



# The Eagle November 2020



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*May we continue to be used by  
God and share the Gospel with  
A Heart for Hamilton County  
and the World!!*



## Thanksgiving and Introduction

St. John has much to be thankful for throughout its history. Yes, you have had ups and downs, but I would say that you are at a high point in your ministry. Pastor Reich was a very fine pastor and has left St. John in a healthy situation. Let me encourage you to give thanks to God for His blessings and to ask God to lead St. John through this vacancy period and the calling process.

Let me also use this first article in St. John's monthly newsletter to share some of my history. I was born and raised in Florida and left when I started college. I attended two years at St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas, where I met my wife Val. Then I was at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for two years – and that was the next step toward education for the pastoral ministry. My seminary training of four years was at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Part of my seminary work was serving as a vicar for a year at St. John Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Illinois.

All my experience as a parish pastor has been in Texas. After seminary graduation, I was placed in a dual parish ministry in Uvalde and La Pryor, Texas. After five and a half years I accepted the call to St. Paul Lutheran in Fort Worth. During my time at Uvalde and Fort Worth, both congregations went through building programs.

I was called by the Texas District to be the Executive Director of Missions after having served St. Paul for twelve and a half years. In 2006, after 15 years as the Executive Director of Missions, I was elected President of the District. I retired in September of 2018 after serving the maximum years allowed by our District.

Val and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in August of this year. We have been blessed with four children and their spouses and eight wonderful grandchildren. God has blessed us with a nice home with a great Texas hill country view.

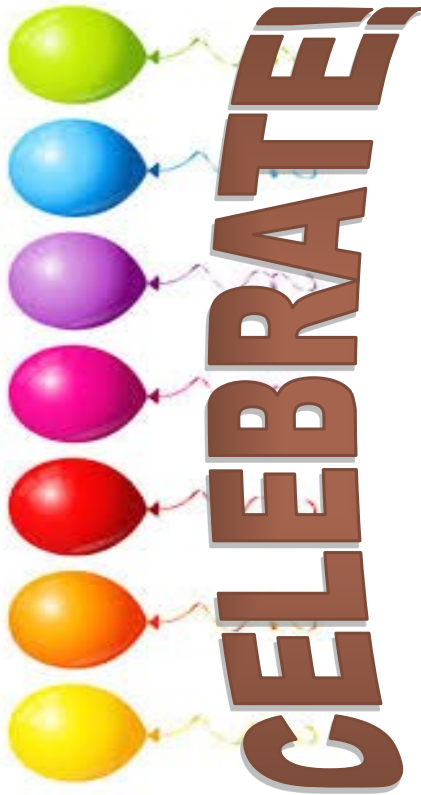
It is my prayer that St. John's vacancy is not a long one because you have great opportunities to expand your ministry in Hamilton. I am keeping my eyes open to see how God leads and blesses. Please continue to keep this calling process and time in your prayers.

Thank you for your support and warm greetings as I begin serving you as your vacancy pastor!

Rev. Ken Hennings



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## Anniversaries

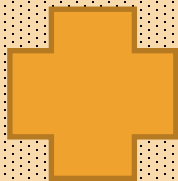
7th	Paul & Kathy Christensen	39 Yrs.
15th	Albert & Artie Peters	73 Yrs.
22nd	Chris & Jennifer Niemann	23 Yrs.
24th	Forrest & Cecelia Jenson	56 Yrs.

## Birthdays

2nd	Dawn Johnson, Ima Roberts
3rd	Carlos A. Olalde
4th	Judy Whitt
7th	Jennifer Finstad, Daniel Olalde, Kim Tyson
9th	Jack Bussey, Emma Johnson, Carlos Olalde, Harold Reich
10th	Allison Bussey, Mason Bussey, Addyson Clowdus
12th	Ted Jahns, Martin Wenzel, Addley Yates
13th	Rick Housden, Layton Stork
15th	Darryl Beach
18th	Logan Jones
19th	Shirley DeLoach
20th	Marlee Clark, Timothy Newby, Don Tyson
22nd	Danna Hurst
23rd	Jimmie Horton, Geraldine Kauitzsch
24th	Connie Nolte, Emily Wagner, Steve Young
27th	Linda Moore, Dayle Squyres
28th	Joseph Polster
29th	Sharolyn Lawson
30th	Lawson Yates

## Upcoming October Events

1st -	8:00am	MITE BOX SUNDAY Men's Club
2nd -	5:30pm	Preschool Board
8th -	11:15am	Bd of Trustees Bd of Ed & Youth
10th -	1:00pm	Glory Gamesters
	5:30pm	Bd of Finance
15th -	1:00pm	Bd. Of Elders



## Baptisms

1st	Reagan Reich
3rd	Brittanie Clevenger
7th	Daniel Olalde
9th	Kayton Kensing
10th	Jim Schrank
13th	Graham Bussey, Anna Gaydos
14th	Doug Wagner
16th	John Polster
17th	Jody Tyson
18th	Albert Peters, Connie White
19th	Kyler Kensing
20th	Wilma Gaydos, Delores Stanford
22nd	Jonathan Hurst, Colt Weiser
23rd	Ricky Brown
24th	Roger Bushee
27th	LeeRoy Tyson
30th	Calvin Friedrich, Darrell Wagner



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**Sunday School**  
**Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship**  
**Sundays 10:00am**  
**(Live streamed on**  
**Facebook and YouTube**

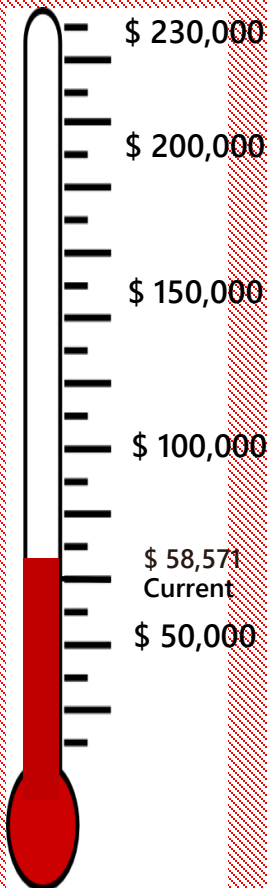
**Confirmation**  
**Sunday 11:30am**

**Quilting**  
**Tuesday 9:00am**

**Jr/Sr Youth**  
**Wednesdays 6:00 PM**

**Men's Bible Study**  
**Thursdays 6:30am**

## BUILDING FUND



### ✘ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White

### ✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

**Focused Care:** Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Pat Bottlinger, Larry Stamberger, Ted Jahns **Hamilton Health Care:** Maxine Wenzel, Melinda Rogers, Bert Schrank, Corene Streger **Homebound:** Louis & Frances Donahoo, Ricky Brown, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, LaVerne Bubert

✘ **Don Arnett** - recovering from back surgery

✘ **Neil Muxworthy** - awaiting test results

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments again

✘ **Danny Alsup** - (St. Paul, The Grove) - Cancer treatments

✘ **Oralia Alverado** - (Angie Tawater's mother)—Various health issues

✘ **Noland Arbaugh** - family friend of Darryl & Mischelle Beach, praying for complete healing of his paralysis

✘ **Molly Beach** - niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach suffering from an auto-immune disease

✘ **Doyle Billingsly** - (Melanie Housden's father) cancer treatments

✘ **Mark Bottlinger** - (Susie Odom's brother) not doing well after heart bypass surgery

✘ **John Bowie** - (Buckie Pate's brother) battling cancer

✘ **Bobby Cathey** - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

✘ **Melvin Eilers Jr** - rehab in Gatesville

✘ **Bubba Gerald** - recovering from surgery

✘ **Fred Gromatzky** - cancer treatments

✘ **Debbi Haile** - recovering from surgery

✘ **Charles Kremplin** - bed ridden

✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✘ **Henrietta Medina** - waiting to be placed on transplant list

✘ **Kai Monroe** - (Friend of the Yates) determining next steps for kidney issue

✘ **Zeb Murphree** - recovering from a badly broken arm

✘ **Cliff Partin** - at home, improving

✘ **Paul Ray Schuman** - home and improving

✘ **Ossie Scott** - (Doyle Robert's sister) cancer treatments

✘ **Pam Wolff** - (Elisha Squyres' mother) complications with MS

✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Doug Wagner

✘ **For those who grieve:** The Families of Harry Asquith and Barbara Caraway

✘ **Special Prayers:** Covid-19; Rain; Teachers & Students; President & Government Officials (local, state & federal) Medical Professionals; First Responders & Rescue Crews; Fires & Firefighters; Our congregation as we go through this time of transition.

Please contact the church office with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones.



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## Finance Update

St. John Lutheran  
**Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group**  
 September of Fiscal Year 2020  
 Responsibility: All  
 Fund: 01 - General

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	43,969.00	32,596.07	378,474.00	392,296.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,969.00</b>	<b>32,596.07</b>	<b>378,474.00</b>	<b>392,296.50</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	1,582.00	960.00	8,988.00	5,900.87
10-Board of Elders	15,805.00	13,035.95	139,290.00	119,681.07
12-Board of Education	1,036.00	538.07	14,985.00	4,772.26
13-Board of Trustees	8,241.00	5,561.33	72,441.00	66,645.91
14-Board of Finance	3,541.67	4,077.21	31,825.03	30,059.84
16-Preschool Board	10,728.93	8,631.22	93,978.37	86,205.33
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	281.00	0.00	16,693.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,934.60</b>	<b>33,084.78</b>	<b>361,507.40</b>	<b>329,958.78</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$3,034.40</b>	<b>-\$488.71</b>	<b>\$16,966.60</b>	<b>\$62,337.72</b>

Are you interested in giving online to St John? Just go to our web site [www.stjohnhamilton.org](http://www.stjohnhamilton.org) and click on the little heart on the top, or the big heart at the bottom. Then just follow the prompts. You can also text an amount to [833-706-7586](tel:833-706-7586). There is a fee attached to all credit card offerings which you may want to consider when giving. No fee is applied if funds are drafted from your bank account.

If you would like to receive a weekly W.R.A.P and bulletin via email or postal service, please drop a line to [stjohnlutheranoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnlutheranoffice@gmail.com) or call 254-386-3158.

The Flower Calendar for 2021 is posted in the Narthex. Sign up now to make your floral offering for our services in 2021.

*In loving memory of*

**Gertrude Schrank**  
St. John Preschool Fund: Jerry & Suzanne Heptner



# Random Acts of Kindness Challenge

During the month of November, the Outreach Committee is challenging our congregation to show the people in our community random acts of kindness.

## IDEAS OF THINGS WE CAN DO FOR OTHERS:

1. GIVE A COMPLIMENT
2. WRITE A KIND NOTE
3. CALL SOMEONE
4. LEAVE A SMALL GIFT
5. YARDWORK (MOW, RAKE, WATER)
6. LEAVE A GENEROUS TIP
7. PAY FOR A MEAL/COFFEE/GAS
8. PICK UP TRASH
9. OPEN THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE
10. LET SOMEONE GO AHEAD OF YOU IN LINE

Clothe yourself in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

## **PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650**

The spreading of God's Word of salvation in Africa needs well-trained lay workers and pastors. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that enables them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care.

Pre-seminary intensive training courses will be provided to over 100 lay leaders in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda through the LCMS Mission Training Center curriculum. The program provides basic theological training for lay leaders who serve under pastors responsible for five to fifteen congregations. The local pastor will work through 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. The church bodies use this program to give their lay leaders a firm theological foundation, and it may also identify men with gifts for full seminary training.

The lay leaders gather once a month for five days. The lay leaders provide their own trans

portation to the training site, food, and lodging. (Lodging may be offered by the host congregation.) Many students bring food to share. Currently, the churches are not able to fully support the expenses that are incurred.

The post-seminary continuing education course will be provided for 250 local pastors and their wives. Topics will be determined by the local church body. The course will provide the opportunity to engage in Scripture and also afford a rare opportunity for fellowship. This is especially true for the pastors' wives who often have not yet met another pastor's wife. The course may be provided by a church leader, local seminary professor, or a missionary. Funds are needed to cover transportation and meals for the pastors and their wives as they attend this continuing education course.

The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant money will help support the training of Lutheran church workers in the countries of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, assisting the spreading of the Gospel in those countries.

**MITE BOX SUNDAY**  
**November 1**

[www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants)



**RUTH GUILD MEETING**  
**Sunday Nov. 22**



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## A MESSAGE FROM RUTH GUILD

Quilters have been busy! We currently have over 500 quilts for Lutheran World Relief! The LWR Ingathering was postponed in April due to Covid, but has been rescheduled for November 14th.

The Blessing of the Quilts will be November 8th and all the quilts will be displayed in the church.

In addition to the quilts, Ruth Guild has assembled 50 School Kits and 55 Personal Care Kits.

A door offering will be collected on November 8th to send to LWR Quilt and Shipping Fund to help cover the cost associated with shipping of the quilts and kits.

LWR's approximate cost to deliver quilts and kits overseas:

One Quilt	\$2.25
One School Kit	\$1.40
One personal Care Kit	\$2.65 (includes the cost of toothpaste to add to kit)



Thanks to everyone who donated to our mission outreach programs.



**The Ruth Guild is again selling Poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary this Christmas season. If you would like to purchase one, the cost is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to the Ruth Guild. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.**

### In Thanksgiving:

The Board of Youth wishes to thank all of those who are teaching during the Sunday School Hour, at youth meeting and Bible Studies. Your service to the Lord helps us to grow in our faith: Ruth Zschiesche, Chrissy Kensing, Chrissy Hopper, Angie Tawater, Ryan & Misti Polster, Reagan & Alex Reich, Jonathon Reich, Emma Polster, Jason & Erica Bussey, and Lucas Robinson. Also a special thanks to Lois Hungerford for helping us with all the paperwork.

## SANCTUARY BIBLE STUDY

**2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS**

**7:00 PM**

**WE ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

If you are willing to help with the Christmas Eve Program with the children please let Lois Hungerford know by November 3rd. If you plan to participate sign up in the narthex. Rehearsals are usually on Sunday mornings during Advent, but a few special rehearsals may be needed We look forward to celebrating the Birth of Christ through our children.

**GLORY GAMESTERS**

**2nd TUESDAY, 1:00 PM**

### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 25  
6:30pm**

*November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent Prepare the way of the Lord!*



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*Music Notes by  
Gary K. Gromatzky*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss;  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve  
Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with dan-  
ger,  
And strength to strength  
oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail  
you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with  
prayer;  
Where duty calls, or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not belong,  
This day, the noise of battle,  
The next, the victor's song.  
To Him that overcometh,  
A crown of life shall be; He  
with the King of Glory Shall  
reign eternally.

## Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – George Duffield Jr. 1858

*Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the  
breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians 6:14*

Dudley Tyng served as his father's assistant at Philadelphia's church of the Epiphany and was elected its pastor when his father retired in 1854. He was only 29 when he succeeded his father at the large Episcopal church, and at first it seemed a great fit. But the honeymoon ended when Dudley began vigorously preaching against slavery. Loud complaints rose from the more conservative members, resulting in Dudley's resignation in 1856.

He and his followers organized the Church of the Covenant elsewhere in the city, and his reputation grew. He began noontime Bible studies at the YMCA, and his ministry reached far beyond his own church walls. Dudley had a burden for leading husbands and fathers to Christ, and he helped organize a great rally to reach men.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1858, five thousand men gathered. As Dudley looked over the sea of faces he felt overwhelmed. "I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message," he told the crowd.

Over a thousand men were converted that day.

Two weeks later Dudley was visiting in the countryside, watching a corn-thresher in the barn. His hand moved too close to the machine and his sleeve was snared. His arm was ripped from its socket, the main artery severed. Four days later his right arm was amputated close to the shoulder. When it appeared he was dying, Dudley told his aged father: "Stand up for Jesus, father, and tell my brethren of the ministry to stand up for Jesus."

Rev. George Duffield of Philadelphia's Temple Presbyterian Church was deeply stirred by Dudley's funeral, and the following Sunday he preached from Ephesians 6:14 about standing firm for Christ. He read a poem he had written, inspired by Dudley's words:

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, / Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner; / It must not suffer loss.*

The editor of a hymnal heard the poem, found appropriate music, and published it. "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" soon became one of America's favorite hymns, extending Dudley's dying word to millions.





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## Welcome our new members!



Lydia Abigail Robinson



Payson and Addyson Clowdus



Joyce Polster; Wade, Amalia, Helena and Jennifer Knutson; Mike Looney; Rachel and Colton Jones; Tracy Seider; Zac, Kelsi, Parker and Payson Clowdus; Jasmine Seider; Brittanie Clevenger, Brooklyn, Aaron, and Cooper Gardner, Austin Kleiner





St. John Lutheran Church

## NOVEMBER JR/SR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

**Youth Activities**

Nov 1– JH Confirmation

Nov 4– JH/HS Wed  
Night Youth Group

Nov 8– JH Confirmation

Nov 11– JH/HS Wed  
Night Youth Group

Nov 15– JH Confirmation

Nov 18– JH/HS Wed  
Night Youth Group

**BUNDT CAKE  
DELIVERIES**

Nov 25– Thanksgiving  
Service and Christmas  
Sanctuary Decorating

NOV 29-Advent Begins

Junior High Confirmation

Led by Pastor Hennings

Each Sunday after worship

11:30-12:30



**Bundt Cake Fundraiser**

Forms due October 28 to Erika Bussey

Delivered November 18. We will sort for delivery

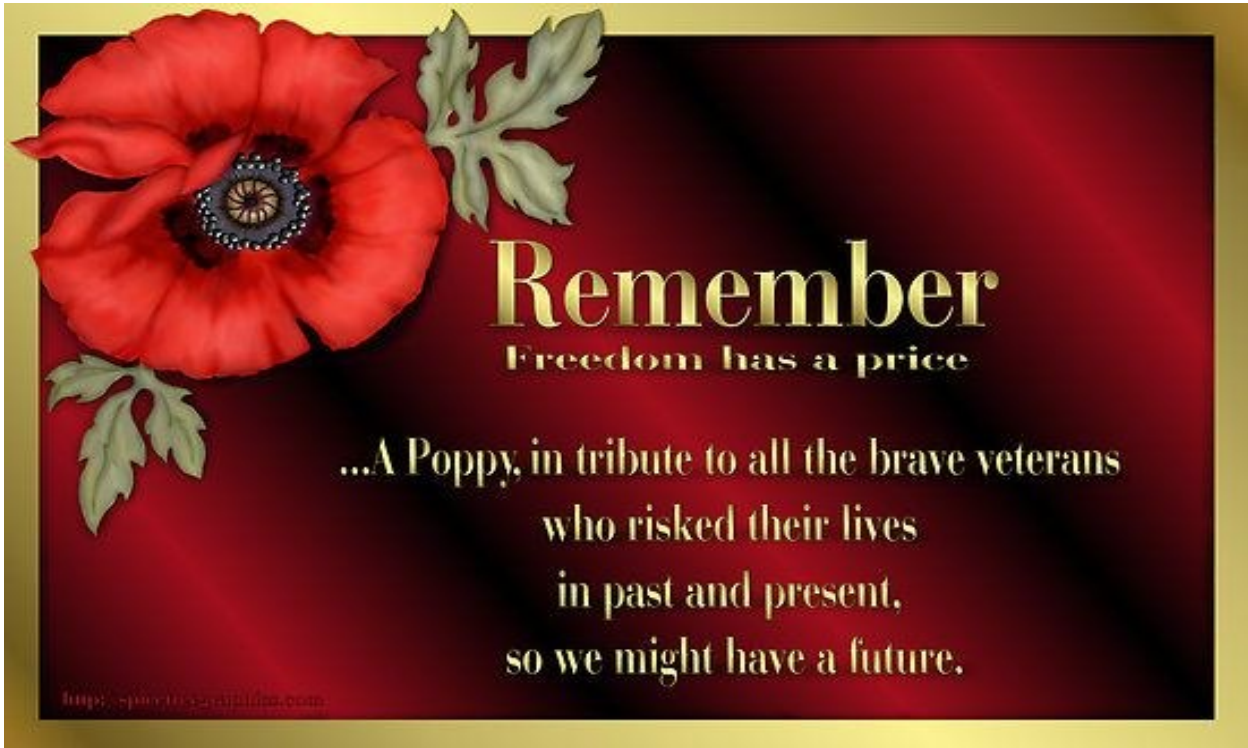
**Stay Tuned for Holiday in  
the Park in December**

Youth Quake continues to be “up in the air”  
from presenters. We will tell you ASAP.

*Confirmation and Senior Youth Meet Each Wednesday!*



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