

Emanuel's Word

March 2023

Lent is back in full force this year... for me that is filled with gift and grace. I, for one, have missed it.

I enjoyed **Jazz Sunday** immensely... the music, the dancing and the ecumenical fellowship. **Shrove Tuesday** left me filled... both with food and shared time together. **Ash Wednesday** was more somber, but the gift and grace of sharing service with our sisters and brothers from First Congregational UCC continued the experience of Lent being noticeably different that it was over the past two years. For that I am deeply grateful.

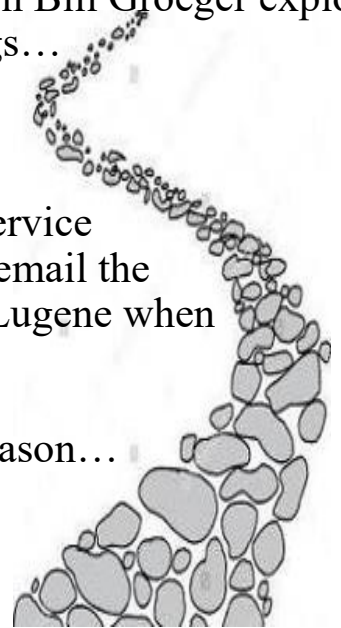
But that's not all! There is still more to come... and some dates to add to your calendar.

- On Wednesdays in March, there will be an ecumenical Lenten study that explores spiritual practices hosted at Community Mennonite Fellowship at 290 Park Avenue here in Corning. Soup supper at 6:00 pm, study and discussion at 6:30 pm.
- This newsletter also includes an article written by our own Bill Groeger exploring what Lent means to him. Don't miss Bill's ponderings... what would you say if you were thinking about the meaning of Lent for you?
- April 2nd will be Palm/Passion Sunday where the Palm/Passion narrative will be read in parts during the service that Sunday morning... readers are needed! Feel free to email the church office if you are interested, or contact myself or Lugene when we see you on Sundays.

So much going on and so many ways to engage this holy season... see you on the journey!

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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From the VP:

Who do you count as a family member?

Webster's has eight definitions of family:

- 1: the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children,
- 2: a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head,
- 3: a group of persons of common ancestry,
- 4: a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation,
- 5: a group of things related by common characteristics,
- 6: a group of related plants or animals forming a category ranking above a genus and below an order and usually comprising several to many genera
- 7: a set of curves or surfaces whose equations differ only in parameters
- 8: a unit of a crime syndicate (such as the Mafia) operating within a geographical area.

I was not expecting all those definitions. I was only expecting to see the first three. I don't understand number seven, and hope no one has experienced the eighth. People who go to work often spend more waking hours with their work families than they do with the people they live with.

I was planning to expand on our church family. I guess that falls under the fourth definition. We at Emanuel Lutheran Church are part of the greater family of Evangelical Lutherans. That in turn is part of the larger family of Lutherans, then Protestants, then Christians. I have probably missed some groups. We could also go with New Yorkers to Americans. I have also heard many military members, especially those who have seen war, talk about their brothers and sisters in arms.

What families do you count yourself a member of?

People we might not think to include: non-Christians, people from other countries, someone with different politics, a person of the LGBTQ+ community, Amish or Mennonite, a person with a disability, or someone we have not met.

[2 Corinthians 6:18](#) ESV

And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Ultimately we are ALL PART OF God's family.
God's blessings to you and your family,

Annette, VP

Council Update

- Council met on 2/15/2023 at 6pm via Zoom.
- Council granted Pastor Jennifer's request for vacation for 3/12/23 and some days before and after that date.
- YTD Budget Income is \$538.19 less than YTD Budget Expense.
- From April on regular council meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday, 6pm via Zoom
- Date for council installation: 3/5/23
 - Annual Meeting Recap:
 - An excellent job was done, considering this was our first hybrid annual meeting.
 - A wireless microphone might allow the Zoom participants to hear the in-person participants.
 - Members need to be reminded to study the Annual Report prior to the meeting. A few extra copies, especially of the budget, should be available at the meeting.
 - Prior to the meeting congregation members should be encouraged to hand any motion they want to be tabled at the Annual Meeting to any council member.
- Parochial report: Caren provided a short explanation of the nature and importance of the report and requested council input on some items.
- Continuing resolutions: Caren provided a short explanation of the nature of the document, and the plan for council to enact the resolutions, to present the document to the congregation at the next Annual Meeting.
- Items on the "Annual Events" page: We need to draft an Emergency Plan and include it in our Continuing Resolutions. Synod has asked about it in previous parochial reports.
- Annual trainings: Sexual Harassment Prevention training needs to be done annually by staff and council members. Child Protection Training needs to be done when we have again Prime Time with God or youth work.
- Council approved the project of Phyllis Groeger and Coral Reed to provide Easter baskets to the VA in Emanuel's name.
- **Outreach:** Brenda reported that Habitat for Humanity is restoring a house in our neighborhood. Congregation members interested in Outreach have responded to indicate their interest in the project. Brenda is liaising with the Community Outreach Director Steuben Co Habitat for Humanity to arrange for a day of service.
- **RIC Exploration:** Brenda reports that she is determining the best way to move forward with the process of becoming a RIC congregation and hopes that the congregation will vote on it at the next annual meeting. She would like to make sure we have educational opportunities and the chance for meaningful dialog throughout the process.
- **IT:** Brenda and Caren are in the process of loading various documents, e.g. council minutes, the constitution, member lists and bulletins, onto the council's Google Drive.
- **WELCA:** 266 quarts of soup were made 1/30-2/2/23. Thrivent provided \$500 to help with the expenses. The profit of \$1482.76 goes to the kitchen fund.
- **Worship and Music Team:** At the meeting on 2/12 arrangements for Lent were discussed. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday will be at 5pm this year. The Sunday after Easter will be Holy Humor Sunday.
- **NEXT MEETING:** 3/15/23 via Zoom.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, March 7th in the Fellowship Hall, noon – 1:00.

We'll be looking at the Book of 1st Kings, preceded by a brief surprise study.

WELCA News

WELCA has been busy! We assembled and mailed out about 70 Lutheran World Relief Kits at the end of January and then in early February we had a very successful FEBRUARY SOUP SALE! We made and sold 266 quarts of Soup making over \$1,500 for our Kitchen Fund.

We are still planning for our Rummage Sale for September 2023 so save all your “Treasures”.

Our next meeting will be in on March 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. or in case of snow we'll meet on March 9. See you all then.

February 20, 2023

Dear Emanuel Family,

As Americans, we can all agree that we cannot show enough gratitude to our veterans for serving our country and protecting us all.

This year, our family is putting together Easter baskets to give to our veterans at the Bath VA in Steuben County. We are aiming to provide baskets to all veterans at the nursing home (approximately 50) and additionally give 25-50 baskets to the VA to distribute to some of their veterans who are either homeless or in temporary housing.

We feel that this is an awesome way to get EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH out in our community to let people know what we can do. If any one of you would like to donate to the cause, it can be monetary or items from the attached list (list is from the VA Center). Of course, we would recognize your contribution accordingly. We would prefer to secure all donations by March 17th.

Donations can be either:

mailed to: Phyllis Groeger
4432 College Avenue
Corning, NY 14830

or call Phyllis at: 607-962-4526
and I can make arrangements to pick up your donation.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Phyllis Groeger
Coral Reed

The following items have been approved by the VA to give to the Veterans:

Candy & sweets are fine as long as it is not hard candy.

Body wash

Lotion

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

2in1 Shampoo/Conditioner Combos

Lotion

Hand Sanitizer

Sanitizer Wipes

Shaving Cream

Razors

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

TOPS, Walmart, Wegmans, or VISA gift cards

pre-paid gas cards

Fast food gift certificates (\$5 or \$10)

Car models and acrylic model paints

craft kits

Word search books

Puzzle Books

Adult Coloring Books/Watercolors, Colored Pencils

Regular coffee K-cups

New fans or air conditioners

New postage stamps

Sweatpants (L-XL- 2XL-3XL-4XL)

Sweatshirts (XL-2XL-3XL-4XL)

Chapstick

socks

knit hats

umbrellas

flashlights with batteries

money in plastic Easter Eggs

They are currently not accepting puzzles, books, magazines, lap robes or anything handmade or pre-owned.

We are aiming to provide baskets to all veterans at the nursing home (approximately 50) and additionally give 25-50 baskets to the VA to distribute to some of their veterans who are either homeless or in temporary housing

Thank you so much for your consideration in showing our veterans that we sincerely appreciate their service.



ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY

“Spiritual Practices”

Thursdays, March 2nd - March 30th

March 2: Spiritual Aspects of Social Media - Rev. Megan Castellan

March 9: The Names of God - Ajaaz Zainul

March 16: Taize - Rev. Don and Donna Hoff

March 23: Exploring Forms of Prayer - Rev. Betsy Sentigar

March 30: Walking Meditation - Rev. Kit Tobin

Soup Supper at 6 p.m., Study & Discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Community Mennonite Fellowship

290 Park Avenue, Corning, NY (*entrance on Hammond Street*)

Fran's Landing will cater the soup & bread.

Community Mennonite will provide it on March 16th.

All are welcome to join us!

Participating Churches: Christ Episcopal Church, Community Mennonite Fellowship,

Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ,

First United Methodist, Church of the Good Shepherd of Savona,

Church of the Redeemer of Addison, and United Church of Painted Post.



What the Lenten Season Means to Me

As I look back through the years I find it surprising that I can't recall much mention of Lent in our family. Oh, I knew it was a time to give up something that might not be good for me or a habit, but that just meant another New Year's resolution that I ignored anyway.

My own personal journey down the Lenten road began next door with the Roman Catholic family that lived there. Their two boys went to the parochial school. One day when I was about 12 or 13 they came home from school with ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross. I had never seen or heard about this before. When I asked them what the ashes were for they said it was something done every year on Ash Wednesday. Other than that they were unaware of any real religious meaning to it. Like me, they were just starting to grow into the Lenten season.

The three of us were sitting on their porch when their father came out. I asked him what the ashes meant. He laughed at first and asked me if his boys hadn't explained it. With my "No" reply he got serious. He told me – and his boys – that the ashes symbolized penance and mourning throughout that day to publicly express their Catholic faith and repentance as well as open the door to the coming season.

I was intrigued by this – or as intrigued as someone my age could be. I brought the matter up at supper that evening. Dad, being a former Catholic, knew a little about it. Mom, on the other hand, said it was just a Catholic tradition.

That's how things stood for me until I began taking catechism classes that fall. Our pastor told us pretty much what our neighbor had said. He said it was a good thing for everybody to begin to know what Lent was about. That took me to this road to the cross, crucifixion and Resurrection. I look at that road as one that narrows as we approach Good Friday, ending at the cross. You can't get to the joys of Easter without facing the cross. And you can't get to the cross without understanding the implications of it.

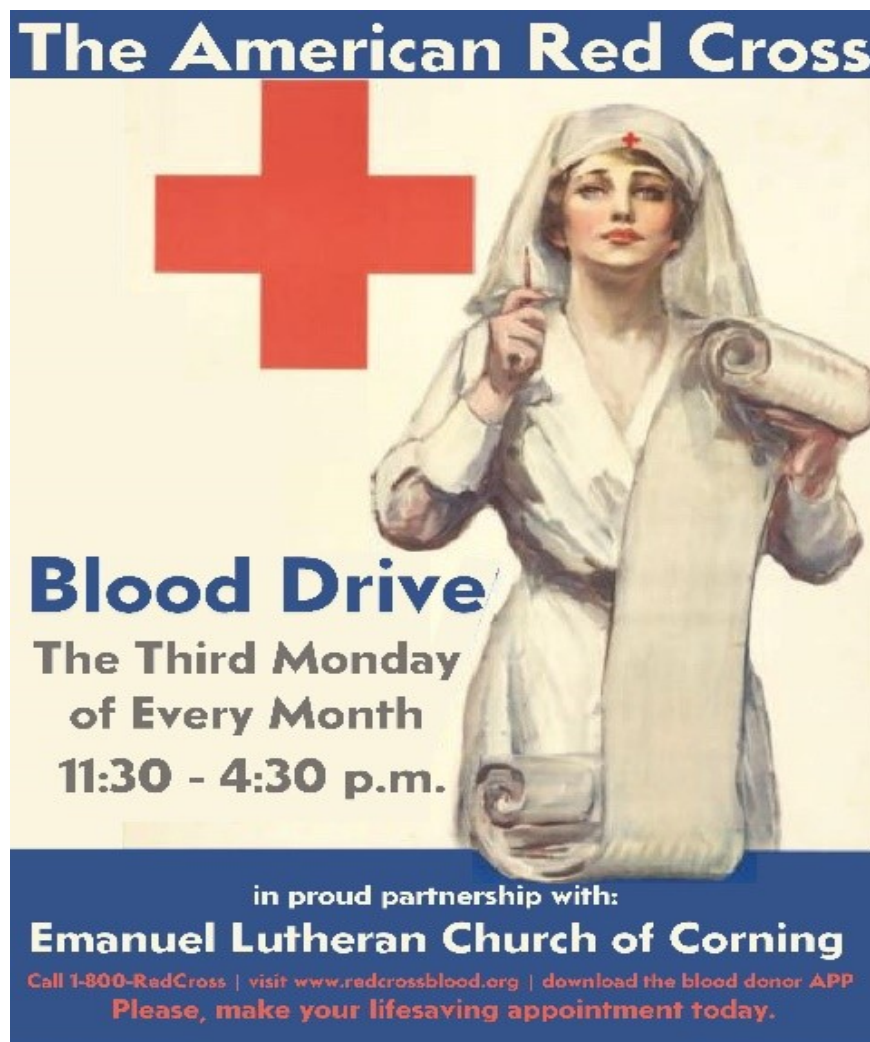
The season of Lent has been on a learning curve for me. Each year I try to learn something new about it. I have finally begun to "get it." I say "begun" because the road is never-ending. The joys of Christmas and our Savior's birth give way to sadness as we begin to understand why he came among us and what he willingly endured for us, God's people.

Instead of hardening myself to just take a path around the sadness of Good Friday and get to Easter, I find I'm swept up with emotion as my understanding gets deeper. This is a road we Christians must take. Lent isn't about giving something up, rather being repentant and giving yourself to God.

Bill Groeger

American Red Cross

It is now easier to plan for Fellowship Hall activities on Mondays. Not just that, easier to donate blood at Emanuel. The Red Cross is finally able to schedule more blood drives in other locations, so we now have a predictable Blood Drive schedule - **the 3rd Monday of each month.** They have been so grateful for Emanuel's willingness to keep their Fellowship Hall doors open when many others had to close their doors during Covid-19.



The American Red Cross

Blood Drive
The Third Monday
of Every Month
11:30 - 4:30 p.m.

in proud partnership with:
Emanuel Lutheran Church of Corning

Call 1-800-RedCross | visit www.redcrossblood.org | download the blood donor APP
Please, make your lifesaving appointment today.

Property Meeting



I would like to have a property meeting on *April 2nd* to discuss final decisions on the fellowship hall roof. I would like to hold the meeting *before* church in the downstairs area at *9 AM*. We will hold a vote on the proposals. — — Jim Passmore



285 W. William St.

Love Our Neighbor - a few blocks away at 285 West William Street! Emanuel Lutheran Church Build Day - Saturday, May 6th

We needed at least 4 volunteers from Emanuel in order to set up this Church Build Day with Habitat for Humanity. We have that, but more would be so much better! If you can help, please contact Brenda Passmore. Don't worry about special skills. They will supply an experienced person to help get everyone started and teach any skills necessary.

Joy Overacker, Community Outreach Coordinator will speak to us for a few minutes during our announcements on April 23rd. Please plan to join us to learn more.



Steuben County Habitat for Humanity has been building homes, community and hope since 1993. We believe in a world where everyone deserves a decent place to live. SCHFH can't do what we do without community partners – including our faith partners. Through the donation of time, talent and treasure, our area's faith community has helped Habitat to be the "hands and feet of Christ" in our own backyard.

COVID-19 meant that we were unable to bring volunteers together to build homes. We have resumed building with our regular Build Crew volunteers and have seen an increase in church, business, and industry groups looking to give back through volunteering. In 2023, we will help our 40th Habitat Family to realize the dream of homeownership.

One of our current builds is on W. Williams Street. When renovated, this house will become a home for a couple and their family. This is a perfect opportunity for Emanuel Lutheran Church, through volunteering on Saturday, May 6th, to be the "hands and feet of Christ" – literally, in your backyard.

Joy Overacker, Community Outreach Director
Steuben County Habitat for Humanity



The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program is a program through the Reconciling Works organization, which recognizes congregations and Lutheran organizations that declare themselves welcoming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Part of being recognized as an RIC congregation, includes a Welcome Statement written and agreed upon by Emanuel Lutheran Church members and voted upon. Though this statement needs to include welcoming LGBTQIA+ people, it can include much more than that—people of all ages, races, physical and mental abilities, etc. This statement would probably confirm what we already believe - Emanuel is a church centered in Christ, a community where all are beloved.

Part of the journey to decide whether this designation is something Emanuel wants includes -

- preparing a Welcome Statement that is right for us.
- Offering opportunities for conversation, education, and scriptural engagement.

Throughout 2023, we plan to offer all these opportunities. If you would like to help guide this journey and answer the question - what does “welcome” mean and would the designation help people who visit our church feel genuinely welcomed and that our church feels “like home” as many of us already do, please share your interest with Brenda Passmore or one of the other members of the team.

Emanuel’s RIC Team so far,
Brenda and Jim Passmore, Caren Listopadzki, Sue Doyle

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



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“SHOUT-OUT” FOR STEWARDSHIP

The *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner* was a huge success bringing in a little over \$1,200.00 for Corning Meals on Wheels.

This year there were six churches participating – Emanuel Lutheran, First Congregational U.C.C., Christ Episcopal, Community Mennonite Fellowship, First United Methodist and United Church of Painted Post.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered, the planning team, the cooks, the servers, the clean-up crew and our Ecumenical partners who made the evening a big success!

GREAT JOB!!!

JAZZ SUNDAY—February 19, 2023



Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

01/22/23	57
01/29/23	52
02/05/23	89
02/12/23	63

Average Worship Attendance for January 2023: 25

Interested in membership here at ELC?



If so, new members will be received into our family of faith during
worship.

Please contact Pastor Jennifer, phone & text at 586-727-9247 and via
e-mail at pastorjenniferlong@gmail.com,

if you would like to become a member of
Emanuel Lutheran Church.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

**PLEASE SEND TO JANETTE SMITH AT OFFICE@EMANUELCORNING.ORG OR
PLACE ON CHURCH OFFICE DESK NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING**

***Book Club* will meet again on**

March 9, 2023, at 12:30, on Zoom.

We will read and review the book,

Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus.

Overview

Notes From Your Bookseller

All's fair in love and chemistry. It's 1960s California and there are certain things that women just don't do. When scientist Elizabeth Zott finds herself the host of a television cooking show, she kicks off a revolution that does more than just challenge the status quo. You will fall in love with the cast of characters in this debut novel that has already been picked up as an Apple TV+ series.

This Barnes & Noble Exclusive Edition includes an extra chapter, designed endpapers, and an interview with Elizabeth Zott, the main character.

Meet 2022's most incomparable protagonist! This blockbuster debut set in 1960s California features the singular voice of Elizabeth Zott, a scientist whose career takes a detour when she becomes the star of a beloved TV cooking show.

"It's the world versus Elizabeth Zott, an extraordinary woman determined to live on her own terms, and I had no trouble choosing a side...A page-turning and highly satisfying tale: zippy, zesty, and Zotty."—Maggie Shipstead, best-selling author of *Great Circle*

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an *average* woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

Anniversary

Annette and Todd Gardner 3/3
 Frauke and Stephan Becker 3/22
 Brenda and Jim Passmore 3/25



**Happy
Anniversary**

*Wishing you
lots of love
joy and happiness*

TODAY TOMORROW AND FOREVER

BIRTHDAYS

Solenne Becker 3/5
 Tom McGrew 3/7
 Andre Schwesinger 3/15
 Mary Ellen Brennan 3/15
 Nick Sweet 3/20
 John Huffnagel 3/121
 Lew Brandes 3/27





March 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	Mary Ellen Brennan	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Sue Doyle-Rector	Phyllis Brandes	Carrie Smith	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/ Technology	Jacob Hufnagel	Josephine Sauer	Gage Machuga	Jacob Hufnagel
Greeter	Laura Link	Charlotte Estep	Laura Link	Charlotte Estep
Usher	John Rector	Lew Brandes	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Phyllis G & Sharon	Phyllis G & Sharon	Phyllis G & Sharon	Phyllis G & Sharon
Counters	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team

If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity and find that you will be unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you.

Thank you!



***Ecumenical Lenten Study
“Spiritual Practices”**

Soup Supper at 6pm

Study & Discussion at 6:30pm

Location:

Community Mennonite Fellowship
290 Park Avenue, Corning, NY

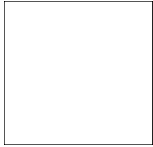
Every Thursday in March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1	2 WELCA 1pm Fellowship Hall <i>*Ecumenical Lenten Study Spiritual Aspects of Social Media</i>	3	4
5 2nd Sunday of LENT 10 am Worship	6 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	7 Bible Study Noon—1pm Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00	8	9 <i>*Ecumenical Lenten Study The Names of God</i>	10	11
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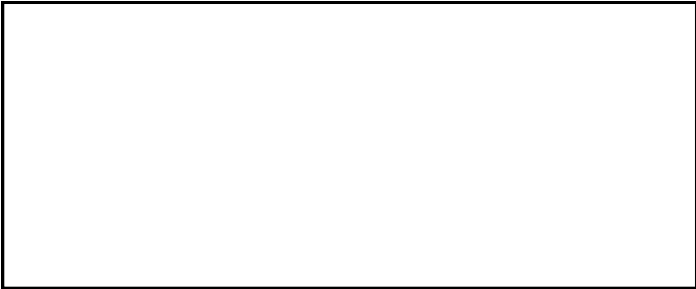
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