OCTOBER 2, 2022



Be uprooted and planted in the sea! Luke 17:6

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2022

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge Acolyte This Week: Luke Moritz

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.

As We Gather

Your faith, as Abraham's, is reckoned to you as righteousness. The Lord God is our sure defense, for we cannot be saved from ruin by military or political might, but by the strong right arm of the Lord. It is our unwavering conviction that God both created and sustains by his word. How can we not trust him with fear and faith, and hope in his steadfast love? We do not concern ourselves over each day's bread, as God has given us the whole kingdom, the heavenly city, the glorious homeland that we both seek and find in Christ.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

- L Most merciful God,
- C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

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- Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts With nobler zeal might burn.
 - ² Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.
 - ³ Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; Redress sin's cruel consequence; Give justice larger place.
- ⁴ Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; Stretch forth your hand of healing now, With love the weak sustain.
 - ⁵ Commit your hearts to seek The paths which Christ has trod And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered

me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

Responsive Reading Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.

²He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

⁴They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; lies are their chief delight.

⁵They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

⁷He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

⁸In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁹Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

¹⁰Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

¹¹On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹³God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O LORD, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and selfcontrol. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Luke 17:1-10

¹{Jesus} said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Faith of Our Fathers"

LBW #500

1 Faith of our fathers living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free; And blest would be their children's fate If they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

3 Faith of our fathers! We will love Both friend and foe in all our strife; Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how, By saving Word and faithful life. *Refrain*

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy," The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer**." Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always. C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

- L Merciful Father,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- L It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.
- L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 That all those who believe in him should not perish,
 But have eternal life.
 We give thanks to you for the salvation
 You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 That we may receive our Lord
 With a living faith as he comes to us
 In his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

- L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.
- C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

- L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

POST COMMUNION

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY: LBW #565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Sunday School9:00 a.m.Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

10:15 a.m. Communion Worship

Mon 10/3 Office Closed

Tues 10/4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 10/5 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 10/6 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 10/7 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

*** 1:00 p.m. Secretary Applications Due ***

Sun 10/9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome f to Our Church

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

September 25, 2022 General \$1,820.00, MOM-NALC Disaster Response Fund \$205.00, Building \$410.00, Sunday School \$17.25

Total: \$2,452.25

Attendance: Worship - 64 Sunday School – 5 Children, 11 Adults

The Egg family would like to sincerely thank our church members, our community, and friends for all of their love, support, and prayers they have provided us with. We graciously appreciate that you have all been there for us during this difficult time.

Sincerely.

Vance, Jordan, Stephanie, Kayla, Garrett & Billie Fay Egg

Acolyles

Acolytes

Volunteer are needed! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you.

Job Openings

The St. John Church Secretary position is currently open and Council will be accepting resumes until October 7, 2022. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position of Church Secretary, please let Obert Sagebiel or Pastor John know.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander is searching for a part time secretary. Up to 15 hours a week, computer literacy required. Inquire by calling St. Peter's at 361-645-2922 and leave a message.

Altar Guild



The Bi-Annual Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be held Tuesday, October Attar Guid 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is asked to attend this meeting for reminders on changes in procedures. Carol Ann Sagebiel





October 30, 2022 at St. John ~ Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Church at 10:15 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buda. Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall.

Community Events (see flyers on the church bulletin board)

10/15/2022 - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Fall Festival 6pm-8pm. Games * Food * Prizes. Free Admission. Paid Concession. Costumes Encouraged.

10/24/2022 – BUNCO at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero. Registration & light meal 6pm followed by games at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP by 10/20/22 to 361-275-4214 or 361-275-2845.

10/29/2022 – Zion Lutheran Fish Fry in Mission Valley. Dine in or Pickup \$12.00 per plate. Raffle drawing and silent auction.

10/30/2022 – 150th Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown. 9:00 am Worship, 11:30am Catered Meal & Program. Please RSVP by 10/15/22 to 361-564-2135.

10/30/2022 – Octoberfest 2022 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander. Music, Country Store, Food, Live Auction 3:30pm – 7:30pm.

Mission of the Month of October

NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMINARY

Shaping leaders and pastors to grow our church

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are forming pastors and church leaders for the North American Lutheran Church who will faithfully preach, teach, and live God's eternal truth, through Word and Sacrament, proclaiming Christ's cross and resurrection, making disciples who will renew and grow the church in Christ's name. As students, faculty, and staff we seek to live out the reign of God together, proclaiming his lordship and his desire for all people to know his eternal love for them.



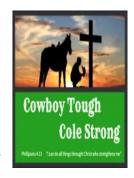
NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting bath towels and washcloths for the North American Lutheran Church month of October. Thank you.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. Summer has been busy for sure. Cole graduated high school this past May. We are very proud of him for this accomplishment even though he thinks it's no big deal. He's still trying to figure out what the next step is but will probably end up taking some college courses to get his feet wet. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him and that Cole will be receptive to whatever He prompts him to do.



It's very hard for people with disabilities to embrace something new or different- it's scary for them on a whole other level. As far as therapy Cole has been doing well. He still goes twice a week faithfully even when he doesn't feel like it. We ask that you all pray for his healing as always as well as joy while he waits. God is truly at work thru Cole. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. Thank you and God Bless.

> +Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+ At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list: Healing-physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~ The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

> > Fill the Warehouse! (The cheapest place to shop for supplies!) **NALC Disaster Response** What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.

(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)

1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll

1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 floor cleaner - small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) - Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 bottle bleach - small! - Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 scrub brush - Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00

1 pair cotton gloves - Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.

2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around......

2 rags - Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths......

What's in a Health Kit?

Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size* Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size* (or 1 small size)

Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size*

*Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!

1 deoderant - Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25

1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25

1 bath towel - Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army, Louisiana

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company,

Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado

Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL

Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

Please Pray for: Hunter Jacob

Cole Ohrt Marie Liner Bea Fagg Mrs. Stiles Ryon Preslar Lisa Phillips Joy Meadows Billie Egg



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

God loves and hates temptations. He loves them when they provoke us to pray to Him and trust in Him; He hates them when we despair because of them. If you feel well, sing and praise God. If you feel ill, call upon God and pray.

- Martin Luther -

From the Dietich-Medler collection of Luther's thoughts (1530)



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