

Look to the Lord
and his strength.
seek his face
always

Psalm 105:4

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Dear Trinity Family,

Last week, I drove to Sheboygan through Batavia. Along the way, both sides of the road looked like a tall, green tunnel of corn. It was all I could see. It made me think about our farmers who work so hard. They till the land, plant the seeds, and care for the crops so that we can have food. I am very thankful for them, and I enjoy the sweet corn and juicy tomatoes that bless my table.

But the farmer can only do so much. He can plant the seed and water it. He can pull the weeds. But he cannot make the plant grow. Only God can do that. This is true for our food, and it is true for **our faith**. **God is the source of all life, all growth, and all grace.** The apostle Paul said it well: *“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”* (1 Corinthians 3:6)

September always reminds us that change is part of life. As August ends, the weather begins to shift. Days may still feel warm, but mornings and evenings start to cool. Temperatures swing from the seventies down into the fifties, and the nights stretch longer than the days. Soon the trees will paint the countryside with bright red, orange, and yellow. Corn will dry in the fields, and the green will fade away.

September also changes our daily lives. Children return to school, and the quiet roads now echo with **school buses and ringing bells**. **Summer’s free, unscheduled days are over, and new routines begin.** Even our closets change, shorts and sandals are set aside, while long sleeves and light jackets take their place.

September also means new beginnings at our church. Sunday School reopens, choirs resume, and small groups gather again. As Kathy Drexler shares in her article, we will soon offer more adult learning opportunities. In November, Adult Sunday School will resume with a special focus on moving from membership to discipleship, helping us learn what it means to be disciples who make disciples.

Now, I know change is not always easy. At Trinity Methodist Church, we love our traditions. Traditions bring comfort because they are familiar. With them, we know what to expect. Change, however, feels uncertain and uncomfortable. It asks us to step into the unknown. Yet, when change fits the will of God, it brings discovery, excitement, and even joy. As Ecclesiastes says, *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). September itself is a living reminder that change is constant, and God uses each season for His purpose.

For us at Trinity, the greatest change we are called to embrace is moving from membership to discipleship. Being a member is important, but being a disciple of Jesus Christ is the deeper calling. Discipleship is about surrendering fully to Jesus, following His teaching, and making Him known in the world. As members of Trinity Methodist Church, we should ask ourselves: What attitudes and practices can we commit to in order to **live as Christ’s faithful disciples? How can we build up the Body of Christ and join in God’s mission in our community?**

Jesus says that discipleship is not just being part of the crowd but truly following Him with obedience, love, and a life that bears fruit. *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples”* (John 15:8). Moving from membership to discipleship means letting Christ shape our daily choices and then walking alongside others so they may grow in Him too. As Phil Maynard reminds us, *“We need to make a shift from making members to making disciples”* (*Membership to Discipleship*), not simply filling seats but fostering lives that live like Jesus and lead others to do the same. That’s how we build faithful disciples who make disciples, and together, participate in God’s Kingdom mission.

To learn more about this, I warmly invite you to attend our Sunday Worship services, where we will be exploring a sermon series themed: *“The Journey of Discipleship: From Surrender to Eternity.”*

- September 7, 2025 – *Luke 14:25-33: “The Call of Discipleship is Total Surrender”*
- September 14, 2025 – *“Praise and Worship Sunday with Fred Ferguson”*
- September 21, 2025 – *Luke 15:1-10: “The Mission of Discipleship is to Seek the Lost”*
- September 28, 2025 – *Luke 16:1-13: “The Stewardship of Discipleship is Faithful Living”*
- October 5, 2025 – *Luke 16:19-31: “The Warning of Discipleship is to Live Ready for Eternity”*

Let us remember that change, though uncomfortable, is often the way God leads us into deeper faith. As Paul writes in Romans 12:2, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

May we welcome this new season with open hearts, ready to grow as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



Discipleship, at its core, is about following Jesus and learning to live like Him.



God uses Operation Christmas Child...

to touch the lives of Philippine children living in dire conditions. It smells so strongly of trash and cow dung at the big garbage dump outside of Manila that most people hold handkerchiefs to their noses to block some of the smell. No one wants to visit this area. Muck swallows shoes, leaving people barefoot in the smelly mess. And yet there are people who live

and work here. These people are lower-class Filipinos. They collect bottles and other pieces of trash to sell. Their houses sit right on the edge of the dump site and are made of trash. While most people crinkle their noses and want to leave, the dump people smile and laugh while the brown concoction on the ground squishes deeper in between their toes. The children in this area are quiet but happy.

Today, the smiles are a little wider. On the walk home, the children cradle Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes underneath their elbows. This was a special day at school, a day of surprises. Although the teachers had tried to keep it a secret, the children had found out that they would receive gifts, and they were excited. Before she received her shoe box, 8-year-old Joy listed the things she wanted. "School supplies ... a pencil case ... a pencil ... anything that can be used for writing ... and shoes." She paused between each item as if she was afraid to say that she wanted more than one thing.



Nine-year-old Ralph slowly listed what he wanted, too. "School supplies, school bag, a T-shirt, shoes and socks." All of these are simple things that most American children take for granted. But in impoverished areas like this one, school supplies and basic clothing make a huge difference. "Education is the only way out," said Marlin, pastor of the church that arranged the shoe box distribution at the school. "OCC will make a difference for them." With new school supplies, the children will have more opportunities in class. But the shoe boxes don't just offer physical items to make life better for children. The gifts also present an opportunity to learn about the Gospel.

That's exactly what Ralph did. When he accepted his gift, he also accepted Christ. As he kicks a soccer ball to a friend, his smile isn't just because of his new toys. Now he has found God's love. Ralph and his friends were offered "The Greatest Gift of All" booklet with their gifts, which explains the story of Christ and salvation through Him. Ralph said he is excited to learn more about Jesus. Joy also received the booklet, but she didn't look at it as soon as she received it. She said she wanted to look at it later. When she reads "The Greatest Gift of All," there is hope that she too will find Christ's love.

At the end of the day, the smiling faces at the dump pick up their last bottles and throw them into bags. Then they walk the short distance to their houses. Children have finished playing soccer and are helping to prepare the evening meal. Over dinner, they will talk about their day at school. Parents will see every gift in the shoe boxes, and they, too, will hear about how Jesus loves them.



Attention Shoebox Project TEAM!

The countdown to the Shoebox Collection Week has started!

Soon we'll need to take final inventories, assemble shoeboxes, finish projects, schedule packing events... all the little details.

If you have shoebox project gifts to donate, please bring them to church by **early October**.

Many thanks to all our generous crafters. We can't do what we do without all of you!



It's back-to-school time!

Our Shoebox Project Team has had success finding great deals on school supplies throughout the year and are anxiously waiting for clearance sales to top off our inventory.

Many thanks to those who donated!

Don't forget to stock up on school supplies for your shoebox gifts.



As a **FUNDRAISER** for the **Trinity Shoebox Project**, we have **NINE** tickets to **Dollywood** in Pigeon Forge, TN, valid thru **Dec 31, 2025** to offer **anyone** interested, for a **\$50 donation each**. This is a great deal as a 2025 single day adult ticket price is \$92! *Please help us spread the word!*



Trinity Shoebox Project

As disciples of **Jesus Christ**, we pack shoeboxes filled with simple gifts, that are sent worldwide, as a tangible expression of **God's love** and an opportunity to share the **Good News of Jesus Christ** with a child, their family, and their community.

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CHRISTMAS CHILD
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Your generous donations have Eternal impact... Thank You!

We ♥ Our New Sign!

Utilizing \$ from the Ziegler Fund, earmarked for Trinity Shoebox Project capital expenditures, the TEAM was able to purchase a 4'x5' sign, made of quality Coroplast, to help us share our mission at indoor and outdoor events.

Many thanks to Tammy Steers for her help bringing our vision of a sign to life.

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In the past few months, I have started to read more. I started with a book that I never finished, which I received for Christmas (that I asked for) many years ago called the “The Purpose Driven Life – What on Earth am I Here for?” by Rick Warren. Then I was inspired by two of our young members of our Trintiy family, my son Justin and Nate Dewhurst. They both try to read their Bible regularly and I recently decided to do the same thing. I wish I could say I have always been a regular reader of the Bible, but unfortunately, I was not. I would read a chapter here and there, probably like most of us with good intentions but never stayed with it. On top of reading my book and the Bible, I also have a daily devotional given to me by someone very special several years back and never faithful read it either, so I started. “The Purpose Driven Life” talks about how important it is to do works of services and explains the different types there are. It says you need to find what fits your personality. I have been feeling like my Chair position in the SF Committee was missing something. I felt like all I did was run meetings and help set the budget. I didn’t feel that I was having any impact. I needed to do more with this position; I needed to serve somehow. I have prayed on it for several weeks and when reading my Bible, it came to me.

I have a couple of Bibles that I have obtained over the years but I choose to read my most recent copy the “New Living Translation”. It has several sidenotes, cornerstones, and guides that help you understand, think, consider, and dive deeper than just the scripture itself. So, what I feel like God brought me to was this...to take the lessons from my readings and bring them to you as many times as I can in the newsletter. These will be mostly discipleship, stewardship, and finance related. The first ones are from the “New Living Translation – New Believer’s Bible”. The credit goes to them. Now let’s begin...

First Steps: Give to God – Money is such an important topic in the Bible that it is the main subject of nearly half the parables Jesus told. In addition, one out of every seven verses in the New Testament deals with the topic. To give you an idea of how this compares with other topics, Scripture offers about five hundred verses on prayer and fewer than five hundred on faith, while there are more than two thousand verses on money! You may be wondering what money has to do with your faith. Now that Jesus Christ has come into your life, he wants, to be Lord (to be in command) of every aspect of it. That includes your finances. Martin Luther astutely observed, “There are three conversations necessary: the conversation of the heart, the mind, and the purse [or wallet].” When we experience this “conversion of the purse” and give freely of our finances to the Lord’s work (to our church, a missionary, or a ministry), we will make the best investment possible—an investment with eternal dividends. With that in mind, we will explore five questions about wealth and giving in the coming months, till next time.

SF Committee Chair

Josh Marschie

BUDGET TMC Budget Totals

YTD needed to meet budget: \$146,404.00

Received through July 27, 2025 \$143,452.90

Budget Shortage : \$2,951.10



Mug & Muffin Fall Dates

- October 18 9:00A.m.
- November 15 9:00A.m.

Bring a craft project to work on or just enjoy this social time with friends. OCC may supply a few craft projects for us to work on as well.

The Men's Group will supply the coffee and we'll supply the donuts.



Men's Group is back and meeting the following dates:

*September 20 *October 18 *November 15 9:00 A.M.

Mug and Muffins will supply the treats if we supply the coffee.

Gospel Sunday



An Hour of Live Music
Featuring Lomira's Very Own
FRED FERGUSON

Sunday, Sep. 14
9:00am

Non-Denominational
Community Gathering



**Ice Cream
& Pie Social**



Mum Sale
\$20 ea. Proceeds benefit the Trinity
Shoobox Project in partnership with the
Operation Christmas Child Ministry



**Kids Games
& Crafts**



TRINITY
METHODIST CHURCH

300 Church Street • Lomira, WI

Open to the public
Everyone welcome!

TMC's 2nd Annual



Sunday, September 14 @ 3:00pm

9-hole Scramble @ Camelot

\$25 for golf and cart

\$33 for golf, cart and sandwich

(Don't want to golf? Join us for a sandwich
for just \$8)

Sign up sheet located in the Sanctuary.



Calling All Pie Bakers! We Need Your Help!!

The Ice Cream & Pie Social is quickly approaching and we need many additional pie bakers to make this endeavor a success.

Please sign up in the Connections Room to make a few of your favorites. The congregation thanks you in advance for your time and talent!

TMC WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Please be aware that our website trinitylomira.org is currently under construction. We are changing to a different platform to be able to bring you a higher end product that will allow us to do many new features. One such feature is:

- Breaking out the sermons from the service / Categorizing the sermons into specific topics

We hope to have the website fully operational prior to fall kickoff.



Offerings Available



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education Offerings

We are offering three opportunities for Trinity members to grow in their faith. Please consider participating in all of them. Everyone in a leadership position at Trinity, like the chairperson of a committee or leader of a group, is highly encouraged to attend the Adult Sunday School class. **Sign up sheets will be available in the Connections Room prior to the start of each class.** Reach out to Kathy Drexler if you have questions about these studies or if you have suggestions for other learning opportunities.

• **Book of Roman's Bible Study**

Facilitated by Bob Coulter on
Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

Starting (9/22-12/08)

- We will watch a 30 minute Les Feldick video and discuss what we have learned.
- Learn more about your faith from Les, Bob, and your peers.

Adult Sunday School

- **Sundays from 7:30 - 8:25 AM starting November 16, 2025**

- Move from membership to discipleship and gain a deeper and richer understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ.
- There is a book that will be guiding our discussions. Contact Kathy Drexler or Jill Franklin to get the book. Cost \$10.00.
- **Facilitated by Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo - Everyone in a leadership position at TMC is encouraged to attend this Adult Sunday School session.**

• **Winter Bible Study**

- Mondays likely from 1:00 -2:00 PM in **January and February 2026**
- Continue the study of the book "*Amazing Grace*"
- Facilitated by Deb Wiedmeyer-Mazza
- Those who attended the winter of 2025 session can verify the value of the study.



There's something for
everyone at Trinity

Monthly Fun
Events & Community
Service Projects

Youth Group
7th - 12th Grade
Sundays 10:00 - 11:00am



TRINITY
METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School

**Starts Sunday, September 21st
9:15 - 10:00am**

- Ages PreK - 6th Grade
- Fun-filled lessons of scripture, crafts, games & music

You do not need to be a member to join.
Everyone is welcome!

To register, call (920) 269-4411

WHY CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spiritual
Foundation

Biblical
Knowledge

Community &
Fellowship




Many Phases of Parking Lot Resurfacing


- 1) Grind up existing parking lot
- 2) Address "soft spots," remove large rocks, & repair areas
- 3) Finish grading
- 4) First binder coat applied
- 5) Second binder coat applied

** Hope to be finished first week of September



Getting ready to apply the first level of asphalt.





We cordially invite you to take a few minutes out of your day on **Monday, September 8** to:


Donate Blood and Donate Life -TMC's very own Jeff Luedtke has received at least 45 units of blood throughout his recent health crisis.

The blood drive is open from **12:00pm - 6:00pm** in TMC's Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up at redcrossblood.org

Top Reason to Give Blood

1. You will get juice and cookies.



Please be a "sweetie" and help fuel our blood donors after their donation. Please drop off a batch of your favorite cookies to the kitchen on Monday, September 8 by 11:00am. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

S'mores and Tower Project Completion Celebration

To celebrate the "tower" project completion, the Men's Group had a small gathering outside on Sunday, August 17.

The group was roasting marshmallows and making s'mores while admiring the craftsmanship done to "strengthen" the structure.

Thank you to the "Trustees" for tackling this project.



Photo Journalist: Augie Luedtke

COLOR THEIR WORLD



Noah's Art Bag

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Let your little ones learn about the bible through the **Noah's Art Bag** available in the Connections Room.

Included in the bag are the following coloring books:

- Bible Stories
With God All Things Are Possible
God Has Great Plans For You
- Package of crayons

You're Invited!
And We're So Excited
To Put on this Luncheon
Just For You

If you're 80 or 80 (plus a few)

We want to serve you lunch

Saturday, September 20, 2025 @ 11:30 am

Trinity Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the Connections Room by September 16 or call Debbie @ 920-579-0654 to save you a spot.

*If your spouse or caregiver is not 80 yet, no problem, they are invited too. Please, just let us know how many will be attending.

"Oh, and invite a friend, let's make this special - just like you!"



Thank you so much to everyone who participated through donations, walking, running and volunteering. Such a fun day. With all your help our community will be able to help many families navigate the day to day trials of a cancer diagnosis. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives.

God is good. All the time.

Run For A Reason
Abby Sauer Memorial 5K Run/Walk
August 9th



LET US PRAY

Prayer Concerns - As you pray through the week, send a note or make a phone call to those on our list. Just a simple gesture to show you care.

- Betty Menzer, received great news that she will not need chemotherapy—currently on 7 of 16 radiation treatments 08/14
- Gene Junger, returning to St. Francis in Fond du Lac on 08/08
- Gary Mulder, Mary Kiehnau's brother-in-law, coming home from bone marrow transplant 08/05
- Judy Stucke, receiving dialysis 08/05
- Kelly Harmsen, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with breast cancer - prayers for recent diagnosis and upcoming treatments 07/29
- Jeff Luedtke, is home with his lovely wife, Becky. Monitoring his recovery weekly. 07/31
- Carl Bruggink, Betty Menzer's brother-in-law, having pacemaker issues - prayers for strength, healing, & recovery 7/29
- Rachel Dolezalek, extended family member of Carol Dilling, will be working in El Monte, Mexico as a missionary for the fall semester. Prayers for a safe and successful journey. 07/29
- Tim Colleran, former member Lori Colleran's husband, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer 07/15
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, continuing to battle liver cancer - getting worse 06/25
- Janice Volbright, at Hope Nursing Home for rehab 06/10
- Jane Brown, sister in law of Victor & Lois Jewson, now a resident of Home of Hospice Hope 06/2
- Nina McGlothlin, Nancy Andrews' granddaughter, recovering from breast cancer surgery 5/29

Loaves & Fishes of Fond du Lac

Thank you to all who helped to provide the Loaves and Fishes meal at the Church of Peace in Fond du Lac on August 11, 2025.

Gary Jesse smoked brats for us and many ladies provided cookies to round out the 156 meals we provided.

Thank you to the Compassionate Fund for covering the majority of the cost. We couldn't do it without you.



If you can't
feed a hundred
people then
feed just one.

- Mother Theresa



12 Disciples



Simon the Zealot
James the Elder
James the Less
Judas Iscariot
Simon Peter
Nathaniel
preaching
fisherman

What were the roles of the first disciples?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Feel free to ask Mom and Dad or "Google" it.

C	B	W	S	R	I	U	H	F	N	E	T	S	E	J	S	J	teaching
C	J	A	M	E	S	T	H	E	E	L	D	E	R	U	S	A	disciple
H	B	L	N	S	I	M	O	N	P	E	T	E	R	D	I	M	Matthew
O	F	O	L	L	O	W	P	C	T	V	R	B	B	A	M	E	Andrew
S	W	L	N	Q	R	Y	T	W	E	L	V	E	O	S	O	S	Thomas
E	O	I	F	F	W	M	G	P	Q	C	P	F	A	I	N	T	Philip
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H	J	A	F	S	P	T	L	P	L	U	I	J	R	C	H	E	twelve
X	Q	T	I	H	R	E	N	N	M	J	L	U	B	A	E	L	chosen
P	I	T	B	E	E	A	E	M	D	O	I	D	P	R	Z	E	John
T	E	H	X	R	A	C	A	L	I	H	P	E	D	I	E	S	Jude
E	N	E	D	M	C	H	N	F	S	N	D	S	C	O	A	S	nets
O	L	W	D	A	H	I	D	A	C	N	M	Y	M	T	L	D	boat
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What types of things could you do to show you're a "disciple" of Jesus?

Please turn your answer into the church office. Submitted entries will be printed in next month's Newsletter.





Golden Club

Lois Jewson turns 85 on
September 22nd

Lois Jewson

N4002 Hickory Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI 54937

September Birthdays

- 1 Becky Luedtke
- 2 Pete Drexler
- 3 Sarah Kretschmer
Cooper Thorn
- 4 Sammy Joan Todl
- 5 Brett Buske
- 9 Kirsten Kretschmer
- 11 Johnathon Krueger
- 16 Cherie Reitz
Jason Kuehl
- 17 Clayton Marschie
- 18 Brooklyn Krueger
- 20 Patrice Burmeister
Corinn Rhein
Tammy Westphal
- 22 Lois Jewson
- 23 Betty Menzer
- 25 Callen Mae Schaefer
- 26 Steve Janke
- 29 Kathy Drexler

Married September 25, 1965 7:00pm
Concord Methodist Church

60th
anniversary

What a legacy of love:

- 4 children
- 8 grandchildren
- 2 great grandchildren

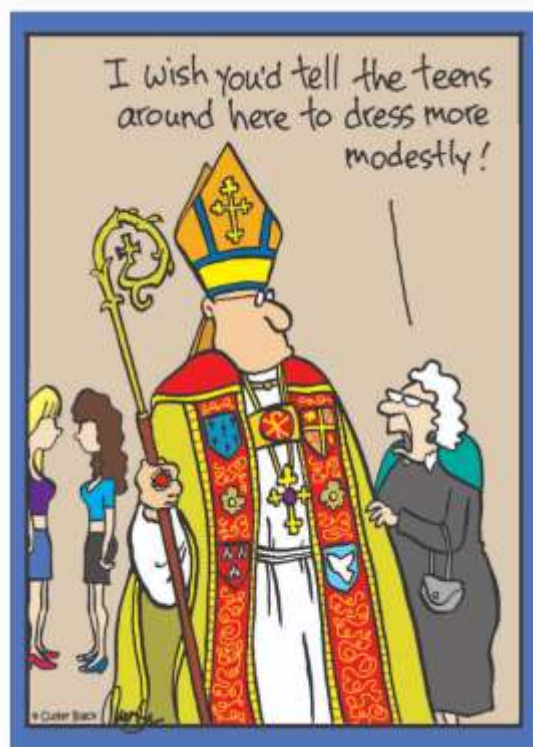


Fun Facts about Bill and Shari:

- They met at a 4H National Conference in November of 1963. Shari was the representative from Jefferson County while Bill was the rep from Dodge County.
- They started dating in summer of 1964 and were engaged on July 4, 1965.
- Their first child came along in 1972.
- Shari made her own wedding dress
- Bill started farming at the age of 18, and farmed for four years before marrying Shari. In total, Bill spent 32 years farming, Shari 28 years.

The secret to their successful marriage:

"They had the same goals. They were always pulling in the same direction." Bill never remembers them having a "big" fight.



September

September 2025 TMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00am,

Sunday School 9:15am

Youth Group 10:00am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3 6:30pm AA	4	5	6
7 9:00am Communion Sunday	8 12:00pm Blood Drive 	9	10 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir	11	12	13 10:00am Food Pantry
14 9:00am Kickoff Sunday 3:00pm Golf Outing	15	16 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	17 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir	18	19	20 9:00am Men's Group 11:30 80's Luncheon
21 9:00am Choir 9:15am Sunday School Starts 10:00am Youth Group	22 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	23	24 6:00pm Choir 6:30 AA 7:00pm Bell Choir	25 9:00am Fiber Arts	26	27 10:00am Food Pantry
28 9:00am Contemporary Sunday	29 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	30				

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9:00 AM

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