

Our Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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February 2022

8 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM—Live Streamed YouTube

Holy Days as announced

The one who is righteous will live by faith

Living by faith conjures up many different images. In the community of faith it has been anchored in the Biblical text recorded in St. Paul's letter to the Romans 1:17. As Lutheran Christians we recall the writing of Martin Luther, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide." Knowing the Guide is an important part of our life of faith. We are drawn more deeply to Christ Jesus through our active participation in the life of the church. We stress the importance of hearing the word, receiving the sacraments, and serving those in need because through such action we are drawn closer to Christ.

Serving those in need is the focus of our Social Ministry Committee and their work in the community and in the congregation. This month they are inviting you to become more active in living out your faith. On Tuesday February 8 in Christ Hall from 6:00-7:00 PM Nancy Bennett will be providing an overview of ministry opportunities of which you can be a part. Your skills and gifts are needed as we seek to strengthen ministry to our neighbors and to our members. The desired outcome from the Tuesday evening gathering in Christ Hall is for people to volunteer as either servant leaders or servants in one or more of the following areas of ministry:

Jackson Elementary School

Back to School Backpacks for Pantry Client families

Food Pantry

God's Global Barnyard

SERRV

Spiritrust Lutheran Auxiliary:

May Geranium Sale

Christmas gifts for residents

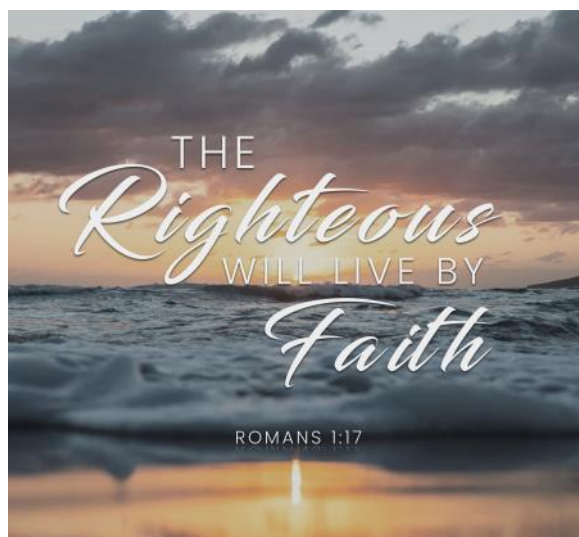
Bridge of Hope

Congregational Care:

Phone Calling

Sending Cards

Eucharistic ministers



Our desire is that you are actively living out your faith. On Tuesday February 8 from 6:00-7:00 PM you can learn more about these areas of serving and how you can put your faith into action. Opportunities such as these are bound to draw you more closely to the Guide, Christ Jesus, and to your sisters and brothers in Christian faith.

Devotional Writing Mission Project

One of the most important relationships we have as a congregation is our relationship with the Mpuguso congregation in the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. We have supported this congregation in many ways over the past two decades, and we have learned much from them, helping us to grow into a fuller understanding of the Christian faith and the fellowship that we share with others around the world.

We have hosted visitors and students from our companion congregation, and some of our members have had the opportunity to travel to the Konde Diocese and visit with our brothers and sisters in Mpuguso. A dozen years ago we helped them with the construction of a hostel so that young women would have a safe place to reside while taking classes to complete their education. We helped with the organization of a pre-school/kindergarten and a kitchen so that students received a well prepared meal while at school. Most recently we have contributed to the construction of their new church building while providing tuition scholarships for some children of the pastors of the Konde Diocese to continue their education and attempting to help meet the medical needs of the area through scholarship aid for those entering medical professions.

Our Mpuguso Committee continues to seek new ways that our fellowship and our mutual faith can grow and mature. The Committee is asking you to participate in a new endeavor. They are asking you to contribute to a devotional booklet that will contain short devotions composed by and shared among the members of St. Paul's congregation and the Mpuguso congregation. What we are asking you to do is to think about your favorite Scripture verse or story. If you can't pick a favorite, we are asking that you pick a Scripture verse or story that has been important to you. Then we are asking you to quote that verse or identify that story and, in one-page or less, tell us why this verse has been meaningful to you. What would you like to share with others about this verse and what it has meant to you? Then, as an attachment, please email your devotional page to tandjmckee1@comast.net.

If you have any questions about this, please call or e-mail the church office. Our brother Elisha at Mpuguso is collecting devotional stories too and will be translating the devotions from members of Mpuguso Lutheran Church into English as well as St. Paul's devotions into Swahili. We hope then to merge St. Paul's devotions and Mpuguso devotions into one devotional booklet for all to use during the Pentecost season. So that we can accomplish this, we ask that you submit devotional writings by April 8. Thank you for your consideration as well as your willingness to joyfully share in faith with our sisters and brothers here in York and in our sister congregation in Tanzania.

At the Baptism of Our Lord

On the second Sunday in January the church celebrated the Festival of the Baptism of Our Lord with a liturgy which underscored simplicity and prayer. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Delaney Rose Duvall and Olivia Lauren Krone. Uniting with the congregation of St. Paul's were Delaney's parents Matthew and Catherine Duvall, Cheryl Reifsteck, Margie Staley, and Michael and Nancy Poster. We were delighted to welcome them into the community of faith

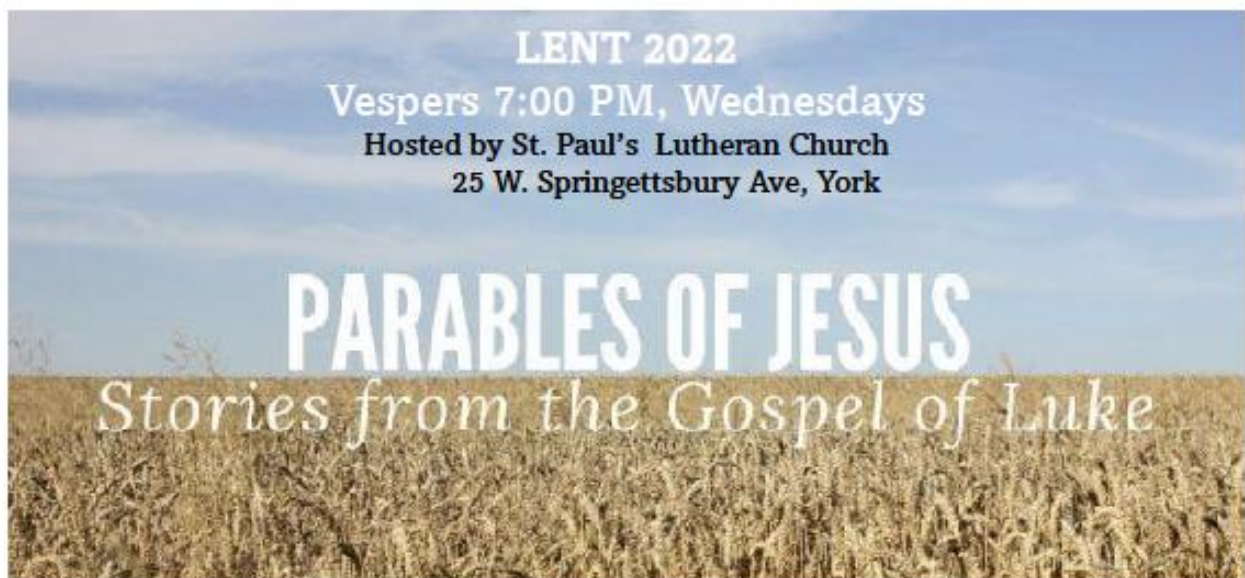


and to join with them in the work we carry out in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. As the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John marks the beginning of our Lord's earthly ministry, this Sunday marks the importance of the ministry carried out in his name through the St. Paul's congregation. We look forward to a day when we can properly join in fellowship and become better acquainted with one another as we participate in the ministry on the church.

The Parables of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus, according to the biblical witness, is a story teller. The biblical name for the stories that he tells are parables. The Gospel of Luke contains a majority of them and has a few that are unique. During our 2022 Lenten journey we will be hearing many of these stories. The Barren Fig Tree and the Prodigal Son are two parables that will be heard during the Sunday morning liturgy. Five additional ones will be heard during Wednesday evening vespers; The Rich Fool, The Great Dinner, The Lost Sheep, The Dishonest Manager, and The Ten Pounds (Talents). You can see from the list that the parables will be the catalyst for Lenten preaching. We have invited Pastor Beth Schlegel and the congregations where she serves, St. Peter's North York and Christ Church Manchester to join us in our mid-week Lenten services. We shall listen anew to the parables of Jesus allowing his stories of faith and life to shape our own faith and life as we move from Ashes on Ash Wednesday (March 2) to the Alleluias of Easter (April 17). Plan now to join in person at St. Paul's church or through the live stream on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 PM. Please do share the link with friends, neighbors and coworkers. And may we all be renewed through hearing Jesus' parables calling us to a deeper relationship with him and with our neighbors.

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Services at Noon and 7:00 PM.



Live stream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church - South George St. York
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo_XvbdKxn2IYIg

St. Paul's, York

St. Peter's, York

Christ, Manchester

DATE	PARABLE	PREACHER	TEXT	LEADER	CANTOR
March 9	Rich Fool	Rev. Stan Reep	Luke 12:13-21	Rev. Beth Schlegel	Psalm 49:1-8 Carolyn Kapoun
March 16	Great Dinner	Rev. William Snyder	Luke 14:15-23	Rev. Beth Schlegel	Psalm 100 Carolyn Kapoun, Emily Reep, Stan Reep
March 23	Lost Sheep	Rev. Tom McKee	Luke 15:4-7	Rev. Stan Reep	Psalm 23 Quartet
March 30	Dishonest Manager	Rev. Beth Schlegel	Luke 16:1-11	Rev. Stan Reep	Psalm 67 Quartet
April 6	Ten Pounds	Rev. George Fitch	Luke 19:11-27	Rev. Beth Schlegel	Psalm 15 Emily Reep

SOUPS FOR LENTEN MEALS

Irish Creamy Carrot Soup SERVES 6 TO 8

For a thicker consistency add a chopped potato.

1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
4 carrots, diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon minced garlic
10 whole cloves
4 cups chicken stock or canned low-salt chicken broth
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
Pinch of sugar
Salt
Ground pepper
6 tablespoon heavy cream
Minced fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish

1. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat butter and oil. Add carrots, onions, garlic, and cloves; Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until vegetables are soft but not browned.

2. Add stock or broth, bring to boil, then reduce heat to low; cover, and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 30 minutes, or until carrots are tender. Remove cloves and discard. Remove from heat and let cool for 10 minutes.

3. Working in batches, transfer mixture to food processor or blender and purée until smooth. (May be prepared to this point 1 day ahead). Return purée to saucepan over medium heat and stir in lemon juice and sugar. Simmer until heated through; season with salt and pepper.

To serve, ladle the soup into shallow bowls; drizzle with cream and sprinkle with parsley.



My Big Fat Greek Lentil Soup SERVES 6

2 cups of small, brown lentil, rinsed
1/2 cup of olive oil
2 medium onions, diced
1 large carrot, peeled, halved and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
1 red pepper, seeded and diced
3 bay leaves
3/4 cup of pomodoro sauce (passata) or canned tomatoes
1 Tbsp. smoked paprika
8 cups of water
3 cloves of garlic, smashed + 5 cloves of garlic, minced for the end
2 Tbsp. dried oregano
salt to taste



1. Into a large pressure cooker, add your lentils, olive oil, onions, carrot, pepper, tomatoes, paprika, bay leaves, smashed garlic and water.

2. Close the lid; bring to a whistling boil on high heat.

3. As soon as your pressure cooker is whistling, turn the heat down to medium and simmer for 45 minutes.

4. Take off the heat, release the pressure from your pressure cooker and safely open the lid.

5. Add your 5 cloves of minced garlic, your oregano and adjust seasoning with salt or Vegeta seasoning.

6. Serve with good bread, black olives and pickled sweet peppers. Yield of six servings.

Egg Drop Soup SERVES 6

4 cups [chicken stock](#) (about 1 liter, organic or homemade preferred!)
1/2 teaspoon [sesame oil](#)
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon [white pepper](#)
1/2 teaspoon [turmeric](#) (Or 5 drops yellow food coloring. Optional, but if you want "the look...")
3 tablespoons [cornstarch](#) (mixed with 1/3 cup water)
3 eggs (lightly beaten)
1 [scallion](#) (chopped)



1. Bring the chicken stock to a simmer in a medium soup pot. Stir in the sesame oil, salt, sugar, and white pepper. Add in the turmeric or 5 drops of yellow food coloring, if using. This will give the soup that rich restaurant-style yellow color, but it is optional. Taste the soup, and adjust the seasoning if needed.
 2. Next add the cornstarch and water mixture. Make sure the cornstarch and water is mixed well, as the cornstarch settles very quickly. Stir the soup continuously as you drizzle in the slurry, or you'll get clumps of cooked starch in your soup. Use more or less starch if you like a thicker or thinner soup. You can also add the starch in a couple small batches, let the soup simmer for a couple of minutes, then check to see if the consistency is to your liking.
 3. Now we're ready for the most exciting part: the egg. This recipe calls for the egg to be lightly beaten, which results in both white and yellow egg swirls. The speed at which you stir the soup when adding the egg also determines whether you get large "egg flowers" or small egg flowers (i.e. swirly bits of egg). Use a ladle to stir the soup in a circular motion, and slowly drizzle in the egg until you have added it all.
- Ladle the soup into bowls, top with scallions, and serve!

Classic Italian Vegetable Minestrone Soup SERVES 6

1/4 cup (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil
2 cups (256 g) chopped carrots (3 large or 6 small carrots)
1/2 cup (80 g) chopped onion
2 tablespoons finely chopped garlic cloves
3 celery stalks, chopped
1 fennel bulb, trimmed and chopped
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 14-ounce can chopped tomatoes
2 15-ounce cans kidney or cannellini beans (or 1 of each), , drained
1 bay leaf
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1/2 pound (225 g) green beans, cut into 2-inch pieces
1 1/2 cups (90 g) small dried pasta, elbows, small shells or ditalini
2 cups (80 g) dark leafy greens such as spinach, chard or kale, roughly chopped
Grated Pecorino or Parmesan cheese, for serving



1. Heat the olive oil in a large (5 or 6 quart) soup pot over medium-high heat. Add the carrots and onion and cook 5 minutes, stirring. Add the garlic, celery and fennel and cook a few minutes more to soften.
2. Stir in the tomato paste, chopped tomatoes, beans, bay leaf, 2 teaspoons salt and black pepper to taste. Pour in 6 cups water and bring to a simmer. Partially cover the pot and cook 25 minutes at a simmer.
3. Add the green beans and pasta. Cook until the pasta is al dente. Turn off the heat and stir in the greens.
4. Taste the soup for seasoning. Serve warm with grated cheese.

All Sunday Morning classes, Adult and Children, will be on hiatus until Sunday, March 6th.

Sunday School classes for all ages will not be held in January and February. We hope to begin again at the start of Lent on March 6.

Parents: Pick up Sunday School leaflets for each of your children in The Good Shepherd Room. Each week's lesson corresponds with one of the lessons read in church that week. We hope you enjoy delving into the stories together with your children.

Spark family magazine provides ways for you to talk about God and Jesus with your children. St. Paul's subscribes to this magazine for our families with young children sending it directly to your home. . Take time to read the stories with your children and try out some of the activities. Enjoy growing in faith together. (If you are not receiving this magazine, simply call the church office and asked to be added to the subscription list.)

Music and Create—Tuesday evenings through April 5

During the month of February, the children in Preschool through Kindergarten will learn songs about friendship, compassion, and the Word of the Lord. They will share in the telling of New Testament stories about Jesus and his love for them along with a craft that they can take home to remind them about the story.

The youth in grades 1 through 6 will learn songs and instrumental music to be used during worship. They will continue learning about The Fruits of the Spirit through bible passages while creating a flag banner to take home.

During March and April, we will be concentrating on Lent along with a Holy week opportunity for families to take home and participate in.

We look forward to seeing everyone. If there is the need to add new information, cancel or make any changes to the Tuesday evenings Miss Kelly or Mr. Cody will notify you by text message and email. We will continue to follow St. Paul's Covid Committee guidelines and are asking everyone to wear a mask. Mr. Cody and Miss Kelly



Groundhog Day, Candlemas and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Growing up in Pennsylvania we were aware of our February celebrity Punxsutawney Phil. The annual trek to Gobbler's knob to find out if Phil would see his shadow, the hope of a shorter winter, the dreaded boos from the crowds when the news arrived, "six more weeks of winter." It wasn't until later in my life that Candlemas, the feast commemorating the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the Temple was placed on my radar. This event is recorded in the gospel of Luke 2:22-39, and in Leviticus 12:1-4 identifying the Jewish law and the requirement. The day became known as Christ with Simeon and from it we have a liturgical link to The Song of Simeon recorded in Luke 2:29-32, the *Nunc Dimittis*, or better known among us as "*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, my eyes have seen your salvation...*" On this day, 40 days after Christmas and the birth of the Christ Child, Mary was permitted to enter the Temple and present the Child. In my early days serving in a Lutheran parish the pastor at the time insisted that all of the Christmas decorations remained up until February 2nd. That did make for a good argument for not putting anything up prior to December 24th. Today few of us observe the day with liturgical observances if it does not fall on a Sunday. In 542 Emperor Justinian ordered the observance of the day in Constantinople as a thanksgiving for the cessation of plague. Perhaps next year, 2023, we can look forward to joyfully observing this day with a candle light liturgy marking the cessation of COVID and the havoc it has wrought upon us, the community, nation and world. On Wednesday, February 2nd please light a candle and offer prayer, not for a shorter winter, but for an end to the pandemic. And may our eyes be opened to see Christ among us and to offer through service his peace to our hurting community.

In love and service to our Lord,

Pastor Reep





Food Pantry—February

Items needed: Stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, jelly, boxed rice. We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.



Food Pantry volunteers needed. We need shelf stockers every other Sunday from 9-10:15 AM. . Contact Patty Snyder or the church office for details. We also need volunteers on Tuesdays for distribution of food to the community from 9:00-11:30 AM. Many people volunteer once a month. Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh or

Sunday Volunteers are needed for all positions during our Sunday services, especially for the early service Please contact the office if you are able to serve.

2022 Flower Chart

The 2022 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and to provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

2022 American Heritage Calendars

Please take calendars with you to use as an evangelism tool to assist you in talking about the Lord, Christ Jesus, and the ministry that is carried out in his name through our congregation. As Lutherans it seems that we have trouble when it comes to talking about faith and life. The good news is that you don't have to use religious sounding language. You simply need to use everyday words and tell the story. The story we are telling is about feeding the hungry. We do it week in and week out. We took on debt to do it. We are, as Jesus was and is, committed to feeding the hungry. Would you like to be part of that?

A donation, some of your money, some of your time, has been given over to and for the work of ministry when you or someone you are talking with receives a calendar and makes a donation. Honestly, it doesn't really matter the dollar amount. The calendar provides a person with a concrete tangible item that will remind them implicitly every day for a year about the importance of feeding the hungry. The story can be lengthened by telling about the art work, about the harvest dinner and auction, about the generosity of people giving. And then you can bring it to a close reminding yourself or another of the generosity of God's love of you and for you. Please take calendars and tell the story of the food pantry and of God's love.





February

Brrrrr!!!! Winter is in full swing throughout the preschool classrooms and hallways. During January, the children talked about winter things such as, snowflakes, snowmen, mittens and gloves. They even had the opportunity to drink and make mugs of hot chocolate. The children also focused on community helpers such as doctors, nurses, postal workers and garbage collectors. Along with these things, the students learned about Martin Luther King as we observed the holiday on Monday, January 17.

In January, we also opened registration for the 2022-2023 school year for our current preschool families. If you know any families who are interested in our Preschool, please have them contact us at 717-854-1996.

As we begin February, the children will learn about Groundhog Day and will be learning about God's Love for us and one another as we celebrate Valentine's Day. They will make hearts and share Valentine cards. We will end February celebrating and observing President's Day.

God's Peace and Love,

The Preschool Staff



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
February 15**

Please remember to notify Pastor Reep of any life events, illnesses, joys or concerns. Call the office 717-843-8155 or email st.paulsyork@comcast.net



Congregation Council Highlights

The council met for their regular meeting on January 10th via Zoom at 7 pm. The meeting was called to order. Ann Anstadt provided the opening prayer. Meeting minutes from the December 13th meeting were approved as written.

The council agreed upon having a retreat on January 22nd at 9am. The current plan is for the retreat to be held in-person and will follow CDC guidelines. The retreat will focus on the goals for this year and the future with each Council Member to consider, "What would you like to see happen at St. Paul's?"

Tristan Ericson provided the President's report. During the report, Tristin focused on the goals of St. Paul's Church, Council Members responsibilities and for the council to focus on the plans to enhance the life of the Church.

Peter O'Connor provided the treasurer's and audit reports. In his report, Peter commented on the strong December offerings, which will be finalized when year-end statements arrive. The Audit is in-process and council members will receive a copy.

The Council liaisons to committees were updated for 2022. The council reviewed the Churches Constitution and Bylaws and agreed to using Roberts Rules of Order for meeting order.

The Council discussed reports from the COVID task force. Council also discussed Insurance Policy detailed related to non-church related activities that are head on Church grounds, and the need for the group or groups who desire to use the Church to have an insurance rider to cover any incidents on church grounds.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Lipp



Family Ministry

Mark your calendars! Tuesday Picnics in the Park
May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16

The evening will include a picnic meal that each family will provide for their family, a bible story, activity and craft time. Families will gather at a York County Park at one of the pavilions located close to the playground, parking and restrooms.

More information will be provided in the April newsletter.



Just a note of thanks for the thoughts, prayers and concern for Betty Hoffmaster and family during her recent hospitalizations and move to Country Meadows. She passed on December 4 from a brain bleed caused by a fall. The kindness shown, cards and donations to St. Paul's Food Pantry on here passing were greatly appreciated.
Earline & Frank Jones and Family

2022 Church Offering Envelopes

Church offering envelopes for the 2022 calendar year are available in the Springettsbury lobby. Please make every effort to collect your packet. The envelopes are in a tablet form so that each week's envelope can simply be torn out and brought with you to worship or simply add a stamp and mail to the office if you aren't able to attend. This will save using an envelope and addressing an envelope. Also remember that you may contribute to the ministry of the congregation through electronic giving. See the church website stpaulsyork.org and click on the "Donate" button. Thanks for taking responsibility and securing your envelope packet for the 2022 and for your faithful support of St. Paul's mission and ministry.



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Worship Schedule

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