

The Parish Press

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MAY / JUNE 2024

From our Council President

Greetings to All,

This month your council has been working on the BULC By-Laws and Constitution. A special meeting has been set up for Tuesday, May 21st at 9:00 to meet with our Synod representative Marsha Roscoe. BULC Council will also have a meeting with Jerusalem regarding a shared called pastor.

Next month we will be presenting to you a suggestion box for ways to increase revenue.

This month's Council Meeting will take place, Monday, May 20th

Blessings, Tom Hocking

May's Mission Collections is City Gate

BULC will be sponsoring a meal to feed the less fortunate, Saturday May 25, Ephrata. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the meal costs, please place in tin on narthex counter.

Their needs are:

- soft granola/cereal bars
- Little Debbie type snacks
- Packs of crackers and any snack type items that are individually packaged
- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Financial gifts to help with rent, electricity, internet

Please place your donations in bins to left of nursery door.

Thank you

From the Interim Pastor's Desk:

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Act 2: 41-42.

May 19th is Pentecost Sunday! Pentecost is the Greek word for 50th, and for the church, this day celebrates what happened on the 50th day after the resurrection. What happened? Well, in Acts chapter 2, Luke tells us that the disciples were gathered, still in Jerusalem, and a strong wind blew, and flames descended from the sky and rested up on the disciples. When they spoke, people from different lands and languages understood them (15 people groups are mentioned). This diverse group of Jewish people were in Jerusalem because of the spring festival of Shavout.

Luke says everyone was amazed and wondered what was happening, and Peter stood up and quoted from the Hebrew Book of Joel, *"God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."* (Acts 2: 17-18) Peter went on to describe what had recently happened in Jerusalem and proclaimed, *"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."* Many people asked what should they do, and Peter told them to *"repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins,"* promising that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Luke goes on to say that about 3,000 people did so. You can read the whole story in five minutes if you turn to Acts chapter 2.

Pentecost marks what many consider the "birthday" of the church. This is the beginning of an era when the Holy Spirit will inspire people and aid them in proclaiming the resurrection and forgiveness of sin made possible through Jesus. Though we believe that the Holy Spirit can come to people in various ways, it is on this day, that the gift of the Holy Spirit is, in Scriptures, tied to Baptism, and baptism becomes the entrance rite for those who become part of the universal Church. In baptism, you have been made part of the Church. You are now part of a community that manifests itself universally and specifically but always corporately. In baptism you are made part of a body of believers, the Body of Christ. Luke calls it a community of witnesses who witness to the resurrection, the hope of new life, and forgiveness. For Luke, to be a Christian is to be part of a community, a congregation if you will. For Luke, the baptized *"devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."* Luke would completely reject the idea of being spiritual but not religious, the idea that one doesn't need to belong to a community to believe, and the idea that our belonging to community is secondary to what we do personally to be a good person. For Luke our participation in God's mission has its start and its power in the community of witnesses. My hope is that you recognize that in baptism you have been embraced by a loving God who will be with you to the end of your days and will seek you out, like a Good Shepherd, when you fall away from your relationship with God and stray from the flock. I also hope that you will recognize that God has placed you in a community, and your participation in a congregation is essential to Christian life. Each of you, who are baptized, are in possession of gifts that can be used by God in God's mission to a world in need, a mission in which forgiveness – the key to healing and reconciliation - is fundamental. Each of you, as apostles, make church happen.

Bless the church as we give Thanksgiving for Baptism through the Easter Season. And on Pentecost, May 19, wish Happy Birthday to the church, a community of witnesses that you are a part of. Pastor Dietrich.



Pentecost Sunday is May 19, 50 days after Easter.
Help us adorn our church sanctuary with red geraniums! .
\$7.00 each. See order form on narthex counter. Deadline to order is
May 12th. Wear red on the 19th to help celebrated!!

Sign up for an off-site Fellowship Luncheon at Scooters in Lititz , May
19th at 12:15. See sign up sheet in narthex for both luncheon and
flowers! Any questions, see June or Ida.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee typically meeting the second Monday of the month.

Committee Members include: Dean Kissinger, Terry Ober, June Kupstas, Don Bemederfer. Ken Weaver Pam C
The volunteer counters are: John Hostetter, Dean Kissinger, Terry Ober, Bill Shanfelder.

At the March meeting the committee voted to make the congregation more aware of the current financial status by posting income and expenses per quarter in the Newsletter. We appreciate your contributions. Typically, in January we pay for annual contracts for the year. We are expecting an increase in our annual insurance premium at the end of May. As always, all monthly financial reports can be found in the black binder outside the office.

First quarter 2024

Income	Expenses	Difference
\$29,092.74	\$33,337.96	-\$4,245.23

Property Committee

The Property Committee met May 9. The committee continues to work off the Pending Work List.

This spring the second story window framing will be worked on.

The committee meets the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting May 13th

Committee Members: Rodney May, Andy Miller, Doug Miller, Terry Ober, Gloria Hostetter, Gordon Shelly, Steve Heidlauf and Pam Cramer

Music & Worship Committee

The Music & Worship Committee met April 18 and May 9.

The sanctuary will be celebrated in red for Pentecost

Committee Members include: Jeannie Aungst, Carol Denlinger, Freda Fasnacht, Jackie Fetter, Betty Stromsky, Nancy Mauer



For HEALING, COMFORT and HOPE, we pray for

Ronnie Denlinger, Millie Seace, Theresa Weik, Katherine Styer, Earl Shirk, Barry Shelly, Ed McCurdy,
Fred Oerther, Linda Miller, Garrett Shanfelder, Pauline Strohm

CONSTANT in our PRAYERS, we pray for:

Be with the families affected by gun violence, storms, floods, and death. Pray for our first responders, teachers and military personnel. Those alone or unable to be with family and loved ones.

Our neighbors dedicated to helping others:

City Gate, Lititz Warwick Community Chest, Ephrata Area Social Services, Align Pregnancy Center

Readings:

<u>May 12</u>	<u>7th Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Day of Pentecost</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>The Holy Trinity</u>
Acts	1:15-17, 21-26	Acts	2:1-21	Isaiah	6:1-8
Psalms	1	Psalms	104:24-34, 35b	Psalms	29
John	5:9-13	Romans	8:22-27	Romans	8:12-17
John	17:6-19	John 1	5:26-27, 16:4b-15	John	3:1-17

Morning Reflections ~ Privileges and Responsibilities :

“Membership has its privileges.” That’s the marketing slogan American Express copyrighted in 1980, the beginning of what became a “what’s-in-it-for-me” American decade.

As one would-be church member asked me while I was planting a Presbyterian congregation during that time, “What do I get if I join?” The first time I replied to that question I was surprised by the sheer dullness of what I said. Presbyterian church members are empowered to vote at called meetings of the congregation and are eligible for election and ordination as elders and deacons.

Aside from a few esoteric privileges of jurisprudence, that’s about it. The pastoral secret, of course, is that the traditional “gains” of membership chiefly belong to the church. Now we get to count you in our annual report, your name has been added to our stewardship campaign files, we have license to canvass you to teach Sunday School, and from now on you can’t slip away from church involvement without serious pangs of guilt. But the real issue has never been about privileges.

It’s always been about responsibilities. Years ago, as I said my goodbyes to those attending a particular New Members class – the very meeting in which I sought to “close the deal” in bringing new people aboard – I noticed that two young couples had stayed behind. They were talking intently to one another. Neither of these couples had ever belonged to a congregation. They looked worried. “Can I answer any questions for you?” I asked. “Well,” they stammered, “we’re not quite sure we’re ready to make such a huge commitment.” “What’s troubling you, exactly?” I replied. “There’s attendance, for one thing,” said one of the husbands. “I’m not sure we can be here every Sunday of every year.” It was one of the most purely idealistic statements I had ever heard.

In truth, perfect attendance is not an indicator of spiritual maturity, nor is it particularly easy to pull off in the modern world. Nevertheless, they were wrestling with it. And I managed to spoil the moment. “Oh, don’t worry about that!” I assured them. I watched the anxiety flee from their faces as I described what amounted to the least common denominator of church involvement – the kind of behavior in God’s people to which I had accommodated myself years earlier. They smiled. They joined the church. They attended only occasionally. I wish I could have a second shot at that conversation. I wish I had been wise enough to honor the genuine tension of that moment and their sincere contemplation of actively engaging themselves in the work of the Lord. It occurred to me about that time that the local Rotary Club, to which I belonged, was asking me to make a greater commitment of involvement – and promising swift retribution if I fell short – than I had ever dreamed of demanding of church members. And I was the leader of the community pledged to transform history. It’s not about the privileges – “What’s in it for me, and what’s the least I can do to keep my membership card?” It’s all about the responsibilities – “What’s God’s call on my life, and how can I give my very best to make the greatest difference in this broken world?”

And here’s the beautiful reality: People are far more motivated by the second question than the first one.

By Glenn McDonald, ordained minister and writes for Morning Reflections.
Article submitted by a member



Quilting Group

The quilting group typically meets on the first Monday of the month,

The next gatherings will be:

- Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30pm
- Monday, June 3rd at 9:00am
- Wednesday, June 26 at 5:30pm

All are welcome, even if you can't sew or quilt. Come join this wonderful time of stories and laughter all going for a great cause.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

WHEN: Saturday, June 1st

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
200 W. Orange Street, Lititz

All men are invited.

A continental breakfast will be served.

Any questions, please see Steve Kupstas.

There are two copiers for use in the building other than in the office:
Sunday School Room
Choir Room
Feel free to use for church related business.



WELCA SPRING 2024



The rains came, and the earth sprang forth!
Thank you to all who are assisting in maintaining the 3 island beds during summer months.
Volunteers are always welcome. Jackie

- May 13 9:00am chicken picking and soup for July picnic bring made.
- May 20 10:00am Women of the Bible study of Miriam and Hannah. Read 1 Samuel 1:1-2:21 and Exodus 2:1-10, 15:20-21, Numbers 12:1-16, 20:1. Anyone who would like to stay after the study, is welcome to help go through donated bazaar items from shed.
- May 22 9:00 am leave BULC for Longwood gardens. Please sign up by May 19. Wear comfortable shoes. We will stop for lunch on the way home. For more information talk with Jackie.
- May 25 10:00 am arrive at City Gate to prepare lunch for 200. Sign up as 4-5 people are needed
- May 29 6:30pm Evening Salad & Sew
- June 3 9:00 am Quilting for LWR
- June 19 10:00am Woman's Bible Study at Pleasant View on the Terrace Garden Gazebo with lunch to follow at Hearth & Harrow .
- June 26 5:30pm Evening Salad & Sew

~ Jackie Fetter

Church Picnic with Jerusalem

will take place on

Sunday, June 2, 2024

starting at 10:00am at Jerusalem, Rothsville

The Heidelberg Brass Band will lead

the congregation with the Polka Mass in the sanctuary

followed by a picnic lunch in the social hall.

Hot dogs, barbeque, baked beans and drink will be provided.

Please use the following guideline for attendance.

Members with last names starting with **A-M**, bring a **salad**.

Members with last names starting with **N-Z**, bring a **dessert**.

Each **family to bring your own place settings**.

Games will be played including Bingo.

If you wish to play Bingo, bring a white elephant gift.

Invite your family, neighbors, and friends!



Picnic Committee Meeting for our Annual July Picnic will be Monday, June 10th at 6:30pm. All who have an interest in the success of the picnic are welcome to join!

BULC's Annual Community Picnic

Mark your calendars! Saturday, July 6, We will be preparing for our annual long-standing community picnic in our picnic grove.

opportunities to help

- ⇒ Monday, May 13 at 9 am
We will be making some chicken corn soup and freezing it. We will need help in shifts from 9 am through likely 1 pm.
- ⇒ Monday, June 10th, 6:30pm committee meeting, all are welcome.
- ⇒ Friday, July 5, 8:00am Clean grove and pavilion for picnic
- ⇒ Saturday, July 6, we also ask for volunteers in shifts, so you are not committed to the entire afternoon/evening.
- ⇒ Watch for sign up sheets on the narthex counter. Anyone who is interested in joining the planning committee or helping please contact either June Kupstas at 717-468-6849 or Jackie Fetter at 717-821-2616.

.TURKEY POT PIE SALE

Friday, May 17 9:00am
Help prep, rolling dough and peel potatoes. Bring your own rolling pin

Saturday, May 18 8:00am prepare potpie

Saturday, May 18 2:00-4:00pm (or until sold out) POT PIE SALE \$8.00 quart.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Comm



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser benefitting the
Lutheran Camping Corporation &
The Penryn Food Pantry

Saturday, May 18 @ 4:00 PM
ST. PAUL PENRYN 1258 NEWPORT ROAD PENRYN

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE PER TEAM
Food truck & Beer. Dogs welcome
TO REGISTER CALL 717.665.6093
OR EMAIL
STPAULPEN@GMAIL.COM



**Invitation from Zion Lutheran Church
to celebrate
Pastor Matt's Doctorate Degree
Sunday, May 26
435 Main St Akron**

Shhhh! This is a surprise for Pastor Matt! He graduates May 18 and we want to acknowledge that big achievement. We plan to celebrate together with cake and fellowship right after church on the 26th!

You're welcome to bring written cards to honor Pastor Matt's hard work during this season.

We plan to give Pastor Matt a gift card from the congregation. If you would like to share a monetary gift with him we ask you to contribute to this gift card. You can send money to the church office by May 19 and we will combine all contributions onto the card. Please remember to note it in the memo line.

If you have questions, please email the church office,
zionakronpa@gmail.com,

Thursday, May 2, is the annual National Day of Prayer. The church was opened and maned by volunteers from noon until 8:00pm. Thank you for all those who stopped in and those who volunteered.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
First Thursday of May
 WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG



Dear BULC Family,

Just a note to thank you for your cards and good wishes on my special Easter/birthday. I had a wonderful day. I so appreciate my "church family"!

God bless you,
 Marlene Samuelson



Thank you to the Brickerville United Lutheran **Church Choir** for their Ministry of Music throughout Lent, Holy Week and the Easter season. Many hours of rehearsal by the choir in preparation of their ministry is a gift from God! 'When in our music GOD is glorified, adoration leave no room for pride'
 Thank you Pam for your part in the Ministry as well!

Nancy M.



MISSION SUPPORT

2023



THANK YOU

To the members of
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Lititz, Pennsylvania

from the

Lower Susquehanna Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
 In grateful appreciation for giving

\$3,393.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Exceeding Your Mission Support Plan

Thank you everyone for the cards, cookies, pumpkin bread, flowers and notes of appreciation you gave me for Administrative Assistants Day.

Also, thank you for the cards and words of encouragement during the last couple of weeks, both for the passing of my good friend and sister-in-law, and for my son's wedding.

Love, Pam

Let us never forget.....
Monday, May 27th



Hello Friends,

LutherCare is celebrating 75 of providing support within the communities of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties all throughout 2024. A unique event is happening on May 24th which I invited you to share as you see fit. Our Philanthropy team is calling it a Benevolent Care blast! It is a Clay Classic that will take place at Central Penn Sporting Clays. Please see the attached brochure. All proceeds from the event will go to the benevolent care fund to provide on-going care and support for our residents who, for no fault of their own, have exhausted their resources and can no longer pay for their care. Again, I invite you to share this unique opportunity in whatever ways you see fit.

Thanks for your partnership in this ministry.
Peace be with you!
Glenn



Brickerville Fire Company Fundraiser
Chicken Dinner Take-out
May 11, 2024 10:30am-12:30



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 1st
Luther Acres
Strawberry Festival

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Mother's Day Tea

Join us Sunday,
May 12 during
fellowship hour for a
cup of tea and
dessert as we honor all
mothers,
grand-mothers,
great-grandmothers
and mothers to be.
Celebrate the
woman in your life.

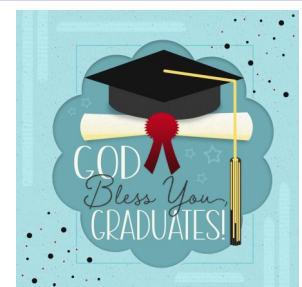




Ariel Young, great granddaughter of Ida Young & daughter of David & Haylay Young will be graduating from Ephrata High School in June. She has been accepted at the University of Maine. Her goal is to be a veterinarian. She is also hoping to get into their marching band. She plays the flute & piccolo. She was in Ephrata's marching band. Was also in concert band & district band.



Maddie Heidlauf, daughter of Steve & Krissie Heidlauf, and granddaughter to Jean & Carl Lorah, will be graduating on May 11, 2024 from Misericordia University with a Bachelors Degree in Medical Imaging. She will be continuing her education at West Virginal University Medical Center for her certification in Radiation Therapy. She will start her continuing education at WVU Medical Center starting in July 2024.





Carl Ober
Gardens at Stevens
Personal Care #111
400 Lancaster Avenue
Stevens, PA 17578
717.733.3595
Birthday: September 23rd

Kathryn Styer
The Groves Assisted Living
103 West Main Street
Ephrata, PA 17522
610.401.7991
Birthday: January 17th

Ed McCurdy
Gardens at Stevens
Skilled Nursing Unit
400 Lancaster Avenue
Stevens, PA 17578
Birthday: August 14th
Birthday: January 17th

Fred Oerther
325 East 2nd Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.5072
Birthday: May 22nd

Shirley Rettew
Pleasant View Ret.
168 Terrace Garden
544 North Penryn Rd
Manheim, PA 17545
717.742.7674
Birthday: Sept 12th

Letitia Young
Pleasant View Retirement
145 Terrace Garden
544 North Penryn Road
Manheim, PA 17545
717.283.8315
Birthday: February 9th

June 7	Stacy Eshleman
June 11	Katie Styer
June 11	Tom Hocking
June 12	Paul Fetter
June 15	Rodney May
June 15	Bob Peters
June 16	Shirley McGarvey
June 18	Sada-Jean Aungst
June 28	Jean Styer



May 14	Steve & June Kupstas
May 18	John & Pam Cramer
May 21	John & Gloria Hostetter
May 23	Don & Fran Bensinger
May 26	Bob & Phyllis Peters



May 7	Drew Thomas
May 12	Frances Bensinger
May 14	Deb Ober
May 16	Freda Fasnacht
May 17	James Eckman
May 19	Theresa Weik
May 22	Carl Lorah
May 22	Fred Oerther
May 25	Bill Young, Jr.
May 26	Timothy Styer
May 26	Lindy Ober
May 28	Barry Ober
May 30	Addison Styer
May 30	Krista Heidlauf



June 4	Ronald & Stacy Eshleman
June 9	Dennis & Deb Ober
June 15	Ken & Marilyn Weaver
June 26	Paul & Jackie Fetter

JUNE Worship Assistants

	June 2 Polka Mass at Jerusalem 10:00am	June 9 Worship 8:45am	June 16 Worship 8:45am	June 23 Worship 8:45am	June 30 Worship 8:45am
Pastor	n/a	Pr. Dietrich	Pr. Dietrich	Pr. Dietrich	Pr. Dietrich
Organist	n/a	Nancy M	Nancy M	Nancy M	Nancy M
Greeters	n/a	Dean K		Jean L	
Ushers	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lay Reader	n/a	Ida Y			
Acolyte Bell	n/a	Dean K			Dean K
Comm Assts (2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Counters	n/a	Dean K	n/a	n/a	Terry O

We still are in need of Worship & Communion Assistants. Please sign-up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board if you can help. Thank you!



May Bulletin Sponsors:
Sandy Schaeffer
Freda Fasnacht

May Newsletter Sponsor:
Ida Young

Parents, Grandparents and Great -grandparents. If you have any exciting news or upcoming graduates in your family, please let the office know for the Summer Newsletter!

June Bulletin Sponsors:
Eileen Lieberman
Theresa King

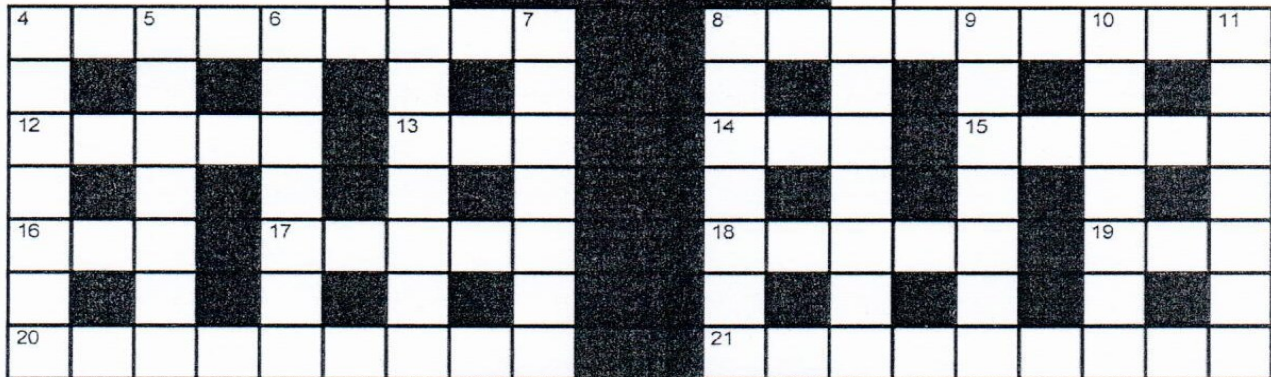
June Newsletter Sponsors:
Bill & Marilyn Shanfelder

Thank you

Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1** Donkey (3)
- 2** Jesus' Father (3)
- 4** One of the twelve (9)

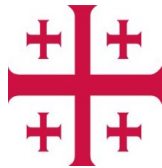


Down

- 1** One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3** 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)

- 8** Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12** One of David's warriors (5)
- 13** First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14** New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15** Wish harm upon (5)
- 16** Hole in the ground (3)
- 17** Adversary (5)
- 18** Savour (5)
- 19** First woman (3)
- 20** Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21** Family of priests (9)
- 22** Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23** Hates (8)
- 26** Assurances (8)
- 30** Endured pain (8)
- 31** Return from the dead (4)
- 32** Intercessor (8)
- 35** Decorating (8)
- 39** Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40** The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42** A wise insect (3)
- 44** Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45** Make bigger (8)

- 4** Tread down (7)
- 5** Father of Jonah (7)
- 6** Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7** Defensive structures (11)
- 8** Refuges (11)
- 9** Dirty (7)
- 10** Devout (7)
- 11** Pieces of money (7)
- 24** Used to listen (3)
- 25** Used to see (3)
- 26** Positions (5)
- 27** Made available (7)
- 28** Snake (7)
- 29** Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33** Finish (3)
- 34** Possess (3)
- 35** King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36** Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37** Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38** Present (4)
- 41** Unfasten (4)
- 43** Fish traps (4)

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