



2026

Sharing the Joy

Mission Statement:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church celebrates with joy a life in Christ to be shared with others.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship

ELCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Sean Koos



Pastor's Report
March 2026

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

I think we made it through the coldest, snowiest days of the year. Winter should be wrapping it up this month at least on paper. We all know this could go well into next month around here. But we are blessed with a good church and good homes to keep us warm through these long winters. Last month my family took a vacation to see our oldest daughter in NE, and I was yet again left home alone to look after the menagerie of pets (chickens, dog, cats, mice!). As is the custom, I like to submerge myself in a reality show called "Alone" during these family vacations. I know, it's a little on the nose. The premise of the show is the 10 contestants of varying age, gender, and background are dropped off in the wilderness with basic survival gear and some cameras and expected to survive alone indefinitely. The last person standing wins \$500,000. Not a bad paycheck for typically about 3 months of solitude! You'd think that most contestants would fail by making mistakes or getting sick or simply running out of food. Somewhat surprisingly it is the mental and spiritual toll that get them to tap out. People are just not accustomed to spending that much time alone with their thoughts anymore. They don't trust themselves and, perhaps more importantly, they don't trust God. They don't trust that God is with them and that God is good. They make silly mistakes and second-guess their abilities and ultimately defeat themselves. If only they'd trust God, fully trust him to carry them through, then I think they'd last a lot longer. God put us here in this world and He promised to always be with us. God loves us, each and every one of us, and wants us to overcome any obstacles thrown at us in this world. God wants the best for us and keeps encouraging us along the way. We're fools to believe otherwise. We can always rely on him to be there with a listening ear. He doesn't hear our complaints as complaints. He hears them as confessions of our need for him in our times of need. Don't ever give up on him and He'll never give up on you!

Blessings,
Pastor Sean



Bible Studies March 2026

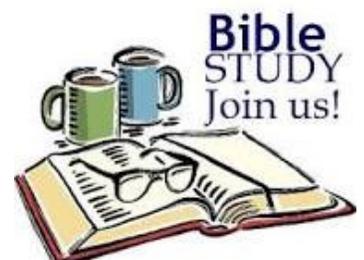
Wednesdays @ 10:30-11:30 am

03-04-26 John 18:12-27

1. How does Jesus show that he is in control of the situation, even while bound and questioned by the authorities?
2. Why do we think John highlights that Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the high priest who advised that it was better for one man to die for the people?
3. In what ways do religious leaders today sometimes act like Annas and Caiaphas?
4. What motivated Peter to follow Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, and why was this a dangerous place for him to be?
5. How does Peter's denial reveal his fear and desire for self-preservation?
6. How does the juxtaposition of Jesus's trial and Peter's denial in this passage highlight the contrast between human weakness and Christ's faithfulness?
7. Consider the "charcoal fire" (v. 18). How might this scene foreshadow Peter's later restoration by Jesus in John 21?
8. How does it help us to know that Jesus remained faithful even when others denied him?
9. What "charcoal fires" do we need to avoid to stay faithful to Christ?
10. How does this passage encourage us to trust in God's providence, even when facing persecution or difficult circumstances?

03-11-26 John 18:28-40

1. Why did the Jews want Pilate to execute Jesus rather than doing it themselves?
2. How does this specific scene, with Roman involvement, fulfill Jesus' previous prophecies about his death?
3. How does Jesus define His kingdom as "not of this world" (v. 36)?
4. What does Pilate's question (38) reveal about his character and his approach to Jesus?
5. In what ways do people today act like Pilate, searching for truth while ignoring it when it stands before them?
6. Why do people often prefer a "Barabbas" to the truth of Jesus?
7. When is it hardest to stand for the truth, and how can we be more courageous?
8. How does knowing that Jesus willingly underwent this injustice for us change our perspective on trials?
9. In what areas of our lives do we prioritize outward appearances of "purity" (like the Pharisees) over true, heart-level obedience?
10. How can we, in our daily lives, live as citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world?





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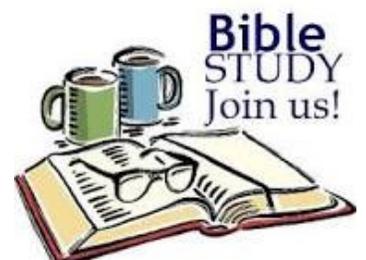
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03-18-26 John 19:1-16a

1. How does vs. 11 reframe the struggle between Jesus and Roman authority?
2. How does this perspective change how we view challenges to our authority?
3. When are we most tempted to prioritize convenience, safety, or public opinion over doing what is right?
4. How does vs 14-15 highlight the irony of Jesus's kingship
5. How does the scene challenge our understanding of power and strength?
6. What does vs 15 reveal about their misplaced priorities, and what modern "kings" (idols) do people choose to serve today?
7. How does the imagery of Jesus being beaten, mocked, and robed in purple (v. 1-3) prepare us for the crucifixion?
8. Why is it important to contemplate the physical suffering Jesus endured?
9. Even in a scene of injustice, how do we see God's hand and plan working through these events to fulfill Scripture?
10. Why did Jesus accept this unjust treatment, and what does his submission to this ordeal reveal about his love for humanity?

03-25-26 John 19:23-30

1. What is the significance of the soldiers gambling for Jesus' seamless tunic, and how does this fulfill Scripture (Psalm 22:18)?
2. How does this scene highlight the soldiers' callous indifference to the sacred, and how can we guard against similar apathy in our lives?
3. Even in agonizing pain, Jesus ensures his mother's care. What does this reveal about his character and priorities?
4. How does Jesus forming a new "household" at the cross redefine family and community in the Kingdom of God?
5. How can we, like the beloved disciple, practically care for those "entrusted" to us, especially during personal crises?
6. What is the significance of Jesus saying "I am thirsty" just before the end?
7. What exactly was "finished" when Jesus spoke those words, and how does this affect our view of salvation?
8. Why is it important that Jesus' death was a voluntary act ("he gave up his spirit") rather than a mere consequence of physical weakness?
9. How does this passage demonstrate that God was in control, even as men were asserting their will to crucify Jesus?
10. How do these verses, which focus on Jesus' humanity and suffering, deepen our appreciation for his sacrifice?





Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

ELCA

What we believe.....Their link is : <https://nswi.org/> for more information

- Our values are grounded in faith
- Forgiveness and reconciliation
- Dignity, compassion and justice
- Inclusion and diversity
- Courage and openness to change
- Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts

Racial Justice & Equity Statement

The people and congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin believe we are a stronger and better church and society when we walk together instead of separated by skin color or ethnicity. In response to the history of injustice and racism in America, the congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin reject systemic racism as sin that must be addressed by our church and society.

Those interested in joining together for a Social Justice Committee, please let Pastor or Linda know. Would like a committee to approve what OSLC will post to Facebook and the Web.

HAPPENINGS

INSTALLATION of new Board Members for year 2026



Bishop Halom



A GREAT time was had by all who attended the combined service at Pilgrim on February 15.

Bishop Halom gave the message and visited with the congregations after the potluck.

EDUCATION CORNER



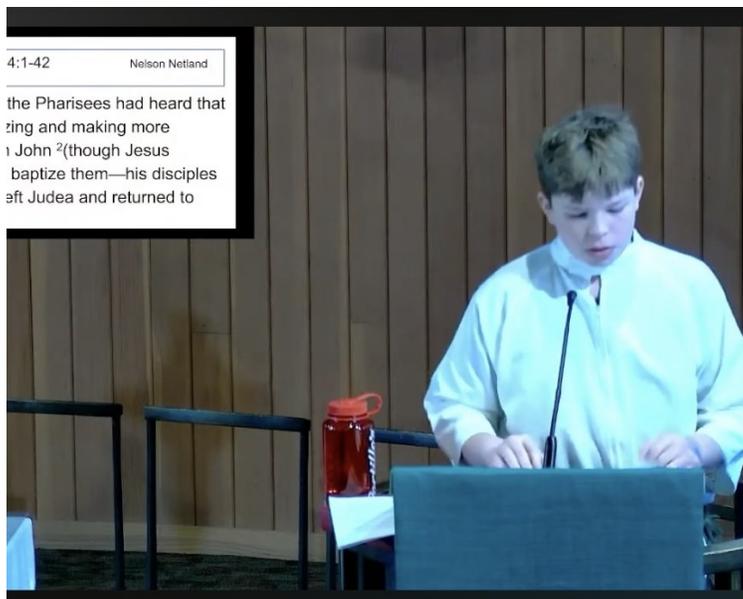
Confirmation Mentor Questions

FOR MEETING ON MARCH 8

Bible Mentor 5 Questions for March

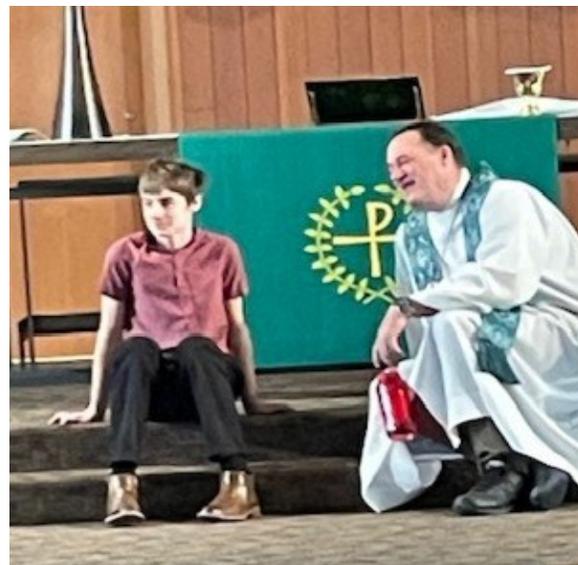
1. How difficult is it for you to talk to others about Jesus? Why?
2. Why don't people want to believe in Jesus?
3. Why is Jesus so important for Christians?
4. What do you think when people say, "Jesus," or "Jesus Christ" when they are angry?
5. What goes through your mind when you see images of Jesus?
6. What would Jesus do if he were alive on Earth today?
7. Do you think it is okay to name your son Jesus? Why or why not?
8. Is there such thing as too much Jesus?
9. What would the world be like today if Jesus never existed?
10. How would the world be different today if God had a daughter instead of a son?
11. Do you think Jesus needs to come back to the world today?
12. What questions would you like to ask Jesus? What do you think his answers would be?
13. Why do you think there is little we know about Jesus' teenage years?
14. Why did Jesus have to be born the way he was?
15. Many people claim Jesus was only a great moral teacher. How would you respond?
16. Do you think following Jesus makes for an easier or harder life? Explain.
17. Why do you think it is important that Jesus is fully human and fully divine?
18. Do you think you can understand Jesus simply by his miracles/healings/teachings?
19. How can we fully understand who is?
20. Do you believe Jesus is alive today? Why or why not?

EDUCATION CORNER



Acolyte Nelson doing the reading on Feb 1.

Pastor talked one of the confirmation students, Lincoln, to come up front for the Children's Sermon.



The Confirmation class is doing the Lent service message. 1st message was "Suffering." Jamie, Lincoln, Trevor, Nelson, and Pastor Koos.



Adult Education—Bible Study 10:30am on Wednesdays

DID YOU KNOW??



The “Tree of Life Memorial” is the original idea and copyright design of Joseph (Butch) Gudowski and his son Joe Jr., who presented his idea to former Rev. George Schwantes in 1978. The TREE OF LIFE MEMORIAL was accepted at the January 1979 Council Meeting.

Joe proceeded to build and install the tree on the Narthex wall. The brass leaves, also a copyright design of Joe’s, are engraved as **“In Memory of”** or **“In Honor of”** a person and mounted on the tree. Joe and Barb Gudowski provided the leaves as a gift to Our Savior’s.

Audrey Larson brought this up because she wanted to have a leaf made for her sister. Audrey is Butch’s sister-in-law.

We now order the leaves from Nummi Jewelers, who also engrave them.

Anyone can order a leaf for a loved one. The contribution is \$60 or more. The funds are used for Council approved Projects. A lovely way to remember someone.

DID YOU KNOW??



Bill Braman has been working on the walls in the basement. Apparently he use to do this type of work in his younger years. His son, Bill Jr, also does this type of work and came in to help him.

The WALL LOOKS AMAZING! Thank Bill when you see him.

Service Attendants for MARCH

Steward: Kandee Rosburg

Deacon: Debi Gilbertson

Altar Guild: Bonnie Wentzel, Robbye Johnson

Acolytes: Jamie K, Trevor D, Nelson N, Lincoln K

Narrative Lectionary for March

Sun Mar 1: John 13:1-17 “Jesus Washes Feet”

Sun Mar 8: John 18:12-27 “Peter’s Denial”

Sun Mar 15: John 18:28-40 “Jesus and Pilate”

Sun Mar 22: John 19:1-16a “Jesus Condemned”

Sun Mar 29: John 19:16b-22 “The Crucified Messiah”

**YOU CAN GIVE TO OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
by scanning either of the QR Codes below.**

General Fund

QR Code for
GENERAL OPERATING



Building Fund

QR Code for
BUILDING FUND





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Maci Heytens	01-Mar
Clancy Johannesson	03-Mar
Johanna Koos	03-Mar
Tim Nelson	05-Mar
Nancy Gregory	08-Mar
David Jokela	08-Mar
Katie Perrault	08-Mar
Thoren Netland	09-Mar
Lynn Haglin	13-Mar
Linda Clark	16-Mar
Caleb Stank	19-Mar
Renada Fall	22-Mar
Kim Willie	24-Mar
Tom Roeber	27-Mar
Sharon Schultz	27-Mar
Dennis Schultz	28-Mar
Liv Ellyn Gaard	30-Mar
Logan Lancour	30-Mar
Nora Wells	30-Mar
Gracie Johnstad	31-Mar
Olivia Johnstad	31-Mar

ANNIVERSARIES

John and Lissa Hendricks

23-Mar



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing-home care, and for those struggling with addiction.

Family Of: Bev Prescott & Shirley Wick Anderson (Audrey Larson's sister)

Worship Support Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, Steve & Amanda Shaw, Ralph Rolson, Gary & Sandy Garlie.

Family Member: Norma Larson, Paula Pleski, Darlene VanKouwenbergh, Barb Gudowski, Dave Shaw, Dorothy Huffman, Cathy Carlson, Mickie Cooke.

Friend/neighbor: Michelle Oman, Sue Weber, Bonnie Berchild, Ethan, Baby Reggie & his parents Daniell & Jared Bryant, Dick Stank.

(Keeping Names on for 4 weeks. Let the office know if you want them put back on.)

Call the church office 715-394-3472 to add, or remove, individuals to the prayer list. serving in the military, those returning home with mental and physical scars, and for all

Pastor would like to set up two new committees. A Social Justice Committee and a Vision Committee. Please let Pastor or Linda know if you would like to be on one of these.

SCRIPS CARDS

NEXT Scrips order will go in on MARCH 27th.





MISSION AND OUTREACH FOR MARCH
“CASDA ”

Mar 1 - toilet paper, 13 gal. tall kitchen bags, 55 gal. contractor bags

Mar 8 - 2 blade disposable razors for women, men's 5 blade disposable razors, any suave shampoo & conditioner

Mar 15 - liquid hand soap, tylenol, chewable tylenol for children, deodorant

Mar 22 - dish soap, laundry soap, body lotion

**Mar 29 - mac & cheese, cereal, canned soups, elbow noodles
Bar soap & body wash, dental floss, deodorant, feminine hygiene products,
toothpaste & toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner**

Threads of Hope Children's Clothes Closet

Thank you to all of you that help with keeping it organized and to all that donate clothing. Thank you to the congregation for their large number of donations. Also thanks to Thrivent for their donations.

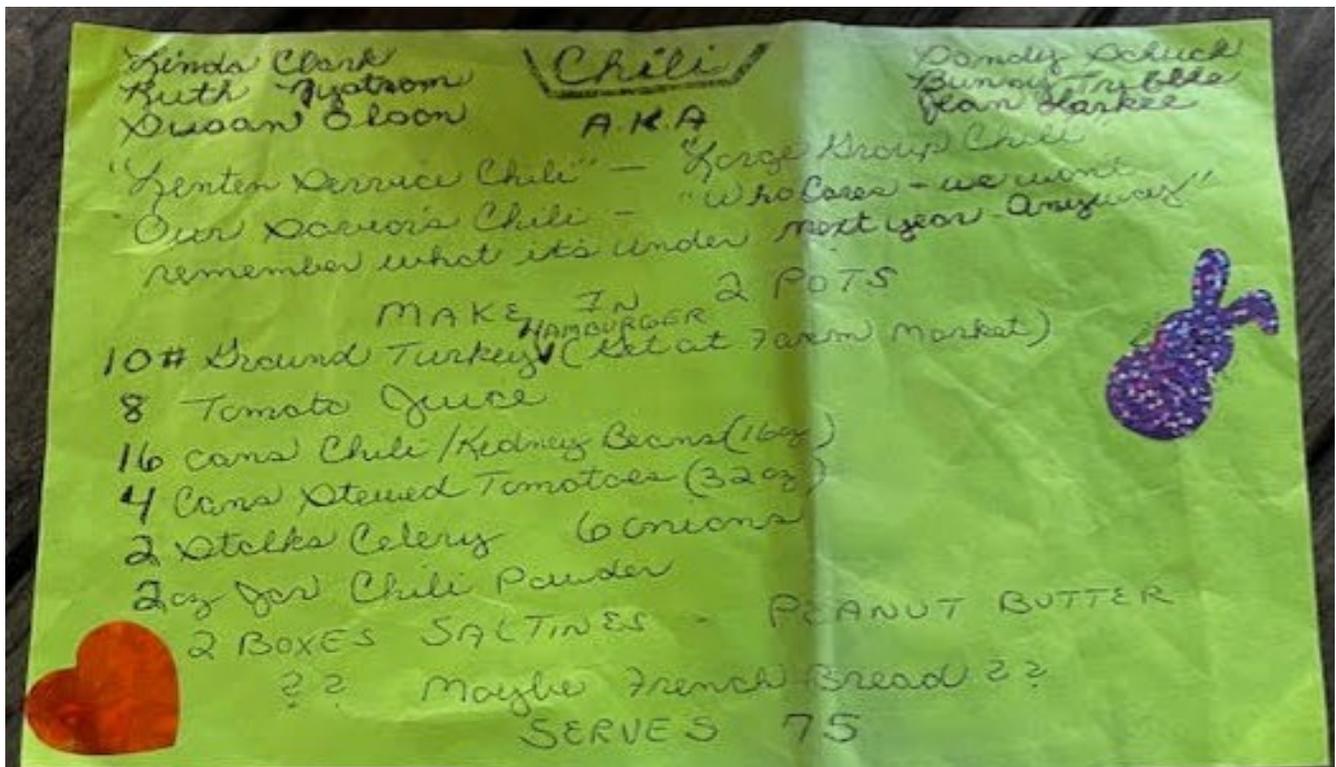
136 items were given out in February

Contact Diane (715-817-8180) or Carol (218-940-0073) if you are willing to help them. Even if you can only give a few hours, they would love the help.

"Food for Thought"

Look at all the names on this old OSLC recipe, Linda Clark, Ruth Nystrom, Sue Olson, Bonnie Schuck, Bunny-Tribble & Jean Larkee.

Chili for 75



If you have any old recipe's you would like to share, please send to the office.



LeRoy Johnson

I'm sure some of you remember LeRoy Charles Johnson. He was a member here maybe 10 years ago. He moved out east to be near family as he aged. He remembered OSLC in his will. We just recently received his donation. A thankyou has been sent to his family for his gift.

LeRoy Charles Johnson, age 98, a lifelong resident of Superior Wisconsin, passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Manchester Commons, Erie Pennsylvania.

He moved to Erie ten years ago for the love, support and companionship of his nieces, Debra and Lorrie, who were at his side when he passed. He was born in Minneapolis, MN on April 4, 1925, a son of the late LeRoy N. and Lillie I. Miller Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Calvin and Harold Johnson and his niece, Sarah Hunt.

LeRoy completed vocational school and in 1943 went to Ogden, Utah to work in Air Corps maintenance. Returning home, he delivered coal and dreamed of work on merchant ships, to see the world. In 1947, he started with the Great Northern Railroad, remaining with the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad until retirement. At the urging of his brother, Cal, he then began to travel, making over 20 trips overseas, his favorite being Germany. He was a lifelong member of Tall Club International, attending annual conventions and fulfilling his dream of seeing the world. He also traveled extensively in the U.S., pursuing a love of history and geography. LeRoy loved a good dinner dance, preferring smooth soles to sensible shoes. He enjoyed classical music, especially a waltz, his favorite, the Blue Skirt Waltz. His social life was filled out as a lifelong member of the Eagles Club, the Minneapolis Tall Club, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Superior, WI. He was a gentle man, loyal friend, hard worker, kind, and an encyclopedia of knowledge. He was a guy for facts and figures. He was also a skilled craftsman and artist, and a generous supporter of animal shelters and rescue groups. Many a rescue cat found a comfortable home for life with LeRoy.

OSLC Council Meeting
February 17, 2026
5:15 P.M.

Present: Bonnie Wentzel, Kandee Rosburg, Stephanie Shaw, Barb Danielson, Linda Clark, Donna Liebaert, Dawn Wicklund, Cheryl Braman, Bill Braman, Sandy Steinberg, Alexis Hanson, Gary Liupakka, Jim Erickson, Carol Arthur, Pastor Sean Koos

The Board meeting was called to order by President Liebert at 5:15pm and opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: as written in the board reports. Motion to approve the minutes, second and passed (M/S/P).

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$16,474.85; expenditures were \$17,733.55, for a loss of \$1,258.80 Motion made to approve the treasurer's report **(M/S/P)**

Board Reports:

Board of Education

Discussion of confirmation

Fishing Camp possibility July 12-17 and how to fund

Deacons

Monthly schedule set up

Discussed whether to cancel Ash Wednesday service due to storm

Two suppers; first one a week from tomorrow (February 25)

Mission and Outreach

211 items given out from Clothes Closet for January

Making monetary donations from first Sunday collections – \$100 each to help a mission hospital and a missionary doctor

Stewardship

“Sharing our Faith, Securing our Future”.

Trustees – Report as written.

Old Business:

Replace toilets in Fellowship Hall in the fall (Jeff Liebert)

Continue discussion about day care

New Business:

Need to meet regarding cost sharing with Concordia (current contract for Pastor Sean expires May 1)

Receive \$30944.28 from Leroy Johnson estate. Recommend putting \$25000 toward building fund principle. Interest will renew in October. Motion to approve recommendation **(M/S/P)**
We may get a credit from the snow plowing company
M/S/P to accept the board reports as written.

Pastors Report:

Reminder that his vacation will be February 27-March 2. Jeff Skrenes will conduct service on March 1
Discuss fundraising

Vision Victories:

Combined service on February 15 was great
OSLC won the Souper Bowl trophy, the “Golden Spoon”!! Rick Gran is making a stand to display it

Ongoing Business:

Need to consider forming Social Justice and Vision Committees

New Business:

After consulting with Rick Gran, Bill Braman has volunteered to patch some of the drywall in the basement
Ash Wednesday service will be cancelled and notice will be on FB and email; Marking with ashes will be on Sunday (February 22)

Upcoming Events:

Easter Sunday, April 5

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

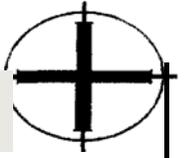
All Boards – March 10th
Council – March 17

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm (M/S/P), ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Braman

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