

Saint Luke UMC

The + Acts

April 29, 2026

The Confirmation Journey 2026



Confirmation Sunday

The 2026 Confirmation Class was welcomed into membership at Saint Luke this past Sunday with 18 confirmands taking this important step in their faith journey. Their adventure included a wonderful trip to Buffalo Lake where they were blessed by Betsy James sharing her faith story. Later that evening, as part of their "lock in," Dalton Peele spoke with the confirmands about his life at Saint Luke and took the class on an insider's tour of the church. Later in the month, the Confirmands field trip included a visit to the Methodist Building where Becki Leland and Rev. Beth Hood showed them around. The

morning also included time with Bishop Shelton. Stops at the Methodist Home for Children and Duke University rounded out their day. This past Sunday, after the morning's activities, the Confirmands and their mentors enjoyed a delicious cookout and a rousing game of kick ball. The game ended in a 12-12 tie. Special thanks to Kevin and Terri Kirkman for cooking and to everyone who provided goodies. Thanks, also, to all the parents who provided meals during the Confirmation classes, to Sheila Forbes and Mary Lynne Stephens for recruiting and assigning mentors, as well as organizing the cookout, and to Buck Harris and Anna Stinson for accompanying the Confirmands on their field trip. Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2026!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loving God. Loving Others.
SANFORD, NC



**Saint Luke UMC
Calendar of Events
April 29—May 6, 2026**



Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.

Thursday, April 30

10:30 am Thursday Bible Study—Room #221/223

Sunday, May 3

**Red Bird Fundraiser Coffee and
Snack Bar**

8:30 am Worship Service—Casey Chapel
9:00 am Worship Service with Kingdom Kids
Graduation and Presentation of
Third Grade Bibles—Davenport CLC
9:45 am Wesley/Parker/Hunter Class—Rm. #233
9:45 am Moffitt-Hoyle-Jones Class—Rm 222/224
10:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am Worship Service —Sanctuary
2:00 pm ARK Ministry—Forbes Family Kitchen
4:30 pm JAM—DCLC and Room #116/118

Monday, May 4

9:00 am Women’s Events and Retreats Team—
Room #222/224
6:00 pm CCA Senior Awards and Banquet—
Davenport CLC
6:00 pm United Methodist Men—Rm #222/224

Tuesday, May 5

5:30 am Pickleball—Davenport CLC
9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive—Davenport CLC

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 am Mid-Week Message—Facebook Live
6:00 pm Scholarship Committee—Conf. Room
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm.



Preparing for Worship ...

Scriptures for May 3, 2026

Psalm 100
1 Peter 4:8-11

Mark 10:42-45



*Flower
Donations*

To reserve a date to place flowers in one of our worship services in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a special occasion, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012.



United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 congregations and their pastors worldwide into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered six-week emphasis, **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously**. This emphasis will equip congregations to extend the vision of the church and receive a special offering to help support **500 students annually** to prepare for pastoral ministry across **Africa, Europe, and the Philippines**. This initiative will culminate with a special offering on Miracle Sunday, May 17, 2026.



**Help
Needed!**

Help is needed to move a piano to

the home of a church member. If you have a truck with a lift or ramp and can help move a small piano from the church to a member’s home, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or by email at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com.

The Pastors' Page

“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” - Luke 4:16-21

In Latin America, starting in the 1960s, Catholic priests and lay members started a movement that is now known as liberation theology. One of the founders was Priest Gustavo Gutiérrez, who wrote many books on the subject of liberation theology and how, as Christians, we should live. One of Gutiérrez’s main arguments is that our faith should not just be cerebral, but action-oriented. One of the foundational liberation theology beliefs is that sin is the ultimate cause of poverty, injustice, and oppression, and that Jesus came to liberate all people from sin and what sin causes. Overall, it is a belief that God is a liberating God, and if we believe in God, we should think and act in liberating ways. In Latin America, this led to many churches gathering together to fight against the oppressive governments. During my time at Duke, I have learned a lot about liberation theology and how viewing Jesus as a liberator is important to those who are oppressed, impoverished, and experiencing injustice.

A passage from the Bible that agrees with liberation theology is Luke 4:16-21. In Luke 4:16-21, when Jesus reads the Isaiah scroll, Jesus takes on the mantle of Isaiah and his calling. Jesus prioritizing the poor, imprisoned, blind, and oppressed is an example of liberation theology’s argument. This passage further reinforces the liberation theology argument that Jesus is a liberator who has come to free the poor and oppressed. This is Jesus’ message: He has come to bring total liberation. Jesus is a liberator, the one who breaks social boundaries and turns everything upside down. Jesus is saying that poverty and oppression are not God’s will, and he is here to change these things. If Jesus is a liberating God who came to free everyone from slavery to sin, then that’s going to turn some things upside down! God is going to liberate the poor and oppressed, and in that process, the people in power who were oppressing them are going to fall. Oftentimes, we talk about how Jesus came to save us, which is absolutely true! But what we don’t often discuss is that Jesus also came to save and liberate the poor, marginalized, and oppressed (Luke 4:18-19). Our God came to save everyone, and liberation theology helps us take a wider view and not just focus on ourselves. This week, what if we considered Jesus as the liberator? What would it look like to join Jesus’ mission of liberation?

Abigail



Connor John Campion
Mentor: Grant Brown



Anna Leigh Cox
Mentor: Colbie Normann Stephens



Evelyn Marie "Evie" Cox
Mentor: Mary Blaire Stephens



Oliver Noah Davenport
Mentor: Wesley Stewart



Aiva Caerus Grant
Mentor: Rachel Greybill



Sawyer Cameron Hendrick
Mentor: Murphy Paderick

Confirmation Class of 2026



Henry Robert Liggett
Mentor: Nick Jones



Sawyer Grey Paderick
Mentor: Carter Forbes



Noah Christopher Sims
Mentor: Stewart Post



Payton Grace Sims
Mentor: Shanna Kelly



Audrey Marie Sindelir
Mentor: Ashlee Beal



Brooke Virginia Sindelir
Mentor: Rebecca Harris



Calli Elizabeth Sindelir
Mentor: Dare Wright



Robert Bruce Slate
Mentor: Keaton Forbes



Camden Conrad "Cam" Smith
Mentor: Russell Tatum



Mackenzie Smith Stinson
Mentor: Taylor Wilson



Madison Kate Stinson
Mentor: Blake Post



Katherine Taylor "Kate" Vernon
Mentor: Lexie Anne Brown

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him." Colossians 2:6-7





RED BIRD MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Saint Luke's Coffee & Snack Bar

ONE DAY ONLY - SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

The Red Bird Mission Team will reprise the Coffee & Snack Bar as a *fund-raiser* for our 2026 trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky (June 16-21). We invite the congregation to enjoy the bounty. Donations will be gratefully accepted in order to help offset our Red Bird Team's expenses. We have eight team members committed to going so far, and have room for a few more. See Rev. Judy Drye if you are interested in going. Each participant will have to raise \$500 for the privilege of serving the folks in this impoverished area.

"How else may I help," you ask? We need baked goods, finger foods and delicious snacks to grace our snack bar. If you are willing to provide goodies for our May 3 event, please **contact Rev. Judy Drye or sign up in Sunday School or on the bulletin boards.**



Kids Just Wanna Have FUN!!

Saint Luke After School Summer Program

Monday—Friday from 8 am to 5:30 pm

Weekly Tuition: \$190

Week of June 1—5: Kids in the Kitchen Week

Week of June 8—12: Sports Week

Week of June 15—19: Exploring Nature and Water Week

Week of June 22—26: Arts & Crafts Week

Week of July 6—10: Science and Farm Week

Space is still available most weeks—hurry and register before they fill up!

Contact Carolyn Lee for more information or to register:
afterschool@saintlukeumc.org or 919-770-0607





The Endowment Fund: Stories & Impact

The Endowment Fund has collected personal stories of clergy and lay people who explain the importance of theological education. Some share how they have personally been transformed. Others witness the impact their studies have had on their present ministry. Others urge the need to improve and sustain theological education.



László Khaled Abdo, Hungary

I was quite young when I took over from my predecessor as superintendent of the UMC in Hungary, and by divine grace I am coming to the end of this special ministry after eight years. As part of a new generation, I hoped to represent new culture, new ideas, and new emphases. Now it's important that I pass on the baton with humility, so that those who come after me will be able to take the next steps according to their gifts. As Paul writes in Colossians, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." (Col 4:17)

My wife, Klára Boglárka, and I have four children (Lilián, Benjámín, Simon, Sophie) ranging in age from 5 to 15. I love spending any free time with them.

Before starting my theological education, I earned an MA in History and in Cultural Management at the University of Pécs, then spent one year at Szeged UMC. This time helped me experience the reality of pastoral ministry firsthand. Thankfully, the Lord helped me in these challenges and confirmed my calling. After my internship, I moved to Budapest to begin my theological studies, where I was assigned to Budapest-Óbuda UMC, keeping me engaged with continuous pastoral ministry throughout my education.

After completing five years at the Lutheran Theological University in Budapest, I was assigned to Szolnok UMC for six years. Throughout my theological education, God kept and renewed my call to the ministry, both a sign of faithfulness and a miracle. I had received my call to the ministry at the age of sixteen, and I received my pastoral diploma at the age of thirty, fourteen years later. During this time, I also learned that our calling is to be a missionary Church. We are not theoretical specialists, but Jesus Christ sends us into real situations with practical tasks, duties and a message that impacts the world.

An important stage in my theological journey was my three years of training in the Methodist E-Academy, a European program for Methodist Churches that do not have their own theological seminary. I learned about the deeper context of Methodist theology and spirituality and was particularly influenced by the international inter-connectionality of Methodism. An additional fruit of these years was that in 2024, we were able to establish the Hungarian-Romanian Annual Conference, an extraordinary Methodist witness in a world where countless events seem to tend towards ruptures and polarization.

I also received many valuable ministry tools, especially the study of church history. My interest in the history of The United Methodist Church in Hungary convinced me that God has given our Church a special missionary focus from the beginning. Later, I earned a doctorate in this subject. As one Methodist bishop who was beginning his own ministry by founding a mission in Hungary said, "The history of our Church can be read as the Acts of the Apostles."

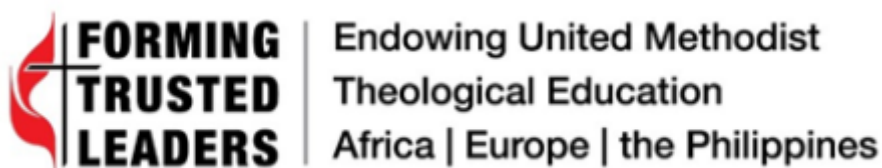
My theological education has also been an ecumenical relationship-building experience, in life-changing and formative ways. Trained initially at a Lutheran institution, I have maintained those relationships. As Methodists, theological education has placed the extraordinary value of ecumenism at our hearts. I see this as increasingly important, particularly in my ministry as a superintendent.

Our biggest challenge is still the lack of pastors. I am grateful for new young pastoral colleagues, local pastors, and lay missionaries. We are fortunate to have the active participation of our laity, which is aligned with our Methodist heritage. Several of them are continuing their studies either as pastors, faith teachers, or even deacons. More and more of the latter come from Roma congregations.

I am also very grateful to the Lord for the emergence of new places of ministry and mission stations. Buildings have opened to us, new home groups have been born, new Roma communities have been formed, and we have also taken over a large school, which has become the second school in Hungary maintained by The United Methodist Church. The future of vacant rural properties and congregations is an important challenge and requires us to make serious decisions. We need to turn to the places where doors open and needs await.

At the end of every letter I write, I include Matthew 28, Jesus' invitation and commandment to "Make disciples of all nations." We cannot pick and choose the targets of the Gospel, but we must open our hearts to the world. The other message of this phrase is the need to become and remain Jesus' disciples. Going forward, let us be a Jesus-focused Church; let us be a disciple-making Church.

Note: Funding for theological education for students like László will be sustained through gifts to the Endowment Fund for Theological Education



By raising funds for The Endowment for Theological Education outside the U.S., we aim to equip 500 additional graduates each year to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. Together, we can provide our future leaders with the tools and resources they need—rooted in a Wesleyan mindset of joining knowledge and vital piety—to impact lives and communities for generations to come.

Miracle Sunday - May 17, 2026

A miracle offering following the model of 1 Chronicles 29, as we humble ourselves and give generously

Together, United Methodists around the world will raise up new generations of clergy leaders through a one-time worldwide offering on May 17, 2026.

Empower Ministry. Inspire Hope. Support Global Leaders.

United Methodists around the world have received a call to full-time ministry. They want to be equipped. Outside the USA, there are vast geographical areas and multiple languages, huge distances to a Methodist seminary, limited financial resources, few trained teachers, and small libraries.

Africa University is the only institution with a substantial endowment. But most candidates for a new generation of United Methodist clergy are trained in other institutions in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Their theological education will form trusted leaders. They need our support.

Together, we aim to establish sustainable support by investing in theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

Through this effort, we seek to address a long-standing disparity: **71% of U.S. clergy hold a master's degree**, compared to only **5% outside the U.S.** While the General Conference allocates more than **\$50 million** for 13 U.S. seminaries, only \$5 million is provided for more than 20 seminaries in other regions of the world. This initiative is an opportunity for us to help close that gap and support the development of strong, well-prepared leaders across our global connection.



Walter Kingfisher West

Born April 15, 2026
8 pounds, 9 ounces
20 1/4 inches long

Son of Trent & Victoria
Clark-West, of
Roseville, Minnesota

Proud Grandparents:
Mark & Melanie West,
of Sanford
and
The Rev. Jan Crissinger,
of Roseville, Minnesota

*"Children are a heritage from
the LORD, offspring
a reward from him."*

Psalm 127:3

Welcome to
the World!!



Join us
for



Keenagers

Thursday, May 21st

12:00 pm in Room #222/224

All Keenagers (men and women age 65 and up) are invited to attend! Come and share a delicious lunch, great fellowship, and a fun program! Cost for lunch is \$6. Please sign up in Sunday School, or on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office at 919-776-2012 by Monday, May 18th if you plan to attend. Don't miss out!

YOU'RE INVITED

90 YEAR OLD & BETTER CELEBRATION RECEPTION

The Enrichment Center is honored to celebrate all Lee County residents, who are aged 90 and better, with a reception on **Wednesday, May 27th at 2pm.**

Please RSVP by Friday, May 22nd.
(919) 776-0501 ext. 2203.
One guest allowed per 90-year-old.

The Enrichment Center of Lee County
N.C. Certified Senior Center of Excellence
1615 S. Third Street / Sanford, NC 27330
leecountync.gov/departments/senior_services
<https://www.facebook.com/LCEnrichmentCenter>



**LEE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT**
SENIOR SERVICES



United Women In Faith

General Meeting and Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 11th - 12:00 pm;
Room #222/224; Cost is \$5

All women of the church are invited.
Reservations are required by May 7th.

Please contact Kathy Jones if you have questions
(919-770-1158 or kmjones1967@gmail.com)



Saint Luke's Red Bird Mission Trip Is June 21 - 26, 2026 Who Will Go?

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'
And I said, 'Here am I, send me.'" Isaiah 6:8**

Plans for our 9th mission trip to Red Bird are underway! Is this your year to join the team and donate six days of your time, energy and skills to needy families in eastern Kentucky? If so, contact Judy Drye at 919-545-6780 or judydrye@nccumc.org. A \$50 registration fee is required, payable to Saint Luke ASAP. The balance of \$450 will be offset by team contributions and generous donations from church members. Fees cover room and board as well as the materials needed for the project we will adopt. The dates for our trip are June 21-26. As our team theme song states: "Red Bird is the place to be!" You won't regret supporting this 100+ year old ministry that seeks to meet the needs of their impoverished communities.

WE THANK OUR
MEALS ON WHEELS
 VOLUNTEERS!

Many, many thanks to our **United Methodist Men and helpers** for delivering Meals on Wheels in April. Our volunteers were: **Tom Coggin, Leslie Cox, Nancy Fluke, Marsha and Ted Havens, Ann and Neal Kightlinger, Susan and Mike Laudate, Eric Pittard, and Bob Sanford.** Your faithfulness and dedication to this worthwhile ministry is greatly appreciated.

Saint Luke UMC is in charge of all the Mondays of the year. We have six groups delivering, so each group does two months. Our drivers cover five routes and deliver approximately 35 meals in total between 10 a.m. and 12 noon every Monday. In some cases, our drivers may be the only personal contact the client has that day. Deliveries are typically in teams, but it can be done individually.

We can always use more volunteers. You do not need to be a member of UMM, United Women in Faith, or other designated group. If you are interested in participating in this important ongoing ministry, please call Marsha Havens at 919-776-3624 for more information.

UNITED METHODIST
MEN



May Meeting: Monday, May 4
Program by Preacher Eddie
6:00 pm - Room #222/224

Men of all ages are welcome!
Bring a friend!

Come join us for great fellowship and a short program. **Meet and greet will begin at 6:00 pm in Room #222/224. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by our program, which will be presented by Preacher Eddie regarding his recent "Journeys of Paul" trip to Greece. Cost for dinner is \$10.** Don't forget to bring a jar of jelly for our "Jelly for Jesus" program, as well as "TP, PT, and H2O" (toilet paper, paper towels, and bottled water). We will also be accepting donations of **BEANS** for CUOC. They can be canned or dried, any size, any brand. Voluntary annual dues of \$75 may be paid to Bob Sanford.

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards outside the Parlor upstairs and near the Williams Lobby downstairs, or you can sign up in your Sunday School class. You may also call the church office at 919-776-2012 to make reservations.

And let us consider how to spur one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another . . ." Hebrews 10:24-25a

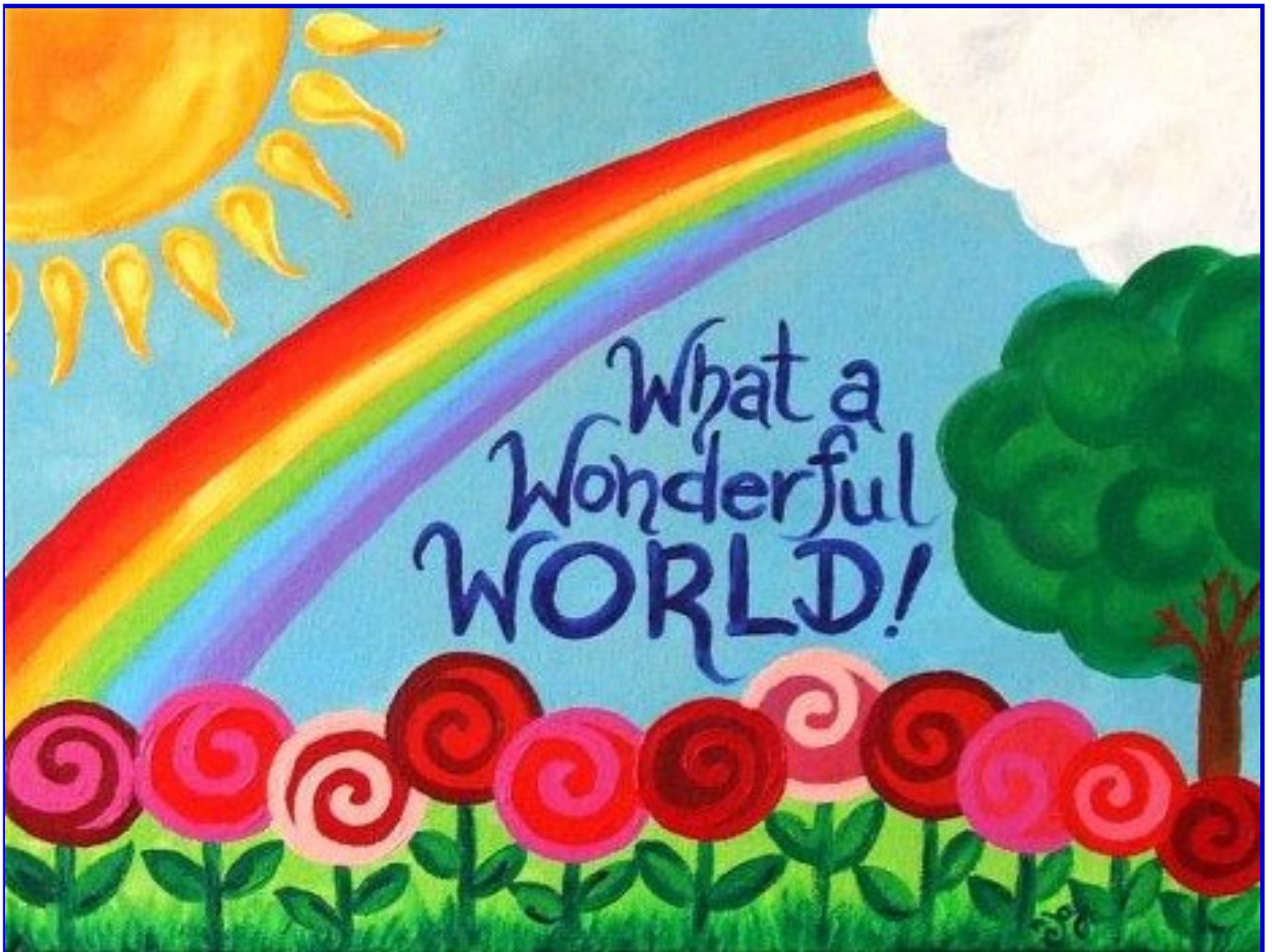
Adult Christian Singles 50+ Lunch



Our Singles 50+ group will meet on Sunday, May 17. Anyone who is over 50 and single is welcome to join us for a Dutch treat lunch and warm fellowship.

Reservations are helpful, but not required.

Sunday, May 17 at 12:30 pm
Davison's Steaks
(1724 Westover Drive)



VBS 2026 "What a Wonderful World"
is June 22 - 25!!

Register Now at www.vbsmate.com/saintluke

Friday Friends Team

Helping the church with
whatever needs fixin'!

- Replacing light bulbs
- Repairing broken items
- Building shelves
- Organizing closet space
- Deep cleaning areas
- Other stuff as needed



Our Friday Friends team will meet **Friday, May 15** to complete several projects around the church. We will meet at **9:00 am and work no later**

than 12 noon. There will be some cleaning as well as repairs. More details will be available soon. If you are able to help, please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at charlottebrendel@yahoo.com.



Lost and Found!

Missing a water bottle? Check the coffee bar in the Williams Lobby. We have quite a collection!

WEDNESDAYS
DAILY

BREAKFAST



All men are welcome!

Please join us on the
SECOND AND FOURTH Wednesdays
at 7 am in
the Davenport CLC!

Upcoming dates are 5/13 and 5/27.
Cost is \$7.




**Next Gathering:
May 20**

Ladies Lunch & Learn

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Davison's Restaurant
1724 Westover Drive
Sanford, NC

Ladies of all ages are welcome!

Mark your calendars! Summer dates are July 8, 15, 22, and 29!



GRIEF COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Jackie Petty, MA, LCMHC is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor who can provide individual or family counseling for persons experiencing a time of grief and loss. With a Master's degree in Community Counseling, Jackie has been in private practice for 15 years and has over 25 years of experience in offering Trauma-Focused therapy to adults and children, as well as clients with anxiety and depression. The grief journey can be a complex time of confusion and sadness with feelings of uncertainty and deep pain. It can be difficult to sort through these feelings alone. Jackie would like to offer free counseling to anyone who believes it could be beneficial for them. These sessions are confidential and discreet and can be offered at the church or in your home. For more information, please contact Jackie Petty at 919-770-4588 or by email at jackiepetty@windstream.net.



ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Support Group

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30 am.

Saint Luke's Support Group for Caregivers and their loved ones living with dementia meets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month. Susan Hardy leads the Caregivers Support Group in one room and the care recipients participate in another room with planned activities led by experienced volunteers. **Please call the church office at 919-776-2012 if you and your loved one plan to attend. We need a head-count so that we may plan accordingly.**



Attention: 2026 Graduates

If you are graduating from **High School OR College** this spring, or have a child who is graduating, please notify Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org. We would like to have the following information:

- ◆ *the graduate's full name*
- ◆ *the name of the high school or college from which they are graduating*
- ◆ *the degree they received (for college graduates)*
- ◆ *any honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude for college graduates; Beta Club, NHS, NTHS, etc. for high school graduates)*
- ◆ *plans for the Fall (for high school students)*
- ◆ *and a picture of the graduate (may be in cap and gown or not)*

Students who graduated in December, 2025 are welcome to submit their information as well!

This information will be included in an upcoming edition of the Acts and in our graduation booklet on Senior Sunday. **The deadline to submit information is Thursday, May 14th.**

***We are proud of you all!
Help us celebrate YOU!***



CUOC and Backpack Pals **May Needs**



Every month during 2026, Saint Luke will be collecting specific items for CUOC and Backpack Pals. Donation bins will be set up in the Williams Lobby and Perry Foyer. United Methodist Men and United Women in Faith are spearheading the collection for CUOC, and Saint Luke Preschool and Saint Luke After School Care are taking the lead for the Backpack Pals collection, but everyone is welcome to participate.

In May, we are collecting BEANS for CUOC (may be dried or canned). For Backpack Pals we are collecting CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP (any brand, pop-top cans or individual servings). Thank you for helping make sure our neighbors have what they need!

On behalf of the Saint Luke Missions Committee, a big Thank You to UMM, UWIF, and the preschool and afterschool children for making a year-long commitment to support the CUOC pantry and Backpack Pals.

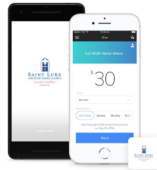




EASY, FAST, AND SECURE: 3 Convenient Ways to Give to Saint Luke UMC

- via your phone by texting “stluke” to 1-888-364-4483 [GIVE]
- online here: <https://www.saintlukeumc.org/givetosaintlukeumcsanford>
- through our downloadable app here: <https://subsplash.com/saintlukeumc/app>

For your convenience, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. For more information or help with Subsplash Giving, please contact the church office.



Fast and Easy Giving
Saint Luke UMC



SUBSPASH

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Jesus loves me
this I know



Let's Have Coffee!

COFFEE HOUR

The Emmaus Community is hosting a

Coffee Hour in the Williams Lobby prior to the 9:00 worship service on the **4th Sunday of each month**. Join us on Sunday, May 24 for fellowship and coffee!

Spring for the Promise
Food Tasting and Fundraising Event
www.familypromiseofleecounty.org

Tuesday May 12, 2026
5:30-7:30pm
Elks Club
910 Carthage St
Sanford, NC 27330
Tickets \$35
Call 919.718.1540




SAINT LUKE UMC'S CreationCare

1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."
1 Corinthians 10:26

SAINT LUKE RECYCLES!

Thank you to everyone who is joining our efforts to recycle as a church family! Please refer to the instructions included on or beside/above (on the wall) the receptacles for the items that are NOT recyclable (i.e., NOT used plastic utensils and dirty food containers) - and remember to donate your plastic bags to the ARK!

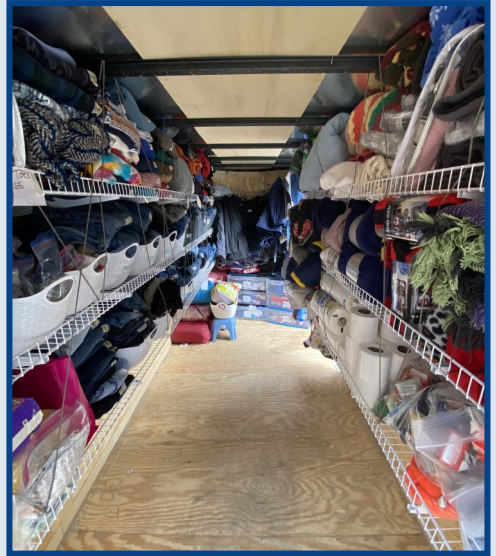
See It?? Say It!!

We are blessed with a wonderful facility in which to worship and serve God and we want to maintain it as God's house should be maintained! If you see anything around the church that needs attention ... things that are broken, dirty, need repair, light bulbs that need replacing, etc., please contact Rev. Charlotte Brendel at 919-776-2012 or charlottebrendel@yahoo.com. We need your help to "see" things in the building that need attention—and then to "say" what you have seen so that we can fix it!



The ARK Ministry

There are many ways you can help with this ministry which provides direct aid to some of our neighbors most in need. Volunteers are always welcome! To volunteer, please reach out to the lead cook for the week you'd like to serve. If that week's jobs are filled, you will be added to the list for another week.



CURRENT NEEDS: NEW OR GENTLY USED BATH TOWELS

Ways you can help:

- ♥ Help deliver meals
- ♥ Pull the ARK with your truck on Sundays
- ♥ Bake a dessert to go with the meal

Contact Lisa Harrington (919-770-2595) or Kim Osborne (919-545-4838) if you have questions or to volunteer. Text messages preferred.



Upcoming Lead Cooks

- 5/3 Gus Gomez
- 5/10 Pat Greybill
- 5/17 Gus Gomez

Upcoming Packing Teams

- 5/3 Genesis Class / Peele
- 5/10 Johnson/Havens/Selix (No Trailers)
- 5/17 Heins / TBD

Loving God, Loving Others.





Attention: GUYS!
Fairway District UMM
Scholarship Available!

The Fairway District United Methodist Men is offering a scholarship to young men from churches in the Fairway District who will be attending a college or trade school during the 2026-2027 academic year. If you'd like an application, contact Laura in the church office at 919-776-2012 or laura@saintlukeumc.org. **Deadline to apply is July 17, 2026.**

Thought for the Day

*"Sometimes God puts you
in places ALONE
because He needs you
to realize you do not
need anyone but
HIM."*



Unknown

Fairway District United Methodist Men Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 3

1:30 pm

Sanford Golf Course

\$85/person; \$340/team

Proceeds benefit the FDUMM
Scholarship Fund.

Entry forms available in the church office.

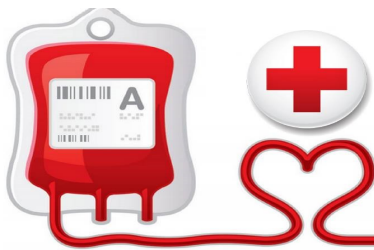
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**American
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Save a Life, Give Blood

**Saint Luke UMC is sponsoring
a Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

in the Davenport Christian Life Center

To make an appointment, go to:
www.redcrossblood.org. Type in our Zip code
(27330) at the prompt, and scroll down to
May 5 — Saint Luke UMC.

Walk-ins are also welcome!



Professional Counseling Services Available

Rev. Marti Hatch, MDiv, MA,
LCMHC, NCC, is now available
to schedule counseling ap-
pointments with clients. This is
available to members of Saint

Luke UMC and the broader Sanford community. Clients will meet with Rev. Hatch in the Church Parlor/Prayer Room. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please contact Rev. Hatch at hatch.marti@gmail.com or call 919-750-7949. All appointments and financial arrangements will be made through Rev. Hatch.



Greeters for the 9:00 service, please be in place in the Williams Lobby at 8:40 am.

Greeters for the 11:00 service, please be in place in the Perry Foyer at 10:40 am.

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| May 3 | (9:00) | Neal & Ann Kightlinger and Paul Hood |
| | (11:00) | Mary Jo Parks |
| May 10 | (9:00) | Jeff & Denise Hedrick |
| | (11:00) | Kim Osborne |
| May 17 | (9:00) | Chad & Anna Stinson |
| | (11:00) | Ted Havens |

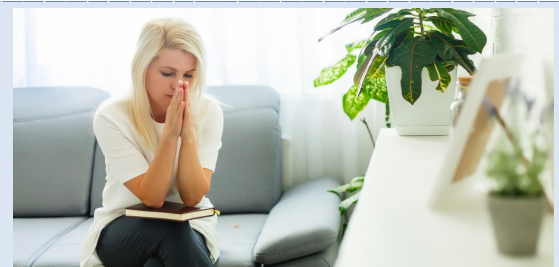


DCLC (9:00 worship)

May: Ashlee Beal and Mallory Paderick

Casey Chapel and Sanctuary (8:45 & 11:00 worship)

May: Susan Nave, Patti Cox, and Toni Davenport-Morse



Draw and Name and Pray for

a Member of Your Church Family!

Last year, our Prayer Team began the **Prayer Bowl Project**. The goal is to have every member held in prayer by name during each Sunday service whether you are in the sanctuary or at home. A new set of names has been made for this year. If you'd like to participate, come by the church office and draw a name, or call Laura in the church office (919-776-2012) and ask her to draw a name for you. You do not need to know anything about the person or family you have drawn. God already knows their every need! Can you imagine how God might smile to hear every member of Saint Luke's family held up in prayer each Sunday? When you become a member of the Saint Luke family, you will never walk alone again!

Scripture Readers Schedule



May 3

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| 8:30 am | Ram Upadhyaya |
| 9:00am | Ronnie Jones |
| 11:00 am | Bob Joyce |

May 10

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| 8:30 am | Sara O'Quinn |
| 9:00 am | Susan Laudate |
| 11:00 am | JB Weeks |

May 17

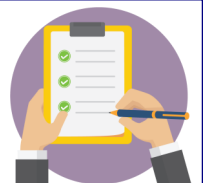
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| 8:30 am | Sandra Hancock |
| 9:00 am | Neal Kightlinger |
| 11:00 am | Alice Heins |

Lead Ushers for 9:00 Worship



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| May 3 | Neal Kightlinger |
| May 10 | Ned Heins |
| May 17 | Philip Kelly |

Attendance Counter for 9:00 Worship



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| May 3 | Scott Phillips |
| May 10 | Ed Spidler |
| May 17 | Bob Hughes |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 29—May 6

Birthdays:

(4/29) Will Harris
Kerry King
Kelly Perry

(5/1) Jane Miller

(5/2) Kyle Devlin
Clarke Hincks
Thomas Tatum
Becky Whitaker

(5/3) Ron Elder

(5/4) Carter Forbes
Wyatt Stone

(5/5) Hazel Davenport
Bruce Greybill
Marleigh Normann
Eugene Thomas

(5/6) Brenda Arey
Derek Borrell
Ross Peele
Mary Della Slate

Anniversaries

(4/29) Kelly & Sterling Parker



membership

prayers | presence | gifts | service | witness

FAITHFUL GIVING REPORT

Total Budget Needed Weekly	\$24,835.00
Total Offering General Funds Received 4/26/26	\$14,599.00
Designated Funds Received 4/26/26	\$650.00

April Attendance

	2024	2025	2026	2026 In Person 8:30/9:00/11:00	2026 Virtual YouTube
Week 1	*577	*284	*611	43/34/266/165	35/68
Week 2	*1138	*375	*531	37/375/66	34/19
Week 3	*471	*605	*319	42/104/102	42/29
Week 4	*572	*269	*443	36/269/71	44/23
Week 5	*				
April Avg.	*715	*383	*476		

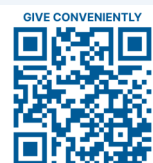
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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18*

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Prayer Requests

Received as of April 29, 2026

Our Known Prayer Needs

Holly Baker	Sandra Gallagher	Pat Mace	Georgann Roberts
Judy Baker	Ed Garrison	Joe Martin	Irene Smith
Annie Bolger	Lisa Harden	Cathy & Tyson McCoy	Patsy & Ira Smith
Chris Burns	Marsha Havens	Liz McGrath	Miller Stewart
Patti and Stephen Cox	Denise Hedrick	Bob Michaud	Mackenzie Stinson
Sarah Curry	Lloyd Jennings	Beulah Mooneyham	Patrick Sr. & Nan Touchard
Jean Davenport	Claudia Key	Dave Nave	Denise and Tom Trafelet
Susie Dixon	Kevin Kirkman	Betty Newell	Kristin Vernon
Rev. Judy Drye	Susan Larsen	Parker Normann	Gordon Washburn
Janet Edrington	Hayley Liggett	Jan Olsen	David Whitfield
Harvey Forbes	Dorothy Lloyd	Mary Jo Parks	Heather McCoy Wicker
Linda Fowler	Mary Loving	Nick Porter	Sandy Woodard
Savannah Lynn Franzoia	Claudia Mace	Bill Ray	Helen Yarborough

Other Known Prayer Requests

Larry Andrews	Martha Eigenbrodt	Joel Lawrence	Barbara Rivera
Deborah Alvord	Daniel Facemire	Susan Lewis	Sean Robbins
Gray Barnhill	Fred & Lisa Ferguson	Hannah Lindsey	Roy Rud and family
Angie and Ron Beech	Carol Fuller	Elliot Mann	Sally Lawrence Sandifer
Bruce and Linda Benton	Lynn Gagliardi	Daniel McCraw (USAF)	Juanita Showalter
June Brantley	Dr. Roy Gaines, Jr.	Allyssa McNeal	Paula Smith
Jan Brooks	Teresa Goins	Mary Gibbs Mickleberry	Ryan Smith
Bonnie Brown	Keri Grant	Daniel Newman	Jackson Snipes
Moses Cabrera	Tim Gregory	Carlie Anne Nicholson	Betty Spence
Betty Caldwell	Lura Hill	Jennifer Nicholson	Blake Strickland
Karen and Brian Caldwell	Margaret Hubbard	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Denny Swarmer
Norman Cooper	Rick Huneycutt	Greg Patterson	Dr. Vance Thomas
Jamie Covil	Jamie Hunt	Wade and Janie Peele	Lavelle and Sharon Waters
Jeff Cummings	Allene Jarvis	Helen Krick Poole	Jimmy Wilkins
Linda & Dalton Davis	Beckisue Brown Joyner	Kate Redenbaugh	William Beckett "Beck"
Pat Dillon	Scott Keller	Andy Reeder	Woodell
Diedre Dowdy	David Lane	Tina Rickard	Connie Zaring
Brian Drye			

Sympathy to . . .

To add or remove a name from the Prayer List or to request a pastoral visit, please use a Prayer Request card or call the church office.

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Saint Luke United Methodist Church

Sunday Service Times

8:30 am—Traditional Service—Casey Chapel

9:00 am—Contemporary Service—Davenport Christian Life Center

11:00 am—Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes for all ages at 10:00 am

Our Church Staff—Contact us!

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Minister of Visitation
Children and Family Ministry
Youth Ministry
Coordinator of Contemporary Music
Director of Music Ministries
Office Manager
Bookkeeper
Receptionist
Receptionist
AV/IT Coordinator
Preschool Director
Afterschool Director
Organist Emeritus, Posthumous

Rev. Eddie Hill, Elder
Rev. Charlotte Brendel, Deacon
Rev. Judy Drye, Elder
Katherine Holt
Abigail Thompson
Curtis Moore
Rodney Oldham
Laura Alverson
Pat Angel
Rebecca Little
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