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October 2025 Newsletter

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Seasons of Change



Pastor Mark wears two gifts from his ordination celebration day: a new cross and a stole depicting scenes from his favorite hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

October greets us with a burst of color. Trees exchange their summer green for the rich hues of autumn, painting the landscape with reds, golds, and oranges. The air cools, the days shorten, and the earth itself seems to prepare for rest. Fall reminds us that life moves in seasons, each with its own beauty, its own purpose, and its own challenges.

In Scripture, we are reminded that God is Lord over all seasons—both in nature and in our lives. Just as creation turns through rhythms of growth, harvest, and rest, our own lives move through times of abundance, change, letting go, and renewal. Some seasons bring joy and fruitfulness; others bring loss or waiting. But in every season, God remains constant. *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”* (Hebrews 13:8).

Think about the trees in autumn. As their leaves fall, it may look like loss, but it is actually preparation. The tree is not dying; it is conserving its strength for winter and preparing for new growth in spring. In the same way, God sometimes calls us to let go—of old habits, heavy burdens, or even certain plans—so that we might be ready for the new life God is working within us.

This October, as you walk among the changing leaves, take time to notice God’s lessons in creation. What might God be asking you to release? Where might God be inviting you to trust in His timing? Just as surely as spring will follow winter, God’s promises of renewal will come.

A Prayer for October

Eternal God, You are the Lord of every season. As the leaves change and fall, remind us of Your constant love that never fails. Teach us to let go of what we do not need and to trust You in times of change. Prepare our hearts for the new life You are always bringing. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

Upcoming Events

The [church calendar](#) is always available on every page of the church [website](#) on the right side, along with the church address, phone number, email address, and Youtube link for the online services. The online calendar contains the most up-to-date listing of events.

[Click to see Church Calendar](#)

Weekly events

Sunday: **Worship** 10:00 am

Sunday School after church service, 11:30 am

Monday Bible Studies with Tina Crog at Tremont Coffee, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Studies with Tina Crog at Tremont Coffee, 10:00 am

Wednesday Snip-N-Stitch, 9:00 am

Thursday Bible Studies, 10:00 am

Thursday Chair Yoga following Bible Study, 11:00 am

Monthly events

Thursday, October 2, 6 pm: **Friendship Circle. (1st Thursday of month)**

Tuesday, October 7, **Worship and Music Committee (1st Tuesday of month)**

Friday, October 10, 4:30-6:00 pm: **Community Meal and Clothes Closet
(2nd Friday of month)**

Tuesday, October 14, 7 pm: **Church Council (2nd Tuesday of month)**

Tuesday, October 21, 6 pm: **Finance Committee (3rd Tuesday of month)**

Special Events

Pepperoni Rolls available from Kitchen Angels, Sunday, September 28. They will be available at 9:30 in the dining room and also after church. Six rolls for \$8.

Cathedral Concert: Sunday, October 26 , 4 pm, Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus with District 8 High School Singers

Adult Sunday School Class

After Sunday Worship: 11:30 am, second floor of Parish Hall

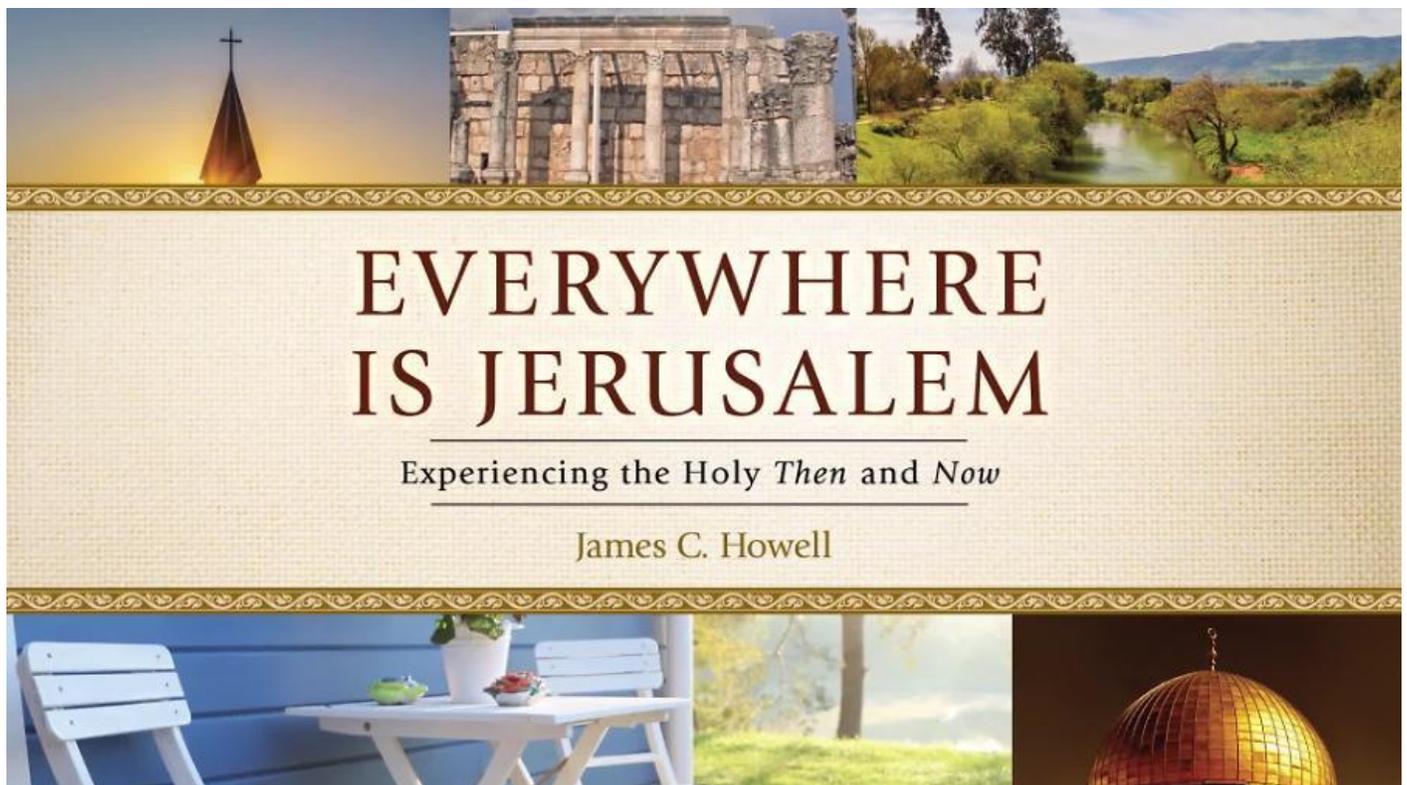
Who is God the Holy Spirit?

“The Spirit will guide you into all truth.” (John 16:13a)

The Holy Spirit may be the most neglected and misunderstood person of the Holy Trinity. God the Father and God the Son seem more relatable and easier to embrace. The lessons for October will focus on the person and work of the Holy Spirit and the privilege we have as believers to access this “power from on high.”

Please join us following the Sunday worship service in the Parish Hall, top floor, as we begin this interesting series of lessons. We typically start at 11:30 and conclude shortly past noon. An elevator is available for easy access. Hope to see you there!

Thursday Morning Bible Study



Thursday: 10:00 am in the meeting room in Parish Hall

Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Experiencing the Holy Then and Now **By James Howell**

Location matters. Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places.

In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places they happened.

Part travelogue, part Bible study, this book will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Bible Studies with Pastor Tina Crog

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Beginning Sept. 22, 2025	<i>Nicene</i> CREED	Beginning Sept. 24, 2025
Mondays 6 PM @ Tremont Coffee		Wednesdays 10 AM @ Tremont Coffee

We Believe: A Bible Study on the Nicene Creed

For many of us, the Creed is something we recite each week in worship--but what do we really mean when we say, "We believe?"

In honor of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, this fall we'll explore the story of the early church, how the Nicene Creed shaped Christian faith through the centuries, and why it continues to guide and inspire us today. Using scripture, devotional resources, and the writings of Martin Luther, we'll see how this ancient confession can speak to our lives and our faith community now.

Pastor Tina Crog of St. Jacob will be leading a discussion on **Mondays beginning September 22nd at 6 pm** and **Wednesdays beginning September 24th at 10 am** at Tremont Coffee on Erie Street.

If you would like to receive a weekly video devotional emailed each Tuesday, Pastor Tina will add you to the list. Her email is pastortina@stjacob.org.

Church Picnic Has a Good Turnout



Thanks to everyone for attending the Church Picnic September 14th. It was great having the talents of Tom Judge playing singing music for us.



Road Rally Coming Up

On the heels of a successful Church Picnic, the Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce the next adventure: a "Road Rally" on **October 18th**. We will gather at the church at 11:00 am and team up for an adventure. Our theme is "historic," a meaning that you will figure out along the way. We will end at a location where we can enjoy lunch.

The sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

Make sure you mark your calendar for **December 6th**: we will be Christmas caroling to our members who are unable to worship in person.



An image from last year's Road Rally.

Church Council Highlights

Report from September 9, 2025

- Pastor reported that Matthew Cottle and Dick Cordes are recovering at home and that Paul Daily has entered hospice care.
- Pastor will soon be planning Advent services and Bible study will resume on September 11th.
- Pastor reported on behalf of the Capital Campaign Committee that the remodel has progressed well and is nearly at an end. This is great news, and we have all enjoyed the many changes for the better.
- Lifts have been inspected and are ready for use. Pastor will be providing training to ushers and anyone else interested on the operation of the new lifts.
- The Capital Campaign fund will remain open for the several heating and cooling issues facing us as well as plumbing issues which need addressed sooner than later. All of these will be costly.

- The company that previously carried our insurance for the church no longer insures churches. Dan informed council that our agent is providing to us the name of a new company and Finance will be studying this proposal.
- Also discussed was the new medical insurance for Pastor Mark.
- Sue Reid and her Fellowship Committee have many fun activities planned for the future beginning with our church picnic on the 14th.
- Look for upcoming details on a road rally, Christmas caroling, and a Valentine dinner.
- Sadly, David Stoner can no longer help with the cooking of the community meal. We will be looking for someone else to step into his shoes. He will be missed.
- The congregation approved on September 7th the authorization of up to \$23,000 for repaving the upper parking lot. This will happen in October.

Respectfully shared,

Kathryn Myers
President, Church Council

Capital Campaign Update Notes from Pastor Mark



The new entryway with chairlifts both into the Parish Hall and into the Sanctuary were ready for our first Cathedral Concert on Sunday, September 21.

With joy and gratitude, we celebrate the completion of our new entrance and bathrooms—made possible by your faithful generosity. What a gift it is to see these improvements already serving our community!

Yet our work of caring for God's house is not finished. Three pressing needs lie ahead: a \$125,000 replacement of the Parish Hall heating and cooling system, repairs to the Parish Hall window wells, and fixing a boiler leak in the Education Building.

Through your continued giving, we can preserve this sacred space as a place of safety, welcome, and comfort for all who come through our doors. Together, we are ensuring that our church remains a living witness to God's grace for generations to come.



The new restrooms are roomy and conveniently located right across from the lounge.

Parking Lot to Be Resurfaced



Resurfacing Schedule:

Friday, October 3: Asphalt grinding. **Use the lot with caution on Sunday, October 5.**

Monday, October 6: Lot to be resurfaced. **The lot will not be available from Monday through Saturday. Do not use the lot until Sunday, October 12.**

We Welcome a New Acolyte



Thomas Haake joins Scott Larson in preparing the altar for worship. Thomas says, "I like to light the candles and help at the church."

New Member Richard Evert



We welcome Richard Evert into our membership. Richard has already taken an active part in worship services by sharing his gifts as a clarinet player.

A little more information about our new member:

Richard Evert, from Sturgis, Michigan, plays clarinet and the family of saxophones. He attended the University of Michigan for two years and traveled to Russia with the University Symphonic Band under the Presidents Cultural Program. This was followed by playing in the United States Air Force Band in Washington, D.C. Richard has received degrees in Music Education and Clarinet Performance from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of

Music. He later worked for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for fifteen years. He has taught all levels from pre-school to the college level. He has appeared as soloist and playing in concert bands, jazz bands, polka bands, chamber ensembles and church music. Before moving to Massillon, he traveled the 50 states while RV-ing full time. Richard plays in the Canal Fulton Community Band and enjoys reading in his spare time.

Friendship Circle: Upcoming Meeting

Happy fall to all the ladies of St. Paul's!

Friendship Circle will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, at 6:00 pm. This month we will have a guest speaker, Mr. Norm Mast, VP of Innovatives of Ohio Hospice. He will be discussing hospice and palliative care as well as the distinction between the two. It should be quite the informative evening.

Before Mr. Mast speaks, we'll have a short get-together and light supper. Hope to see all of our ladies there!

September Community Meal Report



On a beautiful afternoon, 85 community members enjoyed homemade creamed chicken over biscuits, green beans, fresh fruit, and a homemade dessert.

A father and daughter arrived "after hours." We had enough to feed them, and Jack Fortune turned his charm on. He entertained the small girl and gave her little gifts which brought a big smile. Priceless!

As with every month, Veronica Kreemer distributed household items for those in need.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our mission. Many look forward to it every month and enjoy a nice meal and fellowship.

All donations of dinner and dessert paper plates, plastic ware, hot and cold cups, and of course, monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Please reach out to Kim with questions.

Blessings and Peace,

phone link: [Kim Oberlin](#)

email link: [Kim Oberlin](#)

Clothes Closet Report: Fall Needs

- Thank you to Dan Farrar for applying for and receiving a **grant** for the Closet. This will help pay for needed items we do not have in stock.
- We helped new and returning patrons this month. We had a steady stream of **grateful** shoppers.
- We are in need of **boy's and men's jeans, casual pants and shirts, shoes, boots, and coats.**
- We always need **personal grooming supplies, household, decor, bedding and monetary donations.**
- We are in the process of switching from spring/summer and currently need **fall/winter items.**
- Thank you to all who donate! Your generosity is appreciated.

Please call Cindy Lash, Tracie Schmolt, or Carol Stoner for additional information.

Good Things on the Way from God's Kitchen Angels



God's Kitchen Angels have started their busy baking season. For the first time we decided to do pepperoni rolls. David Stoner volunteered to head the project. We made 420 rolls! They will be dispensed on September 28. It will be on a first come first serve basis. They will be available at 9:30 in the dining room and also after church. Cost is six rolls for \$8.

Our next baking project will be our famous Pumpkin Rolls. Prices will remain the same: \$8 a half, \$15 for a whole. Order forms are now available.

Cookies will be in November. More information to come.

Again, we thank all of you for your continued support!

--Sue Ambrosic and all of her Angels.
Many blessings!

Christmas Collections to Begin

COLLECTING NONPERISHABLES

Welfare and Social Committee will collect nonperishable food and miscellaneous items for our Community Meal families for Christmas. These items will be distributed at our Community Meal on Friday, December 12.

We will begin collecting in October. Please place your donations in the box located at the side entrance of the church.

If you have questions, please contact Barb Palmer at 330-244-1602

October 19	Tea and coffee
October 26	Peanut butter and jelly
November 2	Canned soups and pork n beans
November 9	Cereal and mixes (cake, brownies, muffins)
November 16	Canned fruits and vegetables
November 23	Spaghetti sauce, pasta, instant potatoes
November 30	Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper)
December 7	Bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush

Thank you for your generosity!

Barb Palmer

Cathedral Concert Series

Patron Generosity

Dr. Abigail Haake made a request for donations prior to our first concert so that we could list donors in that program, and we were delighted with how many of you stepped up! We are very grateful for the generous support. Our beautiful church provides powerful acoustic resonance to our performing artists. We are fortunate to have such a magnificent building and such strong supporters of the arts.

Baldwin Wallace on October 26



Our concerts featuring collegiate choruses have always been popular. We have had Capital, Ohio State, Michigan, and Bowling Green in previous years. Seeing the energy, enthusiasm, and skill of these serious young musicians is inspirational. Our next concert will feature the Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus along with some young voices of community high school students as well. Hope to see you there on October 26 at 4 pm!

Cathedral Concerts

— AT ST. PAUL'S —

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 4:00 PM
A Chorus For a Cause



Sunday, October 26, 2025, 4:00 PM
Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus
with Division 8 High School Singers

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 4:00 PM
OPUS 216
String Ensemble



Sunday, February 22, 2026, 4:00 PM
Dr. Emery Stephens,
Baritone

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 4:00 PM
Dr. Abigail Haake,
Organ



Sunday, May 3, 2026, 2:00 PM
The Canton Symphony
Orchestra Chorus

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Chorus for a Cause Shared Their Love of Music



A Chorus for a Cause kicked off our Concert Series on September 21.

We enjoyed some familiar Broadway melodies and were perhaps introduced to a few new ones. "There Once Was a Man" from *The Pajama Game* brought out the drama in the Chorus as the men and women challenged each other over who had the greater love. "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof* and "Memory" from *Cats* were presented with heartfelt tenderness. Many other favorites were featured from musicals spanning almost a hundred years: 1929 to 2022.

The chorus raised funds for Beech Creek Nature Preserve for this concert.



The turnout was excellent for the first concert.



Director Christine Allison and accompanist Mark Thewes.

Creator of Quilt Gift



At the Cathedral Concert on September 21, one of our guests was Andrea Peters. She worships at St. Mary's across the street.

During the time when their congregation worshiped in our building--during the restoration after the fire--Father Eddy wanted the parish to present a gift to express their gratitude. Andrea is the one who made the quilt.

Prayer List Update

Nancy Lint, Tom Fry, Carol Sargent, Kenneth & Jean Dexter, Anna Langenfeld, Matthew Cottle, Arthur Barrett, Olivia Harrington, Darlene Lewis, Cindy Nash, Michael Jordan, Paul Daily, Rick Theiss, Richard Green, and Kathy Watts.

October Birthdays

Favorite Bible or hymn verses: Every month we invite those celebrating birthdays to share their favorite verses. Be ready to send in yours!

Rev. Lynn Williamson, October 27:

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
 and to seek him in his temple." *Psalms 27:4*

Oct 1--Robert Mitcheal

Oct 3--Michael Reiman

Oct 3--Serenity Brumfield

Oct 3--Monte Geuy

Oct 3--Bob Long

Oct 7--Joyce Mitcheal

Oct 12--Heather Hall

Oct 14--Charles Richards

Oct 15--William Davila

Oct 17--Charles Gesen

Oct 18--Georgiana Lafferty

Oct 19--Vivian Getz

Oct 19--Jennifer Larson

Oct 20--Michael Deerwester

Oct 22--Lee DiLoreto

Oct 24--John Haake

Oct 24--Tracie Brumfield

Oct 25--Danese Bunting

Oct 27--Rev. Lynn Williamson

Oct 29--Kathleen Corban

Oct 29--Robert Morningstar

Oct 31--Brittany Hostetler

Oct 31--Jill Wallace

Has your birthday or anniversary been missing from the published lists? If so, please contact the office so we can add it to our database. Thank you!

October Wedding Anniversaries

We celebrate with these couples and congratulate them on another milestone in their lives together!

Oct 7--Jared & Emma Lafferty

Oct 21--Lawrence & Kim Oberlin

In Sympathy

Leona Corban

We extend our sympathy to the family of [Leona Corban](#), long-time St. Paul's member.

Thank You Note

Julia Englehart

Julia would like to thank all that prayed for her by sending cards, texts, and prayers. Her procedure went well.

Flowers for the Altar for 2025

Please text Sue Ambrosic at 330-844-7648 if you would like to have the Altar or Throne flowers for 2025.

The cost of Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday; the Throne flowers are \$28. Please contact Patty Carmola if you have any questions at 330-832-9405. You will be billed directly by *Carmola's Flowers* in Massillon.

Council Members

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[Jackie Pritchett](#), secretary

Dwight Butler
Gary Collard
Shane Jackson
Jim Johnson
Lynda Klein

Dennis Morgan
Barb Palmer
Sue Reid
Brady Rupp

Committee Members

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Sue Ambrosic
Gayle Jackson
Becky Johnson
Cindy Lash
Deidra Monastra

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Scott Larson
Deidra Monastra
Sue Reid

Serving During the Month of October

If you are interested in serving for a future month, click on the contact person's email link.

ASSISTING MINISTER

Contact [Karl Kalk](#)

10/5--Scott Larson
10/12--Sue Reid
10/19--Dave Stoner
10/26--Karl Kalk

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Contact [Kathryn Myers](#)

10/5--Jackie Pritchett & Gary Collard
10/12--Shane Jackson & Barb Palmer
10/19--Lynda Klein & Greg Klein
10/26--Dennis Morgan & Kathryn Myers

GREETERS

Contact [Karl Kalk](#)

10/5--Pastor Lynn & Lashell Williamson
10/12--Dick & Robyn Cordes
10/19--Russ & Mary Ann Poling
10/26--Greg & Lynda Klein

SACRISTAN

Contact [Kathryn Myers](#)

Mary Ann Poling

LAY LECTOR

Contact [Karl Kalk](#)

The Eric Myers family

USHERS

Contact [Dick Longworth](#)

Shane Jackson
John Liebermann
Jack and Marsha Fortune

New Assisted Hearing Devices Available



Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.

You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi:

Network: sound media

Password: Sound127

Once connected to the Wi-Fi, open the WaveCAST app and tap on **St. Paul's** to access the worship service. If you need help, please see Jim or John.

St. Paul's Phone App



The graphic features the 'My Church' app icon on the left, which is a blue square with a white cross and the text 'My Church' below it. To the right is a 'get connected' graphic with a purple banner and colorful circles. Below this is a list of instructions:

- Go to your app store-Download
✓ [My Church by Pushpay](#)
- Open the app
✓ Search for St Paul's by typing
[STPLC APP](#)
- Click on the St Paul's logo

Choose My Church by Pushpay from the App Store.

To take advantage of all the app's features, you must create an account. Get notifications and reminders of upcoming events, access our live stream worship and worship bulletins, send prayer requests, see the church calendar, and give electronically.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are a community of believers called together to be the Body of Christ for the sake of our families, community and our world. We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings as we celebrate God's redeeming and freeing grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Reverend Mark Kreemer officiating.

Thank you to all who have submitted photos for this newsletter. To see more photos, follow the Facebook pages listed below.



Cathedral Concerts Facebook Page



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