



A Multi-Campus Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Newsletter

April 2021

EAST MESA CAMPUS

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Communications Coordinator

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CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Janice Cunningham

Vice President - Sharon Stinard

Secretary - Barbara Reurink

Co-Treasurers - Cindy Reichert

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Neil Mattson, Administration

Ruth Parker, Missions

Leonard Schroeder, Evangelism

John Malmberg

Sharon Stinard

Susan Drane

Susie Cavoto

COORDINATING COMMITTEES

Cindy Reichert, East Mesa

Janice Cunningham, Gold Canyon

EAST MESA PHONE HOURS

8 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday

GOLD CANYON OFFICE HOURS

The Rest of the Story

I loved the radio program by Paul Harvey. The one where he told the part of a famous or well known story that most people didn't know. It was that program that taught me neat little tidbits about history. Tidbits like the influence Vikings had in Ireland, or that a young Adolf Hitler was treated as a son by an older Jewish couple he lived with during part of his schooling. I was always fascinated and couldn't wait to hear the famous line, "and now...the rest of the story."

The thing is, I was primed to love that radio program. And so were you.

The Gospels, particularly the Gospel of Mark, set us up to expect there to be more to the story than what we are told.

Mark is the most blatant about this set up because of the way it begins and ends. The author never intended for this short description of life as a disciple to be the entire story.

Suffering throughout history as the book with a laughable introduction, and an abrupt and incomplete ending, Mark has often been compared to the other Gospels and been found wanting.

Yet, I believe the author of Mark knew exactly what they were doing.

You see, I don't think the first sentence, "The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," was an introduction to the story the author was telling. In the same way, the last sentence, "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid," wasn't meant to be an ending.

It was all meant to be a beginning.

The entirety of what was written in what we call the Gospel of Mark, was never meant to be the whole story. It was meant to show us through Christ's eyes, how to follow the risen Christ.

"The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," is not the introduction to the Gospel of Mark. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid," is not the end of the story. Those two sentences and everything in the middle? Well, *all of that* is the introduction to the story of the risen living Christ in the world.

You, and all those who hear it, are the rest of the story.

Happy Resurrection!

Blessings,

Pastor Tina

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2021 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Barb Reurink, Janice Cunningham, Cindy Reichert, John Malmberg, Susan Drane, Suzy Cavoto, Sharon Stinard, Leonard Schroeder, Ruth Parker, Neil Mattson

STAFF: Pastor Bill Rindy, Pastor Tina Mills, Dave Reurink and Kim McCracken

CALL TO ORDER: (7:00 PM) by Janice Cunningham

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Bill Rindy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Suzy Cavoto moved to approve the amended agenda second by Ruth Parker. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING: Cindy Reichert moved to accept the February 16, 2021 minutes with a corrected meeting date and was seconded by John Malmberg. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES: Susan Drane moved to accept the minutes and a second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Rindy: 1. Lenten Services are going well. 2. Sign up for Holy Week services is now available. 3. Kim McCracken did well in delivering a meditation. 4. Pastor Rindy's mother passed away and he will be taking a bereavement leave.

Pastor Mills: 1. Back from a "relaxing" vacation. 2. Bible study on Mark has begun. 3. The worship services for Holy Week are being tweaked. 4. Internment services for Richard Ronan; David O'Dell; and Marvin Schwede. 5. Planning a baptism that was postponed from when lockdown started.

Kim McCracken: Written report was provided. 1. Beginning in April, Sunday School children will be seated in the Fellowship Hall for the Children's Message. Following the message, children will go either outside or to a Sunday School room. 2. Youth will be going hiking on March 27. 3. Looking at different scenarios on how to hold VBS this year.

Dave Reurink: 1. The termite company was in on Feb. 15. 2. Titan will be at Gold Canyon on Thursday, March 18, to repair the door in the women's restroom. 3. Looking for a pool company to come to Gold Canyon to work on the water feature. 4. Working on installing shelving in the basement to get things up off the floor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Reichert gave the Treasurer's report. Neil Mattson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to keep the current contract for internet and to upgrade the service from Mediacom to 300 download speed and upload speed to 20 in Gold Canyon for a cost of \$100/month more than currently being paid. A second by Suzy Cavoto. MC

EAST MESA CAMPUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written report.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2021 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

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GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written report. The Prayer Shawl group has quite a few Prayer Shawls available. These will be made available at both campuses.

ADMINISTRATION: No report

EVANGELISM: No report

MISSIONS: The first meeting was held on March 11, 2021. The Mission list for April 2021-March 2022 has been completed. The committee is working on communication. There is a sofa in the kitchen at Gold Canyon that needs a new home. Pastor Mills would like to have this in her office.

WELCA: Kim McCracken filled in for Susan Drane this month.

ADMINISTRATION: No report

NEW BUSINESS: Pinnacle Consulting contacted Janice Cunningham regarding the cell phone tower. They will contact AT&T.

OLD BUSINESS: Several recommendations were brought forward from the Regathering Task Force.

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to allow 100 people in the Sanctuary at East Mesa and 40 in the Overflow Room with all Covid protocols in place. Second by Susan Drane. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to allow 54 people in the Sanctuary at Gold Canyon with all Covid protocols in place. Second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to allow groups of 25 or less to use the Community Room at East Mesa with all Covid protocols in place. Second by Ruth Parker. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to allow groups of 50 or less to use the Sanctuary at Gold Canyon with a monitor from Gold Canyon attending and to have all Covid protocols in place. Second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to open the Courtyard at Gold Canyon to groups with 70 or less with all Covid protocols in place. Second by John Malmberg. MC

COUNCIL ACTION: Cindy Reichert moved to allow Reopening and unrestricted gatherings when 2 of the 3 following guidelines are met: 1. CDC removes the mask mandate and all other mandates 2. Local government agencies remove mask mandate and all other mandates 3. Synod recommends fully reopening. Second by Suzy Cavoto. MC

ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 pm

Pastor Mills led the closing prayer.

Upcoming Meeting on April 20, 2021 @ 7pm Zoom meeting

EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

3-8-2021

The East Mesa Coordinating Committee met Monday, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

Attending: Pastor Bill, John Weber, Pastor Tina, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink, Susan Drane, Janice Cunningham, Robin Tomlinson, & Cindy Reichert

Absent: Phyllis Edmond & Linda Gerke

Pastor Bill opened with prayer.

Family Promise – Robin

The next assigned week for our campus is September 19-25. Hopefully we will be able to host the families in person at that time.

Property Team- Dave

Routine maintenance continues. Issues with termites and door repair have been taken care of.

Discipleship/Youth Activities-Kim

Beginning in April, Sunday School children will be seated in the Fellowship Hall for the Children's Message. Following the message, children will exit through the Fellowship Hall to classrooms.

Kits containing activities for families to do during the Lenten season were distributed to families; children will wave palm branches during Palm Sunday Service; Easter egg hunts will not be held.

Book Study – "Adventures in Missing the Point" led by Pastor Bill continues.

Bible Study –Gospel of Mark study, led by Pastor Tina, begins March 20th.

Music & Worship– John

Wednesday Lenten Services continue to be held in the Sanctuary at 1 and 4 PM and in the Parking Lot at 7:00 PM. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th.

Administration/WELCA-Susan

WELCA Bible studies are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM. The Sarah Circle continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Recommendations from the Re-Gathering Task Force, which will be presented to Council, were discussed. (The recommendations are listed on the following page.)

Meeting was adjourned with prayer. Next meeting will be held on April 12th at 7:00 PM.

EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

3-8-2021

RE-GATHERING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- The East Mesa Sanctuary - attendance volume will be raised to 25% of capacity. This will equal 100 people. The overflow attendance volume will be raised to 25% of capacity. This will equal 40 people. Therefore, all services will allow 140 persons to attend. These numbers do not count staff unless they are seated in the per area. The area is to be “fogged” prior to Saturday’s service. Every other pew will be used. Example: Pews will be labeled (somehow) as Row A and Row B. Any set of rows can be used for Saturday’s service. The 7am Sunday service will use Row A; the 9am service will use Row B; the 1030 am service will reuse Row A.
- Seating in the Gold Canyon Sanctuary will be increased to 54 (number of people verified by Robert) maximum number of chairs that can be placed while keeping the 6’ spacing. This does not count staff unless they use a chair within the Sanctuary. This number will be recommended to the Council. A motion for these two items was made by Kim, seconded by Cindy. Motion passed.
- The Community Room at East Mesa will be open to all groups of 25 people or less. Current COVID protocols will remain in place. No food or drinks, masks required, distancing, etc. Motion made by John, seconded by Cindy. MP
- The Sanctuary at Gold Canyon will be open to groups of 50 or less. COVID protocol must be followed. A “monitor” from the church will be required to act as security for the electronics and other valuables during these meetings.
- The Courtyard at Gold Canyon will be open to meetings of 70 (number verified by Robert)). The bathrooms will be available. COVID protocols will be followed.
- Restricted gatherings will be considered individually by the Council. Fully reopening our facilities will not be considered until two of the following conditions exist:
 - **CDC removes mask requirements and all other restrictions
 - **Local governmental agencies remove mask requirements and all other restrictions
 - **The Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod recommends fully reopening churches

Motion made by John, seconded by Robert. MC

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee
March 2, 2021**

Attending: Janice Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Leonard Schroeder, Suzy Cavoto, Ruth Parker, John Malmberg, Karen Howard, Susan Drane

Staff: Pr. Bill Rindy, Pr. Tina Mills, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink

Absent: Mike Johnson

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Our facilities were closed March 17, 2020. In-person worship services were resumed in September, 2020. We have not been holding face to face meetings. This was our twelfth monthly meeting done by Zoom. Congratulations are in order for all who faithfully attended during this past year.

Leonard moved to accept the January minutes as written. Seconded by Ruth. MP

PASTOR AND STAFF REPORTS: Only those with activities are included here,

Pr. Bill gave thanks for the volunteers who made it through this amazing COVID year. Many churches didn't make it or are teetering on the edge of closing. The Lenten services are in full swing. He thanked Pr. Tina, Pr. Nancy, Kim and all the recording team for their extra work. He will be on vacation Thursday, March 4th and will be back Saturday, March 6th by 1pm. The trip to Oberammergau, Germany has been rescheduled for Aug 31 thru Sept 12, 2022.

Pr. Tina expressed her thanks for everyone's work through this last year with "Well done good and faithful servant". The study books are in for Mark and the studies will start Tuesday, March 16 at 1030 and Saturday, March 20 at 9. She will be on vacation March 8 through 14.

Kim – A written report will be issued soon. Highlights are: Lenten kits were provided to families to be completed at home. She has checked in with many of our ministry partners. Many are eager to reconvene. The Boy Scouts are holding a Dutch Oven Cookoff in the parking lot on Thursday, March 4. Kim will be one of the judges. She is working with the Altar Guild concerning palm fronds and Easter lilies.

Dave – Titan will be at Gold Canyon next week. Their contract with OSLC expires in July. He is investigating other companies. Most are way out of our price range. The stucco problem on the roof has been fixed. He is still working on the water feature.

MINISTRY CHAIR REPORTS: Only those with activities are reported below:

Administration – Neil Mattson is the new Council representative for Administration. Janice will contact him to see if he is interested in attending the Coordinating Committee.

Care – We still need a Chair for this position. However, the concept of the Care Ministry is still being outlined. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a surplus of shawls. Pr. Tina suggested that a handful of them be made available for both campuses to give to the congregation members if they have someone who needs one. Janice will discuss this with the Prayer Shawl members this coming Monday. Pr. Bill spoke with Mike Johnson's wife, Marsha, last week. She is home however Mike is still in a recovery center in Apache Junction.

Finance – John reported that he feels cautiously optimistic about the donations for February. He thanked Karen for all her work this past year as co-treasurer. We are pleased she is staying on our committee and working with the Finance committee.

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
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March 2, 2021 (continued)**

Missions - Ruth is one of the new members on the Council and is the Chair of Missions. She is meeting with Richard Falk Thursday. Next month's mission is VBS

Property – Robert has access to a large cabinet that Dave is interested in for East Mesa. He will send pictures.

WELCA – Susan said that studies are still being held by Zoom once a month in the afternoon and once in the Evening. She is leading the afternoon studies and Kim is leading the evening ones.

Worship – Robert wanted to thank Sarah for all the help she is giving to recordings on Wednesdays. She's there for the 1 o'clock recording and also for the 4pm live stream.

Old Business – Janice briefly reviewed the Annual Meeting held last Sunday and thanked everyone again for their year's work.

Pr. Tina closed us with prayer.

Our next meeting is April 6, 2021 at 1pm by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Cunningham, Chair



Sarah Circle (year-round)
4th Monday of the month.

Next meeting April 26.
at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

KimM@oslcaz.org



WELCA Gather Bible Study for all women on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Next meeting April 20th.

All women are invited to join us. Zoom is easy to use on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

If you don't have one of those, you can call in to join the meeting. Please call Susan Drane for more information or to sign up 480-980-8316.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 02/28/2021

Assets

Bank

Chase Business Checking	\$	330,662.95
Chase PPP Loan Checking	\$	2,275.71
ELCA Federal Credit Union	\$	25.00
MIF Investment Acct	\$	5,239.99

Vanguard - OSLC Endowment	\$	749,237.58
Education Portion	\$	8,182.45
Other Portion	\$	12,623.59

Total Vanguard - OSLC Endowment \$ **770,043.62**

Vanguard Capital Projects	\$	369.68
- Columbarium Niches	\$	5,475.00

Total Vanguard Capital Projects \$ **5,844.68**

Vanguard Reserve Account	\$	64,214.52
Petty Cash	\$	172.94

Total Bank \$ **1,178,479.41**

Total Accounts Receivable \$ **2,050.00**

Total Fixed Assets \$ **5,226,455.05**

Total Assets \$ **6,406,984.46**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	6,395.82
Payroll Withholding & Taxes	\$	3,006.09
Chase PPP Loan Payable	\$	77,481.00
Mortgage Payable	\$	1,601,136.21

Total Liabilities \$ **1,688,019.12**

Net Assets

Restricted

Adult Education Materials Fund	\$	1,614.99
Angel Tree Fund	\$	1,433.00
Capital Projects - Vanguard	\$	5,844.68
Chase PPP Fund	\$	(92,097.11)
CYF General Fundraisers	\$	2,053.64
CYF Noisy Offerings	\$	2,988.74
CYF Trunk or Treat	\$	(279.54)
CYF VBS	\$	334.21
CYF Youth-Sunday School	\$	1,142.80
CYF Youth Gatherings	\$	470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships	\$	422.15
Designated Offerings	\$	55,024.08
EM Chapel Organ Fund	\$	10,266.34
Endowment Fund - Vanguard	\$	770,043.62
Family Promise Fund	\$	2,968.37
Food Shelf Fund	\$	150.00
GC Choir Fund	\$	574.00
Holiday Flowers Fund	\$	70.84
I-Help Fund	\$	6,426.16
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund	\$	2,780.00
Local Emergency Aid Fund	\$	16,662.61
Mesa AV Project Fund	\$	557.84
Mesa Sign Project Fund	\$	56.59
MIF Investments	\$	5,239.99
Music Fund	\$	(52.50)
Parking Lot Fund	\$	930.00
Property and Equipment	\$	3,625,318.84
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	\$	64,214.52
Snack Pack Fund	\$	13,135.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events	\$	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials	\$	2,032.17
WELCA Fund	\$	50.00

Total Restricted \$ **4,503,286.43**

Total Unrestricted (General Fund) \$ **215,678.91**

Total Net Assets \$ **4,718,965.34**

Total Liabilities + Net Assets \$ **6,406,984.46**

Weekly Devotions

- **Devotions: Live Mondays at 1:30 pm on Facebook (AZ time)**
- **Available any time on Facebook!**

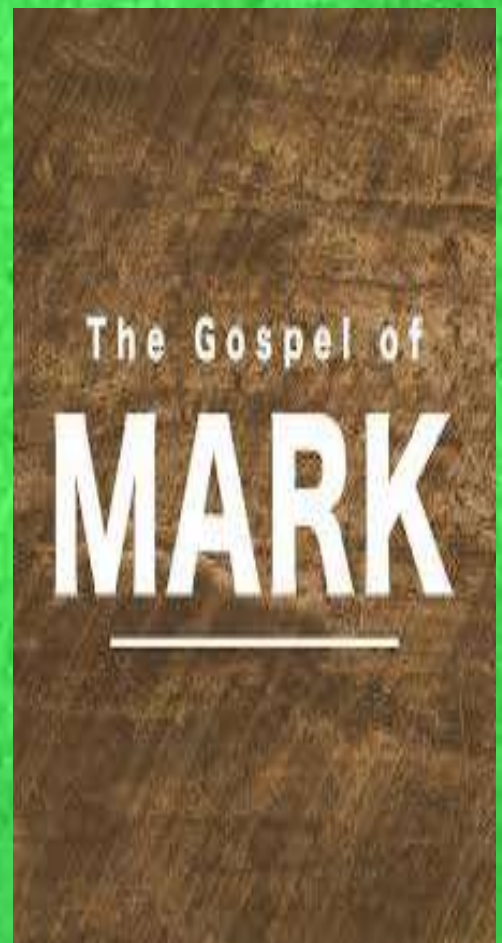


Bible Study on Gospel of Mark

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am
(Starting March 16th)**

**Saturdays at 9:00 am
(Starting March 20th)**

**Email Pastor Tina at
Tina@oslcaz.org**



Happy Birthday

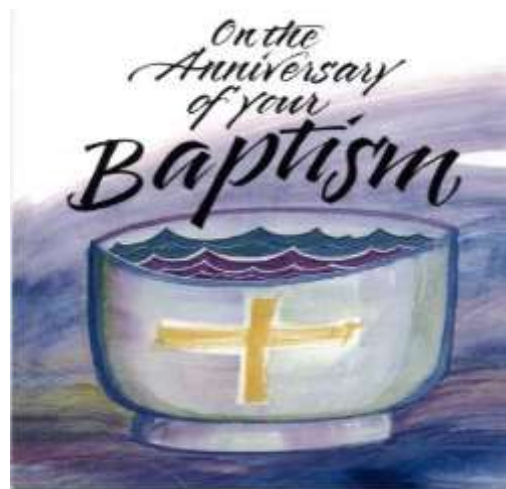
04/01	Evan Struck	04/17	Marlene Beenken
04/02	Jean Peterson	04/18	Sara Walters
04/03	Ken Wellman	04/19	Marlene Burkel
04/04	Lucille Daugherty	04/19	Kathy Michealson
04/04	Griffin Stonebraker	04/19	Cathy Kemper
04/05	David Luehr	04/19	Robert, Jr. Bartlemay
04/05	Liz Hardekopf	04/20	Bernice Naber
04/05	Jennifer Welch	04/20	Ellen Fricke
04/05	Heather Moe	04/20	Gale Hildreth
04/07	Darlene Mahlum	04/20	Fran Wren
04/07	Anita Deuel	04/20	Rhonda Helgerson
04/07	Jeff Kemper	04/21	Mavis Klaudt
04/08	Joanne Lachelt	04/21	Dorothy Homann
04/08	Priscilla Fieldhammer	04/21	Gracelynn Roscoe
04/08	Taylor Koppendrayer	04/22	Lyle Brend
04/08	Lilian Sbresny	04/22	Deb Herman
04/09	Brandy Strawn	04/22	Rob Holmes
04/10	Nancy Simpson	04/22	Ethan Sapp
04/11	Dennis Dean	04/22	Lillie Holmes
04/12	Gail Johnson	04/24	Cal Langerud
04/12	Neal Lundahl	04/24	Barb Larson
04/13	Del Nystedt	04/24	Lisa Hinrichs
04/14	Bria Moser	04/25	Margie Urdahl
04/15	Jack Waters	04/25	Ken Amundsen
04/16	Doris Moravick	04/25	Joseph Mattera
04/16	Carol Jurgens	04/26	Avis Savre
04/16	Steven Jentz	04/27	Pat Ford
		04/28	Carla Jensen
		04/28	Tim Bartlemay
		04/30	Jean Olson
		04/30	Jan Darnell

Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



04/01	Larson, Bruce & Barb
04/02	Luehr, David & Dana
04/05	Lange, Dean & Chestine
04/05	Hinrichs, Robb & Lisa
04/09	Neumiller, Jr & Della
04/12	Neff, Carl & Lavonne
04/13	Elser, Jack & Norma
04/14	Jensen, Wayne & Carla
04/14	Taylor, Donald & Grace
04/15	Hardekopf, Dale & Liz
04/16	Koppendrayer, Taylor & Keri
04/20	Feldt, Gary & Judy
04/23	Jallo, Sanford & Mayvis
04/25	Johnson, Myra & Lyle
04/27	Lester, Jim & Ann

4/17/2004	Kaden	Stonebraker
4/2/2005	Elizabeth	Gahm
4/3/2006	Milton	Glass
4/13/2008	Hunter	Huish
4/16/2011	Mackenzie	Kjos
4/16/2011	Madison	Kjos
4/14/2013	Greyson	Huish
4/18/2015	Justin	Miller
4/18/2015	Landen	Miller
4/25/2015	Robert	Holmes Jr
4/26/2015	Eliza	Potekhen
4/8/2018	Alexander	Wilson
4/14/2018	Alonzo	Mancinas
4/15/2018	Luke	Nordquist
4/21/2019	Kayden	Kise



April 2021



Mission Items

FOOD SHELF:

In place of food shelf donations,
buy a gift package at the grocery store.

FINANCIAL:

Vacation Bible School



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Saturday Service
4:00pm

Sunday Services

7:30am
9:00am
10:30am

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Sunday Services

9:00am
10:30am

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