



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



# MARCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2026



*Faith's mission is to openly share  
the saving grace of Jesus' love*



# Faith Opens Doors

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.*

*~ Joel 2:13*



*From the Pastor's Desk*

When's the last time you had a good conversation with Jesus? Our first scripture lesson to begin Lent comes from the prophet Joel – a call to return to the Lord. The season of Lent is a good “reset” to return to God, however that may look for you. Maybe it's attending worship more regularly or carving out intentional prayer time. Maybe it's scheduling regular volunteer hours or trying to read the Bible more often. Talk to Jesus about it! He's always there, longing for a deeper relationship with you.

A gift of my sabbatical last year was discovering for myself what works best for me for daily conversation with Jesus (prayer time). Even after fourteen years of serving as a pastor, I have struggles to make that time, so I know it isn't the easiest thing. Our gospel readings this month are all stories of transformative conversations people have with Jesus in the gospel of John. When we think about our most valuable relationships – with our parents, spouse, best friend, siblings, children – let's include Jesus in that list. Just as we make intentional time with our loved ones, Jesus wants to be in a close relationship with us, too. Let's learn from others in the gospel about how we can experience healing, grace, and steadfast love from our conversations with Jesus.

## ***Time, Talent and Treasure***

It is good for us to reflect upon the way we fulfill our role of steward, with regard to these three gifts from God: *Time, Talent and Treasure*.

**Time:** This is perhaps one of our most important resources. What do we do with the time that God gives us? Do we waste it? Do we use it to better the world in which we live? Do we spend it in such a way that most of our “time” is for our selfish ends? Do we have a healthy balance in our lives with regard to time? Time used to better our life and the life of those entrusted to us; time for personal relaxation and refreshment. How do you use your time?

**Talent:** We are perhaps one of the best resources we have in order to reach our destiny. Do I respect my own abilities and gifts? Do I develop them and use them for the kingdom of God? Do I use the gifts God has given me so that others may be happier? Do I see myself as unique, as important and gifted? In what way have I used my talents for myself, for my family, for my church and community? Jesus chastised the person who hid his talents under a bushel basket, or buried them in the ground. Have we done better with our talents than that servant?

**Treasure:** With the God-given gifts I am able to work, I am able to make money and acquire property and possessions. But God has only placed me in charge of this treasure, not only that I might benefit from it, but that others, who are not as fortunate as I may benefit as well! Am I generous and am I willing to share. Do I hoard or am I willing to let go? Remember, the only treasure we take with ourselves into eternity is the treasure we have given away.

Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we balance our response to these calls?





# THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

## Sunday School

Please plan to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Sunday, April 5 in the Nursery School Playground.

Children's Choir will be rehearsing a special Palm Sunday anthem after worship on Sundays March 8, 15, and 22. Please plan to arrive at 9:15am on Sunday, March 29 for the dress rehearsal before our special Palm Sunday worship service. There is no Sunday School on March 29 or April 5 so that children can worship together with their families.



## Nursery School

Hello, March!

We had a fun and chilly February. Our students made Valentine's Day cards for our homebound church members!

With spring just around the corner, we can't wait for warmer weather. Our mischievous leprechaun will be stopping by for a visit, bringing along a few playful tricks for the nursery school. We're so excited to celebrate!

Our summer program is open for registration, including a school age class up to 8 years old, July 6 - August 21 (7 weeks), 9am to 3pm. In addition, if you enroll in our summer program and 2026-2027 program for 18 months old through 5 years old, we have early bird tuition incentives until April 1! Email me at [school@faithsyosset.org](mailto:school@faithsyosset.org) or call our office for more information!

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*Leeann Hernandez*  
*Faith Nursery School Director*



## Council Corner

- On 2/15 The Council approved the Contractor's Bid for \$130,000 and for the Property Committee to apply for the Building Permit so that we are prepared when our fundraising campaign has raised a minimum of \$65,000.
- We approved local Girl Scouts having a cookie table outside of the church on Sunday, March 15 from 11am to 1pm.
- We reviewed updated treasurer reports for the church and school. Snow removal, oil, and insurance expenses are higher than budgeted. We have a small deficit of \$647 at this time.
- On 2/22 The Council held its annual Retreat with Mark Nocero, a strategic planner, to evaluate our existing strategic goals.



## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our morning Bible study group meets two Thursdays a month at 10:30am downstairs in the music room or on Zoom. This month, we will be meeting on March 5 & 19, continuing to read through the book of Romans.

### *Join Zoom Meeting*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?  
pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRkIramxGdVY4Y3BBQT0  
9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRkIramxGdVY4Y3BBQT09)

Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

Passcode: 474102

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: [https://  
us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j](https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j)



## Monday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Rebecca is also leading an evening study group on the book of Romans on Mondays from 8-9pm in the church library or on Zoom. We will meet every Monday in March this month:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84902024385?  
pwd=ejXtfnQbxO5wv6nkH0p4kmG1aepfGC.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84902024385?pwd=ejXtfnQbxO5wv6nkH0p4kmG1aepfGC.1)

Meeting ID: 849 0202 4385

Passcode: 098078



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**Like** our Facebook Page, Faith Lutheran Church at <https://fb.com/faithlutheransyosset/>. Also check us out on our **website** at [www.faithsyosset.org](http://www.faithsyosset.org).

Our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51lc5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A>.

Our 10am worship services continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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**Nursery Sunday School**

We now offer pre-reader Sunday School for nursery-age children in addition to our school-age Sunday School during worship. Please speak with one of our ushers or Pastor Rebecca if you would like more information about these options.

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**March Worship:**

This March, we are in the season of Lent, and our Sunday worship will focus on gospel readings from John, "Conversations with Jesus."

- March 1: Nicodemus
- March 8: Woman at the Well
- March 15: The Man Born Blind
- March 22: Mary & Martha

- March 29: Palm Sunday: Cry of the Whole Congregation

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**Holy Week Schedule**

- Maundy Thursday, April 2 7pm
- Good Friday, April 3, 7pm
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 10am with Easter Egg Hunt immediately following

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**Pause & Pray for Midweek Lent**

Every Wednesday night during Lent from 7:00-7:30PM, Pastor Rebecca will be leading a half-hour prayer session on Zoom. We will learn a different kind of prayer each week, and bring our prayer requests to God. If you prefer to participate in-person, you can join Pastor Rebecca in the chapel.

March 4: Imagination Prayer

March 11: Bidding Prayer

March 18: Prayer with Movement

March 25: The Jesus Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81582243513?pwd=Olk010UdJ0PQ5yh5zRHlaUr3uhmKnf.1>

Meeting ID: 815 8224 3513

Passcode: 064168

## **Lutheran Counseling Center Services**

Faith is a member of Lutheran Counseling Center Services of Long Island. As a member of Faith, you may be eligible for sessions with a mental health therapist for \$35 per session. You are welcome to speak confidentially with Pastor Rebecca for more information, and check out their website at [www.lccny.org](http://www.lccny.org).

Lutheran  
Counseling   
hope and healing  
Center





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**Designated Gift Priorities**

Faith’s Council has established a running list of designated gift priorities for our church. If you would like to give a special gift in memory or in honor of someone, or simply to support our church’s ministries outside of your regular offering, the current list is below:

- Nursery School upgrades
- Outdoor nativity
- New office laptops and software upgrades
- Fellowship Hall Lighting
- Faith Music Conservation and Ministry Fund
- Landscaping and Biblical Garden upkeep
- Fellowship Hall Floor

Please contact Linda Boccafola, secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

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**Giving Electronically**

You may register to give electronically on the front page of our website or mail in your offering. Please let us know if you need more offering envelopes. Find us on Zelle at [faithsyossetbilling@gmail.com](mailto:faithsyossetbilling@gmail.com) for a

one-time electronic donation. Please follow up with an email stating the intent of your gift (memorial, flowers, general offering), and we will respond with a confirmation of receipt by the next business day. Thank you for your ongoing support of Faith and its ministries! We have laminated cards to place in the offering plate during worship for those who give electronically!

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**Scout Sunday**

On Sunday, March 1, we welcome Scouting Troop 170 and their families to join us in worship for our annual Scout Sunday!

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**Blessing of Palms**

On Sunday, March 29, we will join St. Edward’s on Hillside Lane for a blessing of palms at 9am and enjoy a bagel breakfast before worship in our fellowship hall.

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**New Life Food Pantry**

Faith supports the New Life Food Pantry in Franklin Square (housed at Ascension Lutheran Church). We are collecting food for Easter Food Baskets this month:

- Red & Black Dried Beans
- 64 oz. Juice or Juice boxes

- Masa Flour/Sugar/Flour
- Cookies/Easter Candy
- Shelf Stable Milk/Napkins
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Spam/Canned Salmon
- Canned Pineapple or Peaches
- White Rice-1-2 lb. Bag or Box
- Coffee Regular/Instant/Decaf
- Tea Bags-Regular & Decaf
- Brownie Mix
- Fresh or Frozen/Pork Shoulder/  
1-2 lb. Canned Ham/Chicken

In lieu of food donations grocery, Gift Certificates for Lidl, Shop Rite or Stop & Shop or monetary donation made payable to LUTHERAN FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES would be greatly appreciated.

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**Save the Date! Congregational Retreat July 2026**

We are once again planning a congregational retreat at Camp Koinonia July 17-19. Please mark your calendars! We will have additional information about how to register coming soon.

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**Men’s Breakfast**

The next Faith Men’s Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 AM at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Tpke in Woodbury. Please contact John Hinsch at [j4bhinsch@hotmail.com](mailto:j4bhinsch@hotmail.com) for more information.

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**Daylight Savings Time Starts**

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 8! Don’t forget to turn your clocks one hour ahead that Saturday night!

Join us for

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## *Faith Open House*

*Come on over, don't be shy,*

*Stop on in — just drop on by!*

*Sunday, March 22nd, starting at two,*

*Whenever it works is perfect for you!*

*At Ron and Tricia's house in Huntington town,*

*We'll have the best corned beef around!*

*Cabbage, laughter, fellowship too,*

*Faith Lutheran friends — we welcome you!*

*Come and go, stay long or short,*

*Good food and friendship — that's our sort!*

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**69 Penataquit Pl Huntington**

**RSVP Tricia 516-978-6832**

YOU ARE INVITED TO

*Building Together  
on the Lord's Foundation*  
**Celebration  
Dinner**

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH 2026  
5-7:30PM

To kick-off our campaign, we invite Faith friends and members to join us for a celebratory dinner on Sunday, April 19 from 5-7:30pm. There will be a catered dinner (suggested donation \$25 per adult, \$10 per child), silent auction, and an opportunity to learn more about the parsonage renovation project and how you can contribute. Please RSVP to [faithsyosset@gmail.com](mailto:faithsyosset@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 5.



**Scouting America**  
Theodore Roosevelt Council

# CUB SCOUTS OPEN HOUSE

**ADVENTURE + FRIENDS + FUN**

**BOYS & GIRLS GRADES K-5**

Join Cub Scouts at the Faith Lutheran Church! Start your adventure in leadership, friendship, and fun. Discover the thrill of the outdoors while building skills that last a lifetime!



**03/11/2026**



**7:30-9PM**



Faith Lutheran Church  
231 Jackson Ave,  
Syosset, NY 11791

**FEES:**

**Youth: \$175**

**Adult: \$90**

**Please bring a check**

Questions/Concerns Please Contact:

**KIERNAN.DELANEY@SCOUTING.ORG**



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## **Building Together on the Lord's Foundation, Brick by Brick!**

On Sunday, February 1, our congregation approved moving forward with a \$150,000 parsonage addition/renovation to add a second bathroom and larger bedroom to the parsonage, provided we raise \$65,000 before proceeding with the project. Members of our Finance Committee gave presentations, and our Stewardship Committee hosted a “fruity” coffee hour for our Bearing Fruit for Jesus campaign. We at Faith are blessed with a wonderful church. Pastor Rebecca has been an inspirational spiritual leader for the past 7 years. Our current parsonage has only one bathroom. With pastor’s family of four, including two growing daughters, a second bathroom is almost a necessity. With this renovation, our parsonage will be more attractive when we need to call future pastors as well. Now we have an important moment in our ministry when every member and friend of Faith is being asked to make a generous gift over and above their weekly pledges and offerings. The cost to construct a master bedroom and second bathroom in our parsonage is \$150,000. To achieve this goal, we are asking you to thoughtfully consider what you would be able to contribute to this project:

Platinum - \$25,000	Silver - \$5,000
Gold - \$10,000	Bronze - \$2,500

Gifts of \$2,500 or higher will be recognized on a memorial wall in our church with your chosen wording when you return the 75th anniversary card. Please speak with any Anniversary Committee member if you have further questions: Richard Lin (Council President), Lulu Millicenco-Domathoti, (Treasurer), Evelyn Meyers (Financial Secretary), Linda Boccafola (Church Administrator), Jojo Chen (Sunday School/Nursery), Carl Juul-Nielsen (Property/Finance).









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## Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

On Sunday, February 8, Bishop Foster of the Metropolitan New York Synod was our guest preacher and blessed commitment cards as we wrapped up our annual stewardship campaign. Thank you to Steven Baker, Carl Juul-Nielsen, and Priscilla Ho who shared heartfelt testimonies about how they are generous with their time, talents, and treasure. Thank you also to Patrick and Amelia Lin, who offered a special music anthem on violin and cello.















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## **Faith Family Night February 13, 2026**

On Friday, February 13, families enjoyed pizza and making Valentine's Day cards for church members!







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## **Transfiguration Sunday, February 15**

On Sunday, February 15, we put away the alleluias for Lent and remembered that Jesus is with us on the mountaintop highs and valley lows of our lives.





## Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser;  
Eliana Melody (granddaughter of Pam Morrith Freitag);  
Anthony & Lois Martillo; Barbara Krampitz;  
Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);  
Lauren, Tommy & their daughter Emerson Wondsel (friends of Pam Freitag);  
Joseph Boccafola (son of Linda and Everett Boccafola);  
Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn Gruber);  
Evelyn Gruber;  
Julian Hyman (friend of the Kaboolian family);  
Jennifer & Bob Male (dear friends of Lydia Kaboolian);  
Lorraine Benson and Marianna Berkowitz, (friends of Margaret Schuffenhauer);  
Fran, Mary Alice and Beth (sisters of Lydia Kaboolian);  
Harold Nahigian (Lydia Kaboolian's brother-in-law);  
Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey Bullaro);  
Joyce Schultz;  
Annabelle & Kara Martone (mother & daughter friends of the Rabas);  
Lauren Ebbin (granddaughter of Debbie Ostermeier);  
Susan MacDonald (friend of Patty Cadavid);

Stan Miller (dear friend of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);  
Heath Sangster (nephew-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);  
Lisa Psareas (daughter of Debbie Ostermeier);  
Rory Nicoletti (grandnephew of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);  
Lisa Hinsch and Kathy Hinsch (sisters-in-law of John Hinsch);  
Olivia Melia (friend of Everett & Linda Boccafola);  
Malcom Prosser and Monty Chaikin, (friends of Belle Douglas);  
Andrew Boccafola-Fritz (Grandnephew of Linda & Everett Boccafola);  
Randy Maertz (friend of John Hinsch);  
Bonny Davidson;  
Robert & Carol Gross (friends of John Hinsch)

## MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Acolytes	Izzy Raba	Erin Sheridan	Eloise Raba	Michelle Chan	Patrick Lin
Lectors	Belle Douglas	Gabrielle Ho	Darlene Gaffney	Abigail Ho	Cry of the Whole Congregation
Counters	Priscilla Ho Jeanne Sofia	Evelyn Meyers Norma Burns	Norma Burns Priscilla Ho	Ruth Minkoff John Hinsch	Ruth Minkoff Evelyn Meyers
Nursery	Darlene Gaffney Izzy Raba	Jojo Chen Patrick Lin	Priscilla Ho Gabby Ho	Darlene Gaffney Amelia Lin	NO SCHOOL
Sunday School Teachers	Jess Raba	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti	Melanie & Craig Zeolla	Rich Sheridan	NO SCHOOL
Fellowship Host	Ron Geraci Tricia Shannon	Joy & Ben Chen	Kee Chan Jojo Chen	The Domathoti Family	Palm Sunday Breakfast (Jeanne Sofia & Worship Committee)
Ushers	Richard Lin Jeanne Sofia	Ronald Geraci Belle Douglas	Joy Chen Norma Burns	Carl Juul-Nielsen Jeanne Sofia	Richard Lin Evelyn Meyers



**Altar Guild for the Month of March:  
Chris Diekmann & Evelyn Meyers**





**Birthdays:**

- March 04 — Norma Burns
- March 06 — Darlene Gaffney
- March 07 — Janet Phelan
- March 15 — Jojo Chen
- March 22 — Richard Manck
- March 25 — Rob Weiss
- March 28 — John Hinsch
- March 31 — Anthony Tavella

**Anniversaries:**

March 27 — Tom & Darlene Gaffney



*If you have a birthday or anniversary that  
we are missing, please notify the church  
office at 516-921-3330 or  
faithsyosset@gmail.com.*

MARCH 2026

# March 2026 Agenda

## Happenings at Faith

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

#### Sun March 1, 2026

- **Scout Sunday**
- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

#### Sun Mar 8, 26

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11am Children's Choir
- **12pm Meal Packing at LuHi**
- 1pm Trinity

#### Mon Mar 2, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus
- 8pm Bible Study

#### Mon Mar 9, 26

- **8:30am Anniversary Committee Meeting**
- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus
- 8pm Bible Study

#### Tue Mar 3, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

#### Tue Mar 10, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

#### Wed Mar 4, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts
- **7pm Pause & Pray**

#### Wed Mar 11, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts
- **7pm Pause & Pray**

#### Thu Mar 5, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

#### Thu Mar 12, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

#### Fri Mar 6, 26

- 9am Nursery School

#### Fri Mar 13, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 6:30pm Faith Family Night

#### Sat Mar 7, 26

- Men's Breakfast

#### Sat Mar 14, 26

- 7pm Twin County Chorus

# March 2026 Agenda

## Happenings at Faith

WEEK 3

(Continued)

WEEK 4

**Sun Mar 15, 26**

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11am Children's Choir
- **11:30am Church Council**
- 1pm Trinity

**Sun Mar 22, 26**

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11am Children's Choir
- 1pm Trinity
- **2pm Open House at Tricia & Ron's**

Mon Mar 16, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Bible Study

Mon Mar 23, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Bible Study

Tue Mar 17, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Tue Mar 24, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Mar 18, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts
- **7pm Pause & Pray**

Wed Mar 25, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts
- **7pm Pause & Pray**

Thu Mar 19, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Thu Mar 26, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Mar 20, 26

- No School

Fri Mar 27, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Mar 21, 26

Sat Mar 28, 26

# March 2026 Agenda

## Happenings at Faith

WEEK 3

(Continued)

WEEK 4

Sun Mar 29, 26

Sun Apr 5, 26

- **Palm Sunday**
- 9am Blessing of Palms
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Mar 30, 26

Mon Apr 6, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Bible Study
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Tue Mar 31, 26

Tue Apr 7, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Apr 1, 26

Wed Apr 8, 26

Thu Apr 2, 26

Thu Apr 9, 26

Fri Apr 3, 26

Fri Apr 10, 26

Sat Apr 4, 26

Sat Apr 11, 26

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***Secretary:*** Lydia Kaboolian

***Financial Secretary:***

Evelyn Meyers

***Other Members***

Betty Schmale

Craig Zeolla

Jeanne Sofia

Tricia Shannon

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**Acolytes:** Linda Boccafola

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**Counters:** Ruth Minkoff

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