

December 2016

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Saturday: 5 pm Celebrate! Worship Sunday: 8:45 am Traditional Worship

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Communion at all services

Follow the STAR to Bethlehem!

Our Mission...

"We journey with God, to serve with love"

Our Vision...

"As a community of believers journeying with God together, we at Bethlehem are called to serve with love by growing a premier youth ministry; enlivening Christian discipleship through lifelong learning, care, and spiritual formation; fostering a vibrant and inspiring worship experience; utilizing our natural setting and location for faithful creation care and outdoor ministry; and opening our doors always to be a "campus at the crossroads" for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ."

FINANCE COMMITTEE / TREASURER UPDATE

Year To Date numbers thru November 30th for the **General Fund** are shown below in a table and also a narrative.

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	Variance	Key Message	
Total Income	327,696	322,931	4,765	Contributions exceed budget	
Total Other Income	11,014	16,310	5,296	Other Income below budget	
TOTAL INCOME	338,710	339,241	531	Actual Income slightly below budget	
Total Expenses	350,106	350,086	20	Expense slightly exceeds budget	
Over/Under	-11,396	-10,845		Deficit	

Actual Total Income for year to date (January thru November) is \$338,710. Budgeted income for this same period was \$339,241 so we are looking much better on Income. November was a very positive month for us from a Congregational giving perspective. While one very positive month does not make a trend, it was indeed a month of Thanksgiving!

Actual Expense for this same period was \$350,106. Budgeted expense was \$350,086 so our expenses were \$20 over budget...kind of hard to believe the numbers are so close considering all the moving parts of the budget.

These numbers tell us we are tracking close to what was budgeted for 2016, however we are still running a deficit for the first 11 months. Remember the 2016 budget was passed with an expected deficit of \$5,602. December is traditionally a good month with Advent and Christmas income exceeding expense by several thousand dollars. With generous giving the deficit number above can be significantly lowered by year end.

The 2017 budget was passed by the Council on November 29th. Copies will be available during the Saturday and Sunday services the weekend prior. Please take a look and come prepared to the December 11th Congregational Meeting with any questions you have and we will vote. I look forward to the opportunity of explaining the 2016 year to date numbers and proposed 2017 budgets with you on the 11th.

And what would my update be without a final plea for 2017 pledges. Our goal was to get 100 and we are at 93. So close, but still not there. Pledge cards are available during the services if you wish to pledge.

Respectfully submitted, David Peppler



For a child has been born for us,
A son given to us;
Authority rests upon his shoulders;
And he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
-Isaiah 9:6



As mentioned in last month's STAR, this year we will be traveling together through an advent book by biblical scholar Water Brueggemann entitled "Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study" - focusing on the four titles given our Messiah from Isaiah 9: "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace."

We have weekly paper copies of each chapter available in the Gathering Space (for educational purposes only) along with reflections by church staff and other blog participants on our church website (see the front page article or the "Our Stories" dropdown menu at www.bethlehemtc.org) And as we share ideas, thoughts and stories together, please remember to check out our wonderful Wednesday Advent Nights in December (on the 7th, 14th and 21st). We begin at 5:30 with dinner, continue with book discussions for adults and youth, and crafts for the kiddos. Then we end together with a brief service (Holden Evening prayer or worship with Zeke and Sharon.)

Here are the weekly Advent titles for Jesus from Isaiah (and their "nicknames")

Advent 1 – 11/30: "Wonderful Counselor" (aka "Approachable Jesus")

Advent 2 – 12/7: "Mighty God" (aka "Super Christ")

Advent 3 – 12/14: "Everlasting Father" (aka "(Ultimate) Home Depot Dad")

Advent 4 – 12/21: "Prince of Peace" (aka "Unifier In Chief")

On a separate note, as we close in our budget for next year on this coming December 11th meeting, you will notice members from Council speaking – formally and otherwise – for our need to "keep the ball rolling" and always be mindful of our gifts, this year and next, so that Bethlehem can continue to build and be built by God for the ministry of Christ in our community and beyond. Please consider helping in this process, through pledging or lending a hand as you are able.

And finally, there is the whole point of Advent, and the direction we follow each upcoming week: the anticipation of Christ the person and event in our live...incarnate with the innocence of a child, sent with the urgency of a prophet. We wait, we prepare, and we celebrate, my friends. Always.



To Be A Deacon - exploring the intersections or our world and the church together, with the Trinity leading the way.

"You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy." Isaiah 9:3 NRSV



It is a joy to enter this month with not only the anticipation that comes with Advent, but also the joy of being at Bethlehem for one complete year. It is amazing to look back on the stories we've shared and the events we've celebrated. We have listened to the Spirit whispers and the God hollers. Through the good and tough pieces of life as the church, we have grown, learned and loved.

One of my personal highs was sharing with you all the baby announcement for Kaia Gene and more recently, the baby announcement for our Rainbow baby due in May 2017. We never thought it would be such a rewarding, yet challenging path to growing our family. We are forever grateful for your support and prayers.

Ministry highs have been getting to hang out with senior high youth at the Living Water Ministry Youth Gathering that happens every December 27-30 in Lansing. Also, the confirmation retreat last January was an amazing marathon of learning. Then we brought back BLUES (Bethlehem Lutheran Upper Elementary Student Nights) for our 3rd through 6th grade youth and families. BLUES is a fun laid back gathering of being church both at Bethlehem and out in our community. Summer brought a week at Stony Lake Church Camp, the Picnic and Pool Party, Cherry Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser, cookout and Beach Bums Game.

All the events are great, but it wouldn't be right to ignore the pieces like the Congregation-Wide Confirmation Conversation, Vacation Bible School, God's Work - Our Hands Sunday, the Apprentice Series, Verse on Tap, and the variety of topics looked at and discussed in Adult Education time.

To round out the year this month we have Advent nights, the WELCA Christmas tea, Blue Christmas services, a confirmation retreat, music concerts with Grace, and much more! All this activity to lead up to the best celebration of the year honoring the birth of our savior. May grace and peace bless us all as we move through the Advent season and into another action packed year together!

Peace,
Deacon Juls ><>

President's Corner

President's Report for December Star 2016

Merry Christmas - Immanuel - God with us

Dear friends at Bethlehem,

Christmas is here and once again we gather to share our joys and dreams. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and the realization that he is born everyday in our hearts and minds and lives within us eternally. Christmas also reminds us of the trials and hardships faced by Jesus and that good always triumphs over evil. His coming was foretold in the Old Testament:

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Christ's birth was not just an event that happened long ago, in a land far away. He was born a Jew, yet He belongs to all races. He was born in Bethlehem, yet He belongs to all countries. Him was sent to set us all free from the shackles of sin; to create a new covenant with God's people – all who believe in Him.

There are so many activities taking place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church this month. Watch the bulletins, the kiosk, and the website for times and activities for all ages. Please come and be a part of your church. You will find the experience fulfilling, enriching, and joyous. If your holidays take you out of the area, please be safe, take time, and drive like your family is in the other car. Take time to pray for those in need and remember those who are struggling. Be the Samaritan to someone this holiday. Remember the OTHERS..

My hand in yours, our hearts with Him,

Phil Anderson



Journey with the Global Church in 2017

We are excited to share that the theme of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* for 2017 is the Global Church. This means that throughout the year there will be resources and ideas shared for how ELCA congregations and members can talk, learn and pray about and support the Global Church in new ways in 2017. Be on the lookout for a Campaign Resource Packet that will be sent to every congregation.

"Even in the midst of the conflict, God is in South Sudan"

As part of *The Campaign for the ELCA*, one of the main Global Ministry projects is helping build a Lutheran center and clinic in Juba, South Sudan. One of the two missionaries serving in South Sudan, the Rev. Mawien Ariik, shares his story and explains why the ELCA has made this project a priority in the midst of conflict and violence in the nation. Pastor Ariik says, "Even in the midst of this problem [the violence in the country], God is there. So I pray that let's keep being there whether there is a problem, whether there is a fight or discouragement. We have to be there." Watch his message at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb25NzuupAA&feature=youtu.be

'From We to Me'

For many years, Jen Engquist – one of the country coordinators in Cambodia for the Young Adults in Global Mission program – was a "serial 'we'-speaker" because of her communal and inclusive lens toward the world. It wasn't until a graduate school class that she was challenged to not assume that her thoughts are representative of everyone else's thoughts. Read her blog about how she has been challenged to consider the lexicon that she uses and to consider how her lens through which she sees the world is changing and reforming as she continues to engage deeper in Cambodia. https://andmorerice.wordpress.com/2016/09/20/from-we-to-me/

A Symbol of Life and Hope

For Christian Chavarria Ayala, the small, wooden crosses he hand paints in La Résurrection Lutheran congregation in San Salvador, El Salvador, bring a message of hope and peace. These crosses will be distributed to all Lutherans and Catholics who gather to commemorate the Reformation anniversary on Oct. 31, 2016, in Lund and Malmö, Sweden. For more about Ayala read her article and learn how an artist in a country filled with conflict shares his vision of hope and peace throughout all lands. https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/symbol-life-and-hope

Be sure to look at the web sites above for a glimpse into ELCA Global Mission



WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

"SCENE AT A STABLE"



(WRITTEN BY KATHRYN TROJAN ADAMS)

It's a Sunday afternoon in late December. Christmas is a week away and anticipation is high I was returning home to the parsonage with two noisy girls in the back seat. As I turned into the driveway, Sarah our 7 year old, noticed a full-size, real-life wooden stable in the church yard next door in preparation for a living nativity scene that would take place that evening. Not only was there a life-size stable, complete with roof and sides, there was real hay, and lots of it - an irrestible invitation to a child. "Mom, can we go play in the stable - please?" "Okay," I told her, "but you don't have much time. We have to leave in 10 minutes." Digging through the toy box, we found a doll to represent baby Jesus, a bit worn and torn but it will do. The doll had nothing on; it's clear swaddling clothes will have to be found quickly. I let Sarah have my scarf and out the door they go. On the way to the stable they open the front door of the church and yell, "Dad, we're going to worship the King!" "Okay" he tells them. Ten minutes go by quickly and the time comes when we have to leave. I yell to them from the side door, "C'mon girls, it's time to go." Sarah leaves the manger scene and runs to the car. Anna has not yet appeared. She starts to leave, stops, looks at me, looks back at baby Jesus. I can feel her uncertainty about what to do Again she looks at me, then back to the manger. In a final act, she disappears inside the stable. She suddenly emerges from the manger, both arms tightly wrapped around the baby Jesus. She will not leave Him in there alone. And so everyone piles into the car - the doll, scarf and quite a bit of hay. Baby Jesus cannot be left out in the cold....

Jesus' birth place was a stable but God's purpose was not for Him to stay there forever. He is not to be politely viewed, patted on the head, and then left behind. The good news is that He comes with us! The real place for Jesus is outside the stable, in the world - with you and me - in our real lives, homes and hearts.

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The December Bible study is taken from the Gather magazine and is entitled "What wants to be born in you?" Advent is on it's way. It arrives with no fanfare each year. Some of us miss it because we're so focused on the Christmas 'season'. We are invited to give Advent a new way this year. If you would like to join us for this study, please contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

NANCY AMMANN

WELCA PRESIDENT



Our Countdown Continues...

We had an exciting kickoff with the return of the historic Scandinavian Smorgasbord in October. Now we look forward to other events that will occur in the coming months. Also watch for further interviews on the screen before or after services to meet longtime members telling of their years at Bethlehem. If you have had connections with our church for more than twenty-five years and would like to be interviewed, please call Steve Hubert (938-2071).

We have an ample supply of our Christmas ornaments depicting the church and the 125th anniversary logo for sale. It is not a fund raiser, but an opportunity to have a keepsake memory of the occasion. They will be available after the worship services and upon request by contacting Suzanne Lehto (223-7187).

Our next scheduled special event will be the planting of 125 trees at the Sand Lakes Quiet Area in April. Many hands will be needed and we hope you can join us in this experience. We will also plant one special tree on the church property, completing the celebration year.

We are also working on an anniversary quilt and would like to include your family name on it. If you have not given us your name for the quilt, please contact Tracey Moyer (276-6222).

Keep your eyes open for further plans as the year goes on. We are most thankful to God for guiding our ministry throughout these years and pray for God's continued guidance as we go forward in God's name, doing God's work.







A big **THANK YOU** goes out from WELCA to the congregation of Bethlehem for their generosity at our Thank Offering Service this past weekend. Over \$1200.00 was collected to sustain our organization, allowing them to grant scholarships, aid in women's emotional, physical and spiritual health, provide free resources for all on their website, and deal with the human trafficking issue here in Michigan - just to name a few. Your response was overwhelming!

Another big **THANK YOU** goes out to Ruth Circle for organizing this service and to all the women (and men) who took part in all three services. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Art, Deacon Julia, David Husser, Linda Davis, and Mike Vande Leest (and Leonard and Carl) for their participation in making this weekend go so smoothly. Another special thank you goes to Sharon Weller and the music team who sang at all three services and also for the beautiful music they chose to share with us. Thanks to the quilting group who beautified the Sanctuary with the quilts they have made. God continues to bless this congregation with His people!

PARKING LOT LIGHTS - UPDATE

In September two of our tall parking lot lights were shot with a BB gun breaking the lenses and bulbs. Another light bulb had burned out. So for the last two months only 4 of our 7 lights were working which made much of the parking lot pretty dark.

When I went to the electrical supply company in September to purchase new lenses and bulbs I was asked if we had ever considered replacing the metal halide bulbs with LED bulbs. He said we could save on our electric bill if we made the change. His energy use calculation indicated that we could have the same lighting intensity with a 54 watt LED bulb as we currently have with a 285 watt halide bulb. The energy savings would amount to about \$600.00 per year for our seven light fixtures.

I contacted three electrical contractors and received quotes from two of them. Alpine Electric furnished the bulbs and installed them along with the new lenses which we purchased. Their bid was \$1,490.00. With energy savings of \$600.00 per year we will recover our costs in two and a half years. Every year thereafter we will save \$600.00 in electrical costs. We will have additional savings because the LED bulbs last much longer than the metal halide bulbs so we will not have to hire a company with a manlift to change the bulbs so frequently.

Carl Lehto, Property Chairperson

Anniversary Time Capsule

In the 1930s, Bethlehem celebrated "Julotta", the traditional Christmas morning service used in Sweden, at 5:00 am. In 1937, when members walked to church that morning through the snow, they could see the church in the distance with candles in each window. Upon entering the church, they were greeted by a beautiful new fir altar built by David Wickstrom, topped with a statue of Christ, and a pair of gold candelabra gifted by Mrs. Gladys Maxbauer.

Summer 2017 Family Mission Trip for All Ages!!!

No matter if you're a family of 1 or a family of 100 in number of people or age, this trip is for you! <u>Youthworks</u> is a Christian Organization that offers family mission trips starting at \$129.00 per person & ages 3y/o or younger are free. Trips are 4 days, 3 nights & made to cater for all abilities.

Please visit youthworks.com or talk to Deacon Juls if you are interested for more information. We are close to narrowing down our location & need to choose what dates to make work. Please e-mail Deacon Juls at julia.nelson@bethlehemtc.org with your interest, choice of location & two different dates (according to the availability on the youthworks website) by 12/2/16.



Thank you to all who attended the November lunch and program. Thank you to Sandi McArthur of Oryana Community Cooperation for her program, Healthy Eating, Savvy Shopping. The December pot luck gathering will take place at noon on Friday December 16th; ham will be provided. Pastors Ruth and Fred Overdier will present, "Christmas Memories." All are welcome, please feel free to invite a neighbor and or friend. Questions can be directed to Jan or Butch 231-271-3802 or etwaisanen@centurytel.net.



Book/Supper Discussion Group

We meet from 5 to 7 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month Join us & if you have any questions, please contact Ellie Long at 935-4595.

- Dec. 6 Potluck at the home of Helen Rafeld, share Christmas memories of church, books and more at 6:00.
- Jan. 24 *The Japanese Lover* by Isobel Allende (novel)
- Feb.28 Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger (novel)
- Mar.28 **Dead Wake! The Last Crossing of the Lusitania** by Erik Larson (non-fiction)

Musicality

Another way to support your Bethlehem Music Department (besides buying pecans) is to join one of the music groups. Depending on the one you join, you could be a part of services once every 2 months, once a month, once every three weeks, or about every other week. They all have different schedules. **What fits you best?**

Your choices are steel pans, bells, Worship Team, and choir. They rehearse once a week with trained directors and really build up quite a comradery. It's fun. Think about it.

Catch a Holden worship service Wednesday night, December 7 at 7pm. It's a great way to change the pace of the hectic Christmas season.

In honor of Bethlehem's 125 year anniversary the worship and music committee would like to restore the custom of honoring new members of the family of God with a rose on the baptismal font. Those who wish to celebrate their new child or grandchild can contact committee chair, Barbara Oster at: beo6475@yahoo.com or via phone 668-7038. The cost is \$10.00 to be submitted to the church office, or labeled as such and placed in the collection plate. The rose and vase can be taken by the family after the 11:00 service on Sunday.

Julie Lapeer and I (Christian Stretlien) would like to thank all members of the church, for the countless prayers and the turkey. It means so much to us in our many trials of life. I believe with all your prayers, that the hand of God guided us through these trying times in our life. The turkey will be many meals for us. May God bless you and guide you in your trials of life or just be a warm hand to comfort you.

Our thanks again! Love Julie Lapeer & Christian Stretlien

From the Stewardship Committee—

There is still time to make your 2017 pledges!

We are just a few pledges shy of our goal for this year, and we hope you will consider giving our bookkeeper a confidential pledge stating your commitment. In the meantime, here are three things you should know about pledging:

- * Pledging last year does not automatically carry into the following year. So if you pledged for this 2016 and haven't changed anything, BLC does not assume you will pledge for 2017.
- * Also, pledging does not require you to give more money, time or talents than you have before. A pledge is simply a more formal commitment by you to dedicate those resources to God through the church, and a way of helping the church formulate a more accurate budget in the year to come. Studies, and our experience, show that it makes a difference in how we give when we make a commitment.
- * If life changes occur, and you would like to adjust your pledge during 2017, you are always free to do that (and notifying the bookkeeper is a nice courtesy, in that case.)

Are You Praising God by Helping?

We praise God that there are people who offer to help others meet their daily necessities - even in this hectic Advent season. Remember to donate to the local Food Pantries, Toys for Tots, Love INC, Salvation Army, and many other places to help people who are really trying to make ends meet.

Christmas Concert

The music departments of Bethlehem and Grace Episcopal are again joining together to present a Christmas Carol Concert. One thing about joining together two small groups with wonderful talent - you get a concert that is well worth hearing.

The concert is Saturday, 12/17, 7p at Grace Episcopal and Sunday, 12/18, 2pm here at Bethlehem. There is a free-will offering for local food pantries. It's sad if you missed it last year - but you now have another chance.

New Music Co-ordinator

Starting January 1, we welcome Sharon Weller as Bethlehem's Music Co-ordinator. You already know Sharon as the director of the Worship Team, the Celebrate Team, and the Adult Choir. She will wear a lot of hats, so please welcome her with all her talents.

Pecans!

Thanks to everyone who bought a bag of those delicious Schermer pecans to support the Worship and Music committee at Bethlehem. December 3/4 was our final sales day. They went fast and they were good!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas after a big life change: a lost job, a broken relationship, a wearying illness, a recent death—or perhaps it is simply a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the TV and radio focuses on the happiness of the season and getting together with family and friends, but it reminds some people of what they have lost or never had. We long for the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern, and to know that we are not alone.

For these reasons, Bethlehem will offer a special service on Saturday, December 10, at 5:00pm. Central United Methodist Church will offer a second Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, at 4:00pm.

Don't Miss It!

BLC's semi annual Congregation-wide meeting is on Sunday, December 11 at 9:45, between services. All are welcome, please plan to attend!

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Been to the website recently? You should take a look at the new Advent Blog about the book, *Names for the Messiah*. You're going to be surprised! To access the blog, go to the article on the front page of the website or to the "Our Stories" drop down menu, then "2016 Advent Devotional Blog-Names for the Messiah".

Pastor Paul is preaching all month (Advent Wednesdays) on this book by Walter Brueggemann. It's some good stuff.

SOME November and December Events

- ❖ Wednesday Advent Services, 12/7, 12/14 (Holden Service) and 12/21. Dinner will be served. It all begins at 5:30pm.
- ❖ 12/3: WELCA Advent Luncheon, Saturday at 12:30
- ❖ 12/10: Blue Christmas -for those "feeling blue" or having trouble celebrating the joy of the season – Saturday at 5pm. Also at Central UMC on 12/11 @ 4p
- ❖ 12/11: Congregation-Wide Budget Meeting @ 9:45
- ❖ 12/12: Verse On Tap @ 7pm at the Right Brain Brewery on 16th St.
- ❖ 12/17: Taize service Saturday at 5pm
- ❖ 12/17: Christmas Carol Concert featuring the combined musicians of Bethlehem Lutheran and Grace Episcopal, Saturday at Grace Episcopal. Free Will Offering.
- ❖ 12/18: Family Christmas Christian Ed. Celebration! Sunday, from 9:45-10:45
- ❖ 12/18: Christmas Carol Concert featuring the combined musicians of Bethlehem Lutheran and the Grace Episcopal Church, Sunday at 2pm at Bethlehem. Reception follows. Free Will Offering.
- 12/24: Christmas Eve services Family service, 4p; Traditional service, 7p; Candlelight Service, 9:30p
- ❖ 12/25: Christmas Day service Carol Sing Sunday at 10am
- ❖ 12/31:New Year's Eve service Saturday at 5pm
- ❖ 1/1: New Year's Day service—Sunday at 10am

Call the church office or email your poinsettia requests. Suggested donation is \$10.

Health Concerns

Jeri Boike, Richard Fernholz, Karen Anderson, Bob Jahnke, Christian Stretlien, Carol Collins, Dan Morley, Margie Whitney, Ava Oleson, Brenda Denoyer, Tom Miller, Thad Hellenga, Hazel Lautner, Dee Springer and Virginia Fleming.

Grand Traverse Pavilions: Walter & Jenni Goff

French Manor: Martha LaVire, Helen Arnston; French Manor/Lafranier: Jo Hasse

<u>Culver Meadows AFC:</u> Janet Hinds <u>Cherry Hill Haven:</u> Paul Oppliger

Southridge: Jo Hasse

Traverse Manor: Juanita Lautner, Jane Witkop, Margie Whitney, Hazel Lautner

Boardman Lake Glens: Ingie Thomas

Hospital Visits: Please let the church office know if you are going into the hospital for a scheduled procedure or an emergency so Pastor Paul can visit you.



BLC's PRAYER CHAIN is always seeking partners in prayer.

More volunteers are needed for this crucial ministry.

For more information or to set the Prayer Chain in motion, call Jan Stretlien @ 947-3265 or email jstretlen@gmail.net.

A very special thank you goes to Leslie & Carol Cook, and Bud & Lil Couturier. Three extremely grateful families enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast, thanks to their generosity.

Are you checking for the latest BLC updates at: www.bethlehemtc.org?

You saw Norm and others take the photos...be sure you see them at www.bethlehemtc.org!

Good News...and great news...at www.bethlehemtc.org...

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Christmas tree, ThankOffering & a children's sermon









BLC - Non assigned mtg. space, Contacts, Conference Room, Entire BLC, Event Held Outside of BLC, Fellowship Hall, Gathering Space, Lower Room 2, Sanctuary, Youth Room

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