

The Lakeside Lutheran

Light

"Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

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November, 2021

From the Council President:

By Scott Miller, Council President

November is traditionally a time to give thanks for all the blessings we have in our lives. It is a time of the harvest and plenty. It is a time to reflect on and be thankful for the past year. It is a time to spend with family and friends. The Thanksgiving holiday tradition is as old as our nation. The first Thanksgiving was declared by the Continental Congress back in 1777. President George Washington made it a national holiday in 1789. November is the month when we honor our veterans. Those honorable men and women who served our great nation and gave us the freedoms we enjoy today.

November is also the month we honor and remember those saints that have gone before us. We give thanks for the saints that were part of our lives. For people like Betsy Freeman and Gus Best who touched our lives with their humble hearts. As Christians we should not need an act of Congress, a presidential declaration or a day designated by Church leaders to remind us that we should be thankful for all our GOD does for us. From 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – ***In everything give thanks: for this is the will of GOD in Christ Jesus concerning you.*** Begin by remembering that all things come from GOD and nothing is a chance occurrence. HE is always present in our lives, and HE will always be there for us.

Pastoral care is now being provided by Pastor Scott Benson. You can email Pastor Benson at prscott57@gmail.com or call 757-651-5371.

At Lakeside Lutheran we have a lot to be thankful for. We should be thankful for the fellowship and love we share. We should be thankful for the acts of love and hard work of many that have helped us to persevere in these uncertain times. Through the work of your Council and the Virginia Synod we are naming Pastor Scott Benson as interim pastor who will continue to move Lakeside Lutheran forward. I know you have heard this before, but the church is not a place, but it is the people. The people are the church and I give thanks for each and everyone of you who make our church family special.

Generous Pass-Thru's

During the August 29 Congregational Meeting, individuals were encouraged to provide "pass thru" extra funding for this year for special designated purposes. This plan was approved at the meeting. These individually contributed funds are for expenses beyond budgeted spending plans, and have been approved by Council. We extend our great appreciation to the generosity of the individuals who "pass-thru" contributed for following approved items:

Appliances including Refrigerator and Refrigerator Freezer	\$9001
Audio/Visual Enhancements	\$6880
Supply Pastor Expense	\$ 500
Outside Banners	\$ 740

— Barry Munson

Teller's Schedule

Nov 7 Bob Roegner (HT) Nancy Roegner and Sara West

Nov 14 Jim Noland (HT) Peggy and George Kimble

Nov 21 Bob Roegner (HT) Nancy Roegner and Bob Hutchins

Nov 28 Jim Noland (HT) Leeann and Ed Sever

NOVEMBER

Anniversaries



Jerry & Janice Thompson
Nov. 1

Jim & Sharon Larsen
Nov. 2

Fred & Gail Eichner
Nov. 20

Jim & Susan Bersch
Nov. 30

NOVEMBER

Birthdays



Robert Hutchins Nov. 02

Lunette Wessner Nov. 04

Geneva Fitts Nov. 06

Bev Noland Nov. 11

Jim Phillips Nov. 11

Ken Hinrichs Nov. 13

Thelma Boone Nov. 14

Joy Cooley Nov. 14

Sue Feldman Nov. 14

Patti Townsend Nov. 14

Janice Thompson Nov. 15

Rich Townsend Nov. 21

Margaret Hinrichs Nov. 22

Tommy Smith Nov. 22

Marianne West Nov. 23

Barbara Cuddihy Nov. 24

Doug Pollak Nov. 24

Sandy Schmidt Nov. 24

Bill Schmidt Nov. 29

Closed



The Church office will be closed Thursday, November 11, in honor of Veteran's Day, and Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. If you need assistance, please contact the church at 252-586-6778 and leave a message.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Worship Matters

By Diane Colin

November 7: We greet November with four Sundays. This Sunday marks the **24th** Sunday after Pentecost. The parament color changes to **white**. In today's readings, we read about the most tears: Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears. In John's Gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and the other mourners at the death of Lazarus. On this **All Saints Day**, we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful who have gone to their final rest. We grieve for our loved ones as well, knowing that God honors our tears. Music for the day includes *For All the Saints; Shall We Gather at the River; and Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*. Holy Communion will be held at this **single 9:30 service** which will follow the Traditional format.

November 14: On this **25th** Sunday after Pentecost, we are nearing the end of our Liturgical Church Year in the Lutheran Church. Since the Seasons of the Church Year follow the main events of Jesus' life and ministry, it is fitting that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and end times. In the turmoil of hope, fear and disbelief that these predictions conjure up, Hebrews offers comfort to us by reminding us what Christ has done for us. We can live with sincere hearts, trusting in God's promises and encourage others with love and good works from each other. Paraments are **green**. Music includes *My Lord, What a Morning; Here I Am to Worship; and You Are Mine*. **This is a single 9:30 service with a Congregational Meeting afterward.**

November 21st: On this **26th** Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the final Sunday of Liturgical Year B by proclaiming Christ as King, thus it is **Christ the King Sunday**. Jesus is given the title of king even though He is nothing like an earthly king. We conclude our calendar year by looking forward to the day He is given dominion, knowing His victory is the victory of Love. Music includes *Jesus Shall Reign; Beautiful Savior and Lead On, Oh King Eternal*. The paraments are **white**. **This single 9:30 service follows the Traditional format.**

November 28th: Happy New Year! This marks the first Sunday in our new liturgical Year C. Therefore we start all over reading, learning, celebrating and worshipping around the main events of Jesus' life. It starts with the time of waiting and anticipating, otherwise known as the **Season of ADVENT**. There are four Sundays in Advent. This first Sunday we hear readings from Jeremiah stating "a righteous branch will spring up from David," and from Luke 21, "be alert for the coming of the Son of Man." Music for the day includes *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. The paraments are **blue**, signifying **hope**.

Our **Advent Wreath** returns as an addition to the Altar area. Advent wreaths developed a few centuries ago in Germany as a sign of the waiting and hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The wreath, a circle, came to represent the eternal victory over death through Jesus Christ. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to God's people, even in death, and the lighted candles were a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world. We light one each of the four Sundays of Advent while singing, *Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah*. Three candles are purple and one is pink. The first candle represents **hope**. The second candle represents **peace**. The pink candle, generally lit on the third Sunday of Advent, represents **joy**. The final candle, is for **love**.

About Liturgical Year C: The New Testament/Gospel readings for the coming Liturgical Year will primarily come from the book of Luke. Occasionally we will hear from Matthew, Mark and John.

Diane Colin



Recently the Lake Gaston Bridge Club met in the church's new fellowship hall for a time of fun and fellowship. The group was the first of many that will enjoy the fruits of our labor as the facility is now cleared for occupancy, cleaned and ready for use. If you have events you would like to use the fellowship hall for, please contact Jim Noland or the church office at 252-586-6778 to get a "Request for Use of Building."



Prayers

Please remember these dear friends when you lift your prayers to the Lord:

Lou Bryant, Carol Burt, Joan DeGrant, Gertrude Elbertson, Mark Freeze, Paula Freeze, Pat Hanke, Gail Jackson, Andrew Noland, Bud Parsons, Sybil Pipho, Laura Raybon, Peggy Reid, Alice Peterson, Shaquanda Phillips, John Rutan, Jim Shuart, Ethan Spence, Denise Williams.

Military Prayers Needed for:

Andy, Captain Amanda, Mollie, KC, Remington, Austin, Parker, Heather, Nicholas



FYI



Combined services
on Nov. 7, Nov. 14
and Nov. 21 at
9:30 am

Announcements

Please send your announcements to:
admin@lakesidelutheran.com
or call the church office at 252-586-6778.

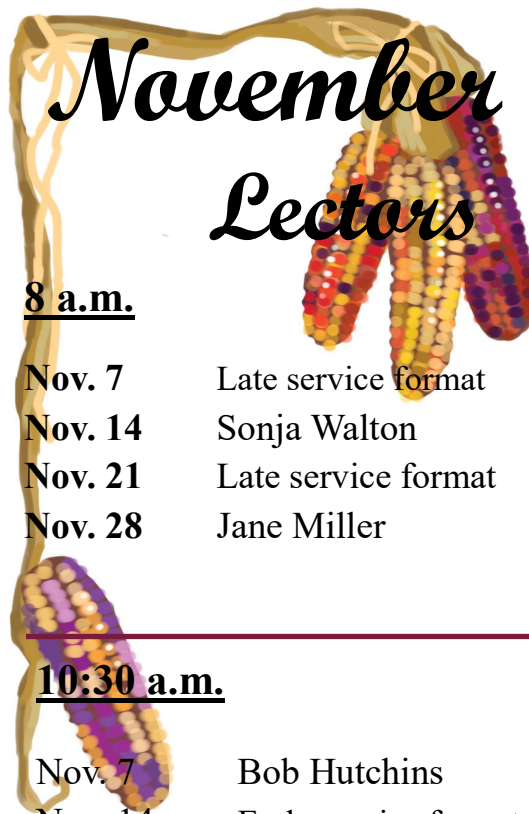
Bulletin: must be received at the church office no later than 4 pm on the Tuesday before you want it posted.

Newsletter: Must be received by the 15th of each month unless special arrangements are made.

Don't forget
Daylight Savings Time
ends.

Sunday, Nov. 7th at
2 a.m. Set your clocks
back 1 hour





November

Lectors

8 a.m.

Nov. 7	Late service format
Nov. 14	Sonja Walton
Nov. 21	Late service format
Nov. 28	Jane Miller

10:30 a.m.

Nov. 7	Bob Hutchins
Nov. 14	Early service format
Nov. 21	Joy Cooley
Nov. 28	John Colin

November

Tuesday Food Bank

Nov. 2	Barbie & Joe Armstrong
Nov. 9	Jane & Scott Miller
Nov. 16	TBD
Nov. 23	TBD
Nov. 30	Jean & Dave Varney

November

House Cleaning

Nov 5	Dave & Jean Varney
Nov 19	Bob & Nancy Roegner

Hymn of the Month

- By Diane Colin

This month, our Hymn of the Month, beginning on Nov. 7th is *Take, Oh Take Me As I Am*. It was written by John L. Bell (born 1949).

The words reference many scriptures in the Bible regarding acceptance as an offering. It is appropriate as an Offering Song and as a Pre-Communion Hymn. It is published in three different languages and 17 additional hymnals of various denominations, including our ELW, page 814.

John L. Bell was born in the Scottish town of Kilmarnock, and was on his way to becoming a music teacher when he felt the call to ministry. After seminary, he served as Youth Minister to a wide area that included 500 churches. He began to focus on music that enhanced worship and the lack of simple appropriate hymns for youth. He turned more and more toward composing and creating hymns that could help people identify with the world we live in. He has written nearly 200 hymns. He shared in a 1993 interview, the following:

"I discovered that seldom did our hymns represent the plight of poor people to God. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised. There was nothing about child abuse that reflected concern for the developing world, nothing that helped see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution."

That concern not only led to writing many songs, but increasingly to introducing them internationally in many conferences, while also gathering songs from around the world.

This simple tune, sung slowly then repeated, is a prayer that we will be using throughout the month.

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Servant Keeper Overview

By John Krysa

As a church, it is important to be able to keep up with vital information and to be able to generate reports about that information. This includes information about members and church finance. Lakeside Lutheran Church uses a database system called Servant Keeper to house that information and generate reports that are used internally and externally, year round..

What is it? Servant Keeper is Cloud based church management software with a directory. It includes the following:

- Complex membership database is used by Pastor and key staff
- Records of current and former members
- “Groups Keeper” to create custom lists and rosters
- Mobile Ministries App for the Pastor
- Password protected on-line Congregational Picture Directory
- Contribution tracker: Financial Secretary. Member’s annual statements
- Personal Portal for Members & Associates to View and/or Update:

- * Contact info
- * Skills, Hobbies and Interests
- * Annual Time & Talent Activity Sign – ups
- * Record of giving & annual statement
- * Link to view and search the Membership Directory

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- A Mobile App for members and associates: directory & portal

How do I find it?

<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/Lakeside-Lutheran/login>

- Must be “invited” by John Krysa: system e-mail from “Control Panel”
- Create family portal password (or link to reset password)
- Uses one “family e-mail” of record for log-in, not individual e-mails
- Must save or bookmark the link unless using the SK App
- Shared password for Congregational Directory: **Lakeside**

What about Privacy & Security?

- Access to personal info limited to Pastor and key lay staff
- Congregational Directory data shown to members is limited
 - Directory lists birthday and month, not year
 - Directory is password protected and not on a public website
- Financial & giving history limited to Financial Secretary and SysAdmin
- Anti-hacking and cyber protection by Servant Keeper: Supports over 40k congregations with data hosted in Amazon cloud data centers.

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Need to Know

Sara's Circle Bake Sale

Nov. 6, 2021, Baker's and buyers are needed for Sara's Circle Bake Sale, which starts at 9 a.m. on the porch at Wildwood Nursery. Please bring your baked goods for sale to the church by 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5th or drop them off early Saturday Morning at the Nursery. Proceeds benefit the church.

November Care to Share

This is a reminder that Sunday, Nov. 14 is Care to Share Sunday. We will receive your canned goods and other non-perishable food items at the combined service for distribution to the local food banks. We will also take contributions for one of our local charities, the Union Mission. The Union Mission stores were closed for some portion of COVID, but are now fully open and continuing their valuable service to the Roanoke Valley area. So write your check to Union Mission or to Lakeside Lutheran Church and drop it in the basket, and we will see that it gets to the right place. And thank you for your support of this valuable ministry of the Church!

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

The evangelism committee is taking donations for blessing bags through Nov. 30 and will assemble them for distribution on Dec. 7. Donations of: **socks, small deodorants, soap, lotion, \$10 McDonald gift cards, disposable razors, small bottled water, lip balm, tooth brushes, combs, wash cloths, breath mints, hard candy, knit hats, small boxes of raisins, small New Testament Bibles, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, shampoo, plastic cups with lid, sun screen, peanut butter crackers, gloves or mittens, sunglasses, granola bars, small first aid kits and monetary contributions to purchase these supplies** would be appreciated. There will be a basket to the right of the Narthex to drop donations.

The Littleton Veterans' Day Gala!

Come out and enjoy an evening celebrating being American and our veterans, Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at 7 p.m. at the Lake Gaston Lions Club. Both veterans and non-veterans are welcomed to attend. There will be food, dancing, raffle prizes a DJ, cash bar and lots of fun! Advance ticket purchase is required and tickets are \$40 per person. Come party with us! Proceeds will benefit the FinalSaluteInc.org an organization that helps homeless women veterans. For tickets contact Kelly Carter at Veteran27850@gmail.com or 703-314-3901.

FYI

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already, the church would like to encourage you to sign up, or renew your affiliation with "AmazonSmile."

Go to Smile.Amazon, use your same log-in as with regular Amazon and designate Lakeside Lutheran Church as your charity. Then each time you place an order, .5% of most purchases will be donated to the church. It costs you nothing extra.

In fact, AmazonSmile has already generated more than \$400 in contributions to the church as of August, 2021.

AmazonSmile has the exact same prices as regular Amazon, and is a great way to add to Lakeside Lutheran's ability to serve the community.

Thank you for supporting this great work.

2021 Annual meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on November 14th following the combined 9:30am worship service. Please watch for more details in a separate communication.

Thank you

Dear Angels of Lakeside Lutheran,

Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated. I will be using the gift card to buy dinner for the night shift staff at VCU/CMH this week.

The increase in Covid cases has been challenging for our team and knowing that there are people who care and support them will definitely help boost moral.

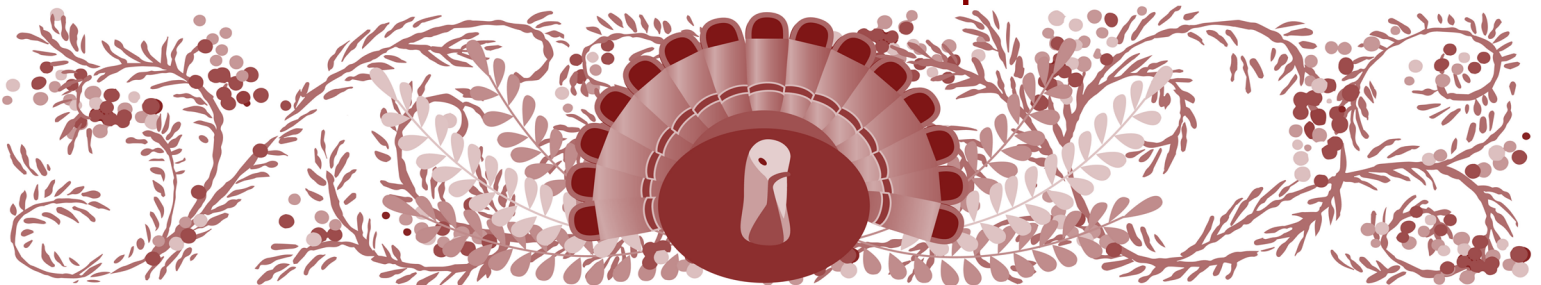
With grateful hearts,
Jill & CMH Staff

Dear Members,

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank you for your monetary donation in the amount of \$125 from Sept. 2021 Benevolence that we received on 10/4/21. Your generous contribution will help to further the important work of our organization as we work to eradicate generational poverty, child abuse and neglect in Halifax, Warren and Northampton Counties...

Thank you again for your generous contribution,

Shannon McAllistor



Celebrating Our Own

Geneva Fitts celebrates 100 years and many milestones

By Della Rose

This month Lakeside Lutheran Church celebrates a century of blessings as one of her most illustrious, Mrs. Geneva Fitts, celebrates her 100th birthday.

If you don't know Miss Geneva, you are missing out on a great blessing. Geneva is one of the founding members of Lakeside Lutheran Church. Born Nov. 6, 1921, and raised in the Littleton/Macon area. She married Norwood Fitts in 1950 and moved to New York, where she lived and worked for many years. She is reportedly quite a cook and derives a great deal of satisfaction enjoying her roses. Geneva has two sons, Gil and Anthony; two grandsons, Michael and Ian; and two granddaughters, Carmen Johnson and Denise Danek.



According to Gil, Miss Geneva had a long career in support of women's issues, voting rights and has dedicated a lifetime in commitment to the association of the Lutheran church. That dedication can be observed each time you walk through the doors of Lakeside Lutheran Church.

"I was so happy when I met with this group of people when we moved back to North Carolina, that was interested in starting a new Lutheran Church," said Geneva. "I had just served on the ELCA Synod. I was wondering what to do to find a church home. I had been driving to Durham. I found the true gospel preached at Lakeside. It has been such a wonderful part of my life. I'm just happy I found my church home in Warren County. It's a good worshipping community."

Geneva went on to say that some of her fondest memories are of attending services and participating in church activities. She recalled when the church first formed Sara's Circle—Lakeside Lutheran's women's group - the area wasn't thickly populated and group members would gather at each other's homes to study, socialize and worship.

"I remember driving the dark roads at night," she said. "It was SO dark." She also recalled the first meetings at the firehouse in Warrenton and how it took time and a lot of effort for the church to grow into the loving community of believers it is today.

"I thank the Lord and sing his praises for the Lakeside Lutheran church community," she said. "We worked so hard getting things started. The women played a big part in getting the church going." These days, our matriarch doesn't have the opportunity to meet with us in person as often as she would like. But there are changes in the works that will, not only make her more accessible to her community but will also give her access to Lakeside Lutheran's live stream services. Miss Geneva will soon become a resident at The Landings at Lake Gaston. Everyone is encouraged to stop by to see her, send cards and to call. Her new address is: Geneva Fitts, C/O The Landings at Lake Gaston, 206 N. Mosby Ave., Littleton, NC 27850.

She said she still plans to attend services when she is able and will join us, along with her family for a birthday celebration after services Nov. 7. Everyone is invited and encouraged to share the love and some cake!

2021



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 am Excom		6:30 pm—Small Groups Bible Study		9 am Sara's Circle Bake Sale
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30am Christian Ed 9:30am Combined Service	9:30 am Council 3 pm Evangelism	8 am Men's B.S. 9 am D.F. Bible Practices 10 am Women's B.S.	Veterans Day Office Closed			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 am Christian Ed 9:30 am Combined Service Congregational Meeting after service		8 am Men's B.S. 9 am D.F. Bible Practices 10 am Women's B.S.		6:30 pm—Small Groups Bible Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 am Christian Ed 9:30am Combined Service	9:30 am Sara's Circle in choir room	8 am Men's B.S. 9 am D.F. Bible Practices 10 am Women's B.S. 10:30 Card ministry	Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed		
28	29	30				
8 am Contemporary Service. 9:15 am Christian Ed 10:30 am Traditional Service						

Worship & Music is looking for some HELP

The Worship and Music committee needs volunteers to help with behind the scenes work that makes our services happen. For more information contact Nancy Roegner at 252-586-1823 or email: nkroegner@gmail.com.

Combined Services 9:30 am

Slides

Nov. 7 Lynn Pritchard
Nov. 14 Lynn Pritchard
Nov. 21 Lynn Pritchard
Nov. 28 Lynn Pritchard

Sound

Scott Miller
Charles Gearhart
John Colin
Jim Noland

Video

Nov. 7 John Krysa
Nov. 14 John/David Hartline
Nov. 21 Joel Everhart
Nov. 28 Sherm Basinger

Assisting Ministers

John Hartline
Fred Pritchard
John Hartline
Diane Colin

Ushers

Nov. 7 The Walkers
Nov. 21 Bob Hutchins & Hank Norfleet

Greeters

Nov. 7— The Nolands
Nov. 14—JuliaAnn Freeze & Bev Noland
Nov. 21— The Walkers

Contemporary Nov. 28

Sound—Bill Fowler
Ushers—Dick Clayton
Slides—Cindy Clayton

Traditional, Nov. 28

Slides—Lynn Pritchard
Sound—Jim Noland
Video—Sherm Basinger
Assisting Minister—Diane Colin
Usher—Bob Hutchins & Hank Norfleet

Christian Education **Classes & Study Groups**

Christian Education

Sunday morning at 9:15 am in person in the church fellowship hall. On Sundays with **combined services** at 9:30 am, Christian Education will meet at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

Nov. 7 Lesson 10 All People Praise God, leader Fred Pritchard @ 8:30 am
Nov. 14 Lesson 11 Praise for God's Eternal Reign, leader Bob Roegner @ 8:30 am
Nov. 21 Lesson 12 Rejoicing in Heaven, leader Arleen Gerbing @ 8:30 am
Nov. 28 Lesson 13 Good news for All, leader Ted Chylack @ 9:15 am

Small Groups meeting—Thursday, Nov. 4 & 18 at 6:30 pm in the church.

Men's Bible Study—Every Wednesday morning 8:00 - 9:15. Currently meeting at the Lakes Gaston Lions Club. Fellowship breakfast the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 am.

Daily Faith Practices Bible Study (for men & women)--Wednesday on Zoom at 9 am
Meeting ID: **891 8084 8001**
Passcode: **418059**

Women's Bible Study—Every Wednesday morning 10:00 - 11:15 am. Currently meeting at the **Lakes Gaston Lions Club**.

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