

GOOD NEWS



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast 100.1 FM

Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Youth & Family – Nicholas Requejo

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;

*As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

Plant Your Garden

Spring is just around the corner and for those who like to scratch in the soil, there is that desire to get busy and plant the garden early, especially here in south Texas. I'm sure the farmers are ready to get out and plant, too, as soon as the weather cooperates. As you decide on what you want to plant take into consideration the suggestions in the poem, Garden Variety that some unknown author wrote:

* First plant five rows of Peas:

- Prayer,
- Perseverance,
- Politeness,
- Promptness, and
- Purity

* Next plant three rows of Lettuce:

- Let us be thankful,
- Let us be faithful to duty
- Let us be unselfish,
- Let us follow Christ,
- Let us love one another.



* No garden is complete without Turnips:

- Turn up for worship,
- Turn up with a smile,
- Turn up with new ideas,

“Do you have anything with moral fiber?”

Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Water your garden abundantly with love and allow God's spirit to bring it to fruition. God will certainly bless such planting, nurturing, and harvesting.

Peace,
Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad



Grace and Peace be with you St. Paul Lutheran,

As we say goodbye to the winter season we welcome the warmth of the sun with a smile on our face. Hello friend, it has been forever since I have last seen you. As a runner, this time of

year is perfect for me. I can run every evening without having to check the temperature. I hate the cold, even more, I hate running in the cold. Running in the spring though, it just feels right. For me, this is a time to come back to a hobby I enjoy and get the most excitement from it. I tell you this because spring is also a time in our church season where we prepare ourselves for the forty days of lent. This is the time in which Jesus shows just how much he loves us. As Jesus is teaching his disciples he is telling them over and over that he will soon depart, but, do not fear because he will be back.

In 2020, we look back at the past, but we look to the hope of our future. Jesus has already died for your sins, but, more importantly, he rose from the dead. Just like our master, we Christians will die and Jesus will raise us from the dead to be with him in the new heaven and new earth. The sole purpose of sacrifice was the reason

for Jesus being born. As we move into the season of Lent think about how these last forty days of his life. This is how God shows His love for us, His creation. Jesus knows he has to be the sacrificial lamb to carry the curse of sin that plagues our world. Abraham could not do it. Moses could not do it. Joshua could not do it. King David could not do it. King Solomon could not do it. All of these men whom God chose to be leaders for the Israelites could not carry the burden of our sin. Jesus was sent. Jesus accomplished his mission. Thus, you and I are rescued. What should our response be?

To take from the book of Matthew, we should therefore now go into the world and be ready to tell people about the love of God. The Holy Spirit inside of us will bring the words we need to plant the seeds of faith, which will prayerfully be harvested at a later date. However, what should we do in our day to day life? During the season of lent be very intentional to take a moment from your day and celebrate. Let us celebrate the fact that we are no longer slaves to sin. Let us celebrate the fact we have a secured spot in the mansion Jesus builds for us.

The best way to get to know God is to talk with Him or have Him talk with you. The perfect meeting ground is wherever you are with a bible. If you're like me, and don't like reading, a quick google search for an audio bible will lead you to several options. I encourage everyone, adult and youth, to be in the word during the Lenten season. If you do not know where to start, the book of Mark is a perfect choice to begin. From there you can go to the book of Acts or Hebrews, and if you want to know what happens when Jesus comes back, the book of Revelation is a great way to end this Easter season.

Peace be with you,
Nicholas Requejo



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 4, 2020

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Clem Waskow, president. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Clem Waskow, Linda Peyton, Nicholas Requejo, Calvin Bruns, Cathy Moritz, Victor Riske Judy Taylor, Martha Geffert, Linda Hurta, Jay Heil, and Kristin Schustereit.
- 2) **DEVOTION** The devotion was given by Pastor Tim.
- 3) **MINUTES** The minutes from January 14, 2020, were approved as printed with no corrections.
- 4) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Treasurer** – The balance in the General Fund as of January 31, 2020, was \$222,577.91. The balance in the Building Fund was \$38,729.25. Calvin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jay seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. **Stewardship** – Final preparations for the annual barbeque are underway. We are asking for more parents

to volunteer with their children that are helping. We need as much adult help as we can get. It was suggested to give the Community Hall a larger contribution for use of the barbeque pits.

- c. **Youth** – Linda Peyton discussed timing of the Christmas program. Pastor stated there would not be a problem with having it on a Communion Sunday. Nicholas will be combining junior high and high school students to speak to them about dating for three Sundays. Janet Lambert would like to help on the committee. They would like more student involvement in planning the Easter breakfast and skits. They would also like Nicholas to have more of a supervisor role rather than serving in the line at the BBQ. Kids will go to camp the last week of July (7/26-7/31).
- d. **Worship** – Jay Heil reported they have not heard back from other pastors concerning Lent rotation. Pastor Tim will send another email.
- e. **Social Concerns** – Judy Taylor reported they assisted two families with electricity. They also gave \$870.00 to Cowboy Claus, which reached 111 children in 38 families.
- f. **Property** – Pastor Tim spoke on behalf of Michael Melanson. They are looking in to replacing the stove in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor and Ray gave Michael a walk-through of the physical property. During the walk-through, they discovered Parsonage 2 had been broken into. It appears the only thing stolen was the TV. The automatic door to the Educational Building is now working.
- g. **Parish Education** – Linda Hurta reported Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26.

- h. **CEM** – No report.
- i. **Evangelism/Outreach** – No report.
- j. **Christian Life** – Cathy reported they had about 50 people in attendance at Bunco. The committee will be helping with the BBQ. They are looking at having a Mother's Day dinner. New events will be posted in the newsletter.
- k. **Cemetery** – Victor stated he sold one space this past month.
- l. **Nicholas** – Activities include learning about the biblical view of money with high school students. They have selected Easter Skit. Nicholas has conducted one children's message during church and attended sports events in which students participated. Future plans include the BBQ fundraiser, winter lock-in (or alternate activity), and homeless kits rollout).
- m. **Pastor** – Professional activities during January 2020 included:
4 worship services, 3 hospital visits, 10 home visits, 5 educational events, 8 church meetings and events, 2 weeks of 2019 vacation.

5) **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Replace stove in kitchen** – Research needs to be done. Cathy stated the Christian Life committee is looking into places to research. Discussion was held concerning pilot lights, safety issues, and cost. Michael has been researching as well. Our current stove is 12-13 years old. Auto ignition seems to be safer and more energy efficient.
- b. **Repair stained glass windows** – We have received two updated bids on repair to all stained glass windows in the church. We will get a second quote to compare. We are

waiting on second quote to move ahead. Replacing windows in the annex area was voted against in annual meeting.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Election for Council Vice President** – Jay Heil volunteered to fill the position. Linda Hurta made a motion to accept Jay Heil as the vice president. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. **Council member information packet** – Information included contact information and prayer list for council.
 - c. **Review church directory** – Directory was received.
 - d. **Review bank signers** - Calvin expressed Manroy no longer wishes to be a bank signer. Paperwork will have to be completed at the bank. Linda Hurta made a motion for Bill Klaevemann, Dorothy Mayfield, Calvin Bruns, Judy Taylor, Katie Serrano, and Pam Weise to be bank signers. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - e. **Discuss future council meeting dates** – Meetings will be held at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month.
- 7) **CLOSING** Jay Heil made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Moritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

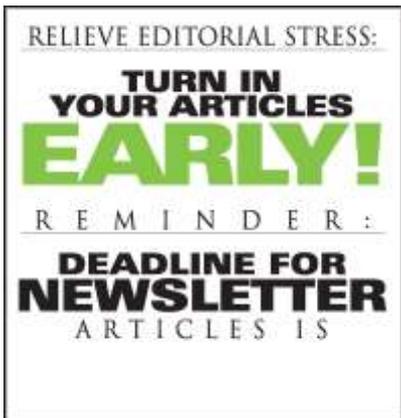
Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Schustereit

2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – Clemens Waskow – 275-4095
 SECRETARY – Kristin Schustereit – 649-0946
 PARISH ED – Linda Hurta – 491-1928
 STEWARDSHIP – Calvin Bruns – 550-3283
 WORSHIP – Jay Heil – 564-3780
 CHRISTIAN LIFE – Cathy Moritz – 830-305-8628
 PROPERTY – Michael Melanson – 491-1973
 SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894
 YOUTH – Linda Peyton – 935-0029
 EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Martha Geffert - 648-0168

Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2020	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2020
Beginning Balance	88,345.51	Beginning Balance	46,581.29
Income	107,739.08	Income	6,144.26
Expenses	<u>(80,380.49)</u>	Expenses	<u>(17,967.55)</u>
Ending Balance	115,704.10	Ending Balance	34,758.00
Investment	128,053.62		
TOTAL	243,757.72		
			Totals as of 2/18/2020



Newsletter deadline is Friday, March 20, 2020. Make sure you get your articles in!

Welcome Crocheters and Knitters!



Cradle Workshop is looking for crocheters and knitters to join us March 10, 2020 at 1:30pm in the Education Building Lounge. We are making baby blankets for our Baptisms and The Gabriel Project. Bring you hooks or knitting needles. We supply the yarn, teachers, lessons and Fellowship.

Our Baptism blankets are 36" x 42" or 42" square. The Gabriel Project blankets can be the same size. Any baby color or pattern can be used, as long as it suits a baby. Baptism blankets are white.

Contact Janet Lambrecht at 564-4148 for any information.

Come join this wonderfully satisfying project, knowing you are working for the grace of God.



Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

Thank you and Thank you and THANK YOU!

To all members of St. Paul who participated in the 20th annual Bar-B-Que and Bake Sale.

Approximately 110 members participated in the process of selling tickets, Salt and Pepper the Chickens, barbequing, cooking beans, preparing baked goods, assisting in the kitchen, preparing plates, and delivering them to waiting customers.

The cost of Chickens and Potato Salad increased considerably over last year; however, because of some very generous contributions given we were able to support five local organizations in the Yorktown community.

Special thanks to HEB for their assistance in procuring items for the barbeque and Lowe's Market for use of their shopping carts.

New volunteers are always needed so if you would like to participate in next year's annual fund raiser please contact any of the event chair persons or the church office.

Calvin Bruns—Stewardship Chairman

20th ANNUAL BBQ -February 9, 2020

RECEIPTS:

Ticket Sales	\$11,980.00
Bake Sale	\$1,009.76
Donations	\$1,215.00
	<u>\$14,204.76</u>

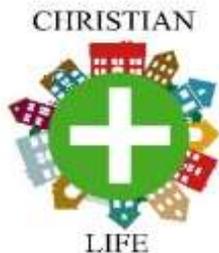
EXPENSES:

Chickens	\$0.00
Community Hall	-\$100.00
Supplies	-\$995.34
Potatoe Salad	\$0.00

Income less Expenses **\$13,109.42**

Less Gift to:

Yorktown Volunteer Fire De	\$2,621.88
YAM	\$2,621.88
Yorktown EMS	\$2,621.88
The Learning Garden	\$2,621.89
Keep Yorktown Beautiful	\$2,621.89
	<u><u>\$13,109.42</u></u>



Christian Life asks that you save the following dates:

- On Shrove Tuesday (February 25th), we will be serving a Pancake & Sausage supper from 5-6:30pm.
- St. Paul will host the Lenten meal on March 18th. Watch for the sign-up sheet to bring Sandwiches & Soup.
- A 5th Sunday Potluck will be held after Sunday school on March 29th. Bring your best dishes!
- On May 10th we will be hosting a Mother's Day luncheon. Come out for this very special event to honor all of the wonderful mothers in our congregation!

Baptized into the Faith

*Cohen Michael Kirchoff
child of
Dustin Kirchoff & Kelsey
Hilbrich
was baptized on
February 9, 2020.*





2020 Lenten Schedule

This year on the five Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week we will once again be participating in a rotational with several other churches in Yorktown. This gives us an opportunity to meet and visit with other Christians in our community and to experience worship in new settings as we contemplate the cross and resurrection. The schedule for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter weekend is as follows:

- February 25 **Shrove Tuesday** – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms
- February 26 **Ash Wednesday** Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM in Chapel & 7:00 PM in Sanctuary
- March 4 10:00 AM in Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at **Holy Cross Catholic Church**
- March 11 10:00 AM in Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at **Yorktown United Methodist**
- March 18 10:00 AM in Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
- March 25 10:00 AM in Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at **San Luis Catholic Church**
- April 1 10:00 AM in Chapel; 6:00 p.m. Meal & 7:00 p.m. Worship at **First Presbyterian Church**
- April 5 **Palm/Passion Sunday** with Holy Communion (regular weekend schedule)
- April 9 **Maundy Thursday** – 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of Altar
- April 10 **Good Friday** – Worship 10:00 AM in Chapel & 7:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- April 11 **Easter Egg Hunt** 10:30 a.m.
(No Saturday Evening Worship)
- April 12 **Easter** – 7:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Breakfast prepared by the Youth
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
- April 19 **Cemetery Decoration Service** - 10:30 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery – No Sunday School



Sunday, February 16, 2020 we celebrated with 11 of our young people as they received their First Communion. These young people are:

*Molly Gaus, Wade Dueser Jr.,
Braxton Lassman, Colt Lassman,
Paige Rippamonti, Piper Peyton,
Ellie Bargmann, Emiree Damian,
Paige Cortez, Aadin, Koopmann,
and Ellyn Warwas.*

May God bless them as they continue to share in this Holy Meal.

A Lenten history lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning “March”) and *lencten* (meaning “spring”).

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and “the Lenten fast” to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus’ time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren’t counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they’re considered “mini-Easters.”



On **Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020** the Sunday school children are asked to participate in the Palm Sunday procession during the church service.

Please have your child/children meet in the basement by 8:50 a.m.

Saturday, April 11th at 10:30 a.m. we will hold our annual Easter egg hunt. Children 2 years old through Grade 3 are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear the Easter story and participate in the egg hunt. Please bring a snack to share – cut up fruit or cookies. A drink will be provided. Please contact Linda Hurta at 564-2363 for additional information.

Sunday – April 12 --- Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Early Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Congratulations to David and Crystal Hurta on the birth of their son, Carson Ray Hurta. He was born on January 29, 2020. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Marley.





Children from Nursery through 5th grades will connect Worship with Sunday School using Spark lessons each week, based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

- 3/1 – The First Sin
- 3/8 – Abram’s Call
- 3/15 – Woman at the Well
- 3/22 – Pool of Siloam
- 3/29 - Lazarus

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Tuesday,
MARCH 3, 2020

Group	Time	Study Leader	Hostess
FAITH	9:00 a.m.	Doris Koehler	Judy Taylor
GRACE	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Janssen Mueller	Kathie Fehner
JOY	2:30 p.m.	Ann Adix	Meeting Room



What's happening at The Learning Garden!!

Valentine's Day Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser:

Thank you for all the support that was given for our 2nd Valentine Dinner and Silent Auction. We sold 61 tickets and did great with our silent auction. Guests enjoyed a Ribeye dinner catered by Shawn and Jackye Hoff that received many compliments. Thank you to those that donated items for our silent auction and bid on them. Also, thank you so kindly for those that gave donations. We are truly blessed by all the support our center receives from all of you. The proceeds from our event will be used to replace equipment, toys, etc. that need to be replaced. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the continued support that you give to The Learning Garden.

Enrollment: Current Enrollment for Spring 2020 ~ 69

Class	Currently Enrolled	Waitlist	Available Spots	Teachers
Infants	9	1	1	3 ~ Full Time (Samantha Daulley, Fay Syzdek, & Paige Nance)1 ~ Part Time (Melissa Coley)
Toddlers	10	0	1	3 ~ Full Time (Sarah Jozwiak, Leticia Pena, & Danielle Hernandez*)
Twos	12	1	3	3 ~ Full Time (Shawn Williams, Alicia Bertao, & Taylor Beckham)
Preschool (3 yr. old's)	13	0	2	1 ~ Full Time (Megan Valdez) 2 ~ Part Time (Megan Fielding & Alexis Longoria)
Prekindergarten (4 & 5 yr. old's)	16	0	0	1 ~ Full Time (Cassandra Slade) 2 ~ Part Time (Donna Baxter & Anne Spies)
After-School	9	0	1	(Danielle Hernandez*)

*Works in Toddlers as an Assistant Teacher & is the After-School Teacher

Staff:

Director: Tracie Fielding

Substitute: Janice Lipscomb & Courtney Andersen

Cook: Estela Sierra

Housekeeping: Elida Cruz

If you have any questions, or just want to come in to visit us let Tracie know. You are all welcome to come see what we do here at The Learning Garden.

Humans need connection.

We thrive on receiving — and giving — love, friendship, trust, acceptance. But what happens when we're disconnected from family, friends, community?

For many of us, isolation takes hold.



In memory of Lee Metting – Building

Sherry Metting

In memory of Catherine Bruns – CEM

Alvin & Mallie Stanchos

In memory of Catherine Bruns – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Constance Migura – Building

Ronald & Donna Matejek Helen Breed

In memory of Milton Ledwig – Building

Ronald & Donna Matejek Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Richard Rangnow – Building

Ronald & Donna Matejek

In memory of Joy Machost – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Johnny Naranjo – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Margaret Dix – Building

June Buchhorn

**Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of February 18, 2020.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 32

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



Sunday, March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 95

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42



Sunday, March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent



First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: Psalm 23

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: Psalm 130

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

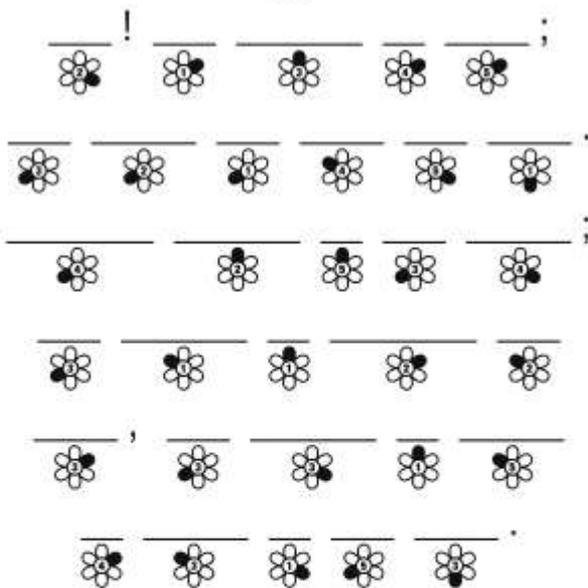
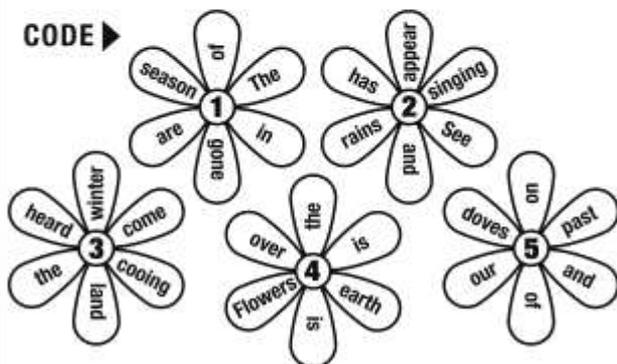
Gospel: John 11:1-45



Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ▶



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooling of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV



ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES!

HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE by having an Easter Lily placed in the Sanctuary during

Easter. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

I WOULD LIKE: (please check one)

EASTER LILY (cost is \$14.00 each) **OR**

Make a Donation to the Building Fund \$ _____

➤ In Honor of: _____

by: _____

➤ In Memory of: _____

by: _____

➤ To the Glory of God, by: _____

Please PRINT clearly.

Additional forms are available in the Annex and Narthex.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH**

*All Easter Lilies may be picked up after the 10:30 a.m.
Easter Service*



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