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◆ Our Savior's Way ◆

LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO WIN! TO BUILD! TO SEND!

January, 2006

FROM THE PASTOR...

What is Epiphany? In western Christian tradition, **January 6** is celebrated as **Epiphany**. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as **Three Kings' Day** (Spanish: *el Día de los Tres Reyes*, *la Fiesta de Reyes*, or *el Día de los Reyes Magos*; Dutch: *Driekoningendag*).

Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are counted from December 25th until January 5th. The day *before* Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, and is sometimes called **Twelfth Night**, an occasion for feasting in some cultures. In other cultures, the baking of a special **King's Cake** is part of the festivities of Epiphany (part of the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans).

In traditional Christian churches Christmas, as well as Easter, is celebrated as a period of time, a season of the church year, rather than just a day. The Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity. The one or two Sundays between Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes called Christmastide. For Lutherans, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday (March 1st this year), which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. Because the date of Easter moves, there can be as few as four Sundays in Epiphany or as many as nine. This year there are eight which means that Easter will come later in the year (April 16th). The last Sunday of Epiphany (February 26th) celebrates the Transfiguration of our Lord.

In Our Prayers We Ask the Lord to Bless

Kim King, at the death of her great-grandmother, Zethel May; Susan Thistlethwaite, at the death of her father, Leo Lemly; The Brown Family, at the death of Jean Marie; Sharon Iglesias; Phil Schneider; Andrew Bingaman, undergoing treatment for lymphoma; Allison Yowell; Sister of Linda Merkle; Kelley O'Dell; Sam Grant; Donnie Tiaga; Reid Farmer and Mark Weinrich, deployed to Iraq; Scott Vivian; Kathy Policaro; Diana Kidder; Arlene Wilson (National Lutheran Home); Ruth Haas (Cameron Glen); Adam Lytell; Robert Villoch; mother and mother-in-law of Chadney Grant; Mothers of Jean Kayden, Karen Rippe, Nat Kidder, Carol Tanner, and Joe Kumke; Fathers of Paul Hawthorne, Andy Wessell, John Breese, Bonnie Stith; Sister of Carolyn Nulf; Esther Grant and the Grant families.

Would you like to be included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Jean Kayden at Prayer.Chain@oswlc.org

Tender Loving Care GROUPS

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am

Bible Classes For Adults

- Pastor's Bible Study—
- Today's Bible Readings
- Women's Bible Study—
Current Study: Finding Joy
- Parent Support Group

Shared Interest

Kids Play Group

Meets on Mondays at 9:30 am in the homes of the participants. Contact Traci Benedict at 703-729-7256

Dinner Out Once-a-Month

This group meets for dinner and fellowship once a month at a local restaurant.

Bible Breakfast Group

Meets for breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study at 9:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Sponsored by the Board of Elders.

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Membership Transfers

November and December

Ken and Gail Drifmeyer
From Prince of Peace LC
Springfield, VA

Lori Fagan
From St. John's LC
Alexandria, VA

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child. With their gifts they "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The Sundays of the Epiphany Season that follow celebrate the miracles and teachings of Jesus as day by day it becomes more evident to all that He is truly "the Christ the Son of the living God." As you celebrate Epiphany this year be a witness to the reality of Jesus Christ and who he is in your life. Let God use you to "reveal" His love to others.

Peace, power and purpose,

Pastor Bill Mann

Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 8th

All Services

Mark Your Calendar

There will be a special **Congregational Meeting** on **January 8th at 10:30 am** (between services) to review the new building loan status and call for a final vote on the new building.

Officers/Board Chairpersons For 2006

President	Ed Yarbrough	Secretary	Christa Leman
Vice-Pres.	Mike Leman	Treasurer	Ernie Stockel
CDC Board	Celina Pass	Elders	Joe Carlin
Christian Ed	Scott Tousley		Mark Anton
Fellowship	Darren and Caroline Broemmer		Todd Craig
Finance	Rich Olsen		Jeff Davis
Missions	Steve King		Bruce Granger
Outreach	Corado Dugo		Mark Harding
Properties	Leonard Crain & Jerry Sappington		Paul Hawthorne
Social Ministries	Mary Miller		Greg Lynch
Stewardship	Stuart Dunnett		Kurt Reiter
Worship	Beth Anton		Jeff Stephens
Youth	Lauren Germinario		Doug Stowell
Sunday School	Barb Yarbrough & Lynn Lynch		Johnnie Stubbs

Building Committee

This is the month for submitting our plans to Loudoun County. The site plan is already in the county office for review. We had two surprises when the county required us to do an archeological survey of the property and also a tree survey. (Translation=add \$5,000 to the cost of the project). In spite of small delays, the process moves forward. The actual building plans will be finished by the end of the month and submitted to the county for approval. Please keep this whole process in your prayers as it is subject to the whims and wishes of individual officials in the county offices. We await approval from these officials (we estimate a three month wait), and once that happens we will move forward with ground breaking and construction. In the mean time we will be fulfilling the requirements of the lender by sending LCEF the necessary paperwork and working with the contractor to secure bids and identify the subcontractors. Pray that God will bless the members of the Building Committee with patient endurance and faith during the next few months.

Reminder To All 2005 Council Members

Annual Reports are due in the Church Office by January 31st.

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Study and Support

Monday Night Bible Study

Meets at the church on the **first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm** for coffee and discussion.

Leesburg Small Group

Meets the first and third Saturday of each month. Please contact Susan Mohr (703-738-4505) or Dave Labuhn (703-737-0323) for additional details.

Couples' Small Group

Meets the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Martie Dunnett (571-223-1719) for more information.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Group

Meets at **10:00 am every Tuesday**. Current study—The Beloved Disciple

Bulletin Folders

Volunteers fold Sunday's bulletin every Friday morning at 10:30 am.

Garden Club/Work Day

Meets the **3rd Saturday of the month** at church from **8:00 am until noon** to do gardening and repair work around the church.

Altar Guild

Preparation of the altar for Sunday Worship. Groups of three serve together.

Flowers for The Altar—2006



If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar on Sunday, please sign-up on the chart in the lobby.

The **cost** of the flowers is **\$35 per Sunday**. Please place a check for that amount in the special "flower" envelope next to the chart. The church will purchase the flowers, but you may also make arrangements to bring flowers from your garden at home.

If you signed up for flowers last year, please check to see that you have remitted your payment. Thank you.

First Communion

After studying the Bible passages on who should/could attend the Lord's table, the elders have approved a plan to separate first communion from confirmation for those who are interested. The plan would work like this:

1. A child who would like to learn more about Holy Communion (usually 5th grade and above) would take a class with at least one parent for five weeks on the Scriptural background of Holy Communion.
2. Homework and projects would be completed.
3. An interview with the parents, the child and one of the pastors would determine if and when the child should begin communing with their Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The child would begin communing on the date chosen with a special family emphasis on that day.
5. It is also fine to wait until Confirmation for the first communion to take place.

If you would like to discuss this more or have an interest in an early communion class to begin in February, call Pastor Wiechmann or the church office at 703-858-9254.



Worship Styles

During the month of January, we will be trying something new. The first and third Sundays of the month will be "Liturgical Worship." The second and fourth Sundays will be "Praise and Worship" at 9:30 and 11:00 am and "Liturgical Worship" at 8:00 am. The schedule will look like this:

Date	Worship Style	Preacher
1/1	Liturgical	Vicar Doug
1/8	8 am—Liturgical 9:30 & 11:00 am—Praise	Pastor Mann Pastor Mann
1/15	Liturgical	Pastor Mann
1/22	8 am—Liturgical 9:30 & 11:00 am—Praise	Pastor Wiechmann Pastor Wiechmann
1/29	Blended Worship	Pastor Mann

The advantage of this new format is that everyone is able to enjoy a variety of worship styles, and those who prefer Liturgical Worship may attend a Liturgical Service each week. The Board of Worship will re-evaluate the new format at their next meeting.

Needed

Volunteer to update the church website. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Pastor Mann.

Volunteer to help fold Sunday bulletins on Fridays at 10:30 am.



THRIVENT GivingPlus

With the beginning of a new calendar year, THRIVENT members are again eligible to contribute up to \$600 each to Open Arms, which THRIVENT will match at 50% up to a maximum of \$300. Members can make multiple donations for any amount whenever they choose (monthly, quarterly, etc.). Each check should be made payable to Open Arms and must be accompanied by a completed GivingPlus form. Membership and GivingPlus forms are available in the folders on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Contact Marcie Peterson at 703-858-9254 if you have questions.

When We Need God's Love Most



When is the time that we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But there are times when His love is especially precious to us. Times like when we lose a loved one, or when life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn, or when life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in. At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has six trained Stephen Ministers who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at Our Savior's Way. Contact one of the pastors or Carol Stowell, Stephen Leader, if you would like more information.

Packages for Soldiers

From Nancy Borchert

I just thought I would share this with all of you. This was one of the packages I sent last Monday, so I'm surprised how fast it made it there (Iraq). According to this soldier's website, he is the contact person for 100 male troops and 25 female troops, so I sent him a great big box of stuff (food & cards). This is his response:

Ma'am,

On behalf of the men and women of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Squadron at Balad Air Base, thank you for that tremendous package you sent us. I've sent it onward to the men and women of our fuels' flight. These awesome warriors provide fuel to every flying platform over here, from reconnaissance to fighter to cargo aircraft.

I really appreciate you taking the time from your life to think of us and support us. We are able to do what we do because of people like you who are there for us! We aren't just fighting for our freedom but we are helping a nation return to the global community.

You mention separation from family. How do we handle being away from our families for so long? It's always difficult... no, actually it sucks, especially at the Christmas and holiday time of year. Whether you are married with children (like me) or single, you always miss your family and friends back home! But you have to understand we are an all volunteer military. When someone enlists for the first time or every time I re-enlisted, we knowingly accepted the possibility we'd be separated from our family and friends. In my case, every time I was about to re-enlist, it became a family decision between my wife and myself. Even though we decided to do it, it's still difficult and emotionally draining to walk away from them at the airport. This deployment had me leaving at 3:30 a.m. My wife dropped me at the airport while the kids stayed home asleep, having said our goodbyes the night before. Honestly, as soon as I kissed my wife goodbye and turned away, not to forget them but because I had to engage my deployment mind-set because this is what I do for a living. Do we avoid thinking about our families? Absolutely NOT! I could never NOT think of my wife and kids. But when it comes time to do my job, then I have to put those thoughts aside and do what I've been trained to do and what's expected of me by my fellow Airmen. Also, understand that I have an Air Force family standing by me, just like my personal family. No matter what problems I may have, they are always with me, even when my personal family isn't. I can always turn to them for help. Whether I'm just down in the dumps because I've missed another of my kid's birthday, scout function, soccer game or whatever, or just had a hard day at work, there is always a fellow Airman I can talk to. We share family pictures, stories, our ups and downs alike with each other and that helps us stay in touch with the folks back home. Does it make it easier? Nope! Nothing will replace them but what does make it easier is we have email capability and send notes and pictures back and forth, [and] we do get to make morale calls home a couple of times a week. Lastly, because [of] our demanding workload over here (we work 12 hours a day, 6½ days a week), we don't have a lot of time to mope around and have a pity-party.

We are able to do what we do (and do it so well!) because of people like yourself supporting us...and for that I thank **YOU!!** We have a lot of young folks over here, away from family for the first time ever. Your gifts will go a long way in helping them as they handle being away from home for the first time ever!

CMSgt David Miller
332 ELRS/CEM
Balad Air Base, Iraq
DSN 443-7435

"Not all heroes wear capes...today, most wear flak vests, helmets and carry an M-16!"

Nancy continues: By the way, I got the she-must-be-crazy look from people in line at the post office as I stood there in this long line holding Cody, verbally trying to keep Mikey close to me (& off the floor), and inching forward a hand truck full of soldier packages with my "free" hand. It was a funny sight. Then I mentioned to someone in line that these packages were going to soldiers and suddenly I saw a lot smiles and people said things, throughout the line, like, "Awwww... Good for you!" By the time it was my turn, people that were in line stepped up and placed all the packages on the counter for me. By the way, I think I heard a sigh of relief from the postal worker/teller when I pulled out all the customs forms already filled out for each package. Overall, it was a great and interesting experience.

Read Through The Bible

We challenge you to continue to read your Bible every day! You will be astounded by the spiritual strength you will receive from the Word of God.

JANUARY

- 1 Luke 1:68-79; Mark 2
- 2 Ps. 30; Mark 3
- 3 Ps. 31; Mark 4
- 4 Ps. 32; Mark 5
- 5 Ps. 33; Mark 6
- 6 Ps. 34; Mark 7
- 7 Ps. 35; Mark 8
- 8 Ps. 36; Mark 9
- 9 Ps. 37; Mark 10
- 10 Ps. 38; Mark 11
- 11 Ps. 39; Mark 12
- 12 Ps. 40; Mark 13
- 13 Ps. 41; Mark 14
- 14 Ps. 42; Mark 15—16
- 15 Ps. 43; Genesis 1—3
- 16 Ps. 44; Genesis 4—6
- 17 Ps. 45; Genesis 7—9
- 18 Ps. 46; Genesis 10—12
- 19 Ps. 47; Genesis 13—15
- 20 Ps. 48; Genesis 16—18
- 21 Ps. 49; Genesis 19—21
- 22 Ps. 50; Genesis 22—24
- 23 Ps. 51; Genesis 25—27
- 24 Ps. 52; Genesis 28—30
- 25 Ps. 53; Genesis 31—33
- 26 Ps. 54; Genesis 34—36
- 27 Ps. 55; Genesis 37—39
- 28 Ps. 56; Genesis 40—42
- 29 Ps. 57; Genesis 43—45
- 30 Ps. 58; Genesis 46—48
- 31 Luke 1:68-79; Genesis 49—50

K.I.D.S. Stamp Program



Stamps will be **available in January** on the **8th and 22nd** after the **9:30 am service**.

K.I.D.S. is a fun and educational program of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Children can buy 25 cent and \$1.00 savings stamps on two Sundays each month. Completed stamp books are sent to Lutheran Church Extension Fund, creating savings accounts in each child's name. K.I.D.S. teaches children the importance of saving and being a good steward while also furthering the Lord's work through LCEF loans for the building of churches, additions and schools.



Child Development Center (CDC) Board Update

Thank you to everyone for their patience in waiting for the Original Works to arrive. It has all gone home! If you need any corrections, please let me know. You can also order more at this time, especially if you really liked your little one's work!

The Christmas programs were a great success. DVD's of the December 9th full/part time program are available for \$10.

We welcome your suggestions and comments and hope that you will continue to support our efforts through prayer or by participation in the events that we sponsor. Our **next meeting is on January 19th at 7:00 pm** in the fish tank room. We look forward to hearing your comments for the New Year to come!

Celina Hutchins, CDC Board Chairperson
703-729-5539 or celina.home@verizon.net

Katrina Families Update

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the holiday season, we would like to share the heart felt thanks and tears of joy that were felt this past Christmas by many of the families affected by Katrina. Over 70 families from Atonement Lutheran Church in Metairie, LA have been assisted by the Southeastern District through spiritual & financial support. As many of you know, OSW has been sponsoring the Adragna family in Luling, LA through prayers and financial assistance. With our gifts of \$7,500 they were able to purchase a used car, winter clothes for their family of four, work clothes and a printer – all of which were lost when their house burned down. They have recently been blessed with a trailer from FEMA, and have been very grateful for the care and compassion they have received from our congregation.

Through your generosity, we have also been very fortunate to contribute \$6,800 in tuition assistance to a family temporarily relocated in our area with two children attending Open Arms. Their 2 and 4 ½ year old children have enjoyed the love and encouragement of our school staff and many extra curricular activities provided on a daily basis.

We were also blessed to be able to respond to a distress email for help for 10 families that had not received a church sponsor. Our Savior's Way sent each family a check for \$250 to give them assistance in providing their children with some special gifts. Thank you to everyone who has made a huge difference in many lives by allowing us to give a little extra to those families affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

ABLAZE Middle School Youth Group



Our meeting this month will be held on **Sunday, January 15th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Mark your calendars. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

For more information on meeting content or if any of our wonderful parents would like to get involved, please contact Lauren Germinario (703-723-0675) or Barb Jones (703-724-4894).

Thank You

The Administrative Staff of Our Savior's Way and Open Arms would like to thank the congregation for the Christmas bonuses that we received through your generosity. Happy New Year and God's blessings to you all.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

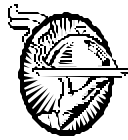
- 1/8 Steven and Eva Tinkey
- 1/13 Jim and Saskia Brewer
- 1/14 John and Judith Tyson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Caitlin Boyles
- 1/3 John Tyson
- 1/4 Andrew Hayden
- 1/5 Wyatt Buckley
- 1/5 Jill Ketron
- 1/6 Courtney Oswald
- 1/8 Sabrina Horton
- 1/9 Madison Boyd
- 1/9 Julie Hayden
- 1/9 Erika Horner
- 1/9 Cindy May
- 1/10 Ernie Stockel
- 1/11 JoAnna Potts
- 1/11 Julia Trempala
- 1/12 Henry Wessell
- 1/13 Zachary Pownall
- 1/14 Carrienne Joback
- 1/14 Barb Tanner
- 1/15 Alex Banks
- 1/15 Jim Nyberg
- 1/17 Jenni Adair
- 1/17 Dawn Walter
- 1/18 Andy Nguyen
- 1/18 Jean Reiter
- 1/21 Jim Brewer
- 1/21 Rachel Frey
- 1/22 Emma Broemmer
- 1/22 Michael Leidinger
- 1/23 Steve Odenheimer
- 1/24 John Breese
- 1/24 Austin Slone
- 1/25 Terry Ramey
- 1/26 Jon Miller
- 1/26 Jim Sheehy
- 1/28 David Benjamin
- 1/28 Jeanne VanDyke
- 1/29 Christian Battershell
- 1/29 Connor Mock
- 1/29 Jenna van der Biezen

Call the church office at 703-858-9254 if your special date is missing from the birthday/anniversary lists. Members, please make sure that your Member Information Forms have been completed and sent to the

Adult Dinner Out Group



The Adult Dinner Out Group will meet on **Saturday, January 21st**, at Nagoya Japanese Steak & Seafood/Sushi Bar in the Junction Plaza. **Meet at 5:30 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet and menu on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Women's Retreat

A "Day of Refreshment" will be hosted at Our Savior's Way for all women on **February 25th**. Sally Hiller, Mission and Ministry Executive, Southeastern District, LCMS will be the presenter for this exciting retreat to "refresh" all women in the New Year. Watch for further details and the chance to sign up. For more information, contact Marcie Peterson at 703-858-9254.



December Baptisms

- Angela Morgan Lee
- Claire Elizabeth Beitel
- Brianna Lee Moody

Walk Thru The Bible

"IN ONLY A FEW MEMORABLE HOURS, UNDERSTAND, LIKE NEVER BEFORE, 4,000 YEARS OF LIFECHANGING, GODLY WISDOM."

Interested? Mark **Saturday, January 21st from 9 am-4 pm** on your calendar to attend Walk Thru The Bible's Old Testament seminar presented by dynamic Jonathan Bilkstad. He will lead us in a highly creative, interactive learning adventure that is as much fun as it is effective. Using hand motions, catch phrases, and group review, you'll understand the Old Testament like never before. Plan to sign up for the world's most popular Bible-based seminar, to be held at Our Savior's Way and co-hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran. Lunch will be included and a fee will be charged to include the cost of materials. Confirmation students, along with one parent, are required to attend. Contact Marcie Peterson at 703-858-9254 if you have questions.

December Birth



- Annaka Rosalee Busenlehner
- December 20, 2005

Angel Tree Thoughts and Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Taking the five loaves and two fishes and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. They all ate and were satisfied." Matthew 14:19-20

In the stillness and quiet of last night, sweet thoughts of Angel Tree filled my mind and heart. I'm excited to share the good news that the Lord abundantly provided ways to serve all 16,560 VA and 1,523 WV Angel Tree children! He used our limited resources and multiplied them in ways beyond our imaginations. Praise be to God!

As I reflected on this Angel Tree season, the Lord brought to mind faces of prisoner parents as they signed up their children for Angel Tree; faces of caregivers as they responded to requests for gift ideas for their children; and faces of Angel Tree children, each with a unique and often heart breaking story. All separated from loved ones. And yet these faces are filled with joy made possible through the ministry of Angel Tree and **you!** For the prisoner parent there is joy in being able to provide Christmas presents for their children; for the caregivers there is joy in knowing that people care; and for the children there is joy in knowing that their parents in prison remembered them and love them. Perhaps the greatest joy comes from knowing that all of them have seen and experienced Christ's love through you! Thank you for participating in Angel Tree this year.

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Carol Stowell

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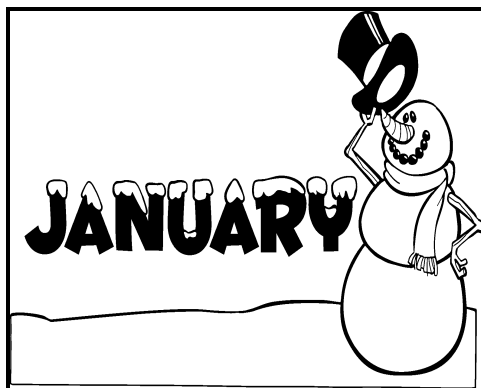
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Volunteer Coordinator
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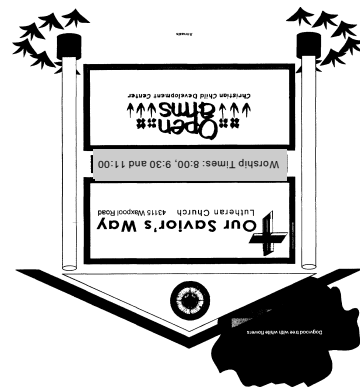
**How to Become a Member of
Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church**

- 1) Worship with the people of Our Savior's Way on Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am.
- 2) Participate in one of the Sunday School classes at 9:30 am on Sunday.
- 3) Transfer from another Lutheran Church by having a transfer letter sent from your former church.
- 4) If you are a new Christian, please speak to one of the Pastors about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- 5) If you have questions about the life and ministry of Our Savior's Way, please phone the church office at 703-858-9254.



Come Worship with us Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

**Important Congregational Meeting
January 8, 10:30 AM**



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