

# The Messenger

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*"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"*

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OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### FROM PASTOR BARBARA:

"Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest," Jesus said. I need healing, you need healing, if not today, at some point in your life, probably quite often. We all need healing at some time, in some manner, but often just go on, carrying on, pushing the hurt and pain aside. Whether it's physically, mental, spiritual or relational, we tend to brush the pain aside until we are incapacitated in some way.

I had a friend who did not deal with a tragedy in his life when it happened; he just went on. Soon he became unable to move out of his chair for hours – almost a day -- at a time. He tried to hold it all together and instead became helpless.

Healing comes in many forms, especially as Jesus gives us rest. We have an opportunity experience healing through worship with our faith community around us. Such a service will take place on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. There will be one service that day followed by a simple, comforting meal where we'll have time to enjoy the company of one another and basket in God's healing presence.

On that day we will have a guest preacher, the Rev. Sandy Roberts, from Racine. Sandy has served as Pastor at Holy Communion,

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**PASSPORT  
TO WELLNESS**  
Health & Wellness Fair  
Sunday, October 11  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**HEALING SERVICE**  
Sunday, October 18  
One service  
At 10:00 a.m.  
followed by lunch

**HALLELUJAH NIGHT**  
Friday, October 23  
5:00—7:00 p.m.



Your donations welcome!

**WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES**  
Prayer Service 12 noon  
on Wednesdays  
followed by lunch

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## **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

***A church where God's diversity works***

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## **Our Savior's Mission Statement**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:**

created by God the Father Almighty;  
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;  
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;  
called to be the body of Christ;  
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

**Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:**

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;  
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation  
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

**As the body of Christ in this city we:**

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;  
proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ  
administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;  
welcome as sisters and brothers persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;  
act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;  
empower people to live as children of God;  
respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;  
support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;  
advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;  
and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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Racine, as Assistant to Bishop Peter Rogness, and as Jail Chaplain in Kenosha. She has her own story of healing and is one of the most grace-filled pastors I know.

Please come and worship with us on this special day – lay down your burdens, rest and be healed.

Please see the article on page 4 to learn more about our healing service for the Festival of St. Luke the Physician.



## **MERU DIOCESE GIFT AND GUEST**

### **Sunday, October 11**

We are pleased to be one of the congregations that will receive a guest from the Meru Diocese of Tanzania on Sunday, October 11. We at Our Savior's have long supported the people of Tanzania through the purchase of coffee directly from the growers (Mt. Meru Coffee Project) and have recently been able to respond to another need. The country is currently in the midst of an immense drought. To help alleviate hunger and suffering, Our Savior's is sending \$3,000 from the Renovation Benevolence Fund. That gift has helped the Greater Milwaukee Synod send nearly \$85,000 to the Meru Diocese, where emergency food is being purchased and distributed. The church is making an effort to reach people who have not received food from government distributions.

A delegation of 13 visitors from the Meru Diocese of Tanzania will be in the greater Milwaukee Synod October 7-20. On Sunday, October 11, one of those visitors will bring greetings and be with us for the morning. Walt and Aleta Chossek are helping to host the visitors. We look forward to this opportunity to spend time with a Meru brother or sister and hear first-hand about life in the church in Tanzania.

## **About a Service for Healing**

### **What it is:**

A time to come before God in prayer to seek healing for emotional, physical, relational, and spiritual distresses, as well as healing of memories which continue to hurt us. We are also invited to the altar to pray for other people in our lives who are in need of the Great Physician's help, but are unable or unwilling to come before God on their own.

An opportunity to add to the healing process with the resources of the church as the body of Christ, (elements of a service for Healing may include Confession and Forgiveness, Prayer, Holy Communion, Laying on of hands and Anointing with oil).

An opportunity to join in Jesus' ministry (and that of his disciples) to invite the Holy Spirit to work her healing power in and through us.

A quiet, respectful time in prayer and worship, opening our spirits to the flow of the Holy Spirit.

### **What it is not:**

A substitute for medical care.

A substitute for clinical counseling.

A way to escape personal responsibility (i.e. wanting to be healed from respiratory problems while refusing to stop smoking, or wanting to heal a marriage without changing your own behavior.)

A remake of the healing services most of us envision when we think of what we have seen on TV or in the movies.

### **We may or may not:**

Be healed in the way we expect.

Be cured of a physical disease. (Even Jesus died from his physical trauma on the cross. His healing was the ultimate healing of the resurrection. The apostle Paul suffered chronically from a "thorn in this flesh" throughout his ministry.)

### **We can expect:**

Everyone to be in need of healing in some way. Not everyone may choose to come forward for prayers and anointing, but we are all in need of healing.

To be somewhat anxious the first time we go to the altar rail. It is a new and unknown experience for many.

Jesus to honor our prayers and respond in a way which will bring glory to God.



Privacy and confidentiality: No one will know why anyone else is at the altar or if they are even there for themselves. (It is also an opportunity to pray for someone else.)

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### **From Pastor Betty**

The neighborhood youth have rested from their busy summer leading Camp Hope and have returned to school. They are eager to meet regularly and have plans for two events in October. They are having an Appreciation Day on October 3 at 3:00 p.m. to thank everyone who supported them in the Camp Hope effort including their parents and members of the congregation. Invitations are being sent out.

On Friday, October 23, the youth will lead Hallelujah Night as an alternative evening of safe fun for neighborhood children. The event for children will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and your help is needed. We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to send home with the children in treat bags that evening.

Following the Hallelujah Night for children, the youth will have an all-night lock-in gathering at the church. Pastor Betty is seeking a male chaperone to help with the lock-in.

We are also collecting baby items for two young mothers who will appreciate your donations. Kamira Shalia Smith was born on September 20 to Jousline Hendrix (Granddaughter of Sheila Hendrix). Your donations of diapers, clothing and other baby care items (lotion, wipes, powder) can be placed in a collection basket in the church lobby.



***Hallelujah Night***  
***Friday, October 23***  
***5:00 - 7:00 p.m.***  
***for children 5-12***

A safe gathering for children with games, stories and treats. Your help is needed to provide donations of wrapped candy and to be present to help. Contact Pastor Betty for more information.

**“LIVING HEALTHY IS A PRAYER”... OUR PASSPORT TO WELLNESS!  
\*Prevention/Keeping Well \* Mind/Body/Spirit\***

**DATE:** Sunday, October 11 – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Fellowship Hall – Coffee/Juice/Healthy Snacks Time

**WHO:** All are welcome



**WHY:** To increase health awareness by providing health screenings, activities, materials, demonstrations, and information and to promote understanding of “health stewardship” as an important part of our relationship to God and to build awareness of the value of spiritual health practices.

**HOW:** A variety of information, presentations, screenings and interactive displays will be available including:

**FLU SHOTS - BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - FALL PREVENTION  
HAND OR CHAIR MASSAGE - HAND WASHING/ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT DEMONSTRATION  
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES INFORMATION - LAUGHTER PRESENTATION  
PRENATAL CARE - PRAYERFUL MOVEMENT/TAI CHI - SMOKING CESSATION  
NUTRITION - VIDEOS AND HANDOUTS ON MANY TOPICS - EXERCISE -  
DENTAL HEALTH**

**\*\*\*HEALTHY SNACKS! \*\*\* PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH BOOTH!\*\*\***

**MAIN PRESENTATION 10:15 A.M. - LAUGHTER YOGA** by Dr. Cindy Solliday-McRoy, Health Psychologist and Certified Laughter Yoga Leader. *A program aimed at making laughter a “healthy habit” in your life.*

*The other interactive activities will be before and after the presentation.*

Next meeting of the planning group for Passport to Wellness is  
Tuesday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**  
**SEE JOAN TOTTEN FOR DETAILS** or contact the church office

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## NEXT DOOR FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

The Next Door foundation (NDF) was birthed by Our Savior's Lutheran Church 40 years ago. At that time NDF was housed in the buildings next to the church. In my time with Our Savior's I have bumped into several people who were either founders, leaders or participants in the NDF programs. The most recent participant I spoke with was Willie Hines, City Council President. He told me that he was active in NDF programs when he was 10 years old. He said that the experience then helped to keep him off the street, and led him down a path that eventually brought him to where he is today.

We can be very proud of the legacy of OSLC and NDF. In honor of the NDF 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary the OSLC Council designated a gift of \$2,000 from the Benevolence Fund to assist in their much needed efforts to help central city Milwaukee kids to succeed. Please read Pastor Chuck Berdahl's letter recalling the beginning of NDF.

Pastor Barbara Rasmussen

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August 24, 2009

Lolita Lukach, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

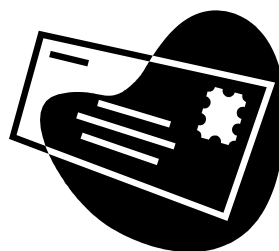
Dear Lolita,

I would like to tell you the story of Next Door, as I remember it.

I arrived at Our Savior's in June of 1967 to join Louis Accola and Glenn Nycklemoe in a "mutual ministry" the likes of which had never been seen in the ALC before. It was to be an equally and mutually shared ministry with pastors and lay people involved.

One of my specific tasks was to work with the youth. In the next years studies faced us with the changing demographics of Our Savior's neighborhood. There was a predominance of young adult and aging. Pastor Nycklemoe was to take the lead in developing a program for aging. Pastor Accola was to extend the educational ministry and I was to work on expanding a youth and young adult ministry.

In the process, the mansions which were currently used as parsonages became resources for the ministry. It did not make sense, stewardship wise, to have single families occupy those very large houses. I and my family lived in the Brumder mansion on 31st and Wisconsin Avenue and it seem to be a natural atmosphere for the youth-youth adult ministry. The parsonage to its north occupied by the Nycklemoe family would see to be a



# October

## Sun

## Mon

## Tue

## Wed

<b>4</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Hi Hopes 7:00 p.m. Synod RIC Meeting	<b>6</b> 2:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Book of Faith Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Liturgy Planning for 8:30 worship	<b>7</b> 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal
<b>11</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Health & Wellness Fair	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Book of Faith Class	<b>14</b> 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3am Rehearsal
<b>18</b> Healing Service 10:00 a.m. Worship followed by lunch	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Book of Faith 6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Leah Circle 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 3:00 p.m. West End Landlord 6:00 p.m. 3AM 7:00 p.m. Worship Team
<b>25</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Book of Faith 6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry Team with Pr. Barbara	<b>28</b> 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Liturgy Planning for Christmas Eve 11 pm

*You may contact the church*



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**2009****Thu****Fri****Sat**

<b>1</b>	9:30 a.m. Quilting 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice	<b>3</b>	9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting 3:00 p.m. Youth Meeting and Appreciation Day
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 12:00 noon Kitchen Klub 5:30 p.m. Arts Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Diakonia Class 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Quilting 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia Class 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	<b>17</b>	9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting Council Meeting
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia Class 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	<b>24</b>	9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting 12 - 8:00 p.m. Wisconsin Injured Workers dinner
<b>29</b> 12 noon Kitchen Klub 6:30 p.m. Diakonia Class 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting



office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 414-342-5252 [www.oslcmilw.org](http://www.oslcmilw.org)

## A Call for Household Items

Community Advocates Homeless Outreach has received a grant to house 60 persons who have mental health issues and are on the streets with no income source. These people will begin to be moved into housing starting in October through December. There will be a need for household items:



Since there is not storage space available at Community Advocates and little space at Our Savior's, we ask that you hold your donation until there is a place ready for it. Please contact the church office when you decide which items you will be able to donate. Community Advocates asks that the items be basic (not fancy), clean and useable. The items can be picked up by Community Advocates when they are needed. Contact the church office or Roseanne Norwood at Community Advocates Homeless Outreach 414-671-6337 ext. 407.

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(cont. from p. 7) wonderful location for education. The space in the fellowship hall fit the needs for a senior program. I believe and remember that the dream for those ministries and the use of the parsonages began as the three pastors and their wives met for fellowship and conversation in the living room of what came to be known as "Next Door".

The excellent lay leadership immediately caught the vision and drew up plans for its implementation. It would mean hiring lay staff particularly a youth-young adult director and a part time senior center director. The dream came to fruition in 1969.

The call for a Youth-Young Adult director went to a recent Wartburg graduate, Byron Tweeten. It wasn't long before he had developed a program far beyond our expectations. He expanded the staff to include Frank Habib as a Vista worker. PPG and other corporations gave material to build a chapel in the one of the upstairs bedrooms. Very unique people began to appear on the doorstep and became a part of the ministry. There was Tiny Little, one of the original Hell's Angels, without teeth. There was the "bird man" to whom Byron could only communicate through whistles. And, of course, our own youth and young adults became very involved and also provided leadership to Next Door.

Support quickly came from other parishes like St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and business corporations as the program expanded and it became necessary for us to consider incorporating the program. It had already been named "next Door" through the suggestion of one of the members. Again lay leadership provided direction. Don Mundt, a member of Our Savior's and an attorney at Northwestern Mutual Life assembled the entire insurance law department to draw up the papers for the new Foundation. Byron Tweeten, George Aker, a congregational president, and I were the representatives from the congregation.

Among the earliest programs under the Next Door Foundation was the development of the St Olaf College Urban Semester. It was held in the former Nycklemoe parsonage and was directed by James Gullikson, a young seminarian.

The story of Next Door is an important part of the history of Our Savior's and its vital ministry in the community of Milwaukee. I understand that the "Next Door Foundation" continues as a ministry to the Greater Milwaukee area. As an aside, Judy and I had an opportunity to rent a room in our former parsonage, the former Next Door location, and now a Bed and Breakfast. We could not afford to rent the room we knew as "our" bedroom.

Best Wishes, Rev. Charles Berdahl

# *Thanks!*



## BITS AND PIECES

**Thanks** to all who helped to make Rally Sunday a wonderful event. From the worship service to the picnic lunch and the games, God's people came together to worship, pray, praise, eat and enjoy one another!

**Thanks** to all who supported, donated and enjoyed the Sunday, August 30 Ice Cream Social. \$285.77 was donated. We have reached our \$1250 goal to be matched by Thrivent for Lutherans. The money will be used to update the conference room. From Salt & Pepper and Thrivent members.

**Thanks** from Clarine Bergemann "for beautiful birthday cards and greetings. Also for prayers and condolences at the time of my sister, Jeanette's, death.

**Thanks** from Gail Jacobsen to those (Lenore Blasier, Nancy Young, Joan Totten, Doreen Festge and Mary Cooper) who helped cut out the fleece patterns for the pillow project for Camp Hope.

### **MEMORY QUILT AND ALBUM UPDATE**

Lolita wishes to again thank all those who contributed to the quilt and album. It is her goal to have the two albums completed by November 1st at the latest. There will be a page in the album describing each of the blocks. She will be contacting those who haven't written a short story of their block.

There is one block that depicts Christmas at the old church and one that depicts Easter at the present church. It would be wonderful if those who have special memories of those events could write a few lines (which would be placed below the picture in the album).

Lolita also wishes to inform the members that a picture and short article about the quilt appears in the October issue of The Lutheran Woman. She is very happy about this.

Please feel free to call her if you have questions 414-444-8080

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## Central City Churches Outreach Ministry & Food Pantry

The CCC Outreach Ministry is serving 50-75 families a day. We welcome your donations of coffee, sugar, creamer, napkins, and stirrers for the hospitality table. Also your paper and plastic grocery bags are always needed in the food pantry. Thank you for being generous at this time of ever-increasing need.

Contributions are being accepted for the **Holiday Basket Project**. Your donation of \$30 will pay for a holiday meal package that will serve a family of 4-6. The goal is to provide 100 such packages for Thanksgiving and another 100 for Christmas. Also needed are new, reusable "green" grocery bags. These will be used to distribute the holiday groceries.

Contact Alicia Ellis or Bob Foley for more information at 414-342-1522.

## A Stewardship Thought

### ***Let love be genuine . . .***

Among the Bible passages that I seek to follow is one from Paul's letter to his friends in the community of faith at Rome. It reads: (Romans 12: 9-13)

***"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection;***

***outdo one another in showing honor.***

***Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.***

***Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.***

***Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."***

As a friend often said "Now that's a tall order." It certainly is, and we fail miserably at times in our efforts to model our lives after these words of Paul's. Yet these words give us the guidance, inspiration and encouragement to be faithful followers of Christ.

Pastor Barbara and I are committed to make these words a part of our daily personal devotions this month. We encourage you also to read them daily, pray with them in mind and then be open to the spirit's leadings.

Pastor Bob, Stewardship

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER SUNDAYS

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday October 4	Sunday October 11	Sunday October 18	Sunday October 25
Assisting Minister	Gail Jacobsen	Paul Brynildson	Healing Service 10:00 a.m. Paula Holman	Penny Schwid
Reader	8:30 John Schneble 11:00 Jena Sebesta	8:30 Norma Fogle 11:00 Bob Foley	10:00 a.m. Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Mary Anderson 11:00 Tammy Arvelo
Communion Server	8:30 Hannah McLean 11:00 Jena Sebesta Arvelo	8:30 Norma Fogle & Steve Oakland 11:00 Paul Brynildson	10:00 a.m. Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Tammy Arvelo
Acolyte	8:30 Hannah McLean 11:00 Jena Sebesta Arvelo	Paul Brynildson	Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Tammy Sebesta Arvelo
Sacristy	8:30 Frank & Nancy Schultz 11:00 Jena & Tammy Sebesta Arvelo	8:30 Judy Pinger Doris Sorvick 11:00 Bill Wood	Jane Bosman-Clark	8:30 Bev O'Connell, Karen Schneble 11:00 Tammy & Jena Sebesta Arvelo
Gift Bearer families 8:30	James	McLean	Cason	Westcott
Sound Room	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble

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## October Birthdays



Schruba, Dolores	10/01
Miklautsch, Susan	10/02
Johnson, Laty	10/03
Howard, Virginia	10/04
Lee, Janet	10/04
Cason, Jeanette	10/05
Lukach, Lolita	10/06
Dehner, Patricia	10/08
Schneble, John	10/09
Ingvaldstad, David	10/10
Cason, Rosemary	10/11
Grundman, Marge	10/11
Waters, Olivian	10/11
Cáceres, Sol Victor	10/12
Menting, Carol	10/12
Givens, Meta	10/14
Roby-Brown, Peyton	10/14
Fogle, Norma	10/15

Shaver, Helen	10/15
Walker, Valeria	10/15
Young, Claudia	10/15
Gutowski, Dolores	10/17
Baver, Jeannine	10/19
Schirmer, Phyllis	10/19
Pinger, Tom	10/20
Trongard, Kevin	10/20
Trongard, Laura	10/20
Giese, Anna	10/21
Getman, Beth	10/24
Onopa, Tiffany	10/24
Christianson, Gary	10/27
Cáceres, Mila	10/27
Sandvig, Micah	10/27
Baumgartner, Jr, Frank	10/31

*Happy  
Birthday  
to you!  
May God  
bless you!*

### ***YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...***

Doris Zimmerman  
Pat Kellogg  
Mary Taylor  
John Howard



Jenny Jacobsen will appreciate your cards and letters as she begins her time at Fort Lee.

Pfc Jacobsen, Jennifer  
A Co. 244th QM  
BLDG 3101 Class 138  
FT. Lee, VA 23801

### **Missionary Support Appeal - a reminder**

Bud Waarvik's grand-daughter (and Dave and Diane Dutcher's daughter), Dana Dutcher, is serving as a missionary in Japan.

The Our Savior's Women would like you to join them in the "Hand in Hand" ELCA Missionary Sponsorship program to raise \$2000 for her support.

There is an envelope in your offering box for October 11 marked OSLCW Thank Offering for Missions. Please fill it and be generous! Thank you!

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**Articles due by  
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