



John 3:16

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish but have eternal life.*

WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAYS

9:30AM

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Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

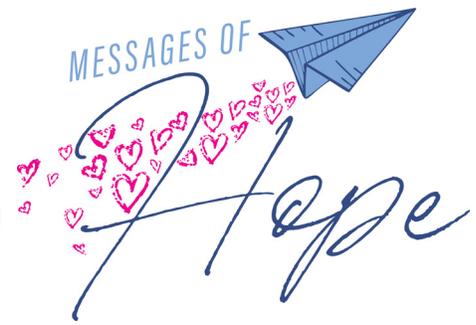
- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900



Answer: C



Pastor's Letter



I am honored to be able to lead worship at Christ Church in the first two Sundays of this month. In case you have not yet seen this end of 2021 poem by Amanda Gorman, our national Youth Poet Laureate, I offer this as a word of hope for our still new year. *John Helt*

May this be the day
We come together.

Mourning, we come to mend,
Withered, we come to weather,
Torn, we come to tend,
Battered, we come to better.

Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning

That though we weren't ready
for this,

We have been readied by it.

We steadily vow that
no matter

How we are weighed
down,

We must always pave a
way forward.

This hope is our door,
our portal.

Even if we never get back
to normal,

Someday we can venture
beyond it,

To leave the known and take the first

steps. So let us not return to what was

normal, But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.

What was plagued, we will prove pure.

Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,

Those fortunes we forswore,
now the future we foresee,

Where we weren't aware,
We're now awake;

Those moments we missed
Are now these moments we make,

The moments we meet,

And our hearts, once altogether beaten,

Now all together beat. Come, look

up with kindness yet,

For even solace can be sourced
from sorrow.

We remember, not just for
the sake of yesterday,

But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,

In a new day's lyric,

In our hearts, we hear it:

For auld lang syne,
my dear,

For auld lang syne.

Be bold, sang Time this year,

Be bold, sang Time,

For when you honor yesterday,

Tomorrow ye will find.

Know what we've fought

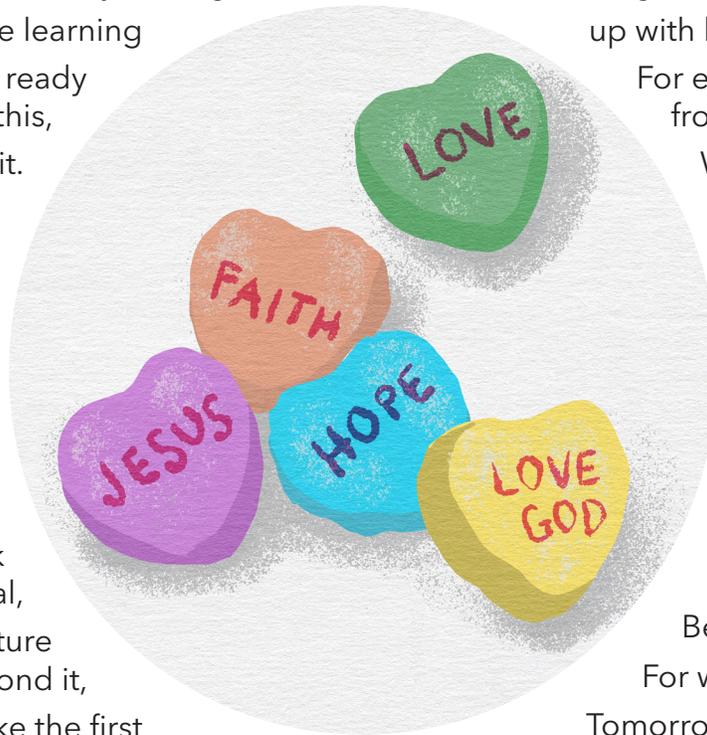
Need not be forgot nor for none.

It defines us, binds us as one,

Come over, join this day just begun.

For wherever we come together,

We will forever overcome.

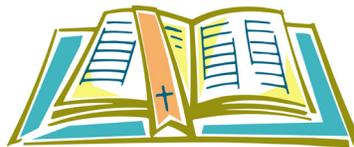




FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Quilters	Tuesday, February 8, 22	9:30-noon
Crocheting	Saturday, February 12, 26	10-noon
Council Meeting	Tuesday, February 15	7pm
Confirmation Classes	Sunday, February 6, 13, 20, 27	11am
Fermenting the Faith	Thursday, February 17	6:30pm
Share Our Suppers	Friday, February 4, 11, 18, 25	4:45pm
Membership Committee	Sunday, February 20	10:45am



Liturgists

Feb 6	Andy Oren
Feb 13	Doris Mayeshiba
Feb 20	Jill Unglaub
Feb 27	Randene Wick

Share Our Suppers Schedule



Feb 4	Jon Brodie and Andy Oren
Feb 11	Jon Brodie and The Wicks
Feb 18	Pam and Dean Kothrade
Feb 25	Sara Rogers and Glenn
March 4	Kim O'Brien and crew



Snow Removal Schedule

Jan 30-Feb 5	Dick Gaeth
Feb 6-12	Paul Mayeshiba
Feb 13-19	Chuck Terlinden
Feb 20-26	Brian O'Brien
Feb 27-Mar 5	Dean Kothrade



These people are responsible for snow removal each week of February 2022. If you would like to assist in shoveling, please contact the responsible person for that day or week. You will need an "M" key to access the snowblower located in the Alley Storage Room. If you are unable to shovel on your assigned day or have questions, please trade with another person or contact Dick Gaeth. *Thank you all for your help!*

(Phone numbers are listed on a sheet in the media towers which are located by the Lennox Street entrance and in the hallway behind the sanctuary.)

Notes from Pastor John Helt

John will lead us in worship on February 6th and 13th

Our services will explore the so-called “serenity prayer” on Feb. 6: “Grace and Wisdom to Accept” and Feb. 13: “Grace and Wisdom to Change.”

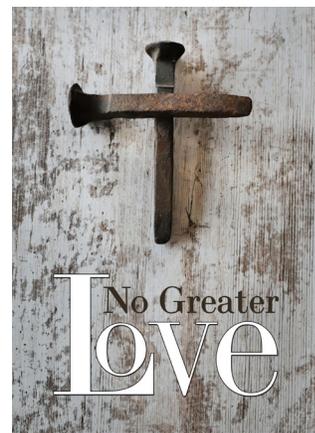
The popular version goes like this:

*God, give me the serenity to accept
what I cannot change,
courage to change what I can,
and wisdom to tell the difference.*

The original version, written in 1943 by theologian Reinold Niebuhr, goes like this:

*O God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
courage to change the things that should be changed,
and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.*

Notice that there is no “grace” in the one, and no “I” in the other!
Pastor John Helt



Confirmation Class Project

The confirmation class is coordinating the collection of nutritious snacks (75 bags will be assembled, which is sufficient for only one week) for youngsters housed at the Divine Intervention - Super 8 Homeless shelter (see additional article in this newsletter). We will collect items up to **March 6th**.

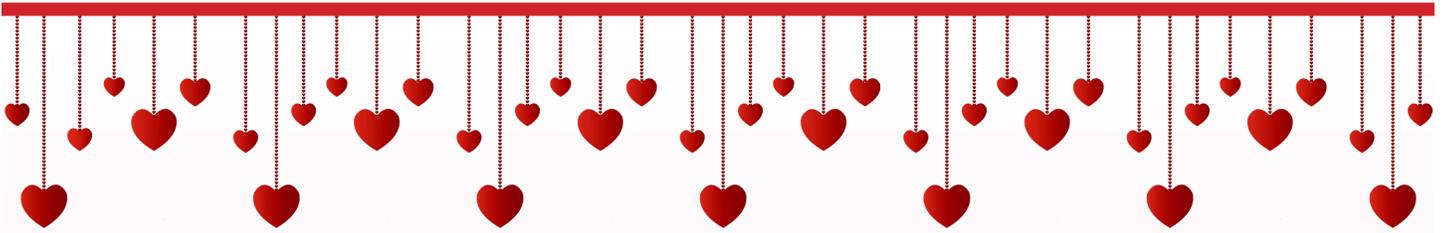
We are requesting that church members drop off the following in the basket outside of the church office:

- Juice boxes with 100% juice**
- Small bottles of water (8oz size please)**
- Nut-free breakfast or granola bars**
- Individually wrapped crackers (Goldfish, Cheez-Its, etc.)**
- Fruit snacks or packaged cups of fruit/applesauce**



On **March 13** the confirmation class will package these items during Coffee Hour along with any adults that would like to help out. Financial contributions are also welcome which will allow the purchase of fresh fruit. These can be collected by any confirmation class member or the leaders, Jim Wick or Rich Tremarello.

The Church Council is still working with the UCC Wisconsin Conference to call an interim minister. That may happen any time an interim becomes available. The Worship and Music Committee is continuing to schedule pulpit supply ministers.
Richard Tremarello, Joan Amich, Pam Kothrade, Dean Kothrade



While on vacation Pam and I have the opportunity to visit churches. Those visits are rewarding for a couple of reasons. First, we get to observe what others do for, and in, worship. We can also enjoy the physical beauty of the buildings and grounds. (Watching palm trees swaying through stained glass on a warm, sunny Sunday morning in January shouldn't be missed.) We also get to see what it's like to be a "visitor" rather than a "church member." We can connect with the congregation there and share our experiences and church history. When you have something in common with someone, the conversation flows easily.

This year we again visited the church our neighbors (in Florida) attend. It is a very large Presbyterian church with several hundred members. At least they had several hundred for many years, now they are at around 150 members for a Sunday. They've had the same pastor for many years. Now they have a "Bridge Pastor" while they await their Interim Pastor prior to calling their settled pastor. They have had several ongoing flourishing ministries and mission trips. Now the Bridge Pastor is asking for volunteers to help around the church. Except for the location and faces in the congregation the similarities between that Presbyterian church and Christ Church are incredible.

My purpose in explaining all this is not to make us feel bad, like there's no hope, but rather to make us realize we truly have so much more in common with all our brothers and sisters in faith than we know. Because of the choices we make, and the things we do, and the church we attend, we have chosen to be identified as followers of Christ. Our beloved Christ Church exists only because we have been given the ability, and the desire, to support it. We must understand that we are not only supporting a building, but also each other, and almost more importantly, the people we don't even know who have yet to be impacted by our faith and our church.

There's no doubt that our world is in a mess and needs help. There's also no doubt (to Christians) that the only cure for our world is Christ. Since Christ has given us instructions (Bible), the Holy Spirit, the wherewithal (our personal blessings), and each other for comfort and strength, we therefore can follow His guidance and trust in His promise. If we do what we are invited to do by Him, we will not only reap eternal benefits but realize true peace while we occupy our mortal bodies as well. Let's not look inwardly in despair but outward in JOY that we have chosen to let our light shine reflecting the Holy Spirit in us. Let us put ourselves, and our church, in a place to be ready to be used when we are called upon. We know that someday we will all involuntarily give up all we have and cease to exist as we know life now. Wouldn't it be pure joy, beyond comprehension, to return and be acknowledged as a part of the army of souls that helped bring about God's eternal plan?

Dean Kothrade, Council President

Matt's Last Sunday



Matthew Lawrenz is an extraordinary organist/keyboardist who came to us in early 2019, replacing Alicia Rytlewski who was expecting her first child. Matt was on a journey himself as he was recovering from extensive cancer



treatments. He had to leave his music job with one of the Catholic churches and felt that he only had energy for a part-time job at Christ Church. We all soon realized his amazing talents and our good fortune of snagging him for a while. I thought that the Catholic Archdiocese would scoop him up before the pandemic as I had experienced his performances at the St. John Cathedral downtown. All of my musician colleagues would ask, "who is that guy? He's really good!" And I would proudly reply, "he's with us at Christ Church." Matt persevered with all of us during our shutdown and has continued to amaze us with his keyboard skills. It's hard to imagine a musician much finer than Matt and we wish him well as he moves into a more involved position at the Fox Point Lutheran Church. We will not only miss his fine musicianship, but also his kind and friendly manner. If you miss him, you can always scroll down to past livestreams on our Facebook page. So long, Matt. Thanks for all of the music and camaraderie. Go with God and we wish you well at your new church. Matt's last Sunday was January 23. *Respectfully, Richard Tremarello*



Choir News

Due to the recent mask mandate, it has been decided that there will be no choir for the time being. We welcome anyone who is interested in singing a solo, but it is not wise to have a group sing together.

A BIG Thank You

to everyone who sang in our Christmas Choir. What a pleasure it was to raise our voices and Praise God together in song! I look forward to singing together one day soon. *Pam Kothrade*

Would you like to join us to play handbells? We are looking for more bell ringers to join our group. We have 2 Wednesday afternoon rehearsals per month and play for 1 Sunday service per month. Reading music is not a requirement. It's easy and fun!

February rehearsals and Service date are TBD.

See Pam Kothrade for details.

Thank You!! Danke!! Kansha!! Gracias!!



Thanks to all who helped in taking down the "greens.". Your help was greatly needed and appreciated. The task is done for another year. Keep the Sunday around Thanksgiving open when we will once again raise the "greens."

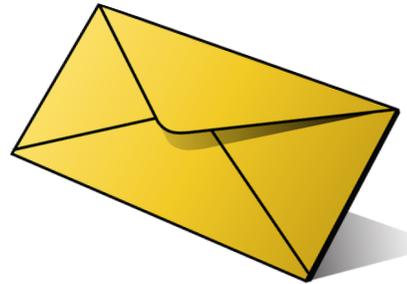
Thanks again, Sue and Ken Klockow



OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available for members of the church on the table near the parlor and chapel area.

Please pick yours up!



If you would like to coordinate a curbside pickup of your envelopes during church office hours, please contact the church office Tuesday–Friday from 8am–1pm at 414-481-3530 or office@uccmke.org

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HAS LOVED
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In the event that we have to cancel church because of weather,
PLEASE check the WISN 12 website
or our Facebook group page: 
www.facebook.com/groups/christchurchucc

FERMENTING THE FAITH

The topic will be "Water Stories from the Bible". We will share our favorite water stories with discussion to follow.



**Thursday, February 17
6:30 PM**

Joe's K Ranch
4840 S. Whitnall Ave., Cudahy

Join us for discussion, beverages,
and appetizers.

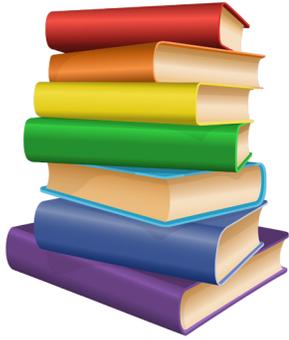
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Feel free to contact the church office at office@uccmke.org for assistance. Thank You!



Christ Church Book Club

Our next Christ Church Book Club will be meeting **April 24th, 2022**. We will meet at **11am** in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meisner. All Christ Church members, as well as family or friends, are welcome to join us. You can get this book at the library, bookstore, or online. We look forward to an interesting discussion and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact us.
Thanks, *Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery*

The Search is On!

Christ Church UCC has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist/Pianist. Interested candidates should submit their resumes to **office.uccmke.org**

Job Description

The church musician would work closely with the pastor to plan and coordinate 3 Sunday morning worship services per month, seasonal services such as Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and any other special services. Duties also include accompanying the choir, soloists and ensembles, and playing for weddings and funerals. This role may grow to include more musical responsibilities in the future.

Qualifications, Experience and Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Music preferred. Equivalent experience in private study, course work or at other Churches will be considered. Minimum of three years' experience in service playing preferred, including accompaniment of choir and hymns at the organ and piano.

Did you know???

Christ Church has an account at **GFS (Gordon Food Service Store)** and the church receives points for items purchased. Once we have 4,500 points, we will begin earning cash which can be used to purchase items for church.

If you shop at GFS, please mention Christ Church UCC at 915 E. Oklahoma and they will add your purchase to the Christ Church account. It's another way to help Christ Church with no cost to you.

GFS locations in our area:

6919 So. 19th Street in Franklin and 2064 Miller Parkway in Milwaukee

Submitted by Joan Gaeth

Midweek Noon Lenten Services are Back!



"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." *Catherine Doherty*

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned to Jim Wick that I missed the Midweek Lenten services. Well, they will be back, with a little help from our friends. Jim, Doris and Paul Mayeshiba, Dick Gaeth, and a volunteer yet to be named will be leading the services.

Services will be held in the chapel for 5 weeks beginning with the **Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, March 9 and ending on the Wednesday before Palm Sunday, Wednesday April 6**. The service will be about 30-45 minutes in length.

These services are a great way to take time during the middle of the week to reflect on your Lenten journey. Please join us if you are able. *Jill Unglaub*



BAY VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Just a reminder that the BVCC is in need of food to help those in our community. While we are not currently doing our monthly food gathering at church, there are other ways you can donate. The BVCC is open from 9:30am to 12:30pm so you can drop off any donations directly. You can also make a monetary donation to the BVCC. Please consider supporting those families who continue to struggle providing food for their families. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Their current Wish List includes:

pasta sauce • canned tuna or canned chicken/meat
pasta • mac & cheese • cereal • canned soup • jams and jellies
laundry detergent • toilet paper • dish soap • shampoo &
conditioner • cleaning supplies



Matthew 25:40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



Share Our Suppers Volunteers Needed

Please help fill up the Friday dates as building reps for DI-SOS. It's a mere 1½ hour time commitment. | Set up approx. 4:45 pm | Tear down 6:00 | Finish 6:15 pm | I am always willing to train anyone wishing to participate in this ministry. You will be amazed at seeing 45 hot meals distributed in about 15 minutes each Friday evening! The effects of the pandemic are still being felt in the Bay View community and this helps our neighbors. Contact Jim Wick at jameswick73@gmail.com/414-614-2612

UPDATE ON HOMELESS SHELTER

Since the COVID pandemic, the housing for the homeless in the Milwaukee area has changed. Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church (Divine Intervention) has changed the format for providing assistance to the homeless. Milwaukee County has been coordinating care for the homeless through the COC (Continuum of Care) department since winter of 2021. As a result, Divine Intervention volunteers are now helping the hired staff provided by the COC, at the Super 8 motel near the airport on Howell Avenue. Trained volunteers are present from 4:00PM to 10:00PM to assist the homeless families with resources at their disposal.

The homeless families or individuals go through a registration process and are assigned a county caseworker who will assist the incoming families with finding permanent housing. The motel is available to them all day and the staff strongly encourages the residents to stay within their motel room as much as possible. As part of the program, the residents receive two meals each day. As part of the Divine Intervention support, packages of nutritious snacks are prepared weekly by various organizations and churches to supplement the meals for the children staying there.

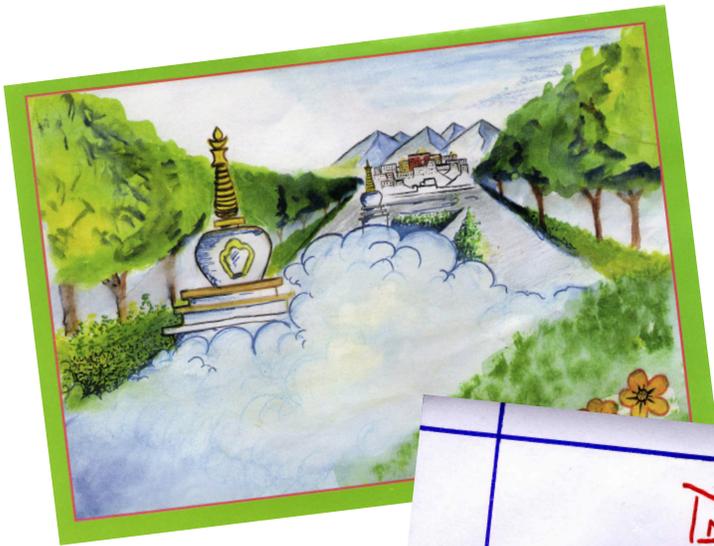
Christ Church is supporting this program through members of the congregation who are trained volunteers for Divine Intervention and through participation in the snack program.

Submitted by Jim Wick



ALL the way from INDIA...

Here is a thank you letter from Dawa Choedon, the girl from India that Christ Church sponsors. You can see the card, her letter, and the Sponsor Coordinator's letter on the Lennox Street bulletin board!



DEAR SPONSOR

It is a long time not talking to you and I hope everything is going well with you. Don't worry about me I am doing well in my study I hear many cases. but in our school everything is doing well. I hope that you are taking care of your self. And christmas is coming near and I wish you a merry christmas. When you are having exam II term. It is getting colder and I can see the snow on the mountain and beautiful moon. and thank you so much for being my sponsor and I wish you live long life. bye take care of your-self

Lots of love from
Dawa Choedon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

1 - Ashley Lisowski
1 - Brayden Thomae
1 - Joyce Zieman
2 - Michael Zvara
3 - James Meyer
3 - Randene Wick
5 - Carol Dohoney
5 - Tony Porn
6 - Linda Koszuta
6 - Matthew Miksic
6 - Sophia Stezala
6 - Kim Stezala

7 - Joan Amich
9 - Heather Antoniewicz
9 - Ray Blankenberg
12 - Presley Pisarek
12 - Emily Porn
12 - Charles Terlinden
12 - Nancy Wareham
13 - Michael Baran

15 - Susan Klockow
17 - Mallory Thomae
18 - Sandy Oleson
19 - Blair Goedel
19 - John Popp
22 - Greg Mitchell
22 - Josh Stouff
22 - David Stouff
25 - Ellen Crass
26 - Cyndi Kroening
27 - Chelsea Clark
29 - Nathaniel Stouff



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers for **Mark P** and his doctors as he undergoes back and neck surgery. Please pray for a successful outcome from the surgery and a quick recovery.
- Asking for prayers of healing and courage for **Dan V** in his battle against cancer and strength for his family as they navigate through this condition with him.
- Asking God to do a miracle and provide a liver for **Darlene C's friend, Dave**, who desperately needs a liver transplant.
- Prayer of thanksgiving and for strength for **Jill U's friend, Jerry**, who had his heart surgery and is recovering.
- Julene is grateful for your prayers offered for her stepdad. Please pray for **Julene F and her family as her step-dad, Jim, passed away**. May God hold them tight and comfort them.
- Prayers for **Jean F and her family as her mother, Rose C, passed away**. Rose offered her family the love of Jesus. Pray that Jesus wraps them in His love and comforts them.
- Continued prayers for **Pat P and her family as her sister, Sandy, passed away**. May God comfort them in their sorrow.
- Please pray for **Ken K's sister, Kathy**, who is in hospice with an infection in her hip and knee. Continued prayers for **Ken & Sue's son-in-law, Karl**, who is on chemo. Prayers of joy for their Aunt Charlotte who is now home and doing well.
- Continued prayers for **Peter Kwong and Pastor Colleen**. May he find hope in a new future after surgery.
- Prayers for **Don A's** healing from triple bypass surgery.
- Please continue to pray for complete healing of **Joan A's husband, John**.
- A prayer of joy as **Noelle and Jon S have a new great grandson** who entered the world healthy and beautiful! Prayers for the new family of four: Mom & Dad, big sister Maggie, and baby Bennet.

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