm on December 2 for this beautiful and evocative service and stick around afterwards for dessert!



## Sunday School News

### Sunday School:

Sunday School is weekly from 9:30am – 10:20am. (Yes, that’s a change from last year.) AND...If you have not done so, please sign-up your child(ren) at

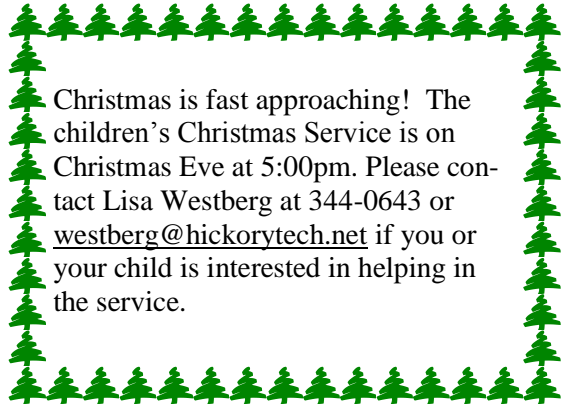
<http://stjohnsmankato.sparksundayschool.org>  
(NO www!!)

### November Teacher’s Schedule:

Preschool – Kristin Cvancara

K-2nd gr – Margo Druschel

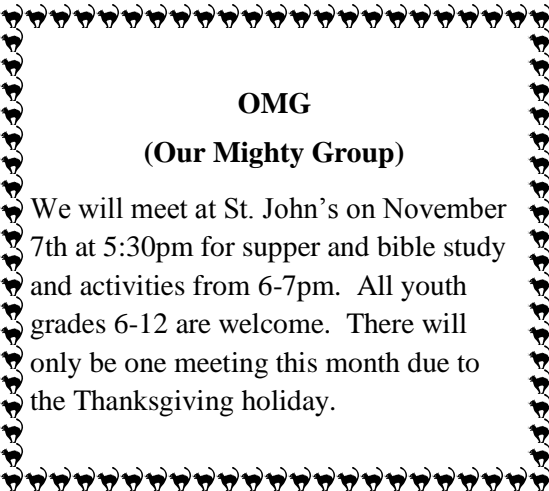
3rd-5th gr – Betty Winkworth



Christmas is fast approaching! The children’s Christmas Service is on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm. Please contact Lisa Westberg at 344-0643 or [westberg@hickorytech.net](mailto:westberg@hickorytech.net) if you or your child is interested in helping in the service.

### Calling all Acolytes!

All youth of the parish [third grade and up] are invited to become an acolyte. We rehearse on the third Sunday of each month after 1030am worship. The thirty minute training is followed by PIZZA!



### OMG

#### (Our Mighty Group)

We will meet at St. John’s on November 7th at 5:30pm for supper and bible study and activities from 6-7pm. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome. There will only be one meeting this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### LifeLine Screening

#### There’s Still Time

- On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, LifeLine
- Screening will be set-up at St. John’s offering 5 different medical tests to the community at large and to St. John’s parishioners at a \$10 discount. They will also
- donate \$10 to St. John’s for every member who participates. This requires pre-
- registration by calling 1-800-324-9458.
- Please, pick up a pink form on the narthex credenza for further details.



## Waiting for Advent...

Consider this inspirational calendar as a resource for your **Advent Faith Formation**.

The calendar will go live on December 2nd on the Church Offices IAmEpiscopalians Pinterest board, and will provide a word, a beautiful image and a meditation specifically chosen for each day in Advent. Though it won't 'go live' until Advent, you can see the calendar now at <http://pinterest.com/iamepiscopalians/advent-calendar/>

## All Saints' Sunday: 4 November

As a way of honoring and remembering those who have gone before us in the faith, we are inviting you to commemorate those who have gone before us in the faith. A basket has been placed on the table at the back of the Church and we are asking you to write down the names of loved ones and former parishioners who have died. On Sunday, 4 November, All Saints' Sunday, we will invite you to take a name from the basket and read these names aloud as part of our Prayers of the People.

## Community Thanksgiving Worship

The annual Mankato Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, 21 November, at 700p. Our host church this year is St. John the Baptist Catholic. This yearly event is an opportunity for people of different faith communities to gather as one voice to offer thanks and praise for God's blessing. The offering taken during the service will be split between **Echo Food Shelf** and **Vine Faith in Action**. There will

be a time of fellowship following the service, hosted by St. John the Baptist Church. All food will be provided.

## Thanksgiving Dinner @ First Presbyterian Church

A great way to give thanks to God is by helping those who have nowhere to go to celebrate the day. St. John's is once again helping out with the Thanksgiving meal which will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 1100a-100p at First Presbyterian Church. Each year we have had a great turnout from St. John's folks and we know this year will be just as great! We are inviting folks to sign up for one of three shifts to help one of the crews. Shifts are 1030-1130; 1130-1230; 1230-130. Just add your name to the list which is located on the entryway "Notice Wall". This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and help those who may not have a family with whom to share Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please talk to Marcia Olason, our new Mission and Outreach Chair or Paul Rider, our rector.





On October 7, people were invited to church to have a pet blessing with their furry, feathered, scaly friends. About 25 people came and brought about 15 pets with them. People could also have their pets blessed even if they were not with them. Our family brought two parakeets and one cat. The most popular pet brought were dogs. The oldest pet was a box turtle named Barney (not the green and purple dinosaur that kids love).

The service was new. The Episcopal Church made a new book called Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation and Various Rites and Prayers for Animals and the service came from that book. There is another new service in the book called Burial Office for a Beloved Animal. Our friend, who lives in South Dakota, had a dog who died and they had this service. There are also prayers for adoption, illness or death of companion, service or other beloved animals. There are even prayers for animals suffering during war, death of a farm animal and death of a wild animal. We love animals a lot and think it is good to pray for all animals.

Our favorite part of the service was when everyone went up to the altar with their pets. While we were at the altar John and Lauren Weber's dog, Bentley (like the car), kept sniffing at our parakeets. Maybe she wants birds of her own!

Cyrus and Ambry Brave Heart



We are seeking new editors for the Chronicle as Betty and John are retiring as editors of our monthly newsletter. Interested in finding out what's involved? Contact Betty Winkworth at 387-7170, or [jbwink@charter.net](mailto:jbwink@charter.net).

### **ECHO at Thanksgiving**

From Diane Deeren

Last year we served 1100 and we are expecting 1300 this year! So, the need is great. The basket will contain a turkey/ham (or whole chicken for a 1-2 person family), stuffing, boxed potatoes (maybe fresh also, we are still working on that), green beans, corn, cranberries. We will offer pie fillings from donations only. As you will see on the flyer (page 9), the cost of the baskets has gone up a bit like everything else unfortunately and is now between \$18-\$20 depending on which meat they choose so monetary donations are welcome!

Also, we are now looking for volunteers for time slots; it takes 8 people for a day shift (12-4:30) and on Tues. and Thursday there are 2 shifts (12-3 & 3-6) so 8 people for morning shift and 8 for evening shift. It would be fun for a group from St. John's to take a shift together; last year businesses and churches did this and really seemed to have fun working together on this project.





# THANKSGIVING BASKET

## Recipients:

- Blue Earth County or North Mankato resident.
- ID and proof of address required for all.

November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 12:30pm-4:30pm  
Tuesday: 12:30pm-6:00pm  
Wednesday: 12:30pm-4:30pm  
Thursday: 12:30pm-7:00pm  
Friday: 12:30pm-4:30pm

## Distribution at:

ECHO Food Shelf  
1014 South Front St.  
Mankato, MN 56001

## DONORS:

Cost per basket \$18-\$20

Donations may be dropped off at ECHO

Or sent to:

PO Box 3212, Mankato, MN 56002



**\*Please note donation for Thanksgiving Dinner**

ECHO's mission has been to prevent hunger through emergency food assistance. The food shelf has been serving Blue Earth County and North Mankato Residents since 1981. About 91,000 lbs. of food are distributed to an average of 1,300 households every month. Due to the economy, ECHO has seen a 22% increase in client use from the previous year. Through this program, ECHO has allowed families to have a traditional ham or turkey Thanksgiving dinner.

**\*Many volunteer opportunities available for this week!**

Please call Diane Deeren at (507) 625-4663 or Marcia Olason at (507) 625-8595

1014 South Front Street, PO Box 3212 Mankato, MN 56002

Email: [echofoodshelf@yahoo.com](mailto:echofoodshelf@yahoo.com) or Business Line: (507) 345-7477 Client Line (507) 345-7508



World Community Day is exploring the theme of the Sights and Sounds of Harmony with its next meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome for the 9:30 am meeting at Centenary United Methodist Church, 502 South Second Street in Mankato. If you have questions, please contact Elaine Larson at 388-4002.

**A new directory in the making!**

The office is gearing up to produce a new directory to include all of St. John’s parishioners and your help is needed. First, look for a 3-ring binder in the Narthex. Find your family’s page alphabetically and make any additions or corrections to the information there, initialing the page if the info is accurate. With your help we’ll soon have an up-to-date directory for us all.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Conference  
at Good Counsel’s  
Center for Earth Spirituality  
and Rural Ministry**

It’s not too late! November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Saturday for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Conference at Good Counsel’s Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry. The subject is “Transition: Co-Creating Resilient Communities.” This may be a timely next step for Mankato and in Lisa Coons words “We think this may be our best conference ever.”

We are fortunate again this November to have a Fair Trade Holiday Bazaar provided by the 10,000 Villages Store in Mountain Lake. They will set up during the early service on Sunday, Nov. 18, and remain with us until 1:00 pm. They come with a great selection of jewelry, toys, musical instruments, baskets, ornaments, scarves, purses, food and much more. It’s our chance to make Christmas purchases that make a meaningful difference in the lives of struggling artisans and farmers around the world.

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~ A study by the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics ~  
~ found that many children's face paints con- ~  
~ tain toxins or heavy metals, even ~  
~ when labeled as "safe" or "non-toxic." ~  
~ So before you buy petroleum-derived, heav- ~  
~ ily packaged, possibly toxic Halloween ~  
~ makeup from the store, think DIY. For a ~  
~ 100% edible and non-toxic recipe go to: ~  
~ <http://sierraclub.typepad.com>. ~  
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“With a keynote speaker who has both vast lived experience and deep training on the topic, Patricia Benson is prepared to engage, enervate and inspire us to contemplation and action - both inner and outer transition. Our communities will be the better for it.”

The program runs from 9am to 3pm with a lunch provided; registration fee, \$40 (\$25 student). Interested? Contact Lisa Coons at 389-4272 or [lcoons@ssndmankato.org](mailto:lcoons@ssndmankato.org).

# Lay Ministry Schedule

	8:00 AM SERVICE	10:30 AM SERVICE
<p><b><u>November 4</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Cathie Neitge, Jaci Lageson Steve Deeren</p> <p>Berner</p>	<p>Pat Johnson, Jordin Johnson Andrew Westberg, Ginny McNear Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew Ryan Wiehr Nora Lybeck, Ambry Brave Heart Weber</p>
<p><b><u>November 11</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Leslie Peterson, Bobbie Seberson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Candace Black, Mary Yurek Meg Stump, Ann Clark Nickie VanStelten, Karl Mundell Eric Westberg Jonah Westberg, Cyrus Brave Heart Westberg</p>
<p><b><u>November 18</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Jaci Lageson, Leslie Peterson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Jan Mickelson, Joe Hogan Candace Black, Ginny McNear Joan Hertel, Ann Clark Ryan Wiehr Liz Paul, Ambry Brave Heart Winkworth</p>
<p><b><u>November 25</u></b></p> <p>Greeters Lectors (1,2) LEM Acolyte/Server Torchbearer (1,2) Coffee Hour Hosts</p>	<p>Don Duncanson Candace Black, Bobbie Seberson Steve Deeren</p>	<p>Leslie Peterson Joan Hertel, Ginny McNear Gerry Schneck, Pam Bartholomew Eric Westberg Lucas Cvancara, Jonah Westberg Zimmerman</p>

As always, if you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please make your own substitutions and inform the Church Office at [stjohns@hickorytech.net](mailto:stjohns@hickorytech.net) no later than the Wednesday prior. That way we can be sure to include the right list of servers in our Weekly Evangelist and we can send the service reminder to the right person! Thanks!



## Altar Guild in November

8:00 Judy Anderson

10:30 Nickie VanStelten/Audrey Splinter

Monthly meeting Thursday, 11/29/12 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your Altar Guild service.



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