



March 9-10, 2019



Sermon Message Notes

Pastor Jon Trinklein

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# THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

## ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of March 10, 2019

### WORSHIP CELEBRATION



#### TURN Lenten Worship Series

The contemplative season of Lent is a time to turn. As we see Jesus turn His focus toward the path of suffering and death as Savior of the world, we too are urged to turn away from all that hinders our relationship with Him and instead turn toward his redeeming gift of forgiveness and love. Each turn is intentional, both toward and away. As His Word declares, "This is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His

Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—Jesus." (Acts 3:18-20) If you've been longing for times of refreshing, then come join us for worship throughout the season of Lent...a time to TURN.

#### LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

##### Traditional Praise (sanctuary)

Sundays @ 8:00AM | 9:30AM | 11:00AM

##### Modern Praise (gymnasium)

Saturdays @ 5:00PM | Sundays @ 10:45AM

##### Lenten Midweek (sanctuary)

Wednesdays @ 4:30PM | 7:00PM



**HOLY BAPTISM** – This weekend, at the 11:00 AM Traditional Praise worship service, we celebrate the baptism of Gavin Robert Bennett, son of Dennis & Shannon. May God richly bless Gavin and his family!

#### UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

**Thursday, March 14** - We are privileged to host the band and choir students from Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, MI. These students will present a 7:00 PM Worship Concert that will be free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to assist their music ministry. *We are still looking for St. John families to help host almost 90 people for the evening of March 14.* Host families would be asked to transport students or chaperones to their homes and provide them with sleeping arrangements for the evening and breakfast in the morning before returning them to St. John. If you have a heart to host any

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of these students and chaperones, please contact Nick Kwapis ([nkwapis@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:nkwapis@stjohnrochester.org)) for further information.

**Sunday, March 17:** Laudamus, the traveling choir from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, will be joining us to provide special music for the 11:00 AM service in the Sanctuary. Under the direction of Dr. James Marriott, former organist and music director of St. John, the choir of future pastors will be performing many expressive and beautiful pieces. Please consider attending the 11:00 AM service on March 17.

**Friday, April 19:** The Mixed Choir of St. John will once again be performing DuBois’ “Seven Last Words of Christ”, a sacred cantata. This will be taking place at the 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae service. If you are not already a member of the Mixed Choir but are interested in singing for this event, please email Nick Kwapis ([nkwapis@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:nkwapis@stjohnrochester.org)) for further information and rehearsal times.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE UPDATE** “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”—Hebrews 10:24-25

Attendance for March 2-3.....836  
Attendance for Ash Wednesday..... 479

**BIBLICAL DISCOVERY**

**GET INTO THE WORD THIS WINTER** – There are many opportunities at St. John to grow in your faith through God's Word! From children to seniors, internationals to parenting, Bible basics to more in-depth studies—there is truly something for everyone no matter your age, life circumstances or schedule! Make this the year that you take a big step in your faith walk with Jesus! The *Get Into the Word* brochure with a full listing of Bible Class selections is available on our St. John website. Look for the homepage rotator that matches the graphic shown here. Printed copies of the brochure are also available in the Atrium and just outside Luther Hall. Let’s get into the Word together!



**CASUAL COLLEGE – NEW TIME AND LOCATION!** Attention all college age young adults! Our Casual College Bible Study is now being held at the Abraham home at 133 Montmorency Rd. in Rochester Hills on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. A carpool will leave from Oakland University’s Oakland Center at 7:00 PM. Come and join us! For more information, please contact Emma Shriner at [shrinneremma@gmail.com](mailto:shrinneremma@gmail.com).

**SHARED LIFE**



**GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND INVITE A NEW FRIEND.** Following all our Sunday morning services, coffee and refreshments are served in Luther Hall. What a wonderful opportunity it is to get to know someone in worship with us. What a great way to be the church by encouraging each other in Jesus’ name!





## **AN INVITATION FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION – HEALTHY LIVING TO 100**

Please join us on **Monday, March 11**, at 7:00 PM in Concordia Hall as we invite local wellness expert Dr. Jeff Buller to present on the topic “Healthy Living to 100.” Dr. Buller will touch on the three main components to living a healthy lifestyle: Physical, Mental and Chemical Health. So many people in our society end up having to give up their favorite activities because their bodies start to fail them later in life. Learn what you can do to stop this from happening and continue doing the activities you love for as long as you want! If you knew you were going to live to be 94 years old, when is the best time to start taking care of yourself?

Please join the Stephen Ministers for this important presentation. If you have any questions, please contact the Stephen Leaders Lori Horton, Catherine Lick and Tom Rowe at [sjstephenministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjstephenministry@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

**DELICIOUS LENTEN DINNER THIS WEEK!** The faculty and staff of St. John invite you to come and enjoy a tasty supper of Gravy Train (a delicious seasoned beef and gravy) served over homemade garlic buttered redskin potatoes, salad, fresh warm rolls, and staff made desserts on Wednesday, March 13 between the 4:30 and 7:00 PM Lenten services. Approximate serving time is 5:30-6:45 PM in the gymnasium. Free will donations will support our Christian Education Scholarship Fund.

**ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, March 14 at 1:00 PM in the Mary Martha Room downstairs. Our devotion will center on the hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”. A short business meeting and fellowship time will follow. See you there! For more information on Esther Circle, please contact Ruth Leucht at 248-651-3584.

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP** – If you have lost a loved one and wonder if the feelings, frustrations, hurts, and loneliness you are experiencing are just you or whether others are going through the same things, then this study is a journey you need to be a part of. Using video, discussion, and prayer you will meet others with the same emotions and hardships who are trying to work through the grieving process. Our current session of GriefShare is meeting on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church Library. Join us any time, as all are welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310.



## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**SEEKING CLASSROOM TEACHING CANDIDATES** - As we continue the important call process for Early Childhood teachers, more specifically, two (2) preschool teachers, a kindergarten teacher, and a first grade teacher, the congregation is invited to submit additional recommendations for candidates to be considered, along with recommendations we receive from our LCMS Michigan District and the Concordia University System. Qualified candidates for this position must have a Bachelor's Degree, Teaching Certification, a love for Jesus our Savior, a love for children, and strong knowledge in child development. Recommendation forms and a sample job description are available at the Main Office. All recommendations must be received by Friday, March 22.

**SEEKING ST. JOHN PRESCHOOL AIDES AND PRE-CARE PROGRAM** - St. John Preschool is seeking applicants to fill positions for classroom teacher aides for our Pre -3's, Pre-K 4's and Young 5's sessions. Candidates should demonstrate a love for Jesus and children, and be willing to help and support the teachers in the daily activities in their classrooms. A detailed job description is available in the Main Office. Interested candidates should submit resumes to Karen Neumeyer at [kneumeyer@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:kneumeyer@stjohnrochester.org).

Our new St. John Pre-Care Program is seeking applicants to care for our Preschool children before and after school times. Candidates should demonstrate a love for Jesus and children. A detailed job description is available in the Main Office. Interested candidates should submit resumes to Missy Lacoursier at [mlacoursier@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mlacoursier@stjohnrochester.org).

**SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP:** Due to construction plans on the St. John campus this summer, we will not be hosting a SpringHill Day Camp. If you are interested in your child attending a Springhill Day Camp, visit [www.springhillcamps.com](http://www.springhillcamps.com) for a list of available options.



#### **ST. JOHN DAY SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Special Person's Day:** Students in Preschool 4's, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had the opportunity to host a loved one this past Monday for Special Person's Day. Students and their guests enjoyed songs, crafts, games and refreshments, and most of all sharing time together!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest Winners:** Congratulations to the winners of the America & Me Essay Contest hosted by Farm Bureau Insurance, Anna Bochenek, first, Sarah Scharfenberg, second, and Michael Schultz, third. Anna's essay will advance to the state level competition, with winners to be announced in April.

**Now enrolling!** New student applications are now being accepted for Preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2019-2020 school year. To learn more, for a personal tour, or for enrollment information, visit [stjohnrochester.org/school](http://stjohnrochester.org/school) or contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, [bdameron@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:bdameron@stjohnrochester.org).

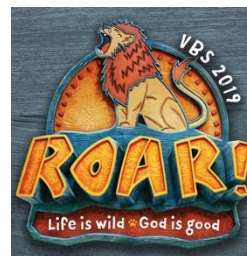


**EASTER EVENT FOR FAMILIES** - You are invited to attend the St. John Easter Egg-stravaganza, on **Saturday, April 13** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM here at St. John in the school wing of our campus. This family-friendly event is to help prepare for Easter, as we celebrate our risen Savior Jesus. Children from age 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in arts and crafts, cookie decorating, games, activities,

refreshments and more. *New this year will be a mini Petting Zoo!* Families can spend as much or as little time as they like at each activity. An egg hunt will be held at 11:00 AM. Bring your egg basket! Parents are asked to stay with or near their children. Invite a friend or neighbor and join in on the fun! No registration will be necessary.

*Help is needed to make the event a success!* Individually wrapped/single packets of Easter candy are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help with games, crafts, activities, and monitoring the egg hunt. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Steve Wilson, [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or Beth Dameron, [bdameron@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:bdameron@stjohnrochester.org).

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR VBS 2019:** This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are currently at 100 students. We will be capping our numbers at 500 this year. If you have a child who is 4 years old through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade please register them today. VBS is an amazing week of fun and joy. **\*\*Please note that this year's VBS will be led by St. John as always, but will be hosted at Lutheran High Northwest due to the building and renovation project on the St. John campus this summer. Many thanks to Lutheran High for hosting us this year! To register for VBS, visit [www.stjohnrochester.org/VBS](http://www.stjohnrochester.org/VBS).**



### **LIGHTHOUSE – MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY GRADES 6-8**

Lighthouse is a place where Middle School students can feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus. Our activities include students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! Lighthouse meetings are on Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact Steve

Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).



### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH –**

**Thank you** to all who came out to the movies last week to see “Green Book”. We really liked it!

**Tonight** we will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room for a devotion, snack and game! We would love to see you!

Just a reminder that we are hosting a **Lenten Dinner** on March 20. Mrs. Hammett will be sending out a sign-up for items needed. The most important item we need is you to be present. Please arrive after

school for set-up, help with serving, and then plan to stay till 7:00 PM for tear down. Thank you!  
For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

**LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST BOOSTERS** are hosting their annual Euchre Tournament & Auction on Saturday, March 16 at the Days Inn in Rochester Hills (1919 Star-Batt Drive). Spaces are \$30 in advance (recommended) or \$35 at the door. In addition to euchre and both silent and live auctions, this event includes dinner and dessert, door prizes, and a cash bar. Check-in is at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM. Space is limited! Register at [www.lutherannorthwest.com/events/euchre2019](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com/events/euchre2019) or bring cash or check to the LHNW school office on weekdays between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Are you an alumni of LHNW? Register for the event and join us for a free alumni reception at 5:00 PM that evening. Questions? Call 248-852-6677. Advertising and table sponsorship opportunities are available! Visit the website for more details!

## SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS!** Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about... like St. John Lutheran Church & School! If you are a Thrivent Financial member, please don't let your Choice Dollars expire! Make a difference in Jesus' name by directing points toward our shared mission and ministry. Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2019 to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Thousands and thousands of dollars for ministry are currently available but must be directed. Simply go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



### ONE LEGACY UPDATE!

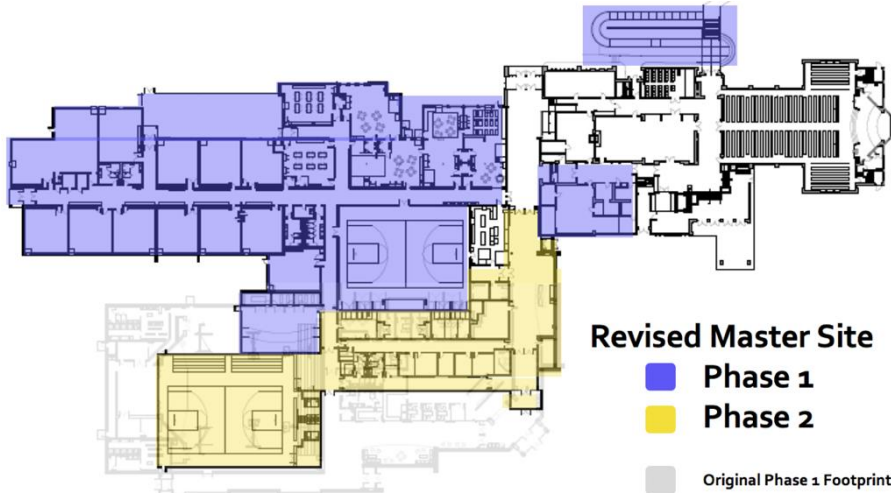
#### SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING | MARCH 24 (new date!)

Please save the date and plan to attend an important Special Congregation Meeting on **Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 PM**. By convening the meeting one week later than originally planned, we expect to have more information available that will prove helpful to everyone.



As we excitedly prepare to officially begin ONE Legacy construction in May/June, we are seeking final voter's approval to move forward with the Phase I renovation work at the current budgeted costs and scope. Secondly, we will be sharing further details while seeking important direction on our updated Phase 2 new construction costs and timing. Watch for further information about this important meeting in the coming days.





#### Phase 1 | Beginning Spring/Summer 2019

- Campus Site Work (utilities, parking lot expansion, water retention, front sanctuary plaza, etc. beyond what is shown in the illustration)
- Full Renovation of School and Lower Level Administration Office Area

#### Phase 2 | Beginning Fall/Winter 2019

- New Construction of Gymnasium, School Administration Offices, and extended Atrium spaces.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God!” - 2 Corinthians 9:11. Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity that allows us to make an eternal impact in Jesus’ name!

**GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY** Offerings for March 2-3.....\$47,595.30

Special Contributions for March 2-3.....\$150.00

As of 3/3/19 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings: \$ 1,590,807.44

As of 3/3/19 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings: \$ 1,653,102.49

As of 3/3/19 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget: \$ 62,295.05

As of 3/3/19 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$14,936

(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)

## ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 3/4/19 Amount pledged..... \$3,463,734.79  
As of 3/4/19 Amount received.....\$1,639,884.04

## COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

**TIME TO PRAY AND SERVE! NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED!** "The greatest among you is the one who serves." These humble words of Jesus set the tone for what it means to be great in the Kingdom of God. Taking on a leadership role at St. John as a member of the Vestry, Elders and Foundation is about humble service to Jesus and others. Nominations are now being accepted for individuals to serve on Vestry, Elders and Foundation. Please pray for those whom you know that may be a blessing to Christ's ministry at St. John and if He leads you to do so, complete a nomination form (found in church lobby by the tract rack or in the pastoral office) and submit to the church office by April 8. What an incredible opportunity at a very exciting time to use the talents that the Lord has blessed us with, to make a difference in furthering His work!

**THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS** - Want to do something positive to strengthen our presence in the community? Think you can organize a team or group to make it happen in 90 days or less? If your answer is "yes" to both, simply submit an application to Thrivent and once your idea is approved you'll receive up to \$250 in "seed money" to help cover expenses. Need inspiration? Here are some ideas for a valuable service, fundraiser, or educational activity: Deliver/serve meals to the needy/homebound, Conduct a food/toy/clothing drive, Clean up a river/park/roadway, Clean up after a disaster, Build a wheelchair ramp for the handicapped, Assist with landscaping for the elderly, Organize fundraisers such as a Lenten Dinner/Youth Breakfast, or Conduct an educational workshop on a subject such as identity theft. Applications for funding Thrivent Action Teams are available at Thrivent.com. Thrivent members are eligible to submit two applications each calendar year.

## RELATIONAL WITNESS

**CLICK TO SHARE THE ETERNAL LOVE OF JESUS!** Did you know it's actually really easy to pass along sermon messages to family, friends, neighbors and coworkers? Simply visit our St. John website and visit the sermon message archive. From there, click to share video or audio of any message via email, Facebook, Messenger, etc.

## CONSTANT PRAYER

**WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART.** To submit a prayer request, please text or email it to [prayer@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:prayer@stjohnrochester.org) at any time or fill out a Prayer Request Card and hand to an usher during worship. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along when requested to be included in the weekly prayer list that is sent out to our prayer warriors and included in weekend worship.



### **THIS WEEK:**

**Thanksgiving:** Marriage of Melinda Pavloff & Kyle Brown this weekend / Baptism of Gavin Bennett / Michelle's safe arrival home from the Congo / Elisabet Standfest – positive test results

**Guidance & Strength:** Upcoming Congregation meeting

**Hope & Healing:** Jack Parish / Joan Lucas – surgery / Al Lucas – rehab / ...Continued healing for: Marilyn Miller / Jerry Bantin / Hailey Noonan / Sarah Leinberger / Linda Madson / Jim Madson / Raymond Pauli / Linda Glisman

**Bereavement:** For the family of Fred Hillard

### **LAST WEEK:**

**Thanksgiving:** For Elaine Pauli's blessings as she celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday this week, Arrival and welcome of Pastor Mandla Khumalo to the MI District for 2 years and blessings on his work among us

**Guidance & Strength:** Congregation meeting, Michelle serving as short term missionary in Congo, West Africa

**Hope & Healing:** Rosalie Morton (mother of Traci Rader) – hospitalized, Lorraine Calleja (mother of Vicki Wright), Ellen Hohnstadt

**Bereavement:** For the families of ... Lois Timm, Gary Miller (father of Lori Hehl), Richard Robinson (father of Kathy Dork)

### **PRIOR WEEK:**

**Thanksgiving:** Future City team doing well at Nationals / Roger Guetzkow – successful surgery

**Guidance & Strength:** John and Jacob Rose / For abused women and children / Upcoming Congregational meeting

**Hope & Healing:** Debra Jankovich - serious injury to ankle / Elisabet Standfest (granddaughter of Lynn & Bob) – 3mo old at Mayo for possible cancer / Cheryl Madson – cancer surgery / Lois Timm – pneumonia / Ellen Hohnstadt – rehab for broken pelvis / Marian / Mr. Scott / Jen Lemmon

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

### **OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### **FACILITY HOURS THIS WEEK**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

\* The facility may be closed on Saturdays when no daytime events are scheduled.

### **Sunday**

9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study– Concordia Hall

9:30 AM

Sunday School – School Classrooms

9:30 AM

First Communion Class – School Music Room

4:00 PM

Mexicali Mission Trip Planning Meeting – Youth Room

6:00 PM

Lighthouse – Room 101

6:00 PM

High School Youth – Youth Room

**Monday**

9:00 AM

MOPS – Luther Hall

7:00 PM

“The ONE” New Member Class – Luther Hall

7:00 PM

Stephen Ministry Presentation – Concordia Hall \*cong. is invited

**Tuesday**

9:30 AM

Bible Basics Class – Mary Martha Room

11:30 AM

International Bible Class – Room 128

1:00 PM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM

LifeLight – Mary Martha Room

7:00 PM

Women’s Bible Study – Church Library

8:00 PM

Bibles &amp; Basketball – Gymnasium

**Wednesday**

9:15 AM

LifeLight (Hebrews) – Concordia Hall

1:00 PM

Women’s Bible Study (The Shepherd With Me) – Concordia Hall

1:00 PM

Women’s Bible Study (The Faithful) – Church Library

1:30 PM

School Chapel – Church Sanctuary \*note the starting time

4:30 PM

Midweek Lenten Worship – Church Sanctuary

5:15 PM

Lenten Supper – Gymnasium

7:00 PM

Midweek Lenten Worship – Church Sanctuary

7:30 PM

Casual College – 133 Montmorency, Rochester Hills

**Thursday**

9:00 AM

Gleaners Quilting – Concordia Hall

9:00 AM

MOPS – Luther Hall

1:30 PM

Esther Circle – Mary Martha Room

4:30 PM

Skit &amp; Drama Ministry for Kids – Luther Hall

7:00 PM

Worship Concert featuring Valley Lutheran Choir - Sanctuary

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

**Friday**

8:00 AM

LCEF Savings Stamp Sales – Atrium

9:00 AM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

**Saturday**

8:00 AM

Bibles &amp; Basketball – Gymnasium

10:00 AM

GriefShare – Church Library

1:00 PM

Visual Faith – Room 101

3:00 PM

Saturday Afternoon Bible Class – Luther Hall

5:00 PM

Modern Praise Worship - Gymnasium





**Worship Celebration Schedule**

Traditional Praise: Sundays @ 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM  
Modern Praise: Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM

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