

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

September Newsletter

9-1-2023

Our mission: Called by God to love and serve our neighbors, Long Lake Lutheran Church will proclaim the joy of salvation by teaching, preaching, and providing sacraments to our congregation and to our neighbors.

We are Christ Centered, Purpose Driven & Mission Focused!



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SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion
10:15 Stewardship Meeting
10:15 Property Team Meeting | Service w/Holy Communion
9:15 Sunday School
9:30 Adult Education
9:45 Congregational Life Meeting |
| 4 | Happy Labor Day
Office Closed | 10:30 Contemporary Worship
Service w/Holy Communion
Rachel's flock |
| 5 | 9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA | 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| 6 | 7:30 Youth & Education Meeting | 6:00 Western Heritage (Cornerstone)
6:00 4-H Long Lake Leaders Meeting |
| 7 | 9:00 Prayer Group | 19 9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA |
| 9 | 8:00-11:00 Pancake Breakfast/
Silent Auction | 20 1:00 Grief Share
6:00 Confirmation |
| 10 | SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION
KICK-OFF
8:30 Traditional Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School Activities
10:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 Mission Team Meeting | 21 9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Bible/book Study
1:00 WELCA
6:00 Council Meeting |
| 11 | 1:00 Friends Of Ruth | 23 Chili Cook-Off/Country Night |
| 12 | 9:30 Fellowship Café
1:00 Sunshine Circle
4:00 Finance Meeting
7:00 AA | 24 8:30 Traditional Worship Service
9:15 Sunday School
9:30 Adult Education
10:30 Contemporary Worship Service |
| 13 | 1:00 Grief Share
6:00 Parents Meeting
Confirmation | 26 9:00 Mission Quilting
9:30 Fellowship Café
7:00 AA |
| 14 | 9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Bible/Book study
12:00 Senior Cards
1:00 Worship & Music | 27 11:30 Lunch Ladies
6:00 Confirmation |
| 17 | 8:30 Traditional Worship | 28 9:00 Prayer Group
10:30 Bible/Book study
12:00 Senior Cards |

From the desk of Pastor Sue:



Many of you had wonderful vacations this summer and traveled to amazing places. I was fortunate enough to fish Rainy Lake twice this summer and enjoyed many boat rides and swims. Relaxation and renewal are so good for our souls. Appreciating God's awesome and diverse creation is one of my favorite activities.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

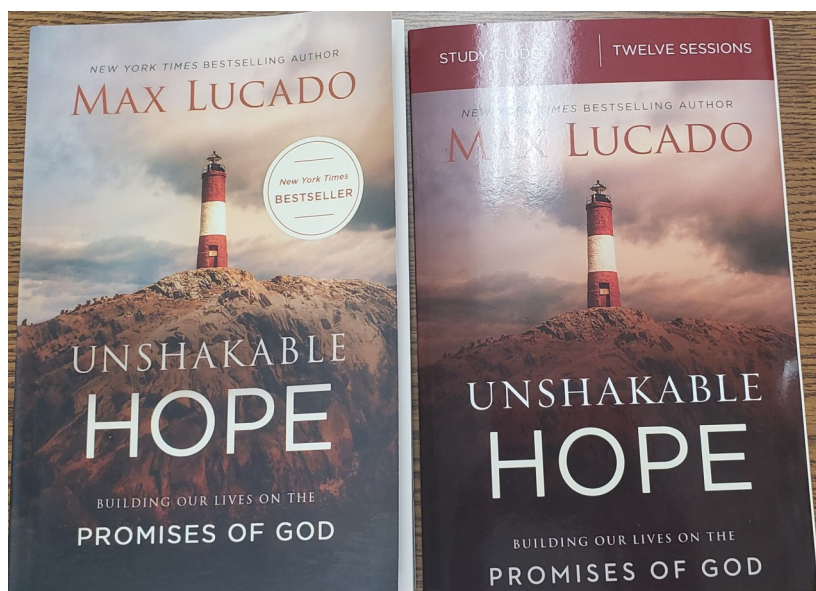
Fall is upon us. School will be starting. Labor Day will be over. Our new fall worship schedule will begin, which will add a contemporary service. The Playground fundraising team has lots of really fun events planned this fall. Most of us don't like change, but fall is a time of lots of changes of which we have no control. We will start seeing school buses, football games, leaves changing colors, pumpkins, sweaters, and jackets. You will feel the cooler temperatures and smell pumpkin spiced everything! I used to dislike fall because that meant winter was not far behind. As I have aged, I love fall more and more. Back to routines that focus on school calendars. I love jeans and sweatshirt weather. And, I love football season. Skoal!

Your call committee has been busy interviewing potential candidates for a call to an associate minister position with a focus on our youth and families. It is an exciting time of forward thinking. We value our youth and want to grow our programs. You have done this by supporting a youth director, building a playground, volunteering for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and Confirmation. We love seeing our littles come up for their message during worship. We have provided a play space for them right up front in the sanctuary so they can be busy, but still feel a part of our worship. Parents have said their kids sing on the way home and sometimes use words heard during worship. They are listening. We want to make them feel welcome and valued here at LLLC. I love that we had young families join together this summer just to play together.

We also have had some very ambitious church mice who have cleaned, organized, and painted in the Cornerstone getting things spruced up for our upcoming Sunday School year. We are very grateful for their efforts. Rally Sunday, or Sunday School kickoff day is September 10th. Our new worship schedule will begin and we'll bless the backpacks. Between services, you are invited to wander around looking at the tables hosted by your council teams. Our Rally Day theme is "BEE Ridiculous for God!" Please consider signing up to be on a team. Support the team chairs by offering your time and talents. Even if you aren't one who likes to come to meetings, sign up to help with various one-time tasks.

My prayer is for a successful and vibrant ministry year that brings the good news of Jesus Christ to our community. Everything we do here is for God's glory. We are so blessed for the opportunities God puts before us. I am so grateful for this call to be your pastor. I ask for your prayers for our educational programming, our contemporary worship service, for me, Kari, and our wonderful staff: Kristy, Brenda, and Kent. Pray for our council: President Ronda, Margaret, Amanda, Julie, Monica, John, Mike, Joanne, and Denise. Pray for our wonderful volunteers who give so much of themselves for God. Pray that God shows us how we can serve him and love our neighbor. Peace be with you.

"What is shaking in your world? Possibly your future, your faith, your family, or finances? It's a shaky world out there. Could you use some unshakable hope?" Our next Bible/book study will begin on September 14th at 10:30 am. We will be using Max Lucado's 12 session series, **"Unshakable Hope**, building our lives on the promises of God." Max says, *"God's Word is unbreakable, our hope is unshakable."* There is a book (\$20) and a study guide (\$13). Do not stay away because you can't afford the books. I'll find the money! *"Life is filled with problems. God's Word is filled with promises."* (Max Lucado)



Long Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 17, 2023

Present: Pastor Sue, John Hass, Julie Nielsen, Denise Sunderland, Ronda Fenlon, Mike Schlegel, Monica Peterson, Joanne Eittreim

Absent: Amanda Saelens, Margaret Bauer

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

Devotions and opening prayer were led by Mike. Topic: Missions

Happy 4th Anniversary of Pastor Sue's ordination!

Dumpster was removed from the Agenda and Archive was added to New Business. Joanne motioned to accept the meeting agenda, Denise seconded, motion carried.

Report Questions

- Congregational Life - Send thank you notes to each of the Food Truck Fellowship vendors and enclose with a survey for their feedback. A thank you note has been received from City Center Swine.
- A Gaga Ball event will be scheduled: Ronda vs. Pastor Sue,
- Missions – Mike reported on Missions giving for the last several months

Staffing

- Associate Minister Call – First interview was on 8/15, a second candidate will be interviewed 8/30
- Technology/Kent – Kent will be gone the weekend of 9/24. Kent is developing documentation to use as instructions for Sunday morning worship. Ronda will be scheduling a meeting with the Personnel Team to finalize Kent's role & hourly rate for his Technology Support.

Old Business

- Constitution Review – The last update to the Constitution was 1997. It will be a two-year process to go through the Synod to make any changes.
- Bell Wire – John will review with Matt Lundeen.
- Web Design – Brenda has completed the first set of classes
- Playground - \$39K raised so far. There are multiple fund raising projects happening over the next several weeks
- Insurance Claim – Siding will be done next, looking to close out claim
- Van Usage – St Philip's used the van in July, but the van was dirty when they came to pick it up. Discussion ensued on how to make sure the van is clean before it is ever rented.

July Finance Report

- General Fund balance at close of July 31, 2023 was \$67,485.20.
- What are the budget needs for each team? Please begin prepping for discussions for our 2024 Budget.

AHAs

Holding Effective Meetings

- A written agenda is **so important** for each team meeting.
- Always pray and invite God to be present at the meeting.

Photo Montage

- Get photos to Brenda
- Linda Rouen is interested in cleaning up the Confirmation Photo cases.

New Business

- Rally Sunday theme is “Bee Ridiculous for God” – each team is encouraged to use bees to decorate their tables in how we can fulfill this theme.
- 2023-34 – Starting 9/10 there will be no Wednesday worship (except during Advent and Lent).
- Roadside Assistance/Van use – has been purchased @\$100/year.
- Council mailboxes – All Council members, be sure to check your mailboxes!

Housekeeping

September Council Reps:

8:30am Julie 10:30am Monica and Denise

Devotions Ronda

Strategic Planning

1-year: Landscaping, **Remove Playground**, Call Associate Pastor, Build Playground Food Shelf, Service Project, Parents Night Out, Strategic Planning Team, Contemporary Service, Two services on Sunday

3-year: Additional Staffing, pay staff at Synod Guidelines, HR policies/procedures, Youth Director, Host 6 Community Events and 2 Service Projects per year.

5-Year: Move into new building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Eittreim

August attendance:

August 6 – 109

August 13 – 89

August 20 – 90

August 27 - 98



"We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed . . ."
as seen in a church nursery, from I Corinthians 15:51

Psychologists tell us that change, whether positive or negative, causes stress. Some people (like me) naturally like change more than others, while some have more difficulty dealing with change. Sociologists point out five common responses to change:

5% of people ***seek change***, thrive on change, and create change. They are way out in front, setting the direction for the future.

20% of people are ***early backers*** of change. They easily understand the value change brings and embrace change with enthusiasm.

50% of people are ***cautious adapters***. They need some time to adjust and get used to new ways.

20% of people are ***late adapters***. They drive through life with parking brakes on—expending lots of energy to move forward and creating smoke and odor along the way.

5% of people ***fight every change*** they can as they walk through life.

Change can challenge our faith, character, and commitment. How do you feel about change? Does it fill you with excitement or dread? Does change symbolize conflict or new beginnings?

I know you've seen all the school supplies at Target and smelled that lovely crayon smell. While parents anxiously await the start of school, we are preparing too! We have some exciting changes coming at Long Lake Lutheran this year, especially in our Children, Youth, and Family ministry programs. I hope you will join us as we celebrate new growth, new beginnings, and new expressions of what it means to be the church. We are being intentional about using the Cornerstone well this year and are getting it ready for new classes and new ways to be together.

Rally Sunday, September 10! We will not have class on this Sunday, but we will **bleed backpacks** during worship, and invite all 3 year old through 9th grade students and parents to visit the Cornerstone for special activities and information and to update your contact information. Classes will begin Sept. 17.

Registration is open online for both Sunday School and confirmation. Our data base is quite out of date, so please complete these forms as soon as possible so that we know the best way to communicate with you and have all the safety information that we need.

New worship schedule:

Traditional worship 8:30am

Contemporary worship 10:30am. This service will include the Lutheran liturgical style while adding updated music and a more relaxed style.

Speaking of contemporary worship (and this thought might really make the more change-adverse among us squirm) ... but we could really use a small **drum set** or good hand drums. Do you have one to donate? We have a youth drummer (yay!), but it's a ton of work for them to bring their set each week.

Sunday School and Adult Education will happen between worship services. Children will be dismissed to the Cornerstone following communion, and *Sunday School will run from 9:15-10:15am.*

Our classes are **growing!** This year we will have one class for children ages 3 (and potty trained) to kindergarten and a second class for grades 1-5. Rachel Maguire will teach the younger group and Monica Petersen will teach the older. Thank you to both for their willingness and dedication! We are also building a substitute list, so if you would like to serve in this way please let Rachel, Monica, or me know. All adults working with kids will need a background check.

There will be **no Wednesday night Church School** this year.

Confirmation students in grades 6-8 will meet from 6:00-7:30 each Wednesday. We will start our time together with **worship** in the Cornerstone—all are welcome to join us!

Kari Osmek

Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

Other important dates:

Bible Sunday, October 15 for 3 year olds, 3rd graders, and any child who has not received a Bible

Trunk-or-Treat October 28, 3:00-5:00pm

Affirmation of Baptism, Oct. 29, 10:30am

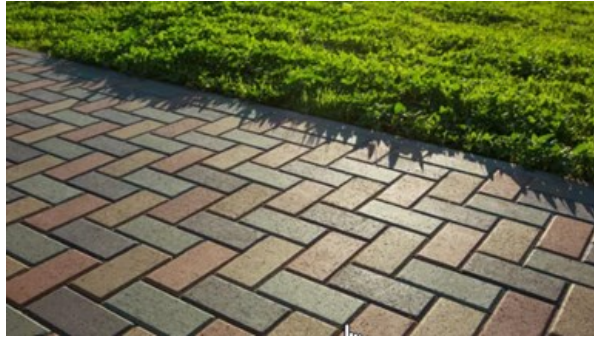
Children's Christmas Program, December 17th, 4:00pm with dinner to follow



SAVE THE DATES

- Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction – Saturday, September 9th -8:00-11:00
- Rally Sunday –Sunday, September 10th
- Confirmation Parents Meeting-Wednesday,
September 13th-6:00
- Sunday School-Sunday, September 17th
- Confirmation-Wednesday, September 20th –6:00-7:30
- Book & Bible Study –Thursday, September 14th-10:30
- Chili Cookoff/Country Night – Saturday, September 23rd
- Looney Lutherans-Saturday, October 7th -7:00 pm
- Spaghetti Dinner-Friday, October 20th -4:00-7:00
- Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 28th - 3:00-5:00
- Movie Night/Parents Night Out –November 4th
- Special Five Course Meal Evening Event – Saturday, November 18th
- Live Nativity –Saturday, December 2 –3:00-6:00
Sunday, December 3rd. 9:00

Playground Team Update



Playground Project Update – Brick Fundraiser Has Begun

We are well under way with our fundraising for the playground project and are currently at 45% of our goal. We have kicked off our Brick Fundraiser and need your help in getting the word out!

Each brick purchased will be engraved with your wording and design. They will then be installed in our playground space to be on display for children and grandchildren to look at for years and years to come!

Customized engraved bricks can be purchased either using our paper brochure ordering form, found on the fundraising table in the Narthex (please place your order form and cash or check in the basket on the fundraising table) or by going online at polarengraving.com/longlakeluth and placing your order.

There is a sample brick on the fundraising table along with brochures with more information – please pick one up today or call the office if you have any questions.

Please help us spread the word! Ask your friends, neighbors, family members, or coworkers if they would be interested in purchasing a brick. Share our posts on Facebook to draw attention to our project for your friends to see. If you know a local business owner, ask them if they'd like to purchase one for advertising.

Also, please save the dates and look for more information in the upcoming weeks on our planned fundraising events:



September Worship Helpers

September 3

Greeter: Marcy Stoeckel

Ushers: Wanda Strike

Lector: Melissa Sorenson

Kitchen: Connie Anderson

September 10

Greeters: Margaret McBride & Barry Smith

Usher: Wayne & Becky Olson

Lector: David Rock

Kitchen: Barb Talbot

September 17

Greeters: Yvonne Miller

Ushers: Dave & Melanie Ringstad

Lector: Angie Spartz

Kitchen: Ernie & Nancy Sandahl

September 24

Greeters: Pat & Pat Weiss Meyer

Ushers: Mike & Karen Schlegel

Lector: Joanne Eittreim

Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson





September Birthdays

1 Connie Anderson

2 Jean Hansen

2 Mick Hanson

3 Molly Hanson

3 Jennifer Manion

4 Madison Yurick

5 John Spletstoesser

6 Nora White

7 Nicholas Hemsworth

8 Gloria Folstrom

10 Phillip Maguire

11 Barb Talbot

12 Victoria Henry

12 Larry Puck

13 Margaret Bauer

13 Lars Halverson

13 Karyn Hansen

15 Brittany Isle

16 Dennis Hardie

17 Jerry Oldenburg

19 Joshua Hass

20 Connie Engren

20 Carson Fournier

22 Nate Dufek

23 Jack Erickson

23 Linda Merchlewitz

23 Lillian Reetz

26 Harvey Bartz

26 Tammy Dufek

28 Graydon Townswick

29 Scarlett Spike



September Anniversaries

1 Ken & Kathie Schleif

9 Bruce & Mary Beth Riebe

11 Dan & Barb Peterson

14 Jerry & Shirley Odenburg

15 Bob & Sandie Johnson

18 Don & Karyn Hansen

19 Don & Cheryl Knapp

19 Kevin & Maureen Schrapp

19 Jim Sr. & Roxanne Peterson

19 Daniel & Tiffanie Niemi

20 Pat Meyer & Pat Weiss-Meyer

21 John & Karen Bartz

30 Darin & Kim Magaard

Looking for:

1. A person skilled in or willing to learn video production including audio and video switching, camera control and production software. This is for the worship service broadcast using multiple cameras.
2. People who are talented musically to plan and play for a contemporary worship service.
3. Congregation & Youth Historian

Faithful Friends is a program developed while Shawna was still here. It is our hope that Faithful Friends will supplement the Pastoral Care Ministry of Long Lake Lutheran Church with Lay Ministers who are trained and equipped to provide home, hospital and care center visits, communion and spiritual friendship to people of our congregation. If you are in need of this service or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Sue, Brenda, Pat Weiss-Meyer or Marcy Stoeckel (651-338-8986).



FRIENDS OF RUTH

With garage sale season here, Friends of Ruth asks you keep us in mind. We need additional supplies for our baby care kits. EACH BABY CARE KIT includes: TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies) TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap TWO pairs of socks ONE hand towel, dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars TWO diaper pins or large safety pins.

There is a basket under the welcome desk labeled Friends of Ruth where you can deposit these items. Thanks so much!



Breakfast Club: Attention All High School Students

Please come and join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:00am in the Cornerstone. We will have waffles, juice, and great conversation! Sometimes we'll have donuts and play games—you never know! Bring a friend, too—All are welcome! Please contact Marcy if you have questions. 651-338-8986



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee conducted our second Associate Pastor interview this week. We also received another candidate from the Synod to consider and we have decided to move forward and are in the process of scheduling their interview. This is a time-consuming phase of the process so we thank you for your continued support and prayers!

PRAYER CONCERNS (Let us know how we can pray for you.)

Pray for healing for: Kate Allison (Hospice), Sharon Johnson, Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy and niece Angie, Kent and Joanne Eittrheim's friends Katie and Natalie, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie and her grandson Hayden, Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and her friend Brenda, Aaron's dad Harlan, John (Rose) Hass' nephew Kevin, Lisa and Martin Lynn's daughter Kelsey, Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn, Matt (Angie) Hylan's dad Mike, Jessica Larsen's cousin Mike, Paul & Jackie Gruber's grandson Payton, Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole, Josh (Tessa) Budnick's dad Joe, Jan Tusler's brother Roger, Linda Oliver's grandson Kristopher, Carol Vogtlin's nephew Andrew.

Pray for comfort for all who grieve:

Please update the office staff about people placed in the prayers.



COOKBOOK

Please submit your best recipes by **October 1st**.

To Submit Recipes Online:

- Go to <https://www.typonsave.com> and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: LongLake
- Enter the password: whisk693 and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.



Recipes can also be submitted in the box on the welcome desk or emailed to cookbook23@longlakeluth.org

Proceeds will support the purchase of new screens and technology in the sanctuary.

Team chairs are: Julie Nielsen and Nancy Sandahl

Please sign-up to pre-order your cookbook, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

SPOKE FOLK



BIKING · MUSIC · COMMUNITY · DISCIPLESHIP

Dear Long Lake Lutheran Church thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality, warm hugs, beautiful smiles, love and joy- Thank you so much you guys for your support & hosting us again. U we are glad you let us come back. Thank you.

-Love Spoke folk



LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S

Pancake BREAKFAST AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

8:00AM til 11:00AM

*Long Lake
Lutheran Church*

3921 277th Ave. NW
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PANCAKES, FRUIT,
JUICE, MILK & COFFEE!
SILENT AUCTION WILL START
AT 9AM

For more info. call 763.444.5315
All proceeds will go toward the
church's future playground!



Coming to Long Lake Lutheran Church!

October 7th, 2023

7:00 pm 90 -minute performance

6:00-6:45 pm social (coffee & treats)

Tickets: \$20 per person

Purchase tickets @ church office

All proceeds go for new technology
in our sanctuary.



Who Are the Looney Lutherans?

The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy, and some help from the audience to share their age-old wisdom for living a long and lively life, the Lutheran way. Material is comedic and family friendly, and you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'it!'

Camp Onomia's 25th Annual

Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 16, 2023

It will be another awesome day at Camp Onomia for our annual live quilt auction, bake sale, and silent auction! Be sure to invite your friends & family for this fun event. All proceeds support the year-round ministries of Camp Onomia.

- ◆ Live Quilt Auction
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Raffle Quilt

SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM: Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin in Friendship Hall

Noon: Lunch with free-will offering

1:00 PM: Live Quilt Auction begins

2:30 PM: Silent Auction ends

3:00 PM: Raffle Quilt drawing



Raffle Quilt: 86"x101" Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt in a Ribbon Blocks pattern are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction. Backing is white with small dots.

You do not need to be present to win.

Come and Stay! We welcome guests overnight on both Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th. \$40 per person per night. Come early, stay late, make some new friends, and experience this amazing setting in God's creation! Friday night includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday; Saturday night includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Call camp for reservations

Camp Onomia
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Phone: 320-532-3767

Email: camponomia@gmail.com



View an online preview
of the quilts!
www.camponomia.org/quilts

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