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From Your Pastor

The winter Olympics came to global attention recently. Whether you are a sports fan or not, there's something inspiring about watching athletes from around the world train for years, sometimes decades, for just a few moments on the world stage. Behind every medal ceremony is unseen discipline, early mornings, setbacks, injuries, perseverance, sweat, and countless hours of preparation. As I watched, I couldn't help but think about the spiritual parallels.

Scripture often compares the living of our faith to a race. St. Paul writes, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (1Cor. 9:24-27).

Faith is not passive. It requires intentionality. It requires endurance. It requires training. It requires discipline. In the passage above Paul talks about disciplining his body for Christian living. It takes discipline to keep to the time set to read God's Word and pray. It takes perseverance to keep doing the good works God lays out before us every day (Ephesians 2:10).

So many other duties and opportunities call to us in our day. We are tempted to forego time in the Word, but we need to allow the Holy Spirit to point us to Jesus to strengthen and refresh our faith by reminding us of what we have been taught, filling us with forgiving grace, leading us to new insights, and directing us in our following of Him.

We are also to continue in the discipline of prayer. God's Word instructs us "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Eph. 6:18). If an athlete trains for years, even for

decades, then we Christians can surely remain constant in prayer as we await upon the will and the working of our God who loves us with a great and faithful passion.

Following Jesus is not a sprint; it is a marathon—or, it's not short track speed skating; it is that cross country skiing event that is over 30 miles (longer than a marathon!). There are seasons of strength and seasons of fatigue. There are moments of victory and moments when perseverance feels costly.

But just as Olympic athletes—and athletes of all types—keep their eyes fixed on the prize, we are called to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The writer to the Hebrews exhorts us: "Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted" (12:1-3). Jesus is not only our example. He is our reward.

In a world that celebrates temporary achievement, Scripture points us toward something eternal. Our prize is not applause, medals, or recognition. Our prize is a deeper relationship with the Messiah and the joy of hearing on the Last Day, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).

If you feel weary today, remember: endurance is built over time. God is forming perseverance in you, even in seasons that feel ordinary.

Stay faithful. Stay steady. Keep running your race with purpose. May this week remind you that the discipline of faith produces lasting joy, and that the greatest victory is found in walking closely with Jesus, your Savior and Lord.

Your fellow-servant for Christ,

Pastor Mahuken



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- March 2.....Debbie Goetsch
Joan Nahnsen
- March 3.....Kayla Clark
- March 4.....Gerald Langholdt
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- March 7.....Brandon Jacobson
Eugene Mitchell
- March 8.....Abby Macumber
Kennedi Mallinger
Sarah Schultz
Mikayla VandenBurg
- March 9.....Kayla Morgan
- March 10.....Nan Bornhoft
Todd Jepsen
- March 11.....Amber Haberberger
Peter Teut
- March 12.....Cori Kragel
Lucas Peters
- March 13.....Ingrid Finn
Barb Quandt
- March 16.....Devin Jepsen
Patrick Schmidt
William Whitenack
- March 17.....Dylan Dimig
- March 18.....Roger Rothe
Wade Schultz
- March 19.....Glenda Bryson
Rocky Ellerbeck
- March 21.....Angie Ellis
Kasey Lee
- March 22.....Bob Andresen
Wyatt Kragel
Bruce Paulsen
Glenn Wigg
- March 24.....Shelly Aldag
Kamden Bruhn
Jaci Kluender
Karin Schneider
- March 25.....Justin Andresen
Zach Bielenberg
Amy Hoffmeier
- March 26.....Morgan Haskin
- March 27.....Shilby Henningsen
Lori Kline
- March 28.....Jarel Bral
Jestin Bral
Verdean Gierstorf
- March 29.....Cove Riessen
Timothy Riessen



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- Josh & Ashley Beeck March 4, 2005
- Terry & Nancy Kline March 6, 1970
- Matthew & Karla Gross March 10, 2008
- Ryan & Stacy Jepsen March 20, 1999
- Pastor Merle & Chris Mahnken (40th)..... March 22, 1986
- Lodean & Sandra Voss March 22, 1968
- Adam & Megan Nahnsen March 24, 2018
- Grant & Janette Clausen March 26, 1988
- Mitchell & Rebecca Schwarz March 26, 1977
- Brad Highstreet & Ingrid Finn March 27, 1998
- Daryl & Barb Pedersen..... March 31, 1979

Please notify the office of any omissions or corrections.



Join us for our Lent Midweek Services

Our midweek Lent services continue during the month of March. Worship begins at 5:45 p.m. and supper is served following the service.

After supper, our ladies are invited to a Bible Study “Divine Directions—How God Guides Your Path.” Our men will join with Pr. Schulz around the theme “Fighting the Spiritual War.”



Daylight Saving Time & Worship Time Change

Our Saturday p.m. worship time changes to a **5:00 p.m.** starting time beginning Saturday, March 14.

Remember to set your clocks to “spring forward” before you go to bed Saturday night, March 7!



Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025 expire March 31, 2026!



If you are a Thrivent member, you may direct Thrivent Choice dollars to our congregation, our preschool, Mission Central and other LCMS organizations.

Simply go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) before March 31 and say “Thrivent Choice.”



Annual Celebration of Life & Fundraising Event

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

At the Stables at Copper Ridge
2199 Ridge Road, Denison, Iowa

Door open at 5:30
Program begins at 6:30

Meal provided by Staley's Catering
(beef & chicken)

Speaker: Hannah M. Hoyt
Executive Director of LC Clinic

Prepaid tickets before March 2nd
\$50 per ticket/ \$400 for Table of 8
Sorry, no tickets sold at the door

Proceeds go to direct helping in both CR programs!

Fill a table of 8 to maximize your help!



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2026 UNITY RIDGE LUTHERAN SCHOOLS
Dinner Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 2026
DOORS OPEN / SILENT AUCTION @ 5:00
DINNER & LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW

The Stables

2199 RIDGE ROAD
DENISON, IA

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Unity Ridge Lutheran Schools Dinner Auction
March 28, 2026

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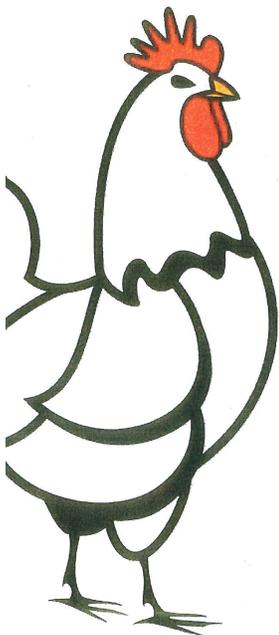
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DATE: Tuesday, March 24th
4:30pm-7:00pm

WHERE: Silveridge Assisted Living
222 S 20th Street
Denison, IA 51442

PRICE: \$13.00, Includes 2 pieces
of fried chicken, 2 sides,
dinner roll + cookie

Delivery & payment for on campus tenants
& residents must be prearranged. Please
call (712) 263-3114 to arrange by 3/20.

Proceeds to benefit the:



~ **THE LWML INVITES
ALL LADIES** ~



On the 5th of February, Immanuel LWML spent the afternoon meeting together and encouraging one another.

We decided to serve the Lenten Meal at the March 11th service. Becky, Marlene, Karen and Cheryl will be the planning committee.

We continue to consider options for the Confirmation Picture Display.

Visits have been made to our Immanuel church members currently residing in care facilities and some home visits. A birthday card was sent to Ruth Reincke for her upcoming 100th birthday.

We held a discussion regarding the challenge of keeping our younger members involved at church.

—Submitted by Donna Harm



**What is
the Lutheran Women's Missionary League?**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). It has as its "mission heart" thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world. It is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenge to share the Gospel message. It seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the Synod through education, inspiration, and service. It places a major emphasis on the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of Mite Box offerings. These Mite Box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in missions grants since the organizations inception in 1942. Mission Projects for our Iowa West District, the United States and countries all over the world!

Come join us and become one of the Lutheran Women in Mission!



**From Your library . . .
"Have we got a book for you!"**



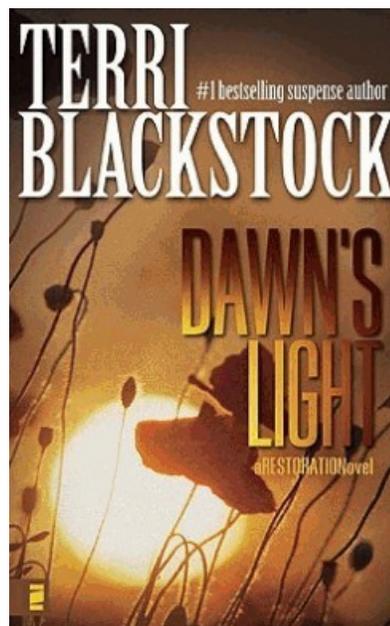
***Dawn's Light*
By Terri Blackstock**

Terri Blackstock is a best-selling suspense author of many different series plus many stand alone novels. She became a Christian at the age of fourteen. She realized she had not been using her gift as God intended. At that time she recommitted her life to Christ and made the decision to write only books that pointed to God. Her books are about Christians who are facing problems, the mistakes they have made and how the solutions she has made have saved her own life.

Dawn's Light is a book in the restoration series, about the Branning family and how they face a crisis that sweeps the entire planet back to the age before electricity. They have a choice of hoarding their possessions to survive or trust God to provide. As they share their resources with others. The family is tested many times but God always prevails.

Remember you can check out books from the adult library anytime the office is open.

—Submitted by Carol Neddermeyer





I must say, even though the volume in the classroom has been increasing, I believe it is worth it considering the intensity and level of questions I have been asked. The other day, we were standing in the bus line and one of the children looked at me and said, "Is there really power in the blood?" Without hesitation I responded, "Absolutely!" Of course, a four year old is not content with a one word answer that doesn't actually explain what he's really asking.

If you are wondering where that question came from (Holy Spirit being the obvious answer), we have been singing the song Tear Off the Roof by Brandon Lake. It is one of the children's favorites. The chorus has a line which states, "There's power in the Presence, power in the blood, power in the name of Jesus." While it had been a couple of hours since we had been singing, the words had clearly taken root in his heart and he was seeking more explanation. What left me in awe was the magnitude of the simple question. Is there power in the blood? What does that actually mean? And most importantly, do we really believe it?

I gave the best explanation I could. We talked about Jesus dying on the cross and how He bled when they pounded the nails in His hands and feet. We discussed Jesus being put in the tomb and coming back to life three days later. We talked about the power over sin He demonstrated. Yes, I got the standard follow-up question, "How does Jesus get into your heart?" (I don't think I answered that one as well. I told him Jesus can walk through walls so getting inside your heart is not hard for Him at all. Hey, don't judge. Sometimes these questions are more challenging than you think on the spot. Smile.) I did start with "you have to open the door and let Him inside" but he was not even close to

being satisfied with that for a response. He was wanting something much more literal.

Today, as I sit and share the story with you, I am challenged to do a bit of self-reflecting. You see, as I was driving to school today the Lord and I were having a conversation. If I'm honest, I was doing more talking than listening which I bet gets wearisome for the Lord. Isn't He faithful to answer anyway? The question that came to my mind through the exchange was, "Do I really trust His love?" It is the same question the child posed only in different verbiage. "Is there really power in the blood?" The blood shed for us is a demonstration of His great love. Whatever our current situation, He's in it with us. He's right beside us. He's loving us unconditionally. He is not sitting waiting to "get us" if we goof up. He is loving, kind, and full of grace. It was a good "come to Jesus" moment for me. Do I believe in the power of the blood? Do I believe He loves me no matter what? Yes, I do. There are many life circumstances that require us to cry out and ask God for the faith to believe it. He is faithful. He will provide the faith we need.

I am honored when the children ask these types of questions. What a blessing to watch their faith blossom. The purity in their questions and the unwavering faith bring such joy. A couple weeks ago, as we learned about Jesus in the temple, I asked a review question to see who had remembered. A little girl looked right at me and said, "His mom and dad found Him at the temple teaching the old guys." Yep, she was right. What a gift that whether we are four or forty-four (okay, or more) God loves us and keeps answering our questions.

Blessings,
Mrs. Gustafson



Looking ahead: April 10 the preschool will be hosting their Family Night Fundraiser. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information! Thank you in advance for all your support as we help these littles continue to have a place to grow in their walk with Jesus.

!AMIGOS EN CRISTO and GRACIA!

News from *Las Iglesias Evangélicas Luteranas*
Amigos en Cristo in Denison and Gracia in Storm Lake
 Pastor Pedro Lopez

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we walk through this Lenten season, may You renew our hearts and draw us closer to You. We hold fast to Your promise, “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1), trusting that You lead us with compassion and wisdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The first two months of this year have been productive, marked by ongoing Bible studies and visits with our church members and community friends.

In Deloit, we have not yet scheduled future English classes, though we remain in contact with several families from the fall session. We plan to meet with volunteers soon to discuss continuing the ESL class.

At St. Paul-Carroll, we continue to have our Saturday Praise, Prayer, and Bible Study in the evenings. We will start out Spring ESL class here on April 7, 2026. We also joined St. Paul at their Valentine’s Day celebration.

At St. Paul-Hartley, we are pausing ESL classes for the spring, with plans to resume in the fall.

At St. John-Storm Lake, we continue to support the Swaddling Clothes program held on the second Saturday of each month, and we remain active with Sunday worship services at Grace.

We are saddened to share that our member Betin for whom we recently requested prayers, was called to Glory on February 5, 2026.

Prayer requests:

- ◇ For Betin’s wife, Frances, and the entire Diaz family.
- ◇ Juan Morales as he struggles with health issues, for his wife Yolanda, and their family.
- ◇ The immigrant community we serve and the many new individuals we have met through ESL and other programs.
- ◇ For my wife and me—that the Lord would continue to strengthen and equip us for His work.

Bendiciones, Pastor Lopez

AFRICAN RADIO MINISTRIES—NEWS

We celebrate God’s work through you, the African Radio Ministries partners and the saints serving in God’s vineyard in Africa.

Republic of Guinea

President Julien Kotembedouno,
 Evangelical Lutheran Church Guinea

A message of thanks from Mr. Eric M., a listener in Guinea. “I am very thankful to God for His mercy upon me and my family. The Holy Spirit is continuously transforming my life and the life of my family by listening to the preaching of the Lutheran pastors on the radio. The things that once held us down and trapped us are no longer important to us. We hold onto this promise from 2 Corinthians 5:17, *‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.’* Amen!”

Your partners in the harvest,
 ~Missionary Linda Kurtz and John & Kathy Duitsman

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 Las Vegas, NV 89117



LCMS Pastors Unite at the Iowa Capitol to Advocate For Life

By Kim Laube

Pastors’ Day on the Hill brought together LCMS pastors from across Iowa for a purposeful day of encouragement, advocacy, and faith-driven engagement at the State Capitol. This annual event is designed to connect LCMS pastors with LCMS members serving in the Iowa Legislature—strengthening relationships, building confidence for civic engagement, and equipping pastors to speak faithfully and winsomely on current life issues impacting their communities. Pastors’ Day on the Hill continues to remind Iowa LCMS pastors of their vital role in shaping public conversations and guiding their congregations in thoughtful, loving engagement with lawmakers.



Members of Immanuel in attendance were Pastor Mahnken and Pastor Schulz, as well as Sen. Jason Schultz (not pictured).

What the Bible Says About Life After Death

Written by Hannah Hansen

What is it about death that scares us? What causes us to ignore it, for the most part, until death stares us in the face? Our culture tells us death is just part of life, or that it is natural, but that is not how the Bible speaks about death.

Death wasn't part of God's original plan.

Death was not part of God's creation. God was meticulous in His creating act. He formed us from the dust of the earth to live, specifically, with Him. Picture this for a moment: God the Creator of the universe gets down on His hands and knees to form you. Then He breathes the breath of life into your body to give you life.

If this is not the beginning of a personal, intimate relationship, what is? "Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature" (Gen. 2:7). Here are some of the most intimate words of Scripture. *We were created to be in relationship with our Creator.*

Humanity messed up God's original plan.

But we all know what happened next. The man and woman decided that this amazing relationship with the Creator of the universe was not enough. They allowed Satan to convince them that their advancement was more important than any relationship with God, and they ate the fruit of the tree. In their eating, they ripped their relationship with each other, the creation, and the Creator into a million pieces. The result of destroying this relationship was and is death!

No, death is not what God had planned for His creatures. It was never meant to be "a part of life." Death is our enemy. It's an enemy we hold at a distance and an enemy we would rather not deal with. Death is division, separation, and an unsure reality all rolled up into one.

We can't stop death, and that scares us.

Death scares us because we have no control over it. We can't stop it, we can't determine when it will happen (or at least we shouldn't), and we certainly don't understand what happens when death occurs. Yet, on this earth, death happens every single day, every hour, and every second, and it will happen to every single one of us.

Most of us are curious about death, especially when someone dies, but it certainly is not one of those day-to-day conversations we share with others.

Death will happen, but God is in control.

God, our Creator, is the one in control of our life and our death. But God has given us hope in the face of death. In life, in this time and place, we are reunited with the Creator through the life and death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Because of that union we will also be united with Him in our death. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Let's begin the discussion about death with the realization that death will take place. It will happen. It cannot be avoided. But we, God's children, live with the hope of eternal life promised by Christ, and if our discussion is centered on this reality, then death becomes less fearful and the topic opens for discussion.

Now, this is not to ignore the fact that death is painful, extremely painful. It tears at the core of our being. It confuses, disorients, and breaks the hearts of those left behind. In fact, it is one of the most painful realities of life.

Death is an unfortunate reality we all must face. But death need not be feared. Death has been conquered; it has no hold over us. *We belong to Christ. We are His, in life and in death.* Our Baptism has confirmed that reality. It's a promise of the One who created us, the One who redeemed and continues to redeem us, and the One who sanctifies us. Our reality lies in the reality that Christ lived, died, is resurrected, and now lives in us. There can be no other reality, no other truth.

"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

(1 Corinthians 15:55)

No matter what happens to us after death, the promise of Christ can only bring us hope and joy because we will without a doubt be in His presence. Every need we ever had on earth is removed—no thirst, no pain, no tears. Christ becomes our all in all. What a blessing this provides. In a sense, it makes our death a moment we can look forward to with joy and excitement.

This article was posted as a CPH Blog.

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What Does God's Word Say About Transgenderism?

The following is an edited excerpt from Responding to Transgenderism in Light of God's Word by Scott Stiegemeier.

The Christian doctrine of anthropology—what God's Word teaches about human beings—is one of the most important spiritual and moral concerns of today. There is much more to this doctrinal topic than mere discussions of sin and free will. Many of the most prominent problems we face—everything from abortion to same-sex marriage to genetic engineering to transgenderism—emerge from a distorted understanding of human nature. The church must learn to express with greater clarity what God says about human nature, embodiment, male and female, creation, and the resurrection.

Many unspoken assumptions people hold about what it means to be human have allowed transgenderism to advance rapidly in the last couple of decades. So what are two major assumptions made in our society that have contributed to this transgender moment?

First Assumption: The Real You The first major cultural assumption that undermines Christian anthropology is the belief that the human body is ultimately inconsequential to one's personal identity. This view holds that the body is not a meaningful part of what makes you *you*. The real you, in this scheme, is your mind or soul, and the body is little more than a rough habitation for the true self. ... This assumption implies that your soul will live forever with God, with little thought given to the eternal state of your body. In contemporary church life, this seeps out in the funeral service that speaks of the soul leaving the body to go to heaven and ends with that. It is true that the soul of the believer goes to be with the Lord upon death, and this is very good news indeed. But this is only part of the Good Word we have for the grieving. Biblically speaking, the separation of soul and body is temporary. The fullness of Christian hope comes with the resurrection of our bodies to live united, body and soul, in the new heaven and the new earth. We must not unintentionally imply that a spiritual heaven is our final home.

Second Assumption: My Body Is My Own The second major cultural assumption debasing human nature today is that your body is your property and that as long as you do not harm anyone else, you can do with it what you please. ... The impulse that we own our bodies is deeply

ingrained. We have all heard the statement "My Body, My Choice." This is driven by the underlying assumption that my body is my property, and I can do with it as I choose.

In contrast to this, the church confesses that our bodies belong to God. Paul is clear: "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). Our physical bodies are not mere things that we own and may use however we wish. We are not fully autonomous beings. We are oriented toward and dependent upon our gracious Creator, and we are His. This means that we are not, in fact, free to do whatever we want to ourselves. One must see the body as a divine gift that glorifies God. As it says, "The body is ... for the Lord, and the Lord for the body" (1 Corinthians 6:13).

Christians confess that the supreme divine Being of the universe is the same divine Being who created the material world. And He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten Son, who became flesh and dwelt among us. For Christians, the question of whether the body is good was settled conclusively when the eternal Son of God was conceived in His mother, the Virgin Mary, who gave Him birth (John 1:1, 14). That the human body is good was confirmed by Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead, which is the foundational truth for our own resurrection on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 15:20).

In our time, during this transgender moment, people do not literally renounce physical matter altogether. No, but they might consider the material flesh as comparatively unimportant to their personal identities and as their own property to treat according to their own desires.

If the only true aspect that defines you is your mind or soul, then you can see why radical alterations of the flesh, including mutilation of healthy sex organs in order to shape the material self to fit a new identity, would be considered permissible. This objectifies the human body. It depersonalizes it. Since the concept that the body is inconsequential to your personal identity is a denial of Christian anthropology, the church must stand against this error and affirm the beauty and goodness of our natural physical nature that God has given us.

Read more about the Christian viewpoint surrounding transgenderism, including non-combative ways to faithfully discuss the topic with others, in *Responding to Transgenderism in Light of God's Word*. This book, also in e-Book format, is available from Concordia Publishing House (<http://www.cph.org>).



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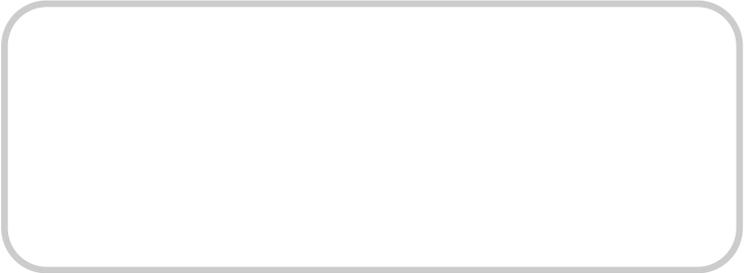
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