



As I watched the recent royal wedding I was struck by how we turn to tradition at such emotional, deeply meaningful times as weddings and funerals. It was so important to the couple, their families, and the British people that their wedding take place, according to tradition, in the beautiful, ancient Westminster Abbey, with its soaring arches, majestic pipe organ, and stained-glass windows.

As the cameras focused on the mosaics, windows, and the other rich ornamentation of the Abbey, it reminded me of a report the late Peter Jennings did some years ago about a famous "mega-church," located in a Chicago suburb, which was the model emulated by many "contemporary" churches. In an interview with their pastor, Jennings expressed surprise that the church's worship space was a totally bare auditorium, with no symbolism or artwork—not even a cross. "Couldn't you have just one cross?" he asked. The pastor actually replied that it would be "dangerous" to have a cross where they worshipped, because any such traditional

symbols might be a turn-off to some! (ABC News, "In the Name of God," March 16, 1995)

One architect we interviewed when preparing to build our new sanctuary reflected this attitude. He gave a Powerpoint presentation showing dozens of churches his firm had recently designed—all bare, bland auditoriums. When I commented that this didn't fit our style of worship, he replied sharply, "Most pastors of *successful* churches don't want stained-glass windows or any other decoration. They think it just distracts people from worship."

This explains why "contemporary" churches generally shun—and even declare forbidden or "dangerous"—

those traditional trappings which were so much in evidence at the royal wedding—crosses, candles, vestments, etc. It also explains why many times members of local "contemporary" churches have asked me if they could "borrow" our own beautiful sanctuary for their weddings. For, who wants to be married, or for that matter have a loved one buried, in a bare auditorium?

Of course, Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am among them" (Matthew 18:20), and the setting for worship does not make it intrinsically more meaningful or God-pleasing. But, what a joy it is to celebrate our worship every Lord's Day in our beautiful sanctuary—not just when we're "matched" and "dispatched"!



This engraving of Holy Matrimony is from an 1820 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Nearly 200 years later it is striking how much this scene—and the service itself—resembles the recent royal wedding.

At a time when many churches are abandoning traditional, liturgical worship in a supposed effort to appeal particularly to young people, it was ironic that for this 21st-century wedding watched by hundreds of millions around the world the young couple did not opt for one of the more modern services available in the Anglican Church but chose a 500-year-old, 16th-century order from the classic *Book of Common Prayer*! Many parts of our worship, such as the Collects and most of Divine Service III (*Lutheran Service Book* p. 184ff), have roots in this same tradition. Compare the royal wedding ceremony with our own service of Holy Matrimony (*Lutheran Service Book* p. 275ff) and you will see the similarity.

Likewise, while many churches have dropped traditional in favor of contemporary church music, the impressive, moving music at the royal wedding was all in the historic tradition of the church, featuring hundreds of

choristers and musicians, including the entire London Chamber Orchestra, and the grand organ of Westminster Abbey. A friend of the couple reported, "Catherine is very familiar with classical music. She had a lot of input from the Prince. They spent a lot of time listening to the music together on iPods."

One member of our church commented what a pleasant surprise it was that two hymns sung at the wedding, reportedly favorites of the royal couple as well as the late Princess Diana, are actually found in our own hymnal: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (*Lutheran Service Book* 918), which was also sung at Princess Diana's funeral, and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (*Lutheran Service Book* 700).

Though vastly separated from the royal couple by culture, country, class, and creed, we nevertheless find common ground in the rich heritage of Christian hymnody. As *The Handbook to The Lutheran Hymnal* says, "the children of God of all ages of our Christian era and of all Christian lands have by their sacred song given splendid evidence of the unity of the saints" (p. XI). How sad it is that some churches are discarding this heritage of hymns and liturgy which helps bind us together.

Pastor Kevin Vogts

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Year-to-Date	\$7,715



We welcome into membership Richard and Della Beffert by transfer from Bethel Lutheran Church, Lawton, Iowa. They recently moved to North Sioux City from Lawton and are at home at 633 Streeter Drive, Apt. 104, North Sioux City, SD, 57049; 712-870-3324. Richard is retired from IPS and Della is retired from Mercy Medical Center.

We also welcome by transfer from Bethel Lutheran Church, Lawton Collette Funck, who likewise recently moved to North Sioux City from Lawton. She is retired factory worker. She is at home at 749 Streeter Drive, Apt. 7, North Sioux City, SD, 57049.

And we welcome Irving and Melissa Jensen and their sons Bear, Hayden, Henry, and Bennett. Irving grew up in Sioux City and Melissa is originally from Rhode Island. They met while attending Southern Methodist University. Irving is president of Jebro, Inc. and Melissa is a homemaker. Bear, Hayden, and Henry are students at Dakota Valley. They are at home at 851 East Sawgrass Trail, DakotaDunes, SD, 57049; 605-232-8785.

At a later date will hold a New Member Sunday to formally welcome these and other new members. *Welcome to the Holy Cross family of faith!*



May 1

"Peace Be with You"
John 20:19-31

May 8

"On the Road to Emmaus"
Luke 24:13-35

May 15

"Our Good Shepherd"
John 10:27-28

May 22

"In My Father's House"
John 14:1-14



Guest Minister May 29

On Memorial Day weekend the Vogts family will be going with Jacob to the scout camp in southern Missouri where he will be working for the summer. Our guest minister on Sunday, May 29 will be Rev. David Schoop, retired Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Sioux City.

In case of emergency during Pastor Vogts' absence you may contact him by calling either his home (605-232-4013), from which calls are forwarded to his cell phone, or his cell phone directly (712-898-4818), and he will arrange for care from another pastor. Also, he is notified on his cell phone by the voicemail system when messages are left on his extension at the church (605-232-9117).



During May we are having a canned food collection for the Gospel Mission in Sioux City. Our "Cereal Sunday" collection during March netted over 50 lbs. of cereal!

The Gospel Mission uses these donations both to help feed the homeless in their shelter—serving over 300 meals each day—and for distribution to the community through their food bank.



We list members' birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter each month and the bulletin each week. However, our records are not complete. If your information is missing or inaccurate, please accept our apologies and notify the church office at 232-9117 or email holycross@longlines.com.

- Melissa Jensen, May 1
- Robert Brock, May 3
- Eli Honner, May 8
- Mike Steemken, May 8
- Hayden Jensen, May 9
- Henry Jensen, May 9
- Glenda Schincke, May 17
- Ginny Peterson, May 19
- Bear (Irving IV) Jensen, May 20
- Bobby DeRocher, May 26
- Betty Gunderson, May 26
- Travis Yockey, May 27
- Sue Jansen, May 30
- Tyler Fletcher, May 31

- Tim & Denise Fletcher, May 1, 1982
- Randy & Deb Stein, May 1, 1978
- Scott & Shannon Feese, May 8, 2003
- Mark & Thelma Reed, May 17, 1983
- Ron & Jeanette Yockey, May 17, 1980
- Mike & Tammy Steemken, May 22, 1987
- Paul & Julie Eickhoff, May 29, 1999



Easter Egg Hunt Success!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt on April 23 once again a big success! Special thanks to Terese Vogts for her organization of this outreach event. There were 111 children registered, accompanied by about double that many adults. The weather just cleared and the lawn was just dry enough! Dozens stayed afterward for the Easter movie. Many parents expressed how grateful they are to Holy Cross for providing this event. Next year will mark our 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt and it has become a real community tradition!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders for May

Dennis Kuhn & Ron Yockey

Ushers for May

Ryan Dial & Les Reifke

Chancel Care for May

Sue Jansen

Acolytes for May

- May 1 Nathan Soukup
- May 8 Tiara Selby
- May 15..... Nichole Dial
- May 22..... Gracie Nelson
- May 29..... Claire Johnson

Crucifers for May

- May 1 Kasey Michels
- May 8 Emily Steemken
- May 15..... Bryce Schroeder
- May 22..... Stephanie Soeger-Moore
- May 29..... Kaleb Martin



Thank you to all those who donated 30 lovely lilies to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Thanks also to Jeri & Dennis Melstad and Anna Vogts for arranging them.



Our congregation has designated a tithe of 10% of our general offerings to support the work of our District and Synod. Each month we remember in prayer in our worship services specific missionaries around the world who are supported in this way by our congregation.

May 1

*George and Shary Frahm
Cambodia*

May 8

*Jeffrey Ross
Kenya*

May 15

*Rev. Carl and Grace Kaye
Thailand*

Given By

In Memory or Honor Of

- Darrel & Jackie Baker (2) Family
- Ryan & Angela Dial (1) Family
- Scott & Shannon Feese (1) Family
- Terry Hageman, Barry & Kay Hageman,
Bobby & Rachel DeRocher, & Taylor (2) Mom & Dad
- Nyla Hamm, Karen & Doug Lahey, & Cliff Lang (3) Mom & Dad
- Denise & Pat Honner (1) Family
- John & Sherry Isley (1) Our Parents
- Doug & Sue Jansen (2) Paul Jansen & Nancy Shortridge
- The Jensen Family (2) Glory of God
- Denny & Marlene Kuhn (2) Family
- Harold & Mary Mettenbrink (2) Family
- Todd Peters (2) Rev. Carl & Dorcas Brueggemann
& Mr. & Mrs. Walter P. Peters
- Ginny Petersen (3) Parents Poppes & Petersen,
Husband Bob Petersen, & Nephew Paul Loones
- Les & Dee Reifke (1) Family
- Mabel Schibonski (1) Husband Elmer
- Rev. Kevin & Terese Vogts (2) Leroy Vogts & Grandparents
- Ron & Jeannette Yockey (2) Son Eric, Fathers Ted & Bill

May 22
Colter Knippa
Kazakhstan

May 29
Jamie Endorf
Peru



The snack host sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room. Please help with this fellowship activity! Those serving snacks are also asked to prepare the coffee and juice, which along with cups, napkins, plates, etc. are available in the Coffee Bar. Thank you to all those providing snacks!

May 1
Vogts

May 15
Confirmation Reception
Women in Mission

May 8, 22, 29
Need Volunteers


The Epistles of Love
1st, 2nd & 3rd John

"Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God."
(3 John 11)

Join in Sundays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room for Adult Bible Class as we continue our study of *The Epistles of Love—1st, 2nd & 3rd John*.



Lynn Dobson of Dobson Pipe Organ Builders made a surprise visit to Dakota Dunes to observe his workmen assembling our pipe organ the last week of April. Our "new" organ is actually Dobson Opus 1, the first organ built by the man who has since become one of the world's premier organ builders. He reminisced about constructing it just out of college in an old chicken coop on his family's Iowa farm. It was later acquired by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, where it served to lead worship from 1974 until the congregation closed in 2009. This historic instrument was graciously given by Our Savior's to Holy Cross, and removed by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders to their Lake City, Iowa workshop for refurbishment and eventual reinstallation in our sanctuary. We are not sure when it will be available for use in worship because it must first have an initial tuning and voicing. Preliminary plans are to have the dedication recital the afternoon of Sunday, August 14, in conjunction with the celebration of Pastor Vogts' 25th Ordination Anniversary, which is being observed with a special service that morning with LCMS President Matthew Harrison as guest preacher.


Connect
with
Christ

Vacation Bible School
June 6-10

Join the fun Monday-Friday, June 6-10, from 9:00am to 11:30am to "Connect with Christ" and build your faith! Classes are for children 3 years of

age thru those that just completed 4th Grade. The fun and learning includes Bible lessons, crafts, songs and refreshments. There are no charges or fees and non-members are welcome!

We also need "builders" to assist the children in learning the awesome love God shows for us through his Son Jesus Christ! Areas of interest include snacks, games, crafts, music, group leaders and assistants. The volunteer sign up sheet is located on Gathering Room table for helping with the week of VBS or bringing snacks. For questions about VBS contact Board of Education Chair Angela Dial. *"For every house is built by someone, but God is the Builder of everything"* (Hebrews 3:4).



The flower calendar is on the table in the Gathering Room. Occasions to remember include anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones, etc.

April 3

Denise & Patrick Honner
Emma's Birthday

April 10

Mike & Nancy Sweeney
Memory of Richard Sweeney

April 17

Harold & Mary Mettenbrink
Ron & Jeannette Yockey

May 8

Denise & Patrick Honner
Eli's Birthday

May 8

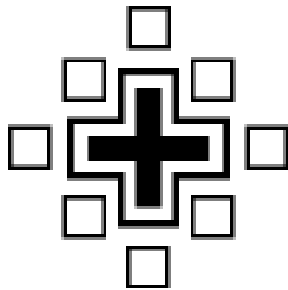
Confirmation Class

May 22

Ron & Jeannette Yockey
Wedding Anniversary

June 19

Doug & Janet Martin
Kaleb & Kaden's Birthdays



May Commemorations

You may have noticed on our church calendar that in addition to members' birthdays and anniversaries there are also listed historic commemorations of some of our forbearers in the faith.

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School

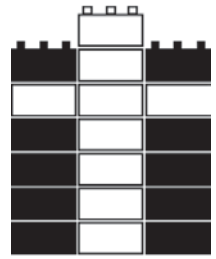
Monday thru Friday, June 6th to 10th
9:00-11:30am

For Children Age Three Thru Those Just Completing 4th Grade

Bible Lessons ☺ Crafts
Songs ☺ Refreshments

No Charges or Fees – Non-Members Welcome!
Pre-Registration Appreciated

For more information contact Christian Education Office at 235-1688



Connect
with
Christ



VBS Pre-Registration

Registration Box in Gathering Room

Return To: Holy Cross Lutheran Church
149 Bison Trail
Dakota Dunes, SD 57049

or Register by Phone by Calling 235-1688 and
Leaving a Message for the Christian Education Office

Children's Names	Age	School Grade Just Completing
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

The Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church states:

"We gladly keep the old traditions set up in the church . . . among them being certain holy days, festivals, and the like." (Article XV)

"It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received

and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling." (Article XXI)

A list of such occasions commonly observed in the Lutheran Church is included on pages xi-xiii in the front of *Lutheran Service Book*. The following brief descriptions of the significance of these commemorations this month are from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. This excellent

publication is available from Concordia Publishing House, 1-800-325-3040, www.cph.org, stock#12-4318.

**St. Philip and St. James,
Apostles
(May 1)**

St. Philip is mentioned in the lists of the apostles (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; Acts 1:13), but only in John's Gospel is more told about him. Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee and one of the first disciples called after Peter and Andrew. Philip also was instrumental in bringing Nathanael to Jesus (John 1:43-51).

It was to Philip that Jesus posed the question about where to buy bread to feed five thousand men (John 6:5). During Holy Week, Philip with Andrew brought some inquiring Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-22). And on Maundy Thursday evening, Philip asked Jesus to show the Father to him and to the rest of the disciples (John 14:8). According to tradition, Philip went to labor in Phrygia and was buried there.

St. James was a son of Alphaeus and was also called "the Younger" (to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee, "the Elder," whose festival day is July 25). His mother, Mary, was one of the faithful women who stood at the cross of Jesus (Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40).



The symbol for St. Philip (top) is a cross with two loaves of bread, because it was he that posed the question to Jesus about where to buy bread to feed the 5,000 (John 6:5). The symbol for St. James the Younger is a saw because tradition says he was martyred for the faith by being sawed in two.

Saturday Summer Service



*Saturdays at 5:30pm in June, July, and August
Beginning June 4*

*Abbreviated Version of Service for Following Sunday
with Same Sermon*

Holy Communion Each Saturday

James is mentioned in the same apostolic lists as Philip, but there is no other mention of him in the New Testament. There is also no information regarding his field of labor or the circumstances of his death, except that he may have been martyred by being sawed in two.

**Dr. C.F.W. Walther
(May 7)**

Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther (1811-87), the father of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, emigrated from Saxony, Germany, with other Lutherans in 1839 and settled in Missouri. He served as pastor of several congregations in St. Louis, founded Concordia Seminary, and in 1847 was instrumental in the formation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (then called the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States). Walther served as the Synod's first president from 1847 to 1850 and again from 1864 to 1878.

Walther worked tirelessly to promote confessional Lutheran teaching and doctrinal agreement among all Lutherans in the United States. He was a prolific writer and speaker, and among his most influential works are *Church and Ministry* and *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel*.

**The Visitation
(May 31)**

John the Baptizer and Jesus, the two great figures of salvation history, now come together in the visit to Elizabeth by the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:39-45), both of whom conceived their children under miraculous circumstances.

Thus John is brought into the presence of Jesus while they are still in their mothers' wombs. This presence of the Lord causes a response by the child John as he leaps in Elizabeth's womb. John's response to the presence of Jesus, the Messiah, foreshadows John's own role as forerunner.

Already now, a new creation is beginning, and a baby still in the womb hails the new creation's inception. Foreshadowed in John's leap are the miracles of Jesus, who will cause all creation to leap at His presence: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them" (Luke 7:22).

The incarnate presence of the Messiah also evokes a response from Elizabeth, who proclaims Mary's blessedness. Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) provides the theological significance of this meeting as Mary sums up her place in salvation history.

Mary's song is a hymn to God for His gracious gifts to the least in this world, whom He has lifted up out of lowliness solely because of His grace and mercy.



"Undie Sunday" Collection!

Bloomers are busting out all over at Holy Cross! "Knot" your everyday knickers, mind you, but *new* ones of all sizes and shapes are needed for destitute people around the world.

On the second Sunday in May and June Holy Cross Women in Mission will be collecting new underwear for the Orphan Grain Train, a unique LCMS missionary and world relief organization located in Norfolk, Nebraska. Please help us out and put your donation in the clothes basket in the Gathering Room. Thanks your "support"!



*Holy Cross
Women in Mission*

On April 11 Women in Mission met for the regular monthly meeting. Plans for the June 15 luncheon at Habitue in LeMars were announced. Watch your mailbox for details. Sharing and caring opportunities continue: in-gathering of toiletry items for the Council for Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence center beginning in June, and "Undie Sunday" collection of new underwear for the Orphan Grain Train mission.

All women are invited to join the fun and fellowship at our next meeting on Wednesday, May 11, at 9:30am in the Gathering Room. Those serving in May: Chancel Care-Sue Jansen; Hostess-Terry Vogts; Devotions-Pastor Vogts.



Dr. Willy Gaspar, a 45-year-old dentist, was ordained and installed as the first pastor of the emerging Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission on March 13 at Amigos de Cristo Church in Las Americas, near the capital city of Santo Domingo. Gaspar, who serves as LCMS World Relief and Human Care projects manager overseeing earthquake recovery efforts in neighboring Haiti, studied under and was certified for ordination by the faculty of Concordia Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina. He said about his feelings on becoming a pastor: "Never in my 45 years of my life have I been so happy. The happiest days in my life could be the day of my graduation as doctor of dentistry, or the day I get married, or maybe the day when was born my first daughter; but I can say, all of these happiest days do not mean anything comparing to the joy I am feeling for the ordination."



We will rejoice on May 15 to celebrate the Confirmation and First Communion of Kasey Michels, Tiara Selby, Nathan Soukup, and Emily Steemken, following several years of Confirmation instruction. Our thanks to Women in Mission for hosting a reception for them after the service.

Midweek Confirmation Classes have concluded for this school year and will resume after Labor Day. Our thanks to Terry Vogts for assisting Pastor Vogts with Confirmation instruction.



*Dale Hamer
Brother of Glenda Schincke
Matthew Reed
Brother of Mark Reed
Richard Sweeney
Father of Mike Sweeney*

*"Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord."
Revelation 14:13*



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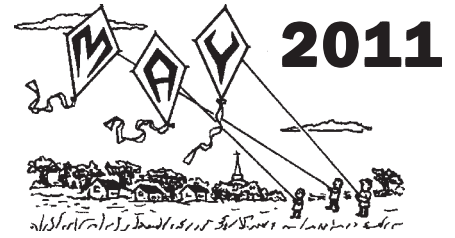
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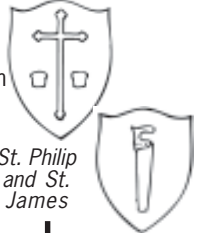








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1 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Presentation by Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto 12:00pm-3:00pm Final Victory Funeral Planning Workshop <i>Melissa Jensen</i> <i>Tim & Denise Fletcher, Randy & Deb Stein</i>	2  <i>St. Philip and St. James</i>	3 <i>Robert Brock</i>	4 6:30pm Midweek School	5	6	7  <i>C.F.W. Walther, Theologian, Died 1887</i>
8 3rd Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Choir Rehearsal <i>Eli Honner, Mike Steemken</i> <i>Scott & Shannon Feese</i>	9  <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Hayden Jensen</i> <i>Henry Jensen</i>	10	11 9:30am Women in Mission 6:30pm Confirmation Examination	12 6:00pm Preschool End of Year Celebration 7:30pm Board of Elders	13  Church Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-11:00am	14
15 4th Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class  <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	16	17 <i>Glenda Schincke</i> <i>Mark & Thelma Reed</i> <i>Ron & Jeanette Yockey</i>	18  Newsletter Deadline	19 <i>Ginny Peterson</i>	20 <i>Bear Jensen</i>	21  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
22 5th Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Sunday School & Bible Class <i>Mike & Tammy Steemken</i>	23 24 25 <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>Preschool Schedule</u> Monday-Friday Mornings Chapel Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00am <u>After School Care</u> Monday-Friday, 3:15pm-6:00pm Both Follow Dakota Valley Calendar</p> </div>			26 <i>Bobby DeRocher</i> <i>Betty Gunderson</i>	27 <i>Travis Yockey</i>	28
29 6th Sunday of Easter 9:15am Worship with Holy Communion Rev. David Schoop, Guest Preacher <i>Paul & Julie Eickhoff</i>	30  Memorial Day <i>Sue Jansen</i>	31  <i>The Visitation</i> <i>Tyler Fletcher</i>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">G</p> rant, we pray, almighty God, that even as we believe Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind ascend and continually dwell there with Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. <i>(Collect for Ascension Day)</i>			

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