

October 2026

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church



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Council President: Jan McCulloh

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Council Secretary: Kathy Lentz

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Outdoor Property: Frank King

Christian Education: Nathan Pressley

Cemetery: Ken Kluttz

Youth: Jan McCulloh

Care for Congregation: Glenda Vickers

Worship/Music: Mark Shue



Nursing Home/Homebound

- **Junior Lyerly: 1435 Sides Road, Salisbury, NC 28146**
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728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144
- **Judy Peeler: Trinity Oaks (D-4)**
820 Klumac Road, Salisbury NC 28144
- **Buddy Waller: 9325 Fisher Road, Rockwell, NC 28138**
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“Whether I have much or little, I will trust in God as my Provider and treasure Him most.”

Several years ago, I was gifted a little devotional book entitled 5 Minutes with Jesus; Quiet Time for Your Soul written by Sheila Walsh. It is filled with short inspirational and inciteful devotions. The other day I was looking for something to lift my mood when I came across it on my bookshelf. I thumbed through it and found one that I had highlighted which meant there was something in it I needed to read. For this month’s message, I thought I would share it with y’all. It is titled “The Hindrance of Abundance.”

It reads:

“Have you ever thought that winning the lottery would be a fast track to happiness? Many people do. In fact, winning the lottery seemed like a gift from above for the sixteen employees of a power plant in Pennsylvania. But for one of them – William “Bud” Post – the sudden abundance brought devastating unhappiness. His girlfriend sued him for part of the winnings and won. Countless relatives badgered him relentlessly for gifts and loans. Then, in an almost unthinkable turn of events, his own brother hired a hit man to kill him in an effort to get everything poor Bud had left.

Within a year, Bud was completely broke – and \$1 million in debt. [1]

Money, it turns out, is hardly the key to happiness or purpose in life. If we aren’t careful, a love of money can get in the way of hearing from God. Do you remember that Jesus ran into a young man with a problem? This young man had a lot going for him. He really seemed to want to live a life that pleased God. The very question of his eternal destiny was what had brought him to Jesus.

‘Teacher,’ he asked Jesus, ‘what good thing must I do to get eternal life?’ (Matthew 19:16).

Jesus took a good long [look] at him and loved him enough to pinpoint the one thing that was getting in the way of this young man’s relationship with God: his abundance.

‘Go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven. Then come, and follow me’ (v.22).

This was a personal invitation to follow Christ, but the young man couldn’t do it. He couldn’t let go of his wealth. Scripture tells us he turned around and ‘went away sad’ (v.22).

[1] Mandi Woodruff and Michael B. Kelly, “17 Lottery Winners Who Blew It All,” Business Inside, May 19, 2013, <http://www.businessinsider.com/17-lottery-winners-who-blew-it-all-2013-5>.



This story isn’t included in Scripture to suggest that having money is bad. It is a warning not to make it our first love. It’s so easy for us to hold our stuff too tightly. If we aren’t careful, we’ll find ourselves consumed by the fear that there won’t be enough or that we will lose what we have. Then, before we know it, we have a dangerous idol on the throne of our lives.

The stories of Bud Post and the rich young ruler serve as warnings never to allow what we have or what we fear we’ll lose to drown out the voice of God, our true Provider.

STEWARDSHIP

The Discipline of Character

While self-management, awareness and preparedness dictate the person you're becoming, character determines the person you are.

Many people think character affects only themselves. The truth is, bad character kills your influence with others, whereas strong character gives you credibility to lead. People expect leaders to have impeccable character, and if there isn't an underlying foundation of integrity that governs a leader's thoughts and actions, a life failure isn't too far off. This initial failure may not be the embezzlement of thousands of dollars, but it may begin as something as small as falsifying travel reimbursement requests.

To engage in this discipline, you must continually ask yourself, Who am I, really? Examine the things you think about, talk about, dream about and act on. One thing to watch for is self-gratifying thoughts and actions. The dark side of leadership begins when we think we deserve something that isn't ours.

David, for example, enjoyed close fellowship with God; yet he gave in to self-gratification. Indulging one selfish thought ultimately led him down a path toward adultery, deception and murder. David's failure of character not only damaged himself personally, but it almost cost him his right to lead the people of Israel. The lesson of David is obvious: No one is immune to temptation, so we must protect our character at all costs.

The Discipline of Relationship

You can't fulfill your divine design without relationships. God created you for relationships! It is the job of leaders not only to know the people they lead, but to empower them to embrace their divine designs. As a leader, you must be willing to discipline yourself to step out of your comfort zone and develop relationships with others.

I'll never forget Pastor Fred Cottriel. He was my pastor at Bakersfield (California) First Assembly when I was a teenager. Pastor Cottriel was a true investing pastor, a servant mentor. One Sunday morning after a church service, Pastor Cottriel told me that he had been observing my life.

Pastor Cottriel believed God had placed gifts, talent and abilities in my life for future ministry leadership, and he wanted to invest the time to mentor me. So, at the age of 15, I began spending one day a week with Pastor Cottriel. He took me on hospital visitations and newcomer visits and even taught me how he crafted his weekly sermons.

God created you to give, love and serve others.

Years later, when God opened the doors of ministry to me, what Pastor Cottriel had poured into my life made a huge difference in my ability to handle the call. I still benefit from what he gave me through our relationship. Pastor Cottriel emphasized repeatedly that God designed each of us with intentional purpose. As a leader, always be intentional in setting the tone in your dialogue and relationships to focus on others. Empowering others means you are not the object of the relationship. Don't design the conversations with the end goal of receiving praise.

Genuinely pour into people for their betterment and growth. The degree of trust others have in you dramatically affects the quality of your relationship. Relationships are the prerequisite for empowerment.

The Discipline of Generosity

Generosity matters because God's blessings are not meant to flow to you; they should flow through you. If you are not prepared to be generous, you'll miss out on the blessing of investing in others.

A story about the results of generosity comes from the life experience of my wife's father. Like many others at the time, the Kraisses were adjusting to life following World War II. Fortunately, 16-year-old Glenn Kraiss landed a job as a soda barista at the Walgreens drugstore in his Southside Chicago neighborhood. He had exceptional interpersonal skills, and he worked hard and showed promise far beyond the ability to make the perfect chocolate malt.

The store manager noticed. He also discovered Glenn's family couldn't pay his way to college. Although Glenn had applied for college the summer after he graduated high school, a few weeks before Glenn was to start, his parents told him he would not be able to attend. The money wasn't there.

Then, one week before he was to start college, Glenn received a postcard saying his tuition and room and board had been paid in full. It was signed by the Walgreens Drug Company. For the next eight semesters, he received a postcard in the mail, saying the same thing.

Glenn earned his undergraduate degree and then graduated from the University of Illinois pharmacy school. All through college, Glenn worked at Walgreens and eventually decided that, since the company had invested in him, he would commit his professional life to the company. Glenn rose through the ranks over a 50-year career — from soda jerk to manager to district manager, regional manager and senior vice president. He spent the last 21 years with the company as executive vice president of all store operations.

God created you to give, love and serve others. His generosity should inspire us to be willing to give away everything we have and are. That's hard to do in a culture that tells us to hold on to everything we get, but we must discipline ourselves to release the things God entrusts to us. We can do that when we realize everything belongs to God.

If you allow your character to guide you, the relationships you develop will make you a stronger, more trustworthy leader. When you discipline yourself to give mercy, forgiveness, encouragement, wisdom and even finances to those with whom you have developed a relationship, your leadership will blossom. As a leader, the disciplines of character, relationships and generosity are how you steward the people God has placed in your life.

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Ways you can SERVE



Volunteer at our Food Pantry. We need volunteers on Friday to scan and package, and on Saturdays to distribute., the second and third Saturday of each month.. Reach out to Debbie Hill if interested.



Meals on Wheels delivers meals to shut-ins. If you would like to be a driver and brighten someone's day reach out to George Lentz on how you can help.



Our church prepares and serves meals at Jeannie's kitchen every other month for the homeless. You can serve by reaching out to the group that is hosting to see what they need help with.



Our garden ministry is not just during the summer months. Reach out to Lorrie Olive if you would like to be involved in this ministry. Wee need people to water and gather daily.



We have new council assignments for committees. Please consider joining one of the committees and helping with our ministries. You can reach out to the council member assigned to the committee you would like to join.

Jan McCulloh: Youth

Dr. Alan King: Indoor Property

Frank King: Outdoor Property

David Najarian: Outreach

Glenda Vickers: Care of Congregation

Nathan Pressley: Christian Education

Ken Kluttz: Cemetery

Mark Shue: Music & Worship



- Indoor/Outdoor Property: 1st Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm
- Christian Ed./Youth: 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00pm

you're in our PRAYERS

If there is anyone listed on our prayer list, that needs to be added or removed, please call the church office. Thank You! 704-279-5054

Disciples of St. Peter's:

Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry & Carolyn Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Thelma Barger, Judy Peeler, George Lentz, Lynn DeBerry, Jean Holshouser, Marcia Ritchie, Mary Miller, Buddy Waller, Bobby Lambirth, Frank King, Sue Misenheimer. and the family and friends of Barbara King upon her death.

Friends of St. Peter's Family:

Chris Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Jerry (Marcia Ritchie's brother), Annette McKinney, Susan and Ronnie Loflin, Lisa Roseman, Sheila Barringer, Emil Isbanioly (Leslie Puckett's nephew), Rachel (PSL's Niece), Kitty "Surachna" Eller (friend of Pat Kluttz), Bonnie Christian, Sugar Man Miller (Lucy & Mary Shue's brother), Maria & Spencer West, and Vanay Seamon.



- 1- Nancy Monroe
- 2- Dottie Fraley
- 3- Carol Barger
- 7- Trudy Davis
- 10- Julie King
- 11- Lesly Robbins
- 12- Kristie Retzer
- 15- Carson Puckett
- 17- Mark Shue
- 19- Mack Evans, Amy Nanc
- 20- Tim Sapp
- 24- Frank King, Lorrie Olive
- 28- Tammie Blowers



- 4- M/M Brian Bowler
- 14- M/M Andy Cornelison
- 20- M/M Buddy Waller
- 21- M/M David Najarian
- 27- M/M Michael Ridenhour
- 28- M/M Montana Ivey
- 31- M/M Debbie Hill



Emma Blackwell
Ethan DeBerry
Daniel Troutman
Collin Davis



Just as the son of man came not be served but to serve.

Matthew 20:28

Lector(s)

10/4: Ian Shue
10/11: Marty Puckett
10/18: Sierra Pressley
10/25: Joshua Hastings

Assistant Minister

10/4: Ian Shue
10/11: Marty Puckett
10/18: Sierra Pressley
10/25: Jan McCulloh

Live stream: Nathan Pressley

Organist: Lucy Shue

Power Point: Brian White

Communion Preparers

1st Sunday: Sierra Pressley
2nd Sunday: Jan McCulloh
3rd Sunday: Jill Lyerly
4th Sunday: Linda Lambirth
5th Sunday: Eleanor Morgan

Council Members Assisting with Holy Communion

October: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz
November: Glenda Vickers
December: Linda Lambirth

Sound System

1st Sunday- Daryle Olive
2nd Sunday- Duncan White
3rd Sunday- William Barger
4th Sunday- Duncan White
5th Sunday- William Barger

Ushers

10/4: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz, Don Boehm, Bobby Lambirth
10/11: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz, Larry Nesbitt, Bobby Lambirth
10/18: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz, Debbie Hill, Bobby Lambirth
10/25: Jan McCulloh & Ken Kluttz, Jamie Lyerly, Bobby Lambirth



Money Counters

1st Sunday: Ken & Joyce Kluttz
2nd Sunday: Linda Lambirth & Brenda Trexler
3rd Sunday: Linda Lambirth & Brenda Trexler
4th Sunday: Jamie Lyerly & Debbie Hill
5th Sunday: Jamie & Jill Lyerly

St. Peter's Giving & Attendance

Total given for September: \$15,265.37

Monthly Requirement: \$16,015.95

Deficit for September: \$750.58

Average Attendance for September: 83



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, please contact Lorrie Olive or Dena Najarian to sign up.



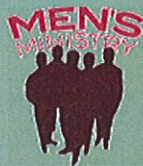
Blessing Box

Our little blessing box has been used frequently during the past two months. If you would like to contribute to this mission you can place items in the Narthex labeled "Blessing Box" or place them directly into the box. When placing in the box, make sure that the food is in closed containers and the door is latched when finished.



Food Pantry

For the month of September we served 35 neighbors, distributed 1098 lbs. of food, and had 598 lbs. donated. The pantry is open the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-10:30 am. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Debbie Hill.



Lutheran Men

The Lutheran Men meet the second Sunday of each month at 8:00 am, downstairs in the fellowship hall. They meet for fellowship, discuss ways to meet the needs of the church and of course eat breakfast. All men are welcome to join!



Food Donation Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Pasta, pasta sauce
- 2nd Sunday: Soups and meal kits
- 3rd Sunday: Breakfast items, peanut butter and jelly
- 4th Sunday: Canned (dried) fruits and vegetables
- 5th Sunday: Buyer's Choice



The women of St. Peter's hosted Jeannie's Kitchen, September 22nd with a meal of fried chicken, greenbeans, corn, rolls and fruit cups.



- 10/3 Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall
- 10/4: Congregational Vote
- 10/11: Dinner & Fellowship @ the shelter
- 11/15: Annual Church Meeting



October 4th: We will have a congregational meeting to vote on replacing 3 doors in the educational wing, and new flooring for 2 preschool rooms and the church office. There is no cost to the church. Preschool will be funding the project.

Our annual church meeting will be held on November 15th. November 1st the proposed budget and changes to the constitution will be available to the congregation.

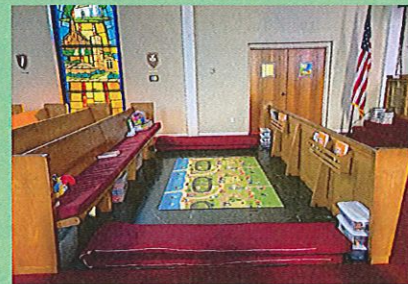
Come Visit Our New Prayground

Amazon Wish List Link:

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We are in need of a changing table. If anyone has one that can donate one, it would be appreciated.



Matthew 19:14 - Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them."

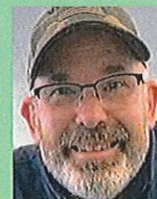
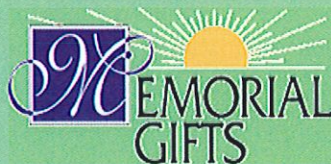


Phyllis Trexler

4/22/1948 - 6/30/2026

9/1: Jim & Phyllis Cornelison

9/13/26: Jerry "Jake" Trexler



Stacy Fraley

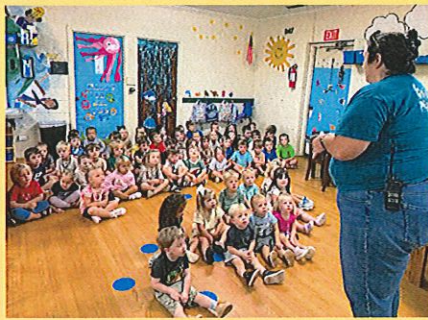
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9/1: Jim & Phyllis Cornelison

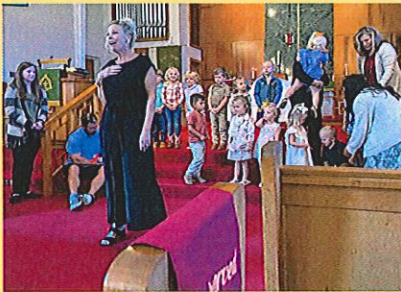
9/13: Brenda K. Trexler

9/13: William Barger & Family

The preschool has had a fun month of learning and adventures. Wildlife Adventures came out and did a presentation on reptiles, they had a fun-filled morning celebrating their grandparents and serendade us with during worship, for Preschool Sunday.

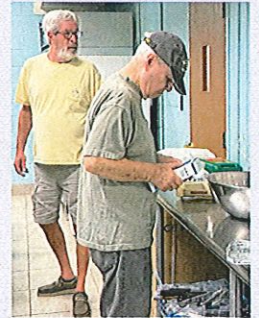
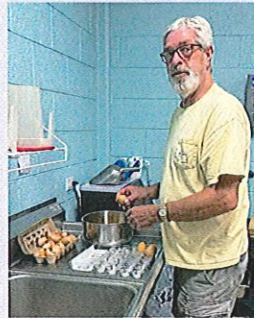


Preschool Sunday

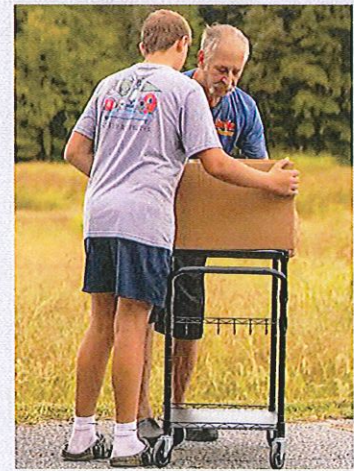




The East Rowan Community Breakfast and Health Fair was a huge success! We served 22 neighbors, were blessed with 318 pounds of food donated, were able to feed 100+ members of our community breakfast and had 22 pints of blood donated. In addition we had 105 people in attendance for worship at our community worship. A huge thank you to all of those who helped and came out and supported the event.



“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. – Psalm 90:17”



As the weather cools down and fall arrives, many of us start spending more time indoors and preparing our homes and businesses for winter. However, with the change in seasons comes a unique set of fire hazards. At Fire Protection Specialists, we're committed to keeping you safe year-round. Here are some essential fire safety tips for the fall season.

Heating Equipment Maintenance

With temperatures dropping, furnaces, space heaters, and wood stoves come back into use. Before turning them on for the season, ensure they are properly cleaned and serviced:

- Furnaces should be inspected and cleaned by a professional.
- Space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from any flammable materials and never left unattended.
- Wood stoves and fireplaces need to be cleaned out and inspected for any buildup of creosote, a highly flammable byproduct of burning wood.

Chimney and Fireplace Safety

Nothing says fall like a cozy fire, but without proper maintenance, chimneys and fireplaces can pose serious risks:

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned to remove any blockages or creosote buildup.
- Use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from escaping.
- Never leave a fire unattended, and always make sure it's completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.

Be Mindful of Fall Decorations

Fall decorations, such as dried corn stalks, hay bales, and festive wreaths, can be highly flammable. Make sure they are:

- Kept away from open flames like candles or fireplaces.
- Not blocking any exits in case of an emergency.
- Safe from sources of heat, such as lights and heaters.

Test Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Fall is the perfect time to test all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices should be tested monthly, with batteries replaced at least once a year:

- Make sure all alarms are functioning correctly.
- Consider installing interconnected smoke alarms, so when one goes off, they all sound the alarm.

Inspect Fire Extinguishers

This season is a great time to ensure your fire extinguishers are in good working order. For homes and businesses:

- Check the expiration date and ensure it's fully charged.
- If you need assistance or mobile fire extinguisher recharging, our team at Fire Protection Specialists can help you stay prepared

inspections, to ensure you're ready for any emergency. Contact us today to schedule an inspection or learn more about our fire safety solutions.

Clean Out Your Dryer Vents

With heavier fall clothing comes more lint in your dryer. Over time, this buildup can cause dryer fires:

- Clean the lint filter after every load.
- Check and clean the dryer vent regularly to prevent lint accumulation that could lead to a fire hazard.

Outdoor Fire Pit Safety

Fall is also a time for outdoor gatherings around fire pits. To stay safe:

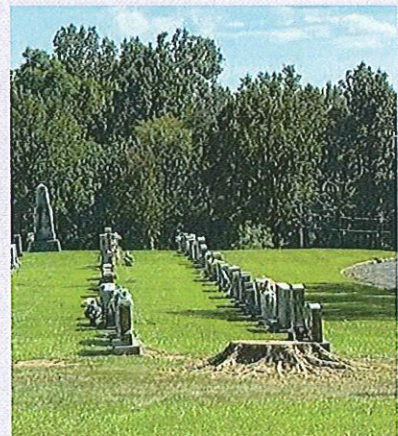
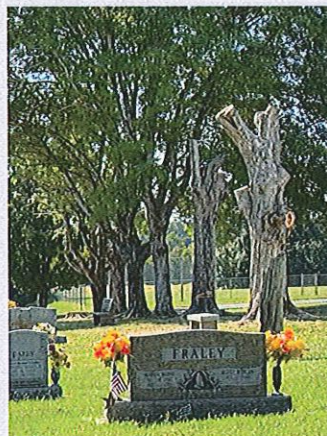
- Position fire pits at least 10 feet away from buildings, trees, or other flammable materials.
- Never leave the fire unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher or a bucket of water nearby.
- Extinguish the fire completely before leaving the area or going indoors.

Have an Escape Plan

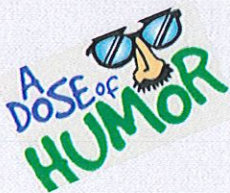
In the event of a fire, having a clear escape plan can save lives:

- Ensure everyone in your home or workplace knows the evacuation routes.
- Practice your escape plan, especially if your space has multiple floors or exits.
- Remember that seconds count during a fire emergency.

Fall is a beautiful time of year, but it's also a season when fire hazards can increase. By following these seasonal fire safety tips, you can protect your home, business, and loved ones. At Fire Protection Specialists, we offer a range of services, from fire extinguisher maintenance to alarm system



A big thank you goes to Jake Trexler & family and the following people who gave to the memorials of Phyllis Trexler, Stacy Fraley and John Trexler for the removal of three trees at the shelter and cemetery.





October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 th Sunday Pentecost 9:30: coffee & S. School 10:30: Worship w/ PSL Congregational Vote	4	5	6	7	8	9
20 th Sunday Pentecost 9:30: Coffee & S. School 10:30: Worship w/ PSL	11	12	13	14	15	16
21 st Sunday Pentecost 9:30: Coffee & S. School 10:30: Worship w/ PSL	18	19	20	21	22	23
Reformation Sunday 9:30: Coffee & S. School 10:30: Worship w/ PSL	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Movie Night @ Church



Food Pantry: 9-10:30 am



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Invite someone to join you in doing something fun.							Compliment a kid's creativity, curiosity, or courage.							Send a voice memo to a friend letting them know why you're grateful they're in your life.		Draw or doodle something and give it to someone with a nice note.		Give a sincere compliment to three people today.		Look in the mirror and name one thing you're proud of yourself for.		Ask someone. "What's something you're looking forward to?" and cheer them on.		Make a "Kindness Spotlight" at home or school where people can post good things they notice.					
Celebrate someone's effort, not just their achievement.							Hold the door open for someone and greet them with a smile.							Offer to help someone learn, practice, or figure out something they've been working on.		Make a card for someone you've been thinking about and give/send it to them.		Snap a picture of something beautiful you notice today and share it with someone to lift their mood.		Thank a teacher, coach, or mentor for a small moment they may have forgotten, but you never did.		Notice one good thing someone does today and point it out aloud.		Write a sticky note naming one thing you appreciate about a family member and leave it where they'll find it.					
Share a kind memory with a family member who may need encouragement today.							Reflect on the biggest positive shift you noticed this month.							Leave a positive review for a local business.		Take a walk and notice all the joyful things.		Celebrate someone in your life by acknowledging one of their strengths and letting them know you've noticed it.		Celebrate someone in your life by acknowledging one of their strengths and letting them know you've noticed it.		Celebrate someone in your life by acknowledging one of their strengths and letting them know you've noticed it.							

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