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Saturday Night

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**Fall
Back**



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The Immanuel Chimes
November 2020

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

9:00AM Sunday School in Sanctuary for Everyone

10:00AM Worship & Communion for Everyone

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6TH -12TH GRADES 6:30-8:00pm

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Daylight Saving Time Ends on
Sunday, November 1st ! Set your clocks back
and come to Confirmation Style Sunday School
for the whole family which begins at 9:00AM
in the Sanctuary!

Sunday Morning Worship will begin at
10:00AM in our Sanctuary!

Pastor's Page

Our Daily Rituals – Morning Prayer

Last month in The Chimes, we talked about why it's important to take time and remember our Baptisms first thing in the morning and in moments where we are in need of respite and peace. This month, I'd like to offer to you a morning prayer. My seminary shared a campus with an Anglican seminary, and the Anglicans start every morning with morning prayer. It's a beautiful service and a beautiful discipline. It's peaceful and somber and centering, and for many, many people it is exactly how they want to start their day in front of the Lord. There is a place for somberness, there is a place for quiet, peaceful introspection, and sometimes that truly fills our hearts. But often times, I need joy. I need the type of morning worship that prompts me to sing, prompts me to laugh, prompts me to dance before the altar of the Lord. I have been on a quest to figure out what my morning prayer should look like, and I've finally settled on a camp blessing that has become very dear to me called the "Johnny Appleseed Blessing." (If you'd like to listen to the tune of this prayer, you can find it on youtube as "Johnny Appleseed Song." It's the cartoon video!) The words of this sung blessing are:

"Oh, the Lord's been good to me,
And so I thank the Lord!
For giving me the things I need,
Like the sun and the rain and the apple tree.
The Lord's been good to me!
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Aaaaaaaaamen!"

My last summer at camp, we sang this prayer every Thursday morning, bright and early, right at the crack of dawn. It was the blessing of choice before taking kids on our weekly white water rafting outing. It's the blessing we pray when we want to make sure the waters are high, but not too high. It's the blessing we pray when we want to make sure that our picnic lunch doesn't get soggy while we travel through rapids to our picnic spot. It's the blessing we pray when we want to ask for safety and joy as we go out and play in God's creation. It's not so much good luck and we really aren't asking God for any one thing in particular. Instead, this prayer is a loud, joyful, unapologetic acknowledgement of how good God is and the many, many ways he provides for us. This blessing is just the familiar words of the Lord's prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," set to a jaunty tune that gets stuck in your head and has you humming all day long.

We all look fine on the outside. But what is going on inside our minds? Are we our normal, cheerful selves? Are we depressed? Do we get upset easily? Do we cry more easily? Did we indulge during the stay at home and need to work on our eating habits? Did we let physical exercise go?

We know as a church how much we missed congregating together on Sunday am and seeing our church family. We missed the liturgy and ritual of the service. We missed singing hymns and praise songs on Sunday mornings with our people of faith. The men missed their Thursday am breakfasts and messages. Our women missed the wonderfully delightful summer Bible studies. And the kids!! Our kids missed out on many messages of faith and being together.

We all just plainly missed fellowship as we isolated at home.

I believe that all of us have something inside we will need to fix...either from this pandemic or from something else. From old traumas or from new traumas.

Find a friend to talk through this. It is the PHYSICAL distancing and masking that is important...not being socially distanced which implies for us to pull away and not communicate.

Find a therapist to talk through this. The therapist will not fix your problems but will help you sort through your thoughts to untangle them.

I know that I will be making my appointments to help me heal my mind, body and spirit. Will you??

I hold you ALL in my heart,
Barbara

Thank You for the Sympathy Love and Prayers from the Salwasser Family

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers for peace and comfort after the loss of my father, Franklin Hansen. Our family has been very blessed by our Immanuel family in so many ways. My dad knew that and was blessed by that too. I love you all, Victoria

Parish Nurse



This car. This car did its job. It has taken me many miles and it kept me safe in an accident – a T-bone hit on the passenger side in a hit and run last week. And it still ran enough for me to pull it off to the side of the road.

On the surface, it doesn't look like it was a very bad hit but the car was mortally wounded. Air bags deployed. OnStar alerted to ask if I was in an accident and wanted 911 called. When you opened the two passenger doors the first time you could see the car settle and twist into an odd shape.

The doors didn't close properly after that. The damage was hidden. But it had a mortal wound internally that was too great to fix.

Don't get me wrong, I was hurt a little. I knew I would be sore and my seat belt raspberry would take weeks to fade. I knew from another hit and run 22 years ago that this would be the recuperation course for the post-accident period but I took a different tack this time for my recovery. Instead of staying home for 2 weeks, we had the car towed to Pete's where we emptied the car, went to the rental car company and back to work I went. And I worked my way through the week. I didn't give in to the soreness or the PTSD while driving that had happened 22 years ago. I do know that I am one of the fortunate ones to walk away from an accident.

And I am better for it this time. Some soreness remains. My raspberry started fading the next day and is almost gone. I still am fearfully cautious at intersections but I am still going. **This time I am running towards recovery.**

And now on to the real message...

We have taken a direct hit on our minds, bodies and spirits during the past 7 months.

The thing about singing this prayer before we hopped on the Nolichucky river, is you really need a reminder of how good God is when you're about to do something like white water rafting. Water might seem innocent, but then its taking you fast down the river and bumping you into boulders that threaten to capsize your rubber raft or launching you into the air off of "Rooster Tail Rapid." You need that reminder of God's goodness to settle your stomach when you're surrounded by the beauty and danger of God's creation and you're



having to trust your guide to navigate you through the choppy waters, and in the midst of fear, you need to be able to laugh. The thing about rafting is at least you know what the dangers are. The gear is always in top shape and the rapids are all mapped out and labeled. The thing about our day to day life is it can be a little less predictable than a rushing river. We never know what we face in our day. We don't always see the drops or the sharp turns coming, and sometimes we're caught entirely unprepared, but the good news is: even in the midst of unpredictability and danger, God is still good. God is still looking at us and providing daily bread in the form of physical blessings we may rejoice in, but also in the form of spiritual provision. There is sun and rain, yes, but there is also friends and family and church and scripture and a million little ways the Lord offers us comfort and joy.

The past seven months of pandemic have reminded me that we don't always see the rapids that threaten to tip us over and that life doesn't stop when waters get rocky, but living in a world where we have real and imagined fears in front of us doesn't mean that we have to retreat into somber, quiet, mournful places. It's okay to greet the sun (or your alarm clock if you're blessed enough to sleep in) with words of joy and thanksgiving in anticipation for the ways that the Lord will fill our bellies and our souls with good things and settle the storms around us. Morning prayer for me has become a time of thanksgiving and happiness and song, where I look up to the sky and I sing, "Oh, the Lord's been good to me!"

Blessings,
Pastor Taylor

Indoor Worship at Immanuel

Indoor Worship: While Fresno County is in the red zone, we have transitioned worship back indoors. We want to ensure that this transition does not create any unnecessary risks so the following precautions will be put in place:

- › Masks will be required at all times and hand sanitizer provided on the wall at each entrance in the Sanctuary.
- › Pews will be taped off to ensure that we are appropriately distanced from one another
- › Music will only be offered through socially distanced soloist/family units
- › The sanctuary will be sanitized every Saturday to ensure that we are worshipping in a clean space

We will continue to broadcast our services every week so that those who are unable to join us in person and those with concerns about worshipping in person may continue to faithfully offer praise to God alongside us. We will continue to make adjustments as new information arises, and our priority is the health and safety of ourselves and our neighbors. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call Pastor Taylor at: ptmarie96@gmail.com or cell phone (803)767-5128

When you do, we ask you to write:

- your favorite bible verses, prayers or blessings on the front pages.
- then add the message. "God loves you. We are praying for you"
- the name of your church and town.
- if you would like your first name. (no last names)

Some Possible bible verses include:

- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matt 11:28
- "Cast all your anxiety on him because God cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7
- "Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. - Psalm 105:4
- "May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you." -Psalm 20:1

If you have a Bible or more to donate, please bring to church and I will get them where they need to go. If you are not getting out yet, due to Covid, call me at 269-7299 or the church office at 237-7909 and I will arrange for collection. You can also donate money to purchase Bibles.

Pray over these Bibles. We want God's word to reach these people in need. We want Him to speak to them in a very real way.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

More to come,

Marcia Hollenbeck,

Immanuel's Disaster Relief Coordinator



Easton Presbyterian Star Tree Donations Are A Little Different This Year.

The annual Christmas Star Tree Gift Ministry will be a drive through Christmas gift give away to kids from our community. Their deacons are asking for monetary donations rather than gifts to reduce risk and exposure during the pandemic. They will do the shopping and use minimum crews to organize and distribute gifts. Donations can be given directly to EPC, or to Immanuel, be sure to memo star tree, by November 22nd.

NALC Disaster Relief Coordinator

The NALC has a Disaster Relief team, headed by Mary Bates from Ohio. The Central Pacific District is forming its own Disaster Relief Team to help out in California, as well as across the US as there is need. Jan Riedel, from Auburn Lutheran Church is heading our team and each of the 6 congregations have been asked to find a Disaster Relief Coordinator for their own congregation. I have volunteered, with the promised help of my family, to be that person for Immanuel.

Last week I met with our Central Pacific Team, and Mary Bates, our national coordinator. We discussed the job specs as well as opportunities to help out. Our Relief Team has a 4 part mission:

1. Case Management
2. Spiritual Christian Care
3. Volunteer Response
4. Long Term Recovery

As we look around California, we see many disaster zones. Where do we start? I will be coming up with opportunities for our congregation to help others around us in need. Both Auburn and St Timothy's (Pastor Jonna's church) have areas around them directly affected by fire. Our own Syd and Andrea lost their home to fire and Richard and Allyson Kahn lost their cabin.

I need to discuss with council my ideas and will get back to you with are-as for you to help out, but for now, Mary Bates asked if we could collect Bibles.

BIBLES NEEDED:

When do you need the scripture the most? When disaster upends your life. NALC Disaster Response makes it a priority to hand out bibles to individuals and families who are going through a disaster. We collect them throughout the year so we have them when disaster strikes. We are collecting bibles to give out to disaster victims.

- Do you have an extra bible around the house?
- Maybe you could buy used bibles at the Thrift store to give away?
- Would you like to purchase new bibles to donate?

Youth & Grace in Action

Hello Immanuel,

Refuge has resumed outside of Grace Hall! We meet outside in front of Grace Hall on Wednesdays from 6:30-8PM.

Here's what is so much fun and safe about Refuge outside:

-Masks are required. If you do not have a mask, we will have some available, along with hand sanitizer.

-Social distancing is required and we use hula hoops and plastic pools to designate spaces.

-We know that we all miss each other, but we stress that we do not hug, high-five, shake hands, etc.

-Food is not provided, and we ask that you eat dinner at home before arriving.

-Refuge nights go for an hour and half which includes a game, check-in, a lesson and prayer, ALL OF WHICH are done from a distance.

-Zoom may still be available if desired. Please contact Jacob if you need an online option.

-There will be NO PRESSURE for students to be physically present. We want to respect the opinions and comfort of our parents.

We are excited to have resumed an incredibly energetic and life-giving ministry prior to COVID-19.

Jacob Wood,
Youth Director at Immanuel



Journey

So, getting back to the heart and soul of the Journey.

Caregivers!

There is a special group of people in this world who, sometimes, get overlooked. Not always, but sometimes. They tend to get overlooked because they aren't flashy or out there in front of the marching band. They can and do look like anybody else. They aren't assuming. They aren't looking for glory. They just are the epitome of the Christian ideal. They live lives of service.

Some come to serve complete strangers. They are those who work in care facilities, nursing homes and convalescent hospitals. They care for people they don't know. People who just happen to be in whichever place they may be working. They care for people who have been through the ringer. People who are hurting, depressed and sometimes angry. Sure they get paid, (not nearly enough) but their work is a calling, a real heart thing. They have patients who truly appreciate and love them and are grateful for what they do for them. And there are patients who try the patience of saints. You've all met them. They are the men and women who take care of the mundane details of living for those who can't do those things for themselves. They bring water. They bring another blanket. They help you get to the restroom. They are the ones who clean up when you don't make it. They bring your dinner. They feed you. They hold your hand. Wipe your tears. Listen to your complaints. They pray with you and for you. They smile. It's a job only the gifted can do. They are saints. God loves them.

There are caregivers who care for people they do know. Aunts, uncles, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. They are there way beyond the normal expectations of the relationship. They do laundry. They grocery shop. They go to appointments. They cook. They clean. They listen. They read to you. They pray with you and for you. They smile. They don't get paid. Not in this life anyway. These are special people too. Putting their lives to the side or on hold for you. They are saints. God loves them.

Finally, there are caregivers who care for their spouses. Understand

Weekly Prayer Focus

11-2-2020: Focus on professing the Gospel.

Romans 1:16 NIV.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes, first the Jew, then the Gentile”.

11-9-2020: Focus on those who serve,

1 Corinthians 12:5 NIV.

“There are different kinds of service, but the same LORD”.

11-16-2020: Focus on living fearlessly.

Matthew 14:27 NIV.

“But Jesus immediately said to them, “Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid”.

11-23-2020: Focus on living a life of thanksgiving.

Psalms 69:30 NIV.

“I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving”.

11-30-2020: Focus on following Jesus.

Mark 1:17 NIV.

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people”.

Prayers of our Church



Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers for Jenny Lee (Hodges) Farsakian. She is Allison (Orum) Terrones' cousin. She needs prayer now more than ever. At 34 years old, she is battling cancer throughout her body. After completing all the radiation and chemotherapy allowed, the cancer came back. We found out she has a gene that feeds the cancer. She's very weak but also very hopeful. She'll be attending a cancer center for 3 weeks to heal her body with medicine, nutrition, and spirituality. As a faithful Christian, she knows God answers prayers. Please know her family truly appreciates prayers for her healing, her husband, and their 2 young daughters.

Phyllis Sullivan would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. She is back at her home at Paintbrush, in her room under Hospice Care. She hopes to someday come back to church for worship. She misses her church and loves her church very much. Her stroke, in late September, has left her partially paralyzed on the left side of her body. Her spirits are high and she is continues to try to regain her strength. Thank you all for your prayers, cards and well-wishes.

that there are situations where a facility or assistance is the appropriate thing to do. And God bless those who recognize those times. Endangering one or both spouses is not a good thing. For those of us who have chosen or are able to care for that spouse is the ultimate act of marriage. Please hear that there is no shame if that's not possible or appropriate. What a testament to commitment to care for a spouse. I know so many of you have and are doing just that. Caring for Cindy was hands down the hardest and most rewarding time in my life. Not the easiest by far. There were very hard days and nights. But to be by her bedside and see her spirit released and to see the pain gone was the most amazing moment in my life.

I'm not writing this to pat myself on the back, God has done that over and over again. I write this to commend and encourage those of you who continue on in your caregiving. God bless you. I respect you. I appreciate your example. I love you for what you do. If I can ever personally encourage you, please call me.

I believe there is a special place in heaven for caregivers. It'll probably be a place where you can continue caring for others.

In 1972 Bill Withers sang:

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on.

Thank you caregivers.
God bless you.
John.

Thank you Blood Donors!

The Russ Dunbar Memorial Blood Drive had 15 donors and collected 13 pints of much needed blood on October 25th.. We are getting closer to our goal of 20 pints. Our next blood drive will be on January 10th, 2021. We canceled our December 13th drive because it was only 7 weeks from this past one. Check your bulletin and email for sign up links for each drive. Let's help more people in 2021 with our much needed blood. Great job blood donors!

News Notes

Congratulations to **Mikey Pilegard, son of Tim and Debbie Pilegard, and Mariah Kadrmas** who were married in a secluded lakeside ceremony at Taylor Lake in Etna, California on June 20, 2020. We hope to celebrate in person as a whole family one day soon, but in the meantime, many blessings on them! We are so happy to have a new daughter-in-law.



Austin Bratton, a student at Grand Canyon University, has shared music at Immanuel Lutheran several times during the past few years. He wrote a song (melody and lyrics) called 'Steadfast Love' that is now available on Canyon Worship 2020. The promo is on U tube (Canyon Worship 2020) and the music can be found on iTunes, Spotify, and Google Play.

Hi Immanuel,

I had a great time with Nexus Online which is an organization that works with youth and their faith walk with Jesus. This year it was an online format, in the past it has been a summer seminar style event. It was really fun and I learned a lot. The days were packed full of different interesting Bible lessons. We started off the days with a mini church service as well as a cute little intro video. Then the first half of the day I learned about the Old Testament from Mark Matias. The second half was about the New Testament from Ken Jones. Then we had about an hour to talk in our small groups about our lives and what we had learned that day. The rest of the day was free time but they did give us some videos about people from Grand View and their faith walk. They also had a two hour group hang out at the end of each day which was like youth group. Overall, I loved every bit of it and I'm so glad for having been given the opportunity to do this.

Stephanie Hollenbeck

Immanuel Benefits from AmazonSmiles

Amazon Smiles Program offers portions of your purchases donated to Immanuel. When you shop on Amazon instead of going to amazon.com go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2737287> and our church will receive a donation percent of your purchase.

In Celebration of Our Members':

Birthdays

1-Michelle Hardy
-Emerson Linger
3-Jennifer Perez
5-Sandy Britter
6-Ericka Gardner
- John Geidner
7-Stephanie Clarkson
10- Jim Hansen
13-Noah Cisneros
15-Susan Stiltz
17-Andrew Nielsen
-Tori Tarlton
-Dylan Harding
19-Kori Peterson
20-Don Pettitt
- Dan Lindsey
23-Laura Nielsen
28- Al Hooper

Wedding Anniversaries

4-Robert & Kaylee Hollenbeck(3)
19-Nick & Jackie Caglia (15)
21-Fred & Sandi Johnson(50)

Baptismal Birthdays

4- Irma Orozco
8-Matthew Nielsen
14-Jamie Atondo, Jr.
17-Chase Clarkson
-Carissa Severin

NOVEMBER

Prayers for our Church Family & Friends

Members and their families serving in the military: Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, & Matthew Tigchelaar.

Those unable to travel about: Connie Bennetts, Olga Hansen, Marilyn Iversen, Marguerite Johnson, Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, & Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: Those in need of healing: Marilyn Bell, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Gaye Cissel, Geoff Cooper, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Florence Johnston, Sam Navaro, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Eva Orum, Christie Pettitt, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Lois Rasmussen, Phyllis Sullivan, Timm Trickett, Joe Wozniczka & Joni Zingarelli.

For those who have lost their belongings to the fires in California. For Fire Fighters and other Emergency Responders who are battling the fires and the trauma. For protection to all who suffer from the bad air.

For people dealing with loneliness and depression caused by these pandemic precautions. For those battling the Coronavirus.



Great News from Bethel Lutheran Home in Selma! Bethel has been COVID -19 free for the past six weeks now. Our prayers are being answered and the residents are now finally able to meet with their families outside, with restrictions.

The holiday season is upon us. Our Administrator, Shikha Patteson, has put together her Christmas wish list for the residents. Your donations have been appreciated in the past and perhaps you would like to help again.

This year Santa will pass out warm, fuzzy blankets at our annual party. Each blanket cost \$10 and with donations, we will purchase them. Wheel-chair and walker “pocket organizers” to hold personal items. Santa Hats, Large print Search-A-Word puzzle books. Plans are already being made for a wonderful Christmas at Bethel. The Immanuel Lutheran Church women are decorating mini-trees, for each resident. There will be an outdoor tree lighting ceremony complete with music, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies. Monetary donations will be thankfully received and can be sent to :Bethel Lutheran Home Christmas Donation 2280 Dockery Ave., Selma, CA 93662

Sincerely,
Cindy Frea
Admissions / Human Resources
PH 559-896-4900
cfrea@bethellutheranhome.net

Immanuel Women's Event Nov. 28th to Decorate Trees for Bethel Home Rooms

Women of Immanuel, join us in the social hall from 2:00-4:00PM on November 28th for tree decorating. Our donated decorations have been stored all year, we will gather socially distanced and wearing masks to decorate 40 little Christmas Trees for the rooms at the Bethel Home. We will then display the trees in the Narthex on Sunday, November 29th, the first day of Advent. They will be delivered to Bethel Home that very Sunday afternoon. It will be fun to do for those who can't, come join us!



Confirmation Sunday School For All

November 1st Sunday School returns to Immanuel! This will be a special Sunday School for all ages from youngest to oldest! Class is from 9:00– 9:45AM. Our Pastor will teach us a refresher course for those who have been through confirmation. A first look into Confirmation for others. It will be a great use of that extra hour we lost during Daylight Saving Time. Come to Immanuel on Sunday Mornings for a opportunity to learn about scripture and what it means to be a Lutheran, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Veterans Day at General Grant!

The General Grant Tree in nearby Kings Canyon National Park is the nation's Christmas Tree, designated as such by President Calvin Coolidge in 1926. Since then, the Sanger Chamber of Commerce and the National Park Service have sponsored a Christmas ceremony at the base of the tree every December.

But did you know that the General Grant Tree is also the only living shrine dedicated to those who have given their lives for our country? That designation came from President Eisenhower in 1956, marked by a ceremony on Veterans Day that year.

Unlike the Christmas ceremony, however, the Veterans Day ceremony was forgotten, until a park ranger, along with the help of the American Legion in Squaw Valley, revived it five years ago. Each year now, members of the American Legion conduct a short 15-minute ceremony at the base of the tree at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11.

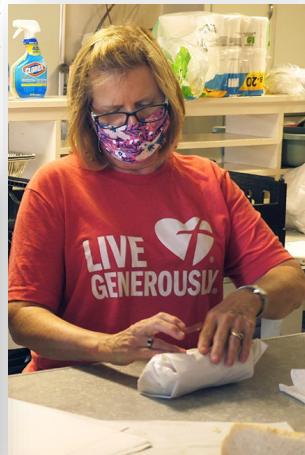
If you'd like to know more about the history of the two ceremonies and why the Veterans Day ceremony was revived, check out a video produced by Lee Terkelsen on YouTube by doing a search for Grant Tree Veterans on the YouTube web sight: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7V1W5sX1Ow&ab_channel=Earthimages1

And if you want to take a scenic drive to Grant Grove on Veterans Day, you can witness the ceremony in person. Remember this year to wear a mask.



Fresno Mission Fundraiser Was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped bake and cook, blend and serve, pack and plan, AND to those who so generously purchased! It was a fantastic fundraiser! It's always tricky to do something for the first time and we were a little concerned about a drive through fundraiser and serving 300 sandwich dinners in 2.5 hours. That's 2 sandwiches a minute. We did it! We even had a little left. The best part was God sent the cars spaced evenly enough, that the wait time wasn't too long. Much shorter than any other drive through you've been to lately. We raised over \$5,000.00 for the Fresno Mission thanks to our generous donors and wonderful volunteers. Thank you to our community of support! This project was sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team and our community! God is good! All the time!



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