



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—October 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



One of the things I find very interesting is that we often have long and varied discussions about the purpose of music in the church, I'd like to spend a little time reflecting on that with you.

In Colossians 3:16 Paul gives 2 purposes of music for an assembly of believers:

1. "...singing... With thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col.3:16) "Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God" (Acts 16;25-26). "...Singing and making melody to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19)
2. to teach and admonish the listener/singer through the word: "...teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing..." (Col. 3:16). "...addressing or speaking to one another in psalm...(Eph. 5:19).



Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer Iowa

While scholars are divided as to the exact translation of Colossians 3:16, Paul is undoubtedly urging the church to use music as a means of teaching and admonishing believers through the word. New Testament Scholar Douglas Moo concludes that, "Paul wants the community to teach and admonish each other by means of various kinds of songs, and he wants them to do this, singing to God with hearts full of gratitude."

As we evaluate this verse, we should note that Paul used this same concept earlier in his epistle apart from music, "we proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ (Col. 1:28). Teaching and admonishing is an essential task for the New Testament church— so essential that our music must align with this purpose.

To be clear, based on Paul's teachings in these passages, I am suggesting that music has the same purpose in the church as preaching and teaching: to proclaim the gospel of Christ and to clarify biblical truths. Since his approach is different than what we're used to, there may be fear that this philosophy may detract from the verbalization of God's truth through preaching and teaching. However, this approach gives direction and purpose to our singing and unifies the goals of preaching teaching and singing.

As we unify these goals, we cease to have a, "song service," followed by a, "preaching service." Instead we have a unified worship service that proclaims the gospel and imparts truth to worshippers.

Teaching and admonishing of music means whenever we sing, we are teaching something. Therefore, there are songs that we will do, and there are those that we can't do.

We need to give thought to how this portion of the gathering worship aligns with the preached word such that both aspects of the service accomplish the same goal.

Content is primary, there will and should be a variety of music with no one style mandated. Our primary criterion for song selection is not what meets our taste, but what best imparts the scriptures.

Joachim Wilck

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



I have often been asked: Pastor how best can I pray?
I ran across this little nugget written by Origin of Alexandria who lived from 185 to 254 AD.

It is a little treatise entitled: **On Prayer.**

“It seems to me that 4 subjects, which I have found here and there throughout the scriptures, may be outlined and that everyone should form their prayers accordingly. The subjects are these.

At the beginning and preamble of the prayer, so far as possible, God is to be glorified, through Christ glorified together with him, in the Holy Spirit hymned together with him.

And next in order after this, each one must offer general Thanksgiving including blessings bestowed on many besides himself, together with those he has personally obtained from God.

After Thanksgiving, it seems to me that one ought to accuse himself bitterly before God of personal sins, and then ask God 1st for healing to be delivered of the habit that causes one to sin; And secondly for forgiveness of the past period after confession.

It seems to me that in the fourth place one should add a request for great and heavenly things, one's own general, and also for ones family and dearest friends.

Finally, bring the prayer to a close glorifying God through Christ in the Holy Spirit. Having begun by glorifying God, it is fitting to conclude and bring the prayer to an end by glorifying him, hymning and glorifying the Father of the universe.



Special Missions: Coldwater House



Thanks to the good people of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, (and a little help from the ladies of WELCA pushing us over the top, we were able to present a check for \$1000 to Coldwater House. Well Done!

Stewardship: “Because of God’s Great Mercy”

A Stewardship Program for Our Congregation



“Because of God’s Great Mercy,” is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is: 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title, “Because of God’s Great Mercy.” God has made us God’s own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian’s life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Our Saviour is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Our Saviour uses our offerings to do God’s work within the congregations walls, in our community, and around the world.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy,” will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Our Saviour by at least 1/2 of %1 of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that Our Saviour already has in place for your giving.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy,” will use mail, email, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation’s life.

Financial Report *submitted by Deb Ciccone*



Financial Report as of 8/31/24

Below is a financial update as of the end of August. The end of August is 66% through the year. As you can see our income year to date (YTD) continues to be ahead of budget, while our expenses are slightly lower than our forecasted budget. Our expenses for August were high primary due to the work done on the parking lot (\$4,750) which was planned and in the budget.

	August Actual	YTD Actual	YTD as a % of Annual Budget
Income	\$12,840.35	\$178,192.52	77%
Expense	\$30,601.49	\$174,640.72	64%
Net Income	\$-17,761.14	\$3,551.80	

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to give me a call.

Counters Needed *submitted by Rod Potter*



Our Saviour is currently in need of volunteers to count our offerings on Sundays as we have recently had a few people need to step aside from that role. The need is greatest over the winter months when some of our counters are away. The training is very simple, if you have an ability to accurately count and write down numbers, you can be a counter. We all need to find ways to use our hands and feet to serve God and this community. Maybe counting can be your way pitching in. If you are interested, please speak to Rod Potter or let Jonathan know you want to help. Thank you for considering this.

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary



Potluck

We began this year's program with our Annual Potluck Lunch. Everyone had a fun time catching up with each other on "how we spent our summer."

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p. m. Pastor Jonathan Deibler, District Dean and Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church will be our Guest Speaker. He will speak to us about Prison Ministries. A special, "thank you," to AnnMarie MacBride for acquiring this speaker.

Refreshments will be provided at this meeting. The entire congregation is welcome, including, "MEN." There will be a sign-up sheet on the WELCA table in the Narthex.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29 at 11:30 a.m. At this meeting, we will discuss the upcoming Election Day Soup & Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. We are also in need of donations of soup and baked goods for this sale, as well as volunteers to work the day of the sale. There are sign-up sheets on the WELCA table in the Narthex. Thank you to Thrivent for once again sponsoring this sale!



I am happy to report that the WELCA Genesee Finger Lakes and Central Crossroad Conferences Fall Retreat, "Exploring Native American History and Culture," held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 was a success. We had 51 participants from many churches from both Conferences. A very special thank you to Pastor Deibler, from St. John's Lutheran Church for graciously allowing us the use of his church for our Retreat.

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Fall Food Drive for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard and for everyone who continues to donate food items throughout the year. There is always a need for food year-round.

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich project for St. Peter's Kitchen continues to go well. Each month we welcome new volunteers. We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month. We will meet again on Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Augsburg Room. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this project a success. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are interested in volunteering. It will only take about an hour of your time!

The Church & Community Committee will meet on Thursday, October 24 at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining this committee, you are welcome!



Veteran Bricks *submitted by Ed Jarvis*



On Sunday, November 10th at our service we will recognize and honor our many military veterans in celebration of Veteran's Day which is November 11th. This is an opportunity to dedicate a veteran brick at the base of our Memorial Flag Pole. Please contact Ed Jarvis if you have any questions on how to proceed with ordering a personalized brick honoring a veteran. Orders must be received by October 18th.

Operation Christmas Child *submitted by Lois Dannenberg*



What is Operation Christmas Child? The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

The collection is starting now! The boxes are on a display in the Narthex, and the brochures are on the table.

1. Shoe Box—Pick up an empty shoe box.
2. Wow Item—Purchase a quality “wow” toy such as a doll or soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.
3. Other Gifts—fill the box with fun toys, personal care items and school supplies
4. Pray—Most importantly pray for the child that is to receive your gift. You may also include a personal note, prayer or photo to delight the child who receives your gift.
5. Donate \$10 per shoebox— This is critical as it covers the cost of shipping and processing fees. You may write a check payable to Samaritan's Purse with memo line “Operation Christmas Child.
6. Filled boxes and checks should be returned to the church by November 17 for collection.

(for more instructions see the “How to Pack a Shoebox,” brochure)

TRUNK or TREAT

submitted by Casper



Mark your calendars: Saturday, October 26th from 1pm—3pm
We need your help. In October we will begin collecting candy. Bins will be placed in the Narthex.

Sign up sheets will be available for those who plan to decorate their trunks. Also, volunteers are needed to help plan the event and help with additional decorating of the Narthex.

Sunday School Special Activity Days

submitted by Wendy Forrest



The Sunday School is happy to announce that they will continue having special activity days on the first Sunday of every month during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday School time. On October 6th and November 3rd we will be working on a felt banner project for the church. We will provide a breakfast snack for all who attend. This program is for children and teens of all ages and we would love to meet any friends of our young people who would like to join us. All Are welcome!

A Thank-You Note

submitted by Charlyne Hickey, Council Member



Thank You

I just want to express that I am overwhelmed by all the beautiful, thoughtful and sensitive notes and cards I have received. And am most grateful for the prayers for my family and I.

Charlyne



Rochester Intergenerational Choir Day at The Hochstein School *submitted by Sandy Moncrief*

November 16, 2024, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

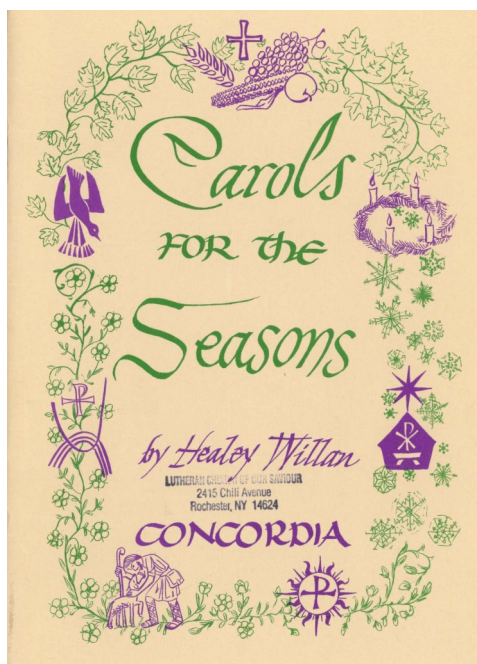
FREE!!

Choirs of all ages and backgrounds from schools, churches, and the community are invited to participate in this event which will feature three composers: Brandon Waddles, a Detroit native, composer, conductor, educator, and music director on the faculty at Wayne State University; Jonathan Thomas Madden, a Rochester native, a graduate student in Choral Conducting at the Eastman School of Music, Assistant Director of the Hochstein Youth Singers and Hochstein Singers, and Minister of Music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pittsford; and Dr. Philip E. Silvey, composer of choral music for treble and mixed voice, Associate Professor of Music Teaching and Learning at the Eastman School of Music where he directs the Treble Chorus and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education.



Choruses will work with Dr. Waddles on a piece commissioned for the event centered around an African-American spiritual. They will work with Jonathan Thomas Madden to prepare his newly commissioned work "Songs for the People" from the poem by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911), an influential abolitionist, suffragist, poet, and teacher. Phillip Silvey will work with the group on his new piece "Everyone Shine". All participating choruses will work on these 3 new compositions to take that repertoire back ready to perform in each choir's individual location. A closed mass "performance" of those pieces will be presented by and for all Chorus participants. If you would like to participate in this special event, please contact Sandy Moncrief, 585-663-6993.

Save The Date: Sunday December 8th at 4:00 p.m. *submitted by Jonathan Howell*



Please mark the date in your calendars. The Choir of Our Saviour and Pastor Wilck will present a service of lessons and carols written by Healey Willan, known as the, "dean of Canadian Composers."

For those who sing but are not currently serving in the choir, we invite you to join us for this work. Rehearsal times can be arranged for those wishing to "just sit in," on this one.

A Change of Season: Looking Ahead to Advent

Submitted by Jonathan Howell



One of the joys of directing music and helping craft liturgy is in the preparing for a change of liturgical season. The church cleverly divides the year into sections or seasons.

- Advent: A four-week period of preparation before Christmas
- Christmas: A season that recalls the birth of Jesus Christ
- Lent: A six-week period of penitent reflection before Easter
- Holy Week: that part of the Church's year that recalls the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- Easter: A 50-day period of celebration of Jesus' resurrection and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit
- The Time after Epiphany (in some churches referred to as 'Ordinary Time'): A period of time after Christmas and Easter when the faithful consider Jesus' teachings and works
- Pentecost: The final season of the church, which lasts around six months

Each liturgical season has its own mood or vibe. Each has its own colors which are shown in the paraments (or tapestries) that adorn the sanctuary. The modes and keys of the hymns as well as the texts change too. Right now we are in the process of looking ahead to the season of Advent which seems like a long way off, but it begins in 2 months. There are many things to consider. What hymns will we use for our Advent wreath lighting? What setting will we use for the liturgical parts of the service? In place of the "gloria," which is sung before the gospel, it is traditional to substitute a different text of praise. What kind of mood do we want to bring to our service by the choices we make in terms of the service music like: Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lamb of God, etc.

Many of these choices are set, the color of Advent is traditionally blue. Pastor Wilck and I have been discussing what mood we want to convey this coming Advent through our liturgical choices. We invite you to join this discussion by attending our next Worship Committee Meeting: October 10th at 10:30 a.m.

Christian Book Club *submitted by Pam Spencer*



On October 29th at 11:00 a.m. The Christian Book will meet to discuss the book *The Forge* by Chris Fabry. *The Forge* is about the power of prayer, the transformation only God can achieve, and the lasting influence one person can have on others.

To Purchase on Amazon click this [LINK](#).

Ways to Volunteer: How Can I Help?

submitted by Jonathan Howell

Service Leader, Usher, Lector, Communion Assistant, Greeter, Cross Bearer, Peanut Butter & Jelly Maker, Office Volunteer, Buildings & Grounds Worker, Lawn Mower, Homebound Visitor, Communion Bringer, Shoveler, Worship Committee member, Event Planner, Event Worker, Sunday School Teacher, Altar Guild Member, Bell Ringer, Choir Singer, Band Member, Choir Library Organizer, Dell Hall Cleaner, Cook, Kitchen Helper, Dish Washer, Rose Tender, Outreach, ALPHA presenter, Coffee Hour Attendant, Equal Exchange order processor, Candle Filler, Video Operator, Audio Helper, Council Member, Stewardship Coordinator, Committee member, Counter, Contributions Coordinator, Evangelism Worker, Election Day Baker, Jubilee Coordinator, Emergency Bird Transporter, Driver, Carillon Programmer, Fund Raiser, Grant Investigator, Boiler expert, Light Bulb Changer, Coffee Cup Purchaser...



Don't wait to be asked! Jump Right In!

That's a long list, and only a partial one! So much to do, and so many opportunities to lend a hand. But the sad truth is that out of all the people who come to church on a regular basis most of the above roles are being filled by just a handful of people; and many of these people have been doing these jobs for a very long time... I know what some of you are saying, "but nobody asked me." Well, if everyone waited to be asked the church would be lost.

If you want to get involved, start by talking to some of the people you see listed as contributors to the newsletter. People like Pam Spencer, Ann Seppa, Carol Werth, Deb Ciccone, Ed Jarvis, Jerry Stich, Mary Ellen Saur... and others. Ask them how you might be able to help. If you really get stuck call the office and ask how you can help. Ask your friends at coffee hour what they are doing to pitch in.

As we grow in number the needs and opportunities for volunteerism grow. Not only can you help your church continue to thrive, but you have an opportunity to become closer with other members, and ultimately closer to God. So please consider rolling up your sleeves and getting involved beyond just coming to church for one hour a week.

A very close friend of mine named Beverly Bolton lived to be 101. When asked what helped her live so long she said, "staying busy and volunteering at church."

Happening in October



(German School Meets in the Church on Fridays from 5:30 p.m.—7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 p.m. ALPHA Course

Thursday, October 3

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:15 a.m. Sunday School **SPECIAL ACTIVITY SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

Monday, October 7

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

Tuesday, October 8

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry Talk with Pastor Deibler

6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 p.m. ALPHA Course

Thursday, October 10

9:30 a.m. PB & J Making

10:30 a.m. Worship Committee

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

11:15 a.m. CLC Meeting

Monday, October 14—Columbus Day

All Day Office Closed

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 p.m. ALPHA Course

Thursday, October 17

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, October 18—Brick Orders Due

Sunday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

Happening in October, cont.



Monday, October 21

6:30 a.m.....Council Meeting
6:30 a.m.....Scouts, BSA

Tuesday, October 22

10:00 a.m.....Bible Study

Wednesday, October 23

6:30 p.m.....ALPHA Course

Thursday, October 24

11:00 a.m.....Church & Community
7:00 p.m.....Bell Choir Practice

Saturday, October 26

10:30 a.m.....Baptism
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.....Trunk of Treat

Sunday, October 27

9:00 a.m.....Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m.....Sunday School
10:00 a.m.....Communion Service

Monday, October 28

6:30 p.m.....Scouts, BSA

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 a.m.....Bible Study
11:00 a.m.....Christian Book Club

Wednesday, October 30

6:30 p.m.....ALPHA Course

Thursday, October 31—Halloween

NO BELL CHOIR



October Service Schedule



Altar Guild: Debbie Wilck & Karen Preston

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
October 6	Mary Ellen Saur	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Deb Yackel	Dick Ransom & Deb Fey	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
October 13	Carol Werth	Elton & Patti Schulz	Moni Stellrecht	John Macksamie	Ed Jarvis Moni Stellrecht	Lois Dannenberg
October 20	Pam Brady	Dave Nowatka	Andrew Eichner	Paul Hamblin	Brian & Pam Spencer	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
October 27	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Carol Werth	Jason Stone	Carol Werth & Steve Bradty	Paul Hamblin

Anniversaries in October



Christopher & Debra Kuter, October 2 (31 years)

Carol & Jim Werth, October 5 (56 years)

Gary & Joyce Perkins, October 10 (60 years)

Michael & Deb Frey, October 13 (23 years)

David & Kelly Cuff, October 21 (29 years)

Birthdays in October



Frank Johnson, October 2

Lucy Lance, October 5

Joseph Caputo, October 6

Wendy Carrier, October 6

Alan Kallstrand, October 9

Nicole Guida, October 10

Ray McQueen, October 10

Luke Coval, October 12

Deborah Frey, October 12

Richard Yackel, October 12

Ashley Maas, October 14

Kyle Gear, October 17

Taylor Ransom, October 18

Lyndsey Yackel, October 18

Heather Spencer, October 20

Marcia Palumbo, October 22

Brayden Spencer, October 22

Sydney Emerson, October 24

David Nowatka, October 25

Jill Klein, October 27

Ethan Lowe, October 27

Sharon Evert, October 31

Prayer Concerns

Members In Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Alice Crawford, Elaine DeVantier, Jack Erbelding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Debbie Frey, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Daryl Jarvis, Lynn Johnston, Barb King, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, John Macksamie, Elly Mahler, Sharon Nazarian, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Marilies Renke, Edith Russell, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Janine Westa, Charlyne Hickey, Meredith Fries, Don Jermyn

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG, Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

Others Serving

LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth

Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson, Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis

Family & Friends In Need of Payer

John Aune, *brother of Ann Marie MacBride*. Sam Bagdan, *nephew of Ray McQueen*.

The Baird and Balmer Family, *family of Valerie Baird*.

Dan Burrell and family, *friends of John and Debi Macksamie*. Rick Conley, *friend of Jean Lombard*.

Annette and Casey Corbridge and family, *family of Debi and John Macksamie*.

Marlene Denz, *mother of Paul Denz*. Rich Doehl, *friend of Debi Macksamie*.

Krystle Earle, *daughter of Debbie Frey*. Terry Faircloth, *daughter of Ed & Daryl Jarvis*,

Valerie Gingello, *sister of April O'Connor*. Barbara Haefele, *aunt of Steven Fries*.

Roy & Ann Hamblin, *parents of Paul Hamblin*. Stacy Harris, *friend of Wendy Forrest*.

Steven Gear, *Father of the Gear Children*. Kyle Hopkins, *son of Larry & Janie Hopkins*.

Sean Hopkins, *son of Larry & Janie Hopkins*. Family or Rick Horn, *cousin of Wendy Forrest*.

Cathy Lee Johnson, *niece of Ann Seppa*. Marlene Kallstrand, *friends of Dick & Carol Ransom*.

Nancy Lenox, *mother in law of Steve Fries*.

Greg Lombard, *son of Jean Lombard*. Scott Lynaugh, *nephew of Alice Crawford*.

Zoe and John Marshall, *friends of Debi Macksamie*. JohnAnthony Neri, *nephew of Alice Crawford*.

Rich Petronio, *friend of Stephanie Karcher*. Scott Preston, *son of Karen Preston*.

Marianna Reed, *friend of Debi Macksamie*. Martha Richenberg, *sister of David Nowatka*.

Lois Russell, *friend of our WELCA*. Mary Anne Schnabel, *friend of Bill Vogel*.

Matt Seger, *family friend of Valerie Baird*. Avrie Sinesiou, *friend of Keely Lyons*.

Denton Sutphen, *brother of Debi Macksamie*.

Glena Sutphen, *sister-in-law of John and Debi Macksamie*.

Kerri Wallenhorst and family, *friends of Jenny (Stich) Guiles*. Judy Whitney, *cousin of Ric Seiling*.

Clarence Wingate, *nephew-in-law of Jack Erbelding*. Sammy Zaffuto, *friend of Alice Crawford*

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