

The Dove

January 2016

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
790 South Tamiami Trail
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Saturday:

Holy Communion: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

Holy Communion: 8:30 AM,
10:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship: 9:45 AM

Sunday School and

Confirmation: 9:30 AM*

*Beginning January 10, 2016

Adult Education: 10:00 AM

Thursday:

Worship Service with

Holy Communion: 10:00 AM



***"To Know Christ and Boldly Make
Him Known"***

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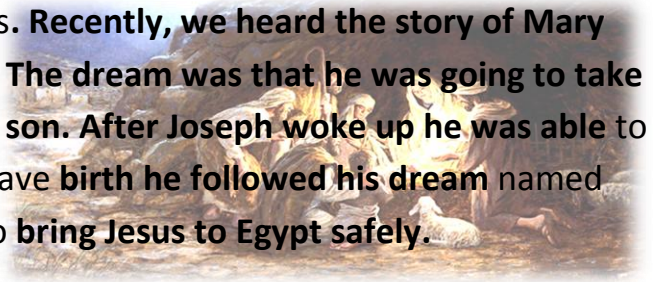
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LIVING THE DREAM

“Living the dream” is a phrase that I have heard often living in Florida. There is something that is true about those words because it is a blessing living in a place where we feel overwhelmed with the gift of life. Spending our lives in a place where we feel like we are living a dream is also a theological theme that is seen throughout the Bible. As people of faith we are “living the dream” and we also dream of the future world to come. In the book of Joel it tells us how at the end time there will be those who have dreams. **Recently, we heard the story of Mary and Joseph that began with Joseph having a dream. The dream was that he was going to take Mary as his wife and she would conceive and have a son. After Joseph woke up he was able to live out the experience he envisioned. When Mary gave birth he followed his dream named his newborn son “Jesus.” Joseph also had a dream to bring Jesus to Egypt safely.**



Joseph was a true example of someone “living out a dream.” Dreams are part of our lives of faith; even the Wise Men in the nativity story were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. This day and age we may or may not have dreams like they did in the Bible, however we are people of faith who dream of a day when there will be peace on earth or when there will be no pain and suffering. When we begin a New Year we all wonder what the year will bring. It is the dream of faith that all will see the gift of Jesus and live in peace with one another. Most of us have a dream that someday the world will be a better place and dream about what we can do to make a difference in our world. We are living a dream when it comes to our faith because living the dream means paying attention to the signs in our lives that speak to us and teach us how to live. The prophet Joel states that people will dream dreams and the Lord will pour out his spirit upon all people. That spirit is alive in the church and being poured out in service.

“Living the dream” may not always be what we expect, but we can expect that God’s spirit will use our imagination and dreams to tell others about the love of God. Martin Luther King had the dream that was filled with the faith story and it is our story that someday all people will have equality and justice. Being in Florida is “Living the dream” but it is also about finding ways in which we can reflect the faith we have been given and know that it is a blessing to live the dream no matter where we make our home. Faith makes living the dream even greater because we can give thanks and praise for all the beauty of the earth while sharing what we have been given onto others. In faith we are “Living the dream” as a gift from God to reflect his love, keep living it faithfully and joyfully with the fullness of God.

Pastor Robert Hall

Music Notes

Garrison Keillor, host of the popular public radio show “A Prairie Home Companion,” lives in Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes. At times he points out that he also lives in the land of many more than 10,000 Lutherans. He recently posted his “Singing with Lutherans” essay on his Facebook page. Here’s an excerpt that I believe speaks to our church family.

Keillor writes: I once sang the bass line of "Children of the Heavenly Father" in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. And by our joining in harmony, singing together, we somehow also promise that we will not forsake each other.

Gathering together in worship—singing together as an assembly is a powerful way to express our fellowship as Emmanuel’s church family. Each of us blessed with a voice, raspy or radiant, tuneful or not, has an opportunity to praise God through the musical poetry of our church. So . . . sing your hearts out on each and every hymn, knowing that your praise and thanksgiving in song, not only honors God but binds us together in fellowship.

Thank you to all our musicians this Advent and Christmas season. All the long and demanding rehearsals truly showed your love of singing and playing to the glory of God. I also thank the congregation for their continued support of our music ministry at Emmanuel.

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of solo guitar works; mandolin and guitar duets; and guitar, mandolin and piano trios. Works include Carulli, Vivaldi and more.

**Jeff Doll – Guitar
Joel Leonard – Mandolin
Iris Bergas – piano
Emmanuel’s Sanctuary
January 10, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Free Will Offering**

**Kris Bowker
Minister of Music and Worship**



From our Parish Nurse:

I gave you December off. I didn't schedule anything for you to attend, so you could relax and enjoy the holidays. Well the holidays are over, and boy, do I have stuff for you to do in January!!!

Coming up first is a Blood Drive on January 10th. We broke our record last drive in November with 28, so let's shoot for 30 this time. We have some snowbirds back, so it is possible. There is also for your taking, located in the spinner pamphlet display in the narthex, a new pamphlet on Blood Donor Guidelines---who can and who can't give. If you have questions if you are eligible or not, pick one up and check.

Next on the agenda is a return of Richard Rodgers. makes us all something pretty yummy to eat as he on, and improve your memory. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed him, and learned a lot. He will be January 18th at 10:00am.



He is the forgetful chef that talks about how to retain, work his first presentation here, in Fellowship Hall on

The next health presentation is a return by Dr. Eric Winder, whose last visit helped us with balance and how to properly exercise our hands and feet to keep them moving, even with arthritis. It was very helpful for all who attended. This talk is about Arthritis Self-Care: What really works for reducing the pain and stiffness of arthritis. It includes helpful stretches and guidelines on what foods to eat. The response to his first presentation was very positive and appreciative, so don't miss this one! Dr. Winder will be here January 27th, in the Fellowship Hall from 10-11:30am.

Lastly, there is a new Grief and Grace Support and Learning Group starting on January 25th for 6 weeks. If you or someone you know is grieving and could use some guidance, support, and encouragement, please come.



For all of these events, please call me and register. The speaker's need a head count so they are sure they have enough food, handouts, or whatever, and I need to know how many to plan for Grief and Grace. I can be reached at 941-488-4942 ext. 20.

So, get out of that lazy boy where you may have spent all of December, and come to these events. **Give, Get, and just Feel Better!!!** Happy New Year!!

Barb Spinks
Parish Nurse

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
KITCHEN DEDICATION DINNER



The Kitchen Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a sit down dinner to be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 6:00pm. This will be the first major undertaking for our new kitchen. Our wonderful cooks and volunteers will prepare and serve a delicious pork tenderloin dinner, with all the trimmings for a cost of \$10 per person. Tickets will go on sale before the worship services on January 9th and 10th. Seating will be limited. This event is being planned for the enjoyment of our members. Please join us!

Meetings and Events scheduled at the Church Office or on the Church Campus MUST be reserved through Charlotte in the office prior to the event. This avoids conflicts in space and interest. This includes requests for items to be displayed or sales of any kind in the Narthex.

Family Promise is Happening NOW

By the time you are reading this, we (Emmanuel) will be in the midst of hosting our first Family Promise of South Sarasota County families. *Many thanks* to everyone who donated the needed supplies to make these families feel welcomed and comfortable. *Many thanks* to those who have volunteered their time to help feed, entertain, and provide support overnight. *Many thanks* to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for making the commitment to care and love these families in crisis.

However, the need for ongoing support remains. We will be hosting families four times a year, with the next Emmanuel “turn” in late February, 2016. Look for



specific needs in next month’s Dove, but if you want to get involved, please contact

Coordinator, Lynn Crandall
(jl827@earthlink.net).

Please continue to save those hotel size toiletries and with the holiday’s now passed, toys and books are still needed! Thank you Emmanuel for all that you have done. We are blessed to be a blessing!



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the **Annual Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, January 17th at noon.** Major items on the Agenda will include the election of 2016 Council and the 2016 Budget. This year we will have copies of the Annual Report ready for you to take home the weekend of January 9th and 10th. The reports are being made available for those members wishing to read the report prior to the meeting January 17th. If possible, we ask you to bring them back for your use during the meeting on the 17th. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Christmas Gifts for Lutheran Services Florida.** All the ribbons were taken from the tree and your gifts were beautifully wrapped.



Solo Ladies on the GO will be enjoying lunch at Abbey's on Miami, Tuesday, January 5th at 12 noon. All single ladies of Emmanuel are invited to join us for friendship and fellowship! For more information please call Kathy Mittelstaedt at 941-416-3376.



Volunteer Corner

Emmanuel has been blessed to have so many hard working and devoted volunteers. Without your willingness to step up and meet challenges, Emmanuel would not be able to serve its members, the community around us and those throughout the wider world. The love of Christ is shown when each of you reaches out. *God's Work Our Hands!*

Joan Hofelich

The Church Library is always in need of staffers for the Saturday evening service. It involves 15 minutes before and after the service. Training gladly provided. If you can help, please call Kathie Winemiller at 486-5385.



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT
"FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND"

DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration

AGENDA:

Speaker: Sheri Moehling

Discussion Sessions: Shirley Schimke

Workshops

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Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

3989 South Moon Dr, Venice, FL

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

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**Our women's retreat is an opportunity for fellowship
and spiritual reflection in a beautiful retreat center
along the Myakka River.**

Registration

Jan 9 & 10 and Jan 16 & 17 or from

Helen Jodouin at 941/918-2985 or

Charlotte at the church office

All Women are invited and bring a guest

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Friday, January 8, 2016, 12 Noon

Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Road, Venice.

Guest Speaker: Peggy Kerwin, Director of S.O.L.V.E.

R.S.V.P. to Judi Johnson 488-5468

Kitchen Fund Raising Status

The members of the Kitchen Fund Raising extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have contribution towards the cost of the new campaign began on October 1st, 2015, and as of December 20th, 2015, a total amount of **\$107,111** has been received and pledged, which represents **71%** of the \$150,000 goal. The Kitchen Fund Raising Campaign extends through the end of March, 2016 so if you have not yet given a gift, there is still plenty of time to do so. You may use the "tear off" in the brochure in the pews as well as the envelope that has been provided for your use.



Committee wish to made a kitchen. Since the

STAFF ADDITIONS:

Jan Miller has been serving in the capacity of Interim Office Coordinator since July 22, 2015. We now welcome Jan in this permanent position as Office Coordinator. Jan's 25 year history as both a volunteer and staff member at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN, as well as serving as Office Manager at Cross Connections Counseling, Inc. in Fort Wayne have prepared her well to fill this role. Jan can be reached at jmiller@emmanuel-elca.org or the church office 488-4942 ext.10.

We also welcome Vickie Harris to our staff as Director of Youth and Family. Many of you know Vickie as a 20+ year member of Emmanuel. With her many years of involvement in Sunday School and youth, as well as her vocation as a teacher, Vickie is excited to be able to contribute to this very important ministry. Be prepared... she has many exciting plans! Vickie will be at church on Sunday mornings from 8:00am to 12 noon. Feel free to contact her at 941-423-7313 (her email address is forthcoming).

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE DOVE:

Please send articles and information for Dove publication to Jan Miller at jmiller@emmanuel-elca.org by the third Tuesday of every month. Items submitted late will be considered for inclusion as space allows. Thank you for your help!



FROM HAITI

Christmas is the most popular holiday in Haiti whether you are Catholic, Protestant or from the voodoo religion. Christmas is the time of love, sharing and the remembrance of a Saviour who emptied himself by coming here to share our humanity. Here, the name Jesus is on everybody's lips just as if everyone here is Christian. Beside the festivity, sharing gifts is at the very heart of this period of time, even though the economy is not in good shape, as we say in Haiti: "It is not the amount of money you spend to buy the gift that counts, but the gesture of giving". Thus, I profit the occasion to say thank you once again to all who have worked very hard to make the Holiday Bazaar a success. From their hard work, we have received a gift of money that helps to put a new transmission in one of our trucks that makes our Outreach Mission faster and easier. This has also helped to pay for maintenance and a new license plate with one year of insurance. We are very blessed to be partnered with you in so many ways. As God comes through us this Christmas, may he bring peace, love and many blessings to every one of you! Remember always that the Lutheran Church of Haiti will never cease to pray for you!!!



Pastor Lauvanus Livenson

FROM EAST AFRICA



These five ELCT (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania) medical students are supported by scholarships given by the ELCA. This is one of the programs we supervise in our work as East Africa Regional Representatives. There is a serious shortage of doctors in Tanzania, including at Lutheran hospitals run by the ELCT.

Dr. Joseph and Reverend Deborah Troester

<http://www.africanwaterlog.blogspot.com/2013/11/the-search-for-water-near-dodoma.html>

FROM SURINAME

Pastor Kevin Jacobson will be with us the weekend of **February 20, 2016**. Mark your calendar and watch for more information!

WE WELCOME YOU to visit any of our women's groups and gatherings listed below for biblical discussions and social time. Check the times and dates OR contact the leader for information. We hope you will join us!



JANUARY Meeting Dates for our Women's Groups

- ANNA:** 2nd Monday (January 11) at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE). Study Leader TBA, "The Names of God". Call Lois 484-9182.
- DEBORAH:** 1st Tuesday (January 5) at 6:30 pm in Room 101. Study Leader: Sharon Davis – "Proverbs-Uncommon Sense". Call Kathy 486-5385 for information.
- DORCAS:** Every Monday in January at 9:00 am in Room 105. Call Jackie 488-7176 for information.
- MARY:** 3rd Tuesday (January 19) at 10:00 am in Room 101. Assembling sewing kits for missions. Email Marian Wissenberg xyz65@comcast.net for information.
- NAOMI:** 3rd Wednesday (January 20) at 9:30 am in Room 101. Assembling personal care kits. Call Judy 496-9716 for information.
- RUTH:** 3rd Monday (January 18) at 12:30 pm in Room 101. Study Leader: Judi Johnson – 1-2 Samuel. Call Ruth 497-6766 for information.
- SOUL SISTERS:** 1st and 3rd Monday (January 4) at 1:00 pm in Welcome Center Conference Room. Leader: Carolyn Frances - Biblical discussion. January 18 at 1:00 pm in Welcome Center Conference Room. Activity: Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" item for a fun exchange. Call Helen 918-2985 for information.



Many thanks for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent recuperation from the injuries to my arms. Your kind and encouraging words meant a lot. A BIG thank you to Rich Miller for organizing cleaning crews for the church and office and to all the members who stepped in and helped in any way. Emmanuel is certainly a special place filled with special people!

Rich Kessler

I would like to thank all the Reception Ministry Team members and especially my co-chair, Susan Petruska, for the wonderful faithful work you did in 2015. You made all the receptions so very special. I just want you to know how much I appreciate you and what you do for our church.

Jan Quinn

December 10, 2015

Dear Emmanuel Congregation:

Your gift to Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County will help complete the *first* of six new affordable houses in Warm Mineral Springs, one of which will be our next Faith House. For the first time, the children in the Berrios family will each have a room of their own.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$859.00.

Whenever decent, affordable housing is an option, **hope** follows. *Together*, we will continue to build hope alongside those who need it most and help break the cycle of poverty in south Sarasota County,

Ann Woody
Director of Philanthropy
Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County, Inc.



Pastoral Acts:

In Remembrance...

Pastor Hall presided at the memorial service December 12, 2015, for George Hutzelmann, who passed to the Church Triumphant On December 1, 2015.

Pastor Hall presided at the Inurnment December 10, 2015 in Emmanuel's Cremation Garden for Paul W. Erickson, who passed to the Church Triumphant on November 20, 2015.

Elmer Krichbaum passed to the Church Triumphant on November 18, 2015. Services for Elmer are planned for January 9, 2016, 2:00pm at Emmanuel.

Ethel Shaffer passed to the Church Triumphant December 24, 2015.

Weddings

William Germer and Rita Kirsch were united in holy marriage by Pastor Hall on December 5, 2015.

Pastor Hall officiated at the marriage of Patricia Moon and Kevin Griesemer on December 29, 2015.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Gives Thanks For the Recent Gifts Received

- ❖ Emmanuel has received gifts to the South County Food Pantry from Rev. Patricia Large, Darlene Wilwant, Keith & Salli Struble, Mary Chapp and Beverly Trebresch, in memory of Roxanne Dill.
- ❖ Emmanuel received a gift to the Music Fund from Barbara & Rodney Peckham, in memory of Judy Verney.
- ❖ Emmanuel received gifts in memory of Paul Erickson from James McGuire, Barbara Johnson, James & Linda Click, John & Carol Ford, John & Janice Watts and Darlene Wilwant, to the Undesignated Memorial Fund.
- ❖ Emmanuel received a gift to the Undesignated Memorial Fund from Neal & Diane Fisher and Karl & Martha Krichbaum, in memory of Elmer Krichbaum, Jr.



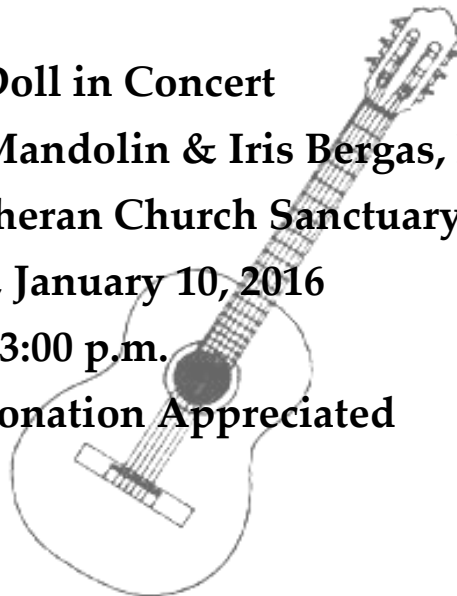
Have you ever wanted to visit Haiti and Pastor Livenson? Anyone interested in joining other members of Emmanuel on a trip to see the church work being done there, are invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30pm, in the church office. We will discuss all the details of the trip being planned for late April. Bev Roesler and Pastor Hall will lead the discussion.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Sunday	Keep It Simple - Al Anon	Room 101	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Reaching for Personal Freedom - Al Anon	Room 103	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Big Book Step Study Group – AA Group	Room 101	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sisters in Sobriety Women's - AA Group	Room 105	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Speaker's Group – AA Group	Room 101	8:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sought thru Prayer & Meditation AA Group	Room 103	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Peace Pipe Al Anon Family Group	Room 101	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	On the Island Al Anon	Room 101	8:00 p.m.
Friday	SLAA Group Sex, Love, Addicts Anonymous	Room 101	Noon
Saturday	Saturday Nite Live Al Anon Family Group	Room 101	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday* Alzheimer Support		VOTI	1:00 p.m.
*3 rd Wednesday, every month		Mark Manor, 5 th Floor	

Don't miss...

Jeff Doll in Concert
With Joel Leonard, Mandolin & Iris Bergas, Piano
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary
Sunday, January 10, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Free Will Donation Appreciated



2016 Community Outreach

The following organizations have been selected by the Outreach Committee to receive the donations collected from the monthly Community Outreach Envelope. If information is provided regarding the individual recipients, it will be included in future *Doves*. They are:

January - Village on the Isle – Resident Assistance
February – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund
March - South County Food Pantry
April – Habitat for Humanity
May – Family Promise
June – Selah Freedom
July – Lutheran Services Florida
August – Samaritan Counseling Center
September – Migrant Workers-Farm workers Self Help
October – Meals on Wheels
November – Coffee Talk
December – Loveland Center



With the completion of our new and improved kitchen, two community dinners return!

The Interfaith Outreach Community Dinners return Monday, January 4th. Meals are served between 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Dates known thus far include February 1st, March 7th and 28th, and April 25th at Emmanuel.

The Free Friendship Dinners have already returned with the first being held December 27th. They are always held the last Sunday of the month, with meals being served from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

All are welcome!

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day – Office Closed 	2 Worship 5pm Blood Pressure Screening after Worship
3 Worship 8:30, 10 & 11am Blood Pressure Screening after Worship Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Adult Education 10am	4 Dorcas 9am Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Health Ministry Team Meeting 10:30am Soul Sisters 1pm Inter Faith Dinner 4:30-6pm Men's Chorus 5pm	5 Dorcas 9am Deborah Circle 6:30pm	6 Staff Meeting 8:30am Joyful Ringers 10am Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm	7 Worship Service 10am Stephen Ministry 7pm	8	9 Altar Guild 9:30am Service for Elmer Krichbaum 2pm Worship 5pm
10 Worship 8:30, 10 & 11am Blood Drive 8:30am - 12:30pm Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School & Confirmation 9:30am Adult Education 10am Jeff Doll Concert 3:00pm	11 Dorcas 9am Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Men's Chorus 5pm Anna Circle 7pm	12 April Haiti Trip Meeting 5:30pm	13 Staff Meeting 8:30am Joyful Ringers 10am Executive Committee 2:30pm Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm	14 Worship Service 10am	15	16 Private Retreat on Campus Worship 5pm
17 Worship 8:30, 10 & 11am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School & Confirmation 9:30am Adult Education 10am Annual Congregational Meeting Noon	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed Dorcas 9am Richard Rodgers Presentation 10am Ruth Circle 12:30pm Soul Sisters 1pm	19 DOVE DEADLINE! Mary Circle 10am	20 Staff Meeting 8:30am Naomi Circle 9:30am Joyful Ringers 10am Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm	21 Worship Service 10am Worship Committee 1pm Outreach Committee 1:30pm	22 Generational Event 8:30 am – 12:30pm	23 Worship 5pm Kitchen Dedication Dinner 6pm – Tickets Required
24 Worship 8:30, 10 & 11am Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Sunday School & Confirmation 9:30am Adult Education 10am	25 Dorcas 9am Jan Quinn's Exercise 10am Grief & Grace Support 10:30am Men's Chorus 5pm	26	27 Staff Meeting 8:30am Joyful Ringers 10am Arthritis Program 10-11:30am Sanctuary Choir 4:30pm	28 Worship Service 10am	29	30 Worship 5pm
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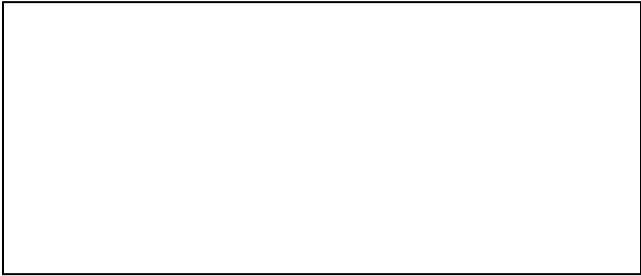
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