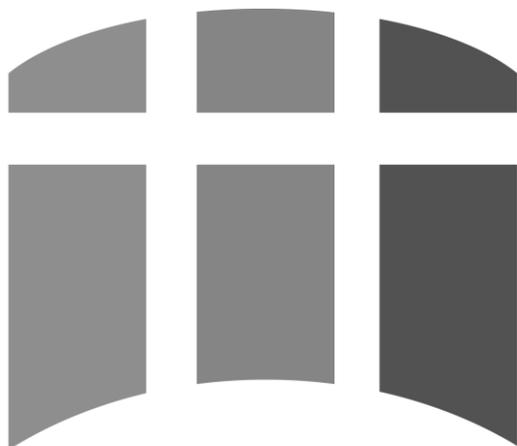


The Messenger

June 2019



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Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool
4820 Oster Pkwy, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Rev. Dr. Gerald Kapanka, Don Illian, Pastors
Church: 260-2000 ilcv.org
Preschool: 260-2005 ilswaterloo.com

A Message from Pastor Kapanka

We are now entering the season of the church year called Pentecost. The Festival of Pentecost is the time when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem and instilled in them the ability and call to share the Good News of Christ's Salvation. It is sometimes referred to as the "Birthday of the Church." The season of Pentecost is named the "Non-Festival" season of the Church Year. This is because the major holidays of the Christian Church have already passed--Christmas, Easter and Ascension. During the time of Pentecost, we usually focus our attention on how the Church on earth uses the gifts that God has given us.

Because the Church is the body of Christ made up of many members, for the Church to use her gifts it means that each member of the body of Christ must use their God-given gifts and talents in service to His Bride, the Church. From now until the season of Advent, every one of us is to recall to mind what Jesus did for us by His incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, and then in thanksgiving for the life we have in Christ, we are to offer ourselves back to God in service to Him and others.

Each and every child of God has something to give in response to all that Christ gave us. If you think of it in terms of a soccer team, every member of that team is necessary for the team to be successful. The full backs and goalie play defense, the midfielders transition the ball from defense to offense and the forwards try to score goals. If one part of the team quits playing or doesn't show up, it is impossible to score goals and win games.

It is similar in the work of God's Church. God has blessed each congregation with all the "players" it needs to be successful. He has given some to be "prayers." These are the true spiritual heartbeat of the church. They do their work behind the scenes with little or no recognition. They pray for the sick and mourning, the children and parents, the pastor and staff. Every church needs the "prayers." Another vital component of any church is the "worker." These individuals are the muscle of the congregation. They set up and take down tables, pick weeds from the yard, fix light fixtures and paint walls. Without the "workers" life in the church would be very difficult. Churches also need

the “givers.” The givers have a generous heart and open their checkbook and joyfully share the financial blessings that God has entrusted to them. They give to the youth, the LWML, the missionaries, the general fund and to special projects. The “givers” consider it a privilege to give to the work of the Lord. Without the “church mice” a lot of things would not get done around the church. These are the ones that do the work that no one ever sees. They change the paraments, wash the robes, fold the bulletins, set the clocks, count the money, pick up trash in the parking lot and a thousand other odd jobs. The “church mice” are a blessing to all the members. Churches also need “smilers.” These individuals are there each week with a smile and a warm welcome. They let you know that you are loved and an important part of the congregation. “Smilers” brighten our days and encourage our work.

There are numerous other players that make up the church’s team. None has more value or has more worth than another. Each is integral to our life together. It takes all the players working together and depending on each other to do the work of the church. The weeks of Pentecost allow us the privilege to examine ourselves and see how we can fit into God's game plan using the gifts and talents that we have been given.

All of us need each other and are depending on each other in order to move the ball up field and make God's team at Immanuel a winning team.

Pastor Kapanka



May Prayers

For Ron Friedley, recently hospitalized
For Darlene Lorenz, recent surgery
For Thea Streittmatter, health issues
For the work of the Gideons
For Terry Schutte, broken hip – currently at ManorCare
For Pastor Illian, prostate cancer
For Karen Costello, niece of Betty Pries, cancer
For Danielle Mason, preschool parent, cancer in remission
For Vicki McDonald, Kathy Camarata's sister, cancer
For our missionaries Scott & Ivy Wiens and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson

Information

Please call the church office if you will be in the hospital or if you know of a member that is ill.

Address info requested for:

Rod Clay	Colin Modderman	Joe Morelock
Zach Liger	Paul Modderman	Arnold Egemo

Official Business:

Transfer In - Sue Burnell from Faith Lutheran Waterloo

Transfer Out - Ebner family to Redeemer Lutheran Sioux City, IA

Deaths - Bob Armstrong, Irene Gleason

Removed - 4 Absent from worship 5+ years

Are you a Thrivent Policy Holder? We are looking for three Thrivent policy holders who would be willing to sponsor action teams for Immanuel's Vacation Bible School. If you are willing, speak to Cindy Grim. A brief form will need to be filled out – we can help with that! This will aid us in getting funding from Thrivent for the event.

2019 Member Graduates



High School:

Tyler Borgwardt graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock High School on May 26. He will attend Hawkeye Community College studying Web Programming and Development.

Keely Daman graduated from Waterloo West on May 28. She will attend UNI, double majoring in Elementary - Middle Level (K-8) Education, with endorsements in Reading and Language Arts, with a minor in Special Education.

Taylor Daniels graduated from Union High School, LaPorte City on May 19. She will attend Hawkeye Community College studying to become a Veterinarian Technician.

Owen Dawson graduated from Valley Lutheran School on May 18. He will attend Concordia University, Seward, NE majoring in History and upon completion of the pre-seminary program, intends to enroll in one of the LCMS seminaries to become a pastor.

Nicholas Heinz graduated from Waterloo East on May 24. He will attend Purdue University in Indiana to study Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Addyson Kaune graduated from Valley Lutheran School on May 18. She will attend Warburg College majoring in Biology.

Camryn Meyer graduated from Waterloo West on May 28. She has enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard and leaves for basic training in Ft. Sill, OK on July 23.

Kaitlyn Meyer graduated from Waterloo West on May 28. She will attend Iowa State University majoring in Biology.

Danielle Panning graduated from Valley Lutheran High School on May 18. She will attend UNI studying Biochemistry.

Ethan Reiter graduated from Cedar Falls High School on May 26. He will attend Hawkeye Community College.

College:

Tom Brown graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Agricultural Systems Technology.

Sam Christensen graduated from UNI with a BS in Manufacturing Engineering Technology Metal Casting & Technology Management. He will begin his job as Product Manager at HA International LLC in Westmont, IL in June.

Grant Daniels graduated from Hawkeye Community College with a degree in Graphic Communications.

Worship

This year's theme is Missions: Reaching the Unreached

Theme Verse: Acts 13:47 *"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sundays @ 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

(No Worship Wed., June 26)



Altar Committee: Nancy Culpepper & Kelly Rodriguez will set up communion in June. Thank you to Myron & Joyce Piehl for setting up communion in May.



June Acolytes

Sunday, June 2 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	Adelaide Ehrich	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	Tyler Beatty	
Sunday, June 9	8:30 a.m.	Nick Berumez	
	11:00 a.m.	Walker Laughridge	
Sunday, June 16 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	Lydia Dawson	
w/HC	11:00 a.m.	Thelma Culpepper	
Sunday, June 23	8:30 a.m.	Aiden Dermody	
	11:00 a.m.	Baylee Marquart	
Sunday, June 30 w/HC	8:30 a.m.	Cyrus Leyda	
W/HC	11:00 a.m.	Westley Determan	

Christian Outreach



LCMS Radio and Web Ministry

www.Kfuo.org reaches listeners worldwide 24/7

“The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on these stations:

KXEL 1540 AM Sunday 5:30am

WGN 720 AM Sunday 6:00am

WMT 600 AM Sunday 6:30am

WHO 1040 AM Sunday 7:30am

KWAY 1470 AM Sunday 8:00am

Mission Ministry

Mission Committee: Meets next on Tuesday, June 4 @ 6:15pm. Speak to Bob White for more information.

Our Missionaries: Please keep in your prayers the missionaries our church is supporting, Scott & Ivy Wiens (Thailand) and Pr. Carl & Chen Hanson (Hong Kong)

Children/Youth Ministry

Save the Dates: VBS will be held Sun., July 21 through Thur., July 25. Lift off for an intergalactic adventure with *Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World*. Explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross.



Music for VBS: Youth (Adults too!) opportunity to volunteer to lead music as a group during VBS. All youth interested in helping with music during VBS week, we will learn the music ahead of time. Please email me (ashley_kara@hotmail.com) back with interest. I'd like lots of kids to help sing and lead music! Send me (Ashley Ehrich) an email if you're interested and to let me know if you can make it to both or either of the practices, or all or some of the days of VBS (July 21-25). If you can't be there for everything, that's ok, you can still be included! We will practice twice before VBS starts.

Music Practices:

July 17 at 6:30-7:30 p.m., 6th grade and up VBS music practice

July 21 at 1:00-1:45 p.m., 6th grade and up VBS music practice

Sunday School for grades Pk-8th grades. Meets at 9:45am Sept.-May.

Check out the music opportunities for Kids and Adults...

Music Ministry

Kid's Praise Choir practice will resume in the fall.

Children's Chimes practice will resume August 5 at 6:00pm for children going into grades 1-5.

Praise Band! Next practice Wednesday, July 3 & 10 at 6:30pm.

Hand Bells practice resumes August 5 at 5:30pm for adults and those youth in grades 6 and up.

Choir practice resumes August 7 at 7:15pm.



Fellowship

Glowing Embers – Okay, with ducks on the pond, one out, and hitter at the plate let's try for a double play! At the May meeting we agreed to a change in venue AND change of date. Because Pastor and Kathy will be out of town for the regular meeting in June, and the first Thursday in July is the Fourth of July, our next Glowing Embers will be June 27th. [That's one meeting for the two months.] Instead of our usual place of meeting, we have scheduled our next meeting at the Waterloo Perkins.

Reservations have been made for us to use the Meeting Room at the Waterloo Perkins, at 4045 Hammond Ave. from 11:00 to 1:15 on the LAST Thursday of JUNE, (June 27). By way of reference, the Perkins is south-east of the Red Lobster, or south of Menard's, or south of San Marnan Dr. by the Habitat ReStore, north of Home Depot at the exact location where the Lone Star Steakhouse used to be. If you get lost you can find it on your GPS by asking for "Perkins, Waterloo, IA." See Ya There!

Men's Ministry



Pancake Breakfast: The men of Immanuel will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 9. If you can help serve or clean up, contact Jeff Dawson.

Women's Ministry

LWML News

Our Mission Goal for the 2017-2019 Biennium was \$2,075,000. Our Mite offerings received were \$2,172,373.76. The amount above and beyond our Mission Goal was \$97,373.76. All thanks and praise to our Triune God from whom all blessings flow. By our faithful and prayerful mite offerings, we exceeded the mission goal in order to fund all 22 mission grants! Going forward into our new biennium, delegates will meet in Mobile, AL at the 2019 LWML Convention, June 20-23 to vote on a new Mission Goal and select new grant recipients from a list of 31. What an exciting time in our Lutheran Women's Missionary League!

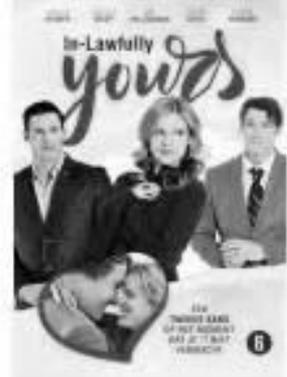
In Christ's humble and joyful service,
Joanne Hartman, Immanuel Dorcas Society Treasurer

Dorcas Society will meet Thursday, June 20 at 6:30pm at the church. Sharon Limback will lead our Bible Study. Please bring items for Fabric Kits for LWR or completed kits. All women of Immanuel are invited.

Summer Day Getaway! Join the women of Dorcas (LWML) for a day away at the Villa Comagena near Shellsburg, IA. Listen to Inge Schminke as she shares her personal experiences in Austria at the time of WWII. Enjoy a delicious, bountiful buffet lunch served in her charming home, prepared by Inge herself. After lunch, spend time in her gift shop, which features an assortment of Austrian imports. The date is Saturday, July 13. We will carpool from church, leaving at 10:30am. The cost is \$20 per person. Gentlemen are also invited. Please RSVP to Jennifer Determan by Friday, July 5 at 319-230-0244 or jenjendeterman@cfu.net

Chick Flick: Join us at the home of Laverne Kelderman, 3814 Wynnewood Dr., CF on Monday, July 8 for food, fellowship, and the flick *In-Lawfully Yours*.

Following both the death of her father-in-law and a divorce, Jesse, a New Yorker, returns to a small town to live with her now widowed ex-mother-in-law. Jesse struggles to fit in with the local townsfolk who don't welcome her with open arms. Jesse, who is not a church goer, becomes acquainted with and falls in love with the local pastor. Things become complicated for her when her ex-husband suspiciously comes calling trying to win her back.



Jesse is tested as she seeks the answer to where she truly belongs.

Service Opportunities

Sturgis Falls Volunteers Needed: Many volunteers are needed to work in the ticket booth, validate IDs, and pour beer in Gateway Park during this annual festival Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30! Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area. This is the largest fundraiser for our Youth, and it only requires your time!

Food Bank: Immanuel volunteers at the NE IA Food Bank on Lafayette St. in Waterloo from 4:30-6:00pm Sept. – May.

Check the Welcome Desk for Summer Daily Volunteer needs at NE IA Food Bank!

Readers & Greeters: Please sign up at the Welcome Desk, if you would like to read our lessons or greet at the door.

Presentation Assistant: If you are interested in learning how to run the Proclaim software we use during our service, tape our services, or perhaps operate the sound board, speak to Jon Illian, Tech Director.

Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday Adult Study – Pastor Kapanka leads a Bible study on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:45am.

Women’s Bible Study—This women’s Bible study, led by Deb Staack, will meet on the first few Tuesdays in June from 9:15-11:00am as they finish their current study, before breaking for the summer. Any interested women are welcome!

At the Village – Kathe Kisling organizes a Bible study at the Village Co-op. New participants are always welcome. Contact Kathe 277-4097 for info. The book of Ezekiel is the current study.

Caring Ministry

The GriefShare leadership team is offering grief support through monthly meetings during the months when there isn’t a GriefShare session. The meetings are on the first Monday of each of those months, here at Immanuel beginning at 4:00pm. There is no formal program at these meetings; they’re a time for fellowship and sharing. We invite anyone who’s interested to join us at these meetings. Next meeting will be Monday, June 3.

GriefShare is a national Christ-centered grief recovery support group. This 13-week program meets here each fall on Mondays at 4:00pm and is led by Lois Bonefas. (The first fall meeting will be Monday, September 9.) If you are dealing with the death of a family member or friend, whether the loss is recent, or years ago, please consider this group.

Love, INC Gas Card Gap Ministry: If you are willing to meet briefly with clients who pick up gas cards here at Immanuel on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:00, call Kathy Diehl.



Many Thanks

- Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. Don't forget the lonesome! Doug Bellmer
- Thank you to all our dedicated Sunday School volunteers: Coordinator Nancy Culpepper, and teachers and class helpers Keely Daman, Shannon Daman, Amanda Davis, Rose Davis, Anne Dawson, Sara Glawe, Angie Meron, Jill Stubberud
- Immanuel's 2019 Guide Book & Directory advertisers helped provide this resource at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise: Kobliska Chiropractic, Black Hawk Memorial Co., Professional Lawn Care, Polk's Lock Service, Blueline Moving & Storage, Baymont Inn & Suites, Celia Simmer & Trapp Realtors, Care Initiatives -- Ravenwood



Valley is enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like a tour or to get more information about Valley, please contact Jamie Panning at 319-266-4565 or jamie.panning@vlscrusaders.org.

Results are in from the 7th Annual Valley Lutheran School Gala that was held Saturday, April 27. There were 229 people in attendance helping us to raise just shy of \$36,000 for Valley. A huge thank you to our 36 table sponsors that helped us raise \$18,000 before the event even started. The remainder of the funds were raised during the Dessert Frenzy and the live and silent auctions. Thank you to everyone that attended the event and made an enormous impact on Valley Lutheran School and our mission of providing Christian education in the Cedar Valley. Save the date for next year ... Saturday, April 25, 2020!



Preschool News

Wow, how time flies when you're having fun! What an awesome year of experimenting, learning, growing, bonding, and loving we have had here at preschool. I continue to be amazed at what this preschool brings to these little ones. Classrooms are like revolving doors: they welcome children and families inside, nurture and develop them while they are here, and then release them to the next part of their educational journey. Thank you for the opportunity to share the love of Christ with all these little ones.

When one year closes, the next one begins. What does next year look like for preschool? The staff will remain the same with Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Grim in the three-year-old class. There will be two sessions again next year with Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday groups. Currently, we have 11 enrolled in the program and new prospects.

The four's classroom will be taught by myself and Mrs. Meyerhoff. The four's classes meet Monday – Friday, either in the morning or afternoon. There are two spots remaining as of right now; by the end of the day they will most likely be filled!

As was stated in our closing celebration with our four-year old's, "Today does not mark the end, it only closes one chapter and the pages for the next chapter are ready in this book we call school." The 2018-2019 school year has now closed, and we are already preparing to open next year.

Mrs. Illian, Mrs. Meyerhoff, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Grim, Mrs. Peters



If you have not yet fulfilled your building pledge, we encourage you to do so; if you have fulfilled your pledge, please prayerfully continue to give to the building fund to make our building payment.

Change Challenge! Save your pocket change each week and drop it in the 5-gallon bucket in the church entryway. All monies from the bucket will go towards the building fund. We are over \$9,455 collected!

Contributions for April/May

Attendance

Offering

Building

Available in the office.

Electronic Giving: Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Immanuel offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. Contact the church office for more details. We have over 20 church families who use this easy option!



Buy SCRIP Gift Cards! From retail stores to restaurants, using scrip cards is easy! We keep many of your favorites on hand but can also order what you need. Not only are the cards great gifts but are handy for your everyday use. All families buy gas, buy groceries, and eat out. Why not use a scrip card? Immanuel keeps a percentage of each card purchased (and is given to the building fund)! Buy scrip at the Welcome Desk or from the office.

Other News

Parking Expansion Update: At the March 26 Special Voter's Meeting, the congregation approved the plans put forward for the expansion of our property to the east. This included a 60+ space parking lot, driveways, underground water detention and green spaces. The congregation also approved a one-year fund drive to run May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. It was our hope to raise approx. \$300,000 to add to the \$100,000 we have remaining from the land purchase. Eighty-four pledge cards have been returned for a total pledged of \$158,453.08, so a little over half of what we needed to raise. We have gone back to the planners asking for costs of prepping, paving, and curbing half of the parking lot at this time, adding the two driveways, putting the current detention pond underground and adding an above-ground detention basin for the new lot. The remainder of the parking lot and green space areas would be completed later, as funds became available. In other words, we are looking at splitting the job into two parts. There is a loss of economy, but we are committed to moving forward with the portion of the plan we can complete with the funds pledged. Thank you to all the families who pledged! If you haven't made a pledge and would like to, see Melissa in the church office. Specific questions about the project can be directed to Pastor Kapanka, Melissa, or member Jeff Oltmann.

Love INC Golf Outing: The 8th annual Love INC golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 17, at the Irv Warren Memorial Golf Course in Waterloo. Cost per golfer is \$90.00, which includes green fees, cart, and lunch. A portion of this fee goes toward supporting Love INC's mission in the Cedar Valley. Pick up an information card at the Welcome Desk for more information. Go to GOLFLOVEINC.COM to register yourself or your foursome. See Mel Buescher for more information or call Mel at 319-493-4949.

Join a bus trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter
Taking reservations for 2019, August 5-9 and December 2-6. Contact Roger and Ellen Bauer 319-352-5435 or ellen.bauer@mchsi.com.

Reminder to Thrivent members to check their account(s) often. Thrivent is awarding "Choice Dollars" constantly to your accounts which you can direct to Immanuel. If you need help or don't have a computer call Cheryl Lauer at 830-6818.



Please pray for these MEMBERS serving in the military:

- **Cale Buck** is serving as Drill Sargent at Ft. Leonardwood, MO
- **Blake Determan** is currently an Airman First Class, stationed in the United Arab Emirates. He is a crew chief on the Lockheed U-2 (a spy plane).
- **SFC Jamie Stien**, Military Instructor for ROTC at UNI

And these FRIENDS of the Congregation serving in the military:

- Jonathan Chung, grandson of the late Ted Schuler, serving airborne stateside.
- Senior Chief Jacob Gardner, grandson of Sandy McDonald. Stationed in Seattle with wife Anne and children Attica & Ava. (Navy)
- Lt. Colonel Chad Lichty, grandson of Bill Foulk, stationed at Vance AFB, Enid, OK.
- Ben McCombs, grandson of Margaret McCombs. (Navy)
- Dylan Meyer, grandson of Doris Meyer, is stationed at Little Creek, Virginia Beach, VA. (Navy)
- Colonel Kevin Minor, son-in-law of Deb Staack, working at the Pentagon. (Air Force)
- 1st Lieutenant Ryan Richter, nephew of Barb Laue, serving in Afghanistan. (Marines)
- Jessica Schmidt, family of Doug & Mary Schmidt. (Army)



June Birthdays

- 1 Carlos Gomez, Parker Knight
- 2 Sam Doerder, Josie McHone, Heidi Piehl, Patsy Steva
- 3 David Mahncke, Dustin Woebekking
- 4
- 5 Keith Galloway, Payton Knight, Adam Reiter, Marilyn Schrum
- 6 Ingrid Ehrich, Jeff Oltmann, Jenna Stone
- 7 David Holgate, Arlene Stabenow
- 8 Kathy Kroblin, Darlene Kunz, Kathy Thompson
- 9 Jaime Culpepper, Dusty Wilson
- 10 Thelma Culpepper, Melissa Murphy, Rachel Phillips,
JT Reisdorph
- 11 Deb Oltmann
- 12 Landon Meyer
- 13
- 14
- 15 Bryce Culpepper, Leland Daman, Emersun Reiter
- 16 Lincoln Bowman, Madison Osterhout
- 17 Bob Morelock, Conner Renslow
- 18 Claire Rankin, Adelaide Timmer, Beth Waldon
- 19 Luke Schutt, Ryne Volker
- 20 Hailey Kobliska, Amelia Piehl
- 21 Tina Hess
- 22 Jamie Stien
- 23 Adelaide Ehrich
- 24 Tyler Borgwardt
- 25 Baylee Marquart, Erin Roth
- 26 Fred Schoepske
- 27
- 28 **Lucille Hemsath**
- 29 Stephanie Schmidt

30 Reece Buck, Jolene Clos, Bob Panther
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Members Celebrating 90+

Lucille Hemsath, 3351 Inverness, Wloo 01

Members Celebrating Milestone Anniversary

David & Virginia Cutsforth -- 50th Anniversary on June 22
Their address is 1117 Maxine, Wloo 01

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Minutes

**Board of Directors
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May 14, 2019
5:30 PM**

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