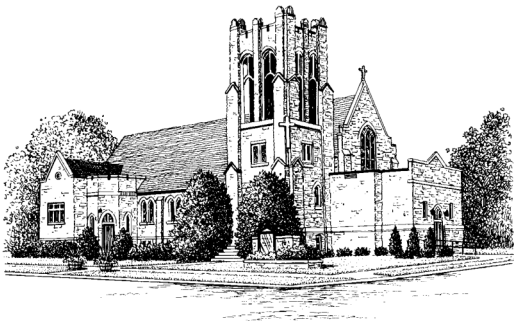


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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



## ST. PETER'S NET

## MAY 2020

### A House of Cards

The novel coronavirus has provided many with opportunities to slow down life, ponder, reflect, and hopefully learn and grow. This has come perhaps in returning and enhancing time around family dinner tables, quality time with your family rather than the rush of other cares, and hopefully also prayer life and devotion with our Lord.

Perhaps, as has been done at our house, you've played more board and card games and that time has brought about unexpected conversations. And while we all await for a time of being a little less distant and little more social, perhaps this time of renewal and reflection gives us chance to hush the busyness of life and get back to focus our households and family lives of faith.

Consider getting a Spiritual Conversations deck of cards. Not only can these cards be used to play your favorite card game, but they can be used to spark spiritual conversations wherever your household is gathered.

Each suit is a different category and each card with a discussion starter. What a great opportunity to dis-

cuss and share more with each other and while you're at it learn new or revive old card games. And even more, what an opportunity when we are able to be more social again, get back to playing cards and witnessing to others.

We will have these cards available the first week of May. As you are able to come in, perhaps for a communion time as well, pick one up. If you want one delivered to you contact the church office and it will be arranged.

And finally, share your cards and conversations. Share with us your favorite card games, build a house of cards and send a picture, take a video of card trick, send it in to us, post it on social media (or let us share it), or share your favorite discussion.

Please send any pictures or videos in by May 22nd so we may combine them for editing and games and captions by May 17th for the newsletter.

As Safer at Home continues, may this time be used to bring us closer not just with each other but more importantly with our Lord as we encourage and share with each other.

*Pastor Arnen*



# Music Ministry



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had an abrupt end to our music season. At your earliest convenience, please thank our choirs whenever you have a chance.

**Handbells:** Amy Paskey, Debbie McVey, Linda Manthey, Cindy Hemp, Judy Smith, James Saager, John Smith, Stephen and Lori Saager.

**Adult choir:** Debbie McVey, Molly Frank, Kristin Olson, Karen Laatsch, Amy Paskey, Linda Manthey, Lori Saager, Jim Laatsch, Chuck Hilgendorf, Stephen Saager, Greg Frank.

They worked hard all year and provided many wonderful musical moments. Another big thank you to all the Sunday School children and their parents for getting them to church to sing. It is indeed a joy to work with such an enthusiastic group of kids. We are also done for the school year, but look forward to returning in the fall!

**“Plane ol’ Mission Trip.”** What happens when you get stuck in an airport? These kids will get to find out! Our Musical Day Camp will run from June 8-12, 4pm-5:30 pm. All kids ages 4k and up are invited to put together a short musical and learn about where exactly the mission field is to spread God’s Word!

Lots more information and registration information coming out very soon!

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Grab your hymnals, because we are going to go on a journey this month through LSB 491, “Up Through Endless Clouds of Ages”. This may be the most joyous of the minor hymns in our hymnal! Written by Jaroslav Vajda with a tune by Henry Gerike, copyrights of 1974 and 1973, respectively.

Nostalgia. It probably nagged the back of the mind of the disciples as they stood on the soil of Bethany, the space in the center of their circle still vacant and empty. If only they knew then what they know now, the questions they would ask. Nostalgia is likely a typical feeling on Ascension Day. Vajda wants to take us on a different journey. Notice the perspective set in the first verse. We’re not disciples looking up. It’s through the eyes of our ascended Lord: “*Cries of triumph in His ears...Christ looks down upon His faithful.*” The effect is to bring us into an eternal present moment. The “Cries of triumph” aren’t merely shouts of the angels as Christ rises through their midst. Our voices—even as we sing this very song—mix with their echoes. We stand in the same choir. “3. *To our lives of wanton wand’ring, Send your Spirit, promised guide; Through our lives of fear and failure, With Your pow’r and love abide; Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.*”

It’s hard to imagine circumstances where it’s a good thing for Jesus to go away. Jesus told His disciples that He would return to His Father. He acknowledged their sorrow at the news, but then said, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it

is to your advantage that I go away” (John 16:7b). Jesus’ departure was to their advantage because only if He left them would He send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, the “promised Guide.”

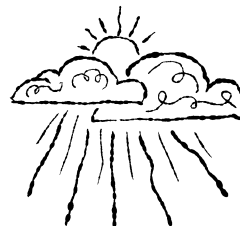
Jesus’ ascension is to our advantage because we now have an Advocate with our Heavenly Father. Our crucified, risen and exalted Lord is now “at the right hand of God interceding for us” (Romans 8:34b). Our Advocate is not someone aloof, apart from us. He is our Brother, tempted as we are, yet didn’t sin. He shared our weakness. Now He pleads for mercy for us, remembering that we are dust. He doesn’t require payment. He paid the price with His own blood and, risen from the dead, He “always lives to make intercession for us” (Hebrews 7:25b).

We need this Brother, this Advocate before the Father, because we are sinners. While we seek to walk faithfully in our Savior’s footsteps, we wander. Yet in the “wanton wandering” so often evident in our lives, we have the promised Helper, the Holy Spirit leading us according to the Word even as our Brother pleads for us before the throne of God. Ascending in triumph, having accomplished on earth the Father’s saving purpose. Christ was welcomed to His heavenly throne. Satan, our accuser, was thrown out of the courts of heaven (see Revelation 12:10) and now, instead of an accuser, we have an eternal Advocate before the Father.

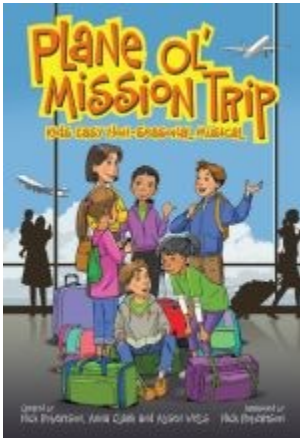
And so, the hymn then proceeds to narrate exactly what makes such an eternal victory worth celebrating. “*Death-destroying, life-restoring, / Proven equal to our need*”, we rehearse the work of God in Christ at the center of history, with its exuberant exchange: “*Flesh that for our world was wounded, / Living, for the wounded plead!*” Likewise, we anticipate the Spirit of Pentecost: “*Send Your Spirit, promised guide*”, as we stand at this threshold between festive and ordinary time. Thus we end in doxology, standing to invoke the Three in One, giving praise by repeating the only word that can name our awe: “Alleluia, alleluia!”

We too have ascended “*through endless ranks of angels...to breathe the Spirit’s grace...to see the Father’s face...to feel the Son’s embrace.*” It is a full-bodied flight into joy, and we’re welcomed “*as You were welcomed.*” This is the joy of the Ascension, not that he has left us behind, but that he brings us to where he is, in a table set with the bread of life.

So, even as we prepare to spend another month “Safer at home”, we can rest securely knowing that we have a risen Savior who, having experienced all of our feelings, is still there for us and protecting us. He still forgives us and provides all we need, constantly advocating for us! May you be blessed, and I can’t wait to see you after quarantine!



In His service,  
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



We will learn to share the love of Jesus with those around them with this musical. When a group of kids headed on a mission trip find themselves stranded at the airport due to inclement weather, they quickly learn that our mission field is everywhere.

June 8-12th  
4:00 p.m. –5:30 p.m.  
Ages: finished 4K - High School  
Register at <stpetersarlington.org>

**Performance:**  
*Sunday June 14th at 9:00 a.m.*  
\*TBD by state mandates

Brunch to follow in the fellowship hall.



**Confirmation  
News**

Confirmation will be observed May 31st at 9 am (subject to restrictions and mandates)

A reception will be held with allowable amount of people (10 or 50) with proper distancing. A follow up celebration will occur at a later time to properly and fully acknowledge these children's faithful work and confession of faith.

God Bless  
Lucas Campbell  
Kloie Hathaway  
Codi Woodward

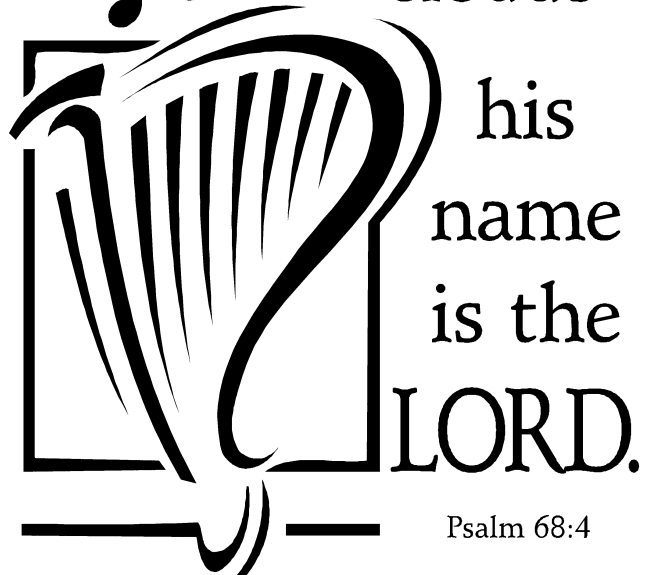
### Of patience and pruning

In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience."

Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.



Lift up a song  
to him who rides  
upon the  
clouds—

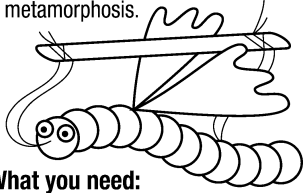


his  
name  
is the  
**LORD.**

Psalm 68:4

# CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



### What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

### What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



## Words of appreciation

Show your love for your mother, grandmother or aunt this Mother's Day by placing words of appreciation throughout the house for her to find.

### What you need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Tape

**THANKS!**

### What you do:

1. Fold construction paper into fourths.
2. Cut paper along the folds to get four pieces.
3. On each rectangle, write words of appreciation, drawings and so on.
4. Tape the papers throughout the house. For example, a note on the refrigerator or pantry might say, "Thank you for making yummy meals for me." A note on a mirror might say, "You are beautiful inside and out!"

Please remember, you can also give online at [StPetersArlington.org](http://StPetersArlington.org), with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



**MAY**

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Beth Hutchinson  
Cathy Schmidt

## St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS Accredited

4-K Host Site for *Poynette School District*

Wishing and praying this finds you all happy and healthy. What a hard time this is on all of us, but with God we know it is in his hands.

The daycare is doing okay. We have very low attendance and our numbers do change from day to day. With uncertainty as to what will happen moving forward we have put measures in place to protect both the children who attend and also the staff.

Hand washing is so common for the children that they do it without thinking. We do have some pretty dry hands, but this is keeping germs at bay. We are also taking the temperature of all the children as they come in the door, and by meeting them at the door we are able to keep the parents from entering the building. This also helps to keep the number of germs entering the daycare down.

We have been able to work on art projects, focusing on Easter and what that means for all of us. We have also talked about weather and made some fun colorful art projects from that theme!

School work has also been a focus. It is important to us that we help parents out wherever we can, and making sure their homework is completed allows for families to be together at night as a family. This does take up a good deal of time for one of our teachers, but it has been fun to help them out.

Moving forward our numbers are low until the safer at home is lifted. We pray that this does help to stop the spread of covid-19, but that it also allows parents more time with their children. Time is so important, and if we can use this time to focus on what is truly important, how blessed we really are.





## DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

<p><b>May 3 4th Sunday of Easter</b>                  Isaiah 40:25-31                  Psalm 147:1-11                  1 Peter 2:11-20                  John 16:16-22</p>	<p>Sermon: Patient Rejoicing                  Order: Matins, p. 219                  Hymns: 727 - 483 - 465                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>May 10 5th Sunday of Easter</b>                  Isaiah 12:1-6                  Psalm 66:1-8                  James 1:16-21                  John 16:5-15</p>	<p>Sermon: Good and Perfect Gifts                  Order: Matins, p. 219                  Hymns: 462 - 261 - 469                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>May 17 6th Sunday of Easter</b>                  Numbers 21:4-9                  Psalm 107:1-9                  1 Timothy 2:1-6                  John 16:23-33</p>	<p>Sermon: Livin' on a Prayer                  Order: Matins, p. 219                  Hymns: 495 - 773 - 837                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>May 21 The Ascension of Our Lord</b>                  2 Kings 2:5-15                  Psalm 110                  Acts 1:1-11                  Mark 16:14-20</p>	<p>Sermon: Present in Absentia                  Order: Matins, p. 219                  Hymns: 821 - 491 - 492 - 493                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>May 24 7th Sunday of Easter</b>                  Ezekiel 36:22-28                  Psalm 51:1-12                  1 Peter 4:7-14                  John 15:26-16:4</p>	<p>Sermon: The Spirit Bears Witness                  Order: Matins, p. 219                  Hymns: 495 - Hymns By Request                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p><b>May 31 Pentecost</b>                  Genesis 11:1-9                  Psalm 143                  Acts 2:1-21                  John 14:23-31</p>	<p>Sermon: Language of God                  Order: DSI, p. 151 w. Rite of Confirmation                  Hymns: 503 - 497 - 864 - 496                  Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>



**Lutheran World Relief**  
 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



Lutheran World Relief Care Kits: each week please help us provide for others this Lenten season as we assemble health care kits to be sent to those in need around the world. Each week we will collect a different item for the kits which will be assembled at the end of Lent.

- Bath Towel, no bigger than 27"x52"
- Bars of Soap (2 per kit, 8-9 oz. in original wrapping)
- Nail clippers
- Toothbrush (in original packaging please)
- Hair comb (no print or advertising)



The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available. Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion and all proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a number of craft items still available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.

## COUNCIL MINUTES



### Church Council

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions of size gatherings, there was no regular council meeting held in the month of April. For those same reasons the quarterly assembly of the Voters' was also cancelled for April 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Lynnette Taylor  
*Council Secretary*



### May Drive Thru event

Saturday, May 9th 11 am—1 pm  
Sunday, May 10th 7:30 am—12 pm

With current mandates and restrictions CWC has unfortunately, but understandably, decided that they will not be able to pass out Mother's Day Flowers.

However, with a thanks to both Link's Greenhouse and Edgewater Home and Garden flowers will still be available. They will be available Saturday, May 9th from 11 am to 1 pm and Sunday, May 10th from 7:30 am to 12 pm (during communion and service offerings).

Come and pick up flowers and a bookmark that features a Mother's Day prayer. Pick up some extras to share with a neighbor, sharing friendship and love for neighbors.

Also, as love of neighbor gives consideration for those outside our church and in our community, we would like to acknowledge and encourage support of our local businesses as they shape and form our communities.

As we look forward to a new normal, we can share God's love, show forth the beauty of His creation, and rejoice in His gift of mother's, grandmothers, and all the faithful women in our lives.

### COMMUNION OPTIONS

We desire you be able to receive the Lord's Supper during this time.

Time is available on:

Sunday 7:30am-8:45am, 9:45am-12pm;  
Mondays 7:45am-11am, 4-7pm;  
Wednesdays 4-5:45pm, 6:45-7:30pm.

If you desire Pastor to visit you at home and bring you the Lord's Supper or if you have other times needed, please contact the church office. Services will be live streamed via Facebook, you do not need a Facebook account to watch or access the services.

### WORSHIP OPTIONS

Worship on Facebook Live (no account needed)  
Sunday 9 am  
Wednesday 6 pm

Sunday School Zoom 10 am  
Bible Study Monday 7:30 pm  
Zoom.us or via phone 312-626-6799  
User ID 6086354825

**THANK  
YOU,  
TEACHERS!**

### Congrats to the Class of 2020

#### Poynette High School

Lucy Cuff  
McKenna Morris  
Ahren Schoeckert  
Brianna Schulz



**Kansas State University**  
Hannah Taylor (Dec 2019)

**UW Eau Claire**  
Brock Kriewaldt (Dec 2019)

**UW LaCrosse**  
Elizabeth Yamriska (Dec 2019)

**UW River Falls**  
Anthony Rittmeyer

### 2020 Esther Herwig Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Lucy Cuff  
McKenna Morris  
Brianna Schulz



**FINANCIAL REPORT  
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on March 31, 2020..... \$16,404.77  
 Receipts for Apr (est.) ..... \$ 13,920.35  
 Expenses for Apr (est.)..... (\$15,953.47)  
 Shortage/Overage ..... 14,371.65



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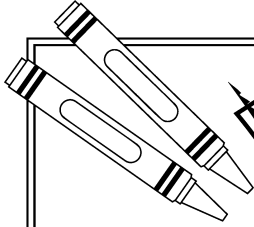
**May 24 & 31**

*Philip Hanson, Chr*  
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*Robert Caldwell, Chr.*  
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Randy Schuster  
 David Caldwell  
 Mark Hirssig  
 Robert Rittmeyer  
 Buck & Ty Woodward  
 Justin, Jacob, Caleb Reddeman  
 Richard & Tony Rittmeyer

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# PUZZLE

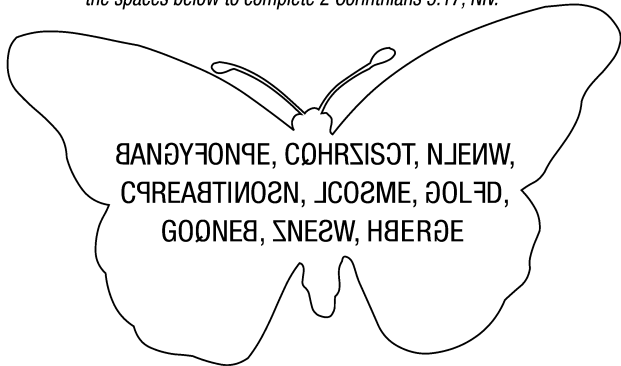
## TransformationPOWER



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
 God transforms us from old to new.



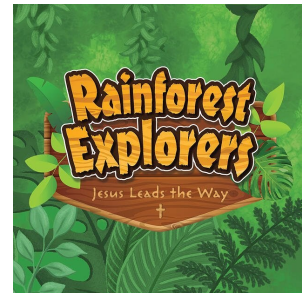
*Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:  
 The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here



**August 3rd - 7th**

Both in person and digital options are being considered. More info to come.



- 5/1 Nina Schroeder
- 5/3 David Qualle
- 5/3 Herb Schultz
- 5/4 Jerran Hanson
- 5/4 Jacquie Peshorn
- 5/14 Connie Hendrickson
- 5/14 Steve Paskey
- 5/23 Sandra Smith
- 5/24 Brita Schoeneberg
- 5/24 Veronica Lerch
- 5/29 Jane Tomlinson



"God gave Noah 100 years to build the ark. Can't I have at least a month to clean my room?"

# CALENDAR FOR MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
<b>Easter 4 3</b> 7:30am-12 pm Communion 9:00 AM Divine Service <i>Livestream Only</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School <i>Zoom</i>	4 Communion : 7:45 am-11 am; 4-7 pm 7:30 PM Zoom Bible Study	5 4-7:30 PM Communion 4 PM Midweek Zoom 6:00 PM Midweek <i>Livestream only</i>	6 4-7:30 PM Communion 4 PM Midweek Zoom 6:00 PM Midweek <i>Livestream only</i>	7	8	9 "Flowers for Mom" and to share with neighbors. Drive thru pick up today 11 am—1 pm or tomorrow
<b>Easter 5 10</b> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 7:30am-12 pm Communion 9:00 AM Divine Service <i>Livestream Only</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School <i>Zoom</i>	11 Communion : 7:45 am-11 am; 4-7 pm 7:30 PM Zoom Bible Study	12 Council meetings TBD	13 4-7:30 PM Communion 6:00 PM Midweek <i>Livestream only</i>	14	15	16
<b>Easter 6 17</b> 7:30am-12 pm Communion 9:00 AM Divine Service <i>Livestream Only</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School <i>Zoom</i>	18 Communion : 7:45 am-11 am; 4-7 pm 7:30 PM Zoom Bible Study	19	20 4-7:30 PM Communion 6:00 PM Midweek <i>Livestream only</i>	21 <b>Ascension</b> 6:00 Ascension <i>Livestream only</i>	22 	23
<b>Easter 7 24</b> 7:30am-12 pm Communion 9:00 AM Divine Service <i>Livestream Only</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School <i>Zoom</i>	25 Communion : 7:45 am-11 am; 4-7 pm 7:30 PM Zoom Bible Study	26	27 4-7:30 PM Communion 6:00 PM Midweek <i>Livestream only</i>	28	29	30 
<b>Pentecost 31</b> 7:30am-12 pm Communion 9:00 AM Divine Service w/ Rite of Confirmation <i>(livestream as well)</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School <i>Zoom</i>						

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