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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

The subject of sin is a subject of which few want to discuss, unless it pertains to another persons actions. Each individual is accountable for his or her sins. While people try to blame their environment, their relationship with others and even Satan, we ultimately are responsible for our own actions, even when they result in sin.

What is sin? Simply put, sin is when our thoughts, actions, etc. are outside of God's will. There are sins of omission, those sins we commit because we do not know they are sins, and sins of commission, those sins that we know are wrong, but we allow our flesh to take over and commit them anyway. Sins of omission can be successfully addressed by reading, studying and understanding the word of God. Sins of commission can be addressed by keeping our own will, the flesh, under control.

A good rule of thumb to use in life is as follows, if Jesus did it, you can do it. If Jesus didn't do it, then you shouldn't do it. Simple to read but at times hard to follow only because of your own sin nature. Use this Lenten season and get the flesh under control. You will be pleased but more importantly you will be under God's will when you do.

In His service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

## Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Lill Clinkenbeard, Dorothy Spanger, and Edith Rinsch for their help with the Chimes last month and for also helping with all the Revival flyers. News for the May Chimes is due on April 20.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many cards, phone calls, flowers, cakes, candy and those who stopped by for a visit or said “Hi” on my 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and acts of kindness. It is greatly appreciated.

I have been richly blessed with a wonderful life.

In Christian Love,  
Louise Rinsch

To our Bethel church family,

Our deepest heartfelt gratitude goes out to each of you for every act of kindness expressed to us during the loss of our son, grandson, nephew, and cousin, Eric Clinkenbeard. We know that God has blessed us with beautiful Christian friends who were Jesus to us during our time of tragedy and need. There truly are no words big enough to say thank you and how much we love all of you. The prayers, cards, meals, hugs, kind words and other expressions of sympathy and love were a tremendous comfort to all of us. We could not have made it without all the hard work people put in to clean sidewalks, take care of the cattle, stay with us, run errands, and many other acts of love. Thanks to Pastor Mike for all of your comforting words and visits, to Karen and Cally for the music, to Ebony and Wendy for all their extra work, the Guild for the wonderful meal, and all who assisted us in any way. Again-we love you all and will always thank God for each of you.

*Philippians 1:3-6 I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

In Christian Love,  
Gordon, Janet, Matt, and Jennifer  
and the Clinkenbeard and Curry families

***“A sorrow shared is half a sorrow and a blessing shared is doubled”.***

Thank you to our church family for sharing our sorrow during the sudden illness and loss of my father, Don Messel. Your prayers, cards, visits, food, flowers, gifts, phone calls, memorial donations and braving the inclement weather to share words of comfort with us at the viewing touched our hearts. We were overwhelmed at the outpouring of your love during this sad time. We feel so blessed to be a part of this body of Christ. We would also like to thank Pastor Mike for coming to IU Med to be with the family. Even though our grief is great we have the peace and comfort of knowing our loved one is now with Jesus.

May God richly bless you for all you have done,  
John and Jan Spanger and family

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**Bethel Prayer Chain**

*“My help comes from the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth.”-Psalm 121:2*

Please call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 with any prayer requests that you wish to have put on the prayer chain.

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**Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2009:**

March/April	Junior Youth Group
May/June	Evangelism Committee
July/August	Kid's Club
September/October	Worship Committee
November/December	Senior High Youth Group

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**Scholarship Fund**

It is once again time for graduating seniors to begin filling out scholarship applications. Bethel Church has a scholarship fund to help assist students with furthering their education. To be eligible, the applicant must have participated in at least four youth activities per year at Bethel and attended at least 50% of Sunday services. All eligible applicants need to have applications turned in by May 1, 2009. Applications may be picked up at the church office.

# Memorials

## **Donations given in memory of Eric Clinkenbeard**

### **Memorial Fund:**

*Bruce & Joy Tooley*

*Jerry & Susie Cardinal*

*Bob and Wilma Strange*

*Randy & Theresia Barrett*

*Tom and Joyce Kixmiller*

*Bill & Darlene Resler*

*Dirk & Debbie Yoder*

*John and Marilyn Koenig*

*Steve & Debbie Telligman*

*Bill & Carole Albrecht*

*Amber Cain Neeley*

*Don and Joyce Villwock*

*Tim and Tonya Miller*

*Robert and Maureen Reel*

*Jacob Richter*

*Craig and Bobi Volle*

*Mark and Diane Telligman*

*Lois Wampler*

*Kenneth Kixmiller*

*Bruce and Terri Miller*

*Lloyd and Mary Duke*

*Luke & Jennifer Hancock*

*Daniel Hooper*

*Bruce and Carol Porter*

*Amelda Koenig*

*Sonny, Pam, and Alan Kixmiller*

*Mike & Pam Loheider*

*Earl and Marge Linneweber*

*Stephen & Elizabeth Miller-Holka*

*Frank & Lenora McCrary*

*Brad & Pam Summers & family*

*Rex and Miriam Bingham*

*Dallas and Shirley Miller*

*Dale, Jane, and Collin Tiek*

*Butch & Bernettia Hollingsworth*

*Mary Ann Miller*

*Gay Cornelison*

*Dick and Marge Finke*

*Kevin, Linda, and Josh Hammelman*

*Jerry Lee & Kate Hammelman*

*Joe and Virginia Koenig*

*Joe & Susie Singleton and family*

*Edith, Edna, and Louise Rinsch*

*Mike and Kristy Dakel*

*Jim and Linda Chattin*

*Brian and Elizabeth Duke*

*Beverly, James, and Cole Smith*

*Wally and Diane McGiffen*

*Brian Schroeder*

### **Preschool Fund:**

*Doris Richter*

*Roger & Chris Johanningsmeir*

### **Youth Pastor Fund:**

*Brocksmith family*

### **Organ fund:**

*Carl and Marilyn Johanningsmeir*



# Sunday School

“April showers bring May flowers”...but sometimes those showers in April turn into strong and powerful storms. Storms which can, and often, cause a lot of damage. Sometimes those damages will take weeks, months, or even years to repair. At times, so much rain will fall and the ground will become so saturated with water that trees are no longer able to stand and they fall to the ground. But the reason the trees fall isn’t necessarily because of all the water – we all have seen trees growing and flourishing in the middle of ponds and lakes, so that can’t be the reason – the reason they fall is because of a faulty “root” system. Either the roots of those trees are so shallow in the ground that they can’t support the tree during times of “storms” or, the roots have rotted and are no longer strong enough to keep the tree anchored in the ground.

All too often, we allow ourselves to become like one of those fallen trees. We get so busy in our everyday lives that sometimes we fail to “anchor” ourselves spiritually – we’re not as firmly “rooted” in a relationship with God and our Church family as we need to be so that we can withstand those “storms” in our lives. By developing and keeping a healthy root system, life’s adversities will only strengthen our faith and cause us to dig our roots deeper into God so that we can withstand the storms in our lives.

Sunday School is a great place to sink your roots into – a place where you can draw nourishment from God and a place where you can become anchored in His word and in our faith in Him. Let’s put our roots of faith down deep into God when life’s skies are sunny. Then

when the storms come, we will be able to stand strong!



*Seeking More of Him, and less of me*

John Trotter, S.S. Supt.

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The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

-Henry Knox Sherrill

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# Confirmation Reunion-Sunday, April 5, 2009

This is a time we reflect back to our confirmation and what being a member of Bethel is all about. All Bethel Confirmands are recognized along with those who joined Bethel by letter of transfer or by Confession or Affirmation of Faith honoring the classes of 1934, 1959, and 1984.

\*Denotes those who are deceased

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## 75 Year Class

March 25, 1934

Rev. Daniel Bierbaum

“Dare To Be Brave”

*Gertrude Louise Horst	Helen Louise Koenig
*Mildred E. M. Johanningsmeier	Lorena Mae Mackey
*Mildred Marie Stoelting	*Irvin Ernest Wm. Albrecht
*Oscar Henry Edward Berger	*Conrad Ernest Begeman
*Elmer Ernest Grabbe	*Wayne Franklin Kirchoff
*Oscar Wm. Leutkemeier	*Roy Leonard Kixmiller
*Henry Marshall Summit	

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## 50 Year Class

March 22, 1959

Rev. Paul W. Lammers

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Donald Lee Bubbenzer	Janice Kay Buckthal
Mary Katherine Clinkenbeard	Robert John Hagemeyer
Judith Ann Horst	Dennis Ray Kahre
Rebecca Sue McClure	Mary Ann Vertrees

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## 25 Year Class

April 15, 1984

Rev. Marvin Deerhake

“I Surrender All”

Bonnie Lin Buckthal	Gene Ann Frye
Tracy Suzanne Kahre	Paul Edward Richter
Toby Lynette Sims	Michael Paul Snyder
Kurt Alan Volle	Debra Sue Winter
Jeffery Wayne Tilly	

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# Preschool News

## News from Mrs. Chattin:

Spring has arrived! My preschoolers are so excited to see the green grass and yellow daffodils and the best part is they finally got to go outside and play.

We are now on letter T, and the children are happy we only have 6 more letters to learn. After we learn letter Z, we will have our "Smart Party" and paint our hands on the wall.

Thanks to Mr. Earl Linneweber for providing pecans for the children to eat during P week. They all took home a "church pecan" from the Bethel pecan tree.

A very special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Miller-Holka and her husband, Dr. Steven Holka for coming to our preschool. They had a set of big teeth and a huge toothbrush and the children had fun brushing the big teeth. They also learned how to take care of their teeth and how to get rid of "sugar bugs" on their teeth. They all took home a goodie bag with a new toothbrush inside. Thanks Elizabeth and Steven.

I also want to thank Mary Ann Miller for making us sugar cookies in the shape of teeth. I can't imagine cutting out all those cookies, but we certainly did appreciate and enjoy eating tooth cookies for our snack.

I recently gave the lesson on The Five Loaves and Two Fishes. I had a small basket with 5 little loaves of bread inside. All 32 of my preschoolers took a small piece of bread. We ate 1 loaf of bread really fast. Then I pulled 2 small fish out of my basket that Laverne Tilly had caught for me. The children all wanted to touch the fish! Thanks, Laverne, for your help! The fish made a great story. The preschoolers couldn't believe Jesus could feed 5,000 people and still have twelve baskets of food left over. We decided Jesus performed a mighty miracle.

We all had fun at our "Green Party". We had green chips and dip, pickles, green popcorn, shamrock cookies, broccoli, green frog cupcakes, green donuts and drank green 7-Up. The preschoolers had green fingers and mouths when they were done.

All the preschoolers enjoyed Donuts with Dad. We had 90 plus in attendance and ate lots of donuts. Thanks to the very nice person who donated all the donuts. I also want to thank Pastor Mike for his great help in getting everyone fed. It was a fun and busy morning.

The preschoolers enjoyed making Root Beer floats during R week. Many of the children had never had a Root Beer float but they soon decided they were very yummy. Miss Lenora (McCrary) helped us make floats and she was very good. We found out she worked for E. L. Wagner at the Freelandville drugstore and made lots of floats and sodas in her younger days. Thanks, Lenora, for being a great waitress.

We recently read a new book, The Storm is Coming. After we read the story, we prayed for our helper Miss Liz (Telligman). We also signed and sent a card to Miss Liz. We are all glad God kept her safe.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Easter. I look forward to telling all the little ones about how Jesus died for our sins. We also have lots of Easter crafts to make. God Bless and enjoy the following story.

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"  
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.  
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.  
The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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### **Notes from Mrs. Durall:**

YEA!! We finally made it to school every day with no delays. We give many, many thanks for the sunshine and nicer temperatures. Some of the preschoolers have either stayed after class or came early just to play outside in the "colored stuff" according to one little boy.

We were all so excited to bring our dads for donuts. I had heard several stories about how dad would drink 16 cups of coffee or eat that many donuts plus more. I am not sure if any dad did either one of those things, but we sure had a great time. Several of the preschoolers had lots of chocolate icing on their faces and one little girl assured me that dad didn't care where there was icing. I said okay and didn't try to wipe her face again. On our next day back to school one little boy asked me how many more days til dad could come again to see his school and eat four donuts. I told him that he would have to wait until next year and we would do it again. He didn't think his dad could go that long without eating more donuts. The kids love to bring dad and show him around since many of them work and don't get to come during the school day.

We talked about Parables and played the "Sower and the Seed". We quickly decided it is better to stand on the good soil than to pretend to be a bird, thorn or rock that just didn't have the freedom to move like we needed. I sent a balloon home with every one so they could play our silly little game at home with their parents. Many parents had to go buy more balloons after the first one popped, and several



had no idea what kind of game they were being taught. We painted a pretty picture using water and q-tips. Many children had never painted with q-tips and thought it was a great day.

Letter Q is tough to tie to many Biblical stories in with. We played a Quiet game (although we are not sure how to be quiet for very long) that turned into many giggles. We then talked about Rainbows and the big promise they hold. We made a rainbow magnet. One little girl was very upset when her "promise" would not stick to the refrigerator. Without thinking, I talked a lot about how the magnet would stick to the fridge and serve as a reminder that God keeps his promises and we should, too. New technology will get you every time.



We made a bird feeder to help God take care of His creatures. One little boy reported to the class there was definitely something going on around his feeder, but he didn't think it was birds. I questioned what he thought it was. He guessed the cat ate more seeds than all the birds.

Thanks to Earl Linnweber for the pecans he picked up and hauled. We enjoyed eating them in class and taking a "church pecan" home.

One day we had missing sheep in the class and we had to find the one that strayed away. The precoolers love to play hide and seek, so we tied it in with the story of "The Lost Sheep". We had many places to hide, but decided it is always better to stick with God than to go the other way. Some of our puppets were really wooly while others had lots of glue covering them.

Before Spring Break, we celebrated "the green day". We had to find many things of green hidden in the area, before decorating green shamrocks and eating just a little luck. One little boy told his mom on the way out, "I sure know what green looks like now".

One of my prechooler's father was injured in a four wheeler accident the weekend spring break started. My thoughts and prayers are with him for a speedy recovery. On Friday (3/20), I heard the father was doing really well.

I look forward to returning to preschool hearing any spring break stories and getting into all the stories that go along with Easter. I hope everyone has a Blessed Easter.

# Candles for sale

The Bethel Preschool students are currently taking orders for a variety of Home Interior candles. The money received from this fundraiser will help fund the many activities that the students participate in at the preschool. Fifty percent of the total sales go to the preschool. (A description of the candles and costs are displayed on the bulletin board in Bethel Hall)

If you wish to place an order, please turn in your orders along with payment to Mrs. Chattin or Mrs. Durall by Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The preschool hopes to have the candles ready for delivery on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## ANYWAY

*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,*

**LOVE THEM ANYWAY**

*If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,*

**DO GOOD ANYWAY**

*If you are successful, you will win false and true enemies,*

**SUCCEED ANYWAY**

*The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,*

**DO GOOD ANYWAY**

*Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,*

**BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY**

*What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight*

**BUILD ANYWAY**

*People really need help but may attack you if you help them,*

**HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY**

*Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth,*

**GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.**

--From a sign on the wall of Shishu Bhavan, the children's home in Calcutta

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.



In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



I will stand. I will stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground, all other ground  
Is sinking sand, is sinking sand  
So I stand

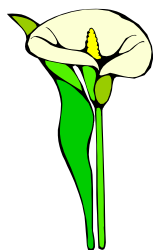
-song by Natalie Grant

### Historical Committee

The committee still has books and 2009 calendars for sale. The committee members are busy putting together information for the 2010 calendar. More details will be available soon. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 31 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Women's Guild

Bethel Women's Guild will meet April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 in the afternoon. Helen Harbin will have the program in the absence of Vera Jones. Hostesses are Reda Boberg and Naomia Pepmeier. Marge Linneweber has the "Extra Feature".



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## *Lenten Schedule*

April 1

Richard Crabtree

April 9

Maundy Thursday service

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### Christian Mottos

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

God doesn't call the qualified,  
He qualifies the called.

We were called to be witnesses,  
not lawyers or judges.

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**Parish Records:**

**New members:**

Don and Kara Johanningsmeier joined the Bethel Church family on February 22.

**Attendance:**

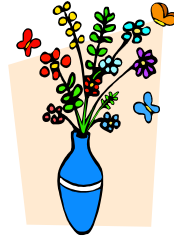
Feb.	22	129
Mar.	1	128
	8	149
	15	112
	22	130

**Greeters:**

**April 5 and 12**  
Bill and Carole Albrecht  
**April 19 and 26**  
Craig and Tonya Scott  
**May 3 and 10**  
Randy and Theresia Barrett

**Ushers:**

April	Bill and Darlene Resler
April 19	Youth



**Nursery Notes:**

April	5	Tracy Kahre
	12	Ramona Hammelman
	19	Stacy Page
	26	Kelci Anderson

**Children's Church:**

April	5	Ramona Hammelman/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	12	No Children's Church/Easter Service
	19	Lenora McCrary/Emily Telligman/Chris Horst
	26	Cally Miller/Patrick Sargent/Nancy Tilly

**Happy April Birthday to:**

April	2	Dorothy Sams-(Happy 82 <sup>nd</sup> birthday)
	5	Wilbur Boberg-(Happy 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	21	Gertrude Catt-(Happy 91 <sup>st</sup> birthday)
	29	Nelda Horn-(Happy 84 <sup>th</sup> birthday)

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**A week without God**

Without God, our week would be: Sindyay, Mournday, Tearsday,  
Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday & Shatterday

# Church Council Meeting

## March 9, 2009

**Pastor's report**-Pastor Mike attended several events this past month which included a men's event at Odon Christian Church, the revival, Donuts with Dad, and a Kid's Club event. He also conducted an Ash Wednesday service, taught a Good Neighbors class, and helped finalize the revival in addition to his regular duties.

**Secretary's report**-approved and accepted as written.

**Treasurer's report**-The council agreed to close out a safety deposit box at Old National Bank. A motion was made to move the trust account from Old National Bank to the new trustee board if there are no penalties involved. Quarterly finance reports will be put in the Chimes.

**Deacon's report**-accepted as written.

**Elder's report**-An Elder's Task List (goals for the year) was given to each council member.

**Building and Grounds**-Parts of the roof on the church were damaged during a recent storm. Estimates will be obtained in order to get the roof repaired.

Linda Chattin addressed some of her concerns to the council.

### **Old Business:**

**Chapel**-Plans for the chapel have been postponed until next month.

**Youth Pastor**-Funding and a job description for a youth pastor are still in the works. The youth pastor salary will be generated from donations to the youth pastor fund and the general fund.

**Track rack**-Motion was made and accepted to not put a track rack in the vestibule.

**Staff dinner**-The staff dinner will be held at McKinley's in Oaktown on Saturday, April 4.

**Special Gifts**-A request will be made to the Special Gifts Committee to consider purchasing barstools for family members to use during funeral visitations. Also, a new church sign is being considered.

**New Business:**

**Confirmation Reunion**-The Confirmation Reunion will be held on the evening of Palm Sunday, April 5.

The next council meeting is set for Monday, April 13.

**April 2009**

***Bethel  
Chimes***



## Bethel Family's Military Members

### Major Shane Turner

son-in-law of John &  
Marilyn Koenig  
390 Ashland Ave.  
Camden, DE 19934

### SSG Wolfe, Tim

son-in-law of Dan &  
Karen Hooper  
Delta Co. TF 1-151  
FLB Sycamore, COB Speicher  
COB Speicher Iraq  
APO AE 09393

### E2 Inman, Andrew

nephew of Wendy Wilson  
LCpl Andrew Inman  
3/8 H & S co. Rep. Pit.  
Unit 73275  
FPOAE 09510-3275

### SGT Williams, Brandon T.

grandson of Laverne &  
Betty Tilly  
A Co., 3-7 INF  
Unit #40625  
FOB ISKAN  
APO AE 09312

### SSG Hooper, Matthew

son of Mike Hooper  
Charlie Co. 4<sup>th</sup> BSTD  
FOB Salerno  
APO AE 09314

### SSG Butler, John D.

son-in-law of Starlin &  
Cheryl Sims  
4801 Manchester Ct.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### AB Mackey, Luke

husband of Brittany (Wesner)  
1516 E. Carswell Circle  
Bolling AFB, DC 20032



*“Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here, but has risen!”-Luke 24:5*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He has risen indeed!!**

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