



“Easter Changes Everything”

By Pastor Woldt

Almost one year has passed since we dedicated our new and remodeled ministry spaces to the glory of God. Have you noticed any changes in our congregational life? It seems that most of building project's goals were met. Our school has a fresher, brighter look with improved air quality. Visitors to our campus can easily locate our church/school office when entering from David's Star Dr. The connector between church and school has made it easier for school children to use the church building during the week, and for members to travel to the school gym for Advent/Lenten meals, funeral dinners, Easter breakfast and other events. Thanks to the new concession area, the children no longer eat lunch in their classrooms.

The multipurpose room is proving its worth for Bible classes, church meetings and a variety of other activities. For Easter and Confirmation services, no one had to be turned away. While not everyone was seated in the sanctuary, the television screens in the new narthex provided an alternate worship experience for these special overflow crowds. Perhaps the biggest change: the members of David's Star are interacting with each other and with our guests before and after worship in the new narthex. What a blessing it is when young and old gather together to encourage each other in the faith!

The new ministry spaces have been a blessing, but in a very real sense, the new brick, glass, tile and carpet don't change anything. We still have great spiritual needs. We are all works in progress. The beauty of the church setting doesn't remove the sinful nature within us. Gossip and slander flow easily from our mouths in the very places

designed for Christian encouragement. Once the shine is off the new spaces, will we need some other external reason to draw us together? Have we forgotten that the Word and Sacraments are reason enough to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ? We all need to be reminded of our sins. We all need the assurance of Jesus' love for us. We all need to be strengthened in our faith.

What brings true spiritual change? Easter. Easter changes everything. Pay attention to the lessons we hear in church between now and Pentecost. Easter brought joy where there was sadness. Easter changed fearful disciples into bold proclaimers of the gospel. Easter brought Christians together, as they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. Easter motivated believers to show genuine concern for each other, even sharing their wealth and possessions when someone else was in need.

Has Easter brought changes to your life? Jesus lives! That truth changes everything. Connected by baptismal faith to the risen Jesus, we now live new lives. We have no tolerance for sin in our own lives. It must be destroyed, through repentance. We no longer live for our temporary pleasure. Our whole life is dedicated to serving the Lord and his will. We no longer gather up treasures for this life. We set our hearts on things above! Easter changes everything.

Our new ministry spaces have brought about some external changes in our congregational life. However, these spaces will only be a true blessing if the message of Easter remains the focus of all who gather for school or church activities. Jesus lives! Easter changes everything.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS!!!

Eleanor Gronemeyer 5/8/1924...87yrs. old
Roger Liesener...5/19/1925...86 yrs. old
Margaret Becker...5/12/1923...88 yrs. old
Bernice Johnson...5/23/1921...90 yrs. old
Ruth Laverenz...5/26/1927...84 yrs. old
Donald Herther...5/28/1927...84 yrs. old
Lorain Kison...5/29/1929...92 yrs. old
Alvin Laverenz...5/31/1926...85 yrs. old
Rudolph Zarling, Jr....5/31/1931...80 yrs. old

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.” (Matthew 25:14-15)

In this parable, Jesus describes himself as “a man going on a journey.” We have just been privileged to witness another Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Soon we will be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord. After winning the forgiveness of our sins by his death and resurrection, Jesus returned to heaven.

While away and before he returns at the end of time, Jesus instructs his followers to carry on his work of spreading the message of God’s love to all. In order to do that, he gives them “talents.” These include intellectual and physical abilities, material possessions, and opportunities to serve God and others.

The Lord gives these gifts as he sees fit. He doesn’t give the same gifts to everyone, yet he gives some of these gifts to every believer. Not the same number of gifts nor from our perspective gifts of the same value, as Jesus describes: one servant received five, another two, and still another only one. Yet every gift is a gift from God. Every gift is important to the Lord.

The Lord expects his believers to put their God-given abilities to use in extending his kingdom on earth. On Judgment Day, he will commend those who faithfully used their “talents” in service to God. He will be pleased because their faith in him as their Savior was demonstrated by the way they faithfully served him with the abilities they were given. By their faith then, they are invited to share in their “master’s happiness” – eternal life in heaven.

In contrast, Jesus describes his great disappointment with those who do not put to work their talents and abilities. As the Bible teaches, “Faith without deeds is dead” (James 2:26). And without faith in Jesus on Judgment Day, there is banishment from God into terrible darkness.

Jesus wants his people whom he has filled with faith to be faithful in their life of service to him. With whatever gifts he has given us, we pray that he help us use them to glorify him and to serve others with the gospel.

The Stewardship Committee

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MAY 2011 GREETERS

- May 1st 7:45: Mike & Deb Boeldt
- May 1st 10:15: Daniel & Elaine Schubert

- May 7th 5:00: Dave and Pam Nunez
- May 8th 7:45: Jody & Amy Hansen
- May 8th 10:15: Mark & Teresa Ahrens

- May 14th 5:00: Jim and Cathy Thompson
- May 15th 7:45: Alex & Sandy Gaeth
- May 15th 10:15: Dan & Sue Bolha

- May 21st 5:00: Jeff and Deb Morgan
- May 22nd 7:45: Kathleen & Bonnie Bublitz
- May 22nd 10:15: Mark & Terry Brazell

- May 28th 5:00: Dave and Nikki Miller
- May 29th 7:45: Mr. & Mrs. John Clemens
- May 29th 9:30: Patrick & Lynet Steele



Have you moved...do we have your current address?
Do you have a new telephone number?
Do we have your e-mail address or has your old one changed?

Please contact the church office (262.677.2412) if any of the above have changed. Or e-mail us at church@davidstar.org

Thanks for your help!

David's Star Church Council Meeting Minutes / Capsule
April 12, 2011

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, David Nunez, Kevin Behm, Jim Korthals, Tim Gustafson, Dennis Bell, Brian Lee, Randy Matter.

Absent: Rob Scheiker, David Zarling, Andy Loeffler, Jeff Morgan.

The meeting was called to order by David Nunez. The meeting was opened with a prayer. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2011.

Committee Reports

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None
Outgoing: Gall, David
Release from membership

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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26 young people will be confirmed in their faith next Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers and encourage them as you have the opportunity. We encourage all of you to take advantage of the many worship and Bible study opportunities to strengthen your faith. It is the Spirit who equips all of us for service in the kingdom of God.

President's Report

David Nunez, Telephone # 262.677.2467
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Technology Committee – I have submitted our copy of the Land Lease of Bertram Communications and am waiting for their response. They have indicated that they are ready to go and have the crews waiting for the final approval. I know that Bertram has been in communication with the Town of Jackson for the approval of their monetary commitment for the Conditional Use Permit. That will be finalized either this week or next. We should have all the details worked out within the next two weeks.

Shepherd's Staff update – This continues to be a work in progress, a longer path than I have been expecting. I will continue to work with Jeff Munn to see where we are at this

time and will work with him to establish a schedule of events for this project.

Thank you to all of the committees and board members who help keep the work of our Lord going forward in the best possible light.

Board for Buildings and Grounds
Robert Schneiker, Telephone # 262.677.2584
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No report.

Board for Elementary Education
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brian.lee@jci.com Principal Tim Gustafson
Telephone # 338-3992 tgustafson@davidstar.org

Brian reported that everything was operating smoothly. He reported that work in the 8th grade classroom is being completed. In addition, Brian and Tim anticipate having the framework for a proposal for childcare possibly by next week. Brian also reported that we have seen a drop in our utility bills by about \$200 per month, and we expect to see additional savings during the summer when we shut down the school facilities.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, Telephone # 262.677.2248
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No report.

Evangelism Committee
David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094
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A new David's Star logo sheet was distributed. Pastor Loescher reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was coming up this Saturday. He also reported that we would be having a Brewers outing on June 20th.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
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Jim distributed a new envelope layout with the fund numbers appearing on them. In addition, he reported that Dave Zarling had recommended usage of the new David's Star logo on the envelopes, as well. Year two of "Christ's Love – Our Calling" materials will be available after May 1st. A four-week Bible study will be conducted in fall. In addition, WELS has suggested that we target a date in November to have "Walking Together Sunday". This will be reviewed to determine when we will observe.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
andy@nconnect.net

Andy was unable to attend due to illness, but had updated Council members on Spiritual Growth activities via email prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585

The March 31, 2011 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 3/31/11 in the amount of (\$146,002). Operating fund receipts for the month were \$73,438, which is 115% of budget.

A report from Terry Brazell indicated that we have collected 78.74% of pledges from our Building Fund campaign. This compares to 75% - which is the average rate where we should be at this time.

Vice President Report
Jeff Morgan, Telephone # 262.377.7532
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No report.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

Old Business

Future of "Parish Center" – This is tabled pending a report from Elementary Education.

New Business

KMLHS Request for Commitment re Performing Arts Center – On Monday April 18th, there will be a presentation at KML regarding the building program, and church leaders from throughout the federation are encouraged to attend. Council members were encouraged to attend. Council discussed some concerns that we had regarding federation congregations who have their own building program (such as David's Star) taking on this type of debt. Council will plan on coming up with a recommendation at our next Council meeting.

Wilhelmina Ehlke Trust – Randy Matter gave some background information relative to this trust for which the congregation is responsible as a trustee, and must prepare an annual report. Legal counsel has been obtained relative to this trust. Consideration is being given to the possibility of dissolving the trust, and possibly coming up with a resolution to our cemetery regulations to accommodate the spirit of the trust. We also need to determine if there are any fees involved with dissolving this trust. Randy will get a formal resolution to Council for the next meeting.

Items for Voters (for the April 14th voters meeting)
Release of the 2009-2011 Funding Appeal Committee.
Recommendation regarding Undesignated Gift Policy (10% portion to Synodical Student Assistance Fund)
Copier purchase request.

Next months meeting is **Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.** The next Voters meeting will be **Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 8:00 PM.**

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Noteworthy News! Three items have crossed my desk lately that I would like to highlight for you. All unrelated but may be of interest to some of us...

- WELS Lutherans for Life is sponsoring a **LIFE-A-THON WALK/RUN** on Saturday, May 14th at McCarty Park in West Allis. A great way to get some exercise on a beautiful Saturday morning and raise money to help the WELS Lutherans for Life pregnancy care centers in Milwaukee! Call 1-414-727-8176 or www.life-a-thon.org to register.
- **FREE MAMMOGRAMS AVAILABLE...**The Wisconsin Women's Health foundation can help you pay for breast health services. Breast cancer doesn't care about your family history, your age, gender, or economic status. Detecting **breast cancer earlier is your greatest chance for survival.** Call at 1-877-910-7465, or visit www.wwhf.org, click Breast Health Assistance Fund to download an application.
- The Wisconsin Lutheran College Nursing Program is sponsoring a nursing camp July 25-28 this summer for middle school students! **Camp WLC: Heroes for Health** is a four-day program designed to introduce students to the joys and challenges of a career in professional nursing, all in the context of Christian service.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Rebekah Carey, Wisconsin Lutheran College Director of Nursing Website: wlc.edu/nursing
Email: rebekah.carey@wlc.edu
Phone: 414.443.8666

Together in Christ's love for us,
Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse
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To keep up with gift planning I subscribe to a couple of online monthly newsletters. One that I recently read had this story.

At an online auction for a school in Baltimore last November, the winning bidder offered \$220,000 for a rare 100-year-old baseball card. After the original bidder failed to make good on his offer the auction house found another buyer willing to pay the \$220,000 figure.

The card had been left to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Atlantic-Midwest province through the will of the brother of a deceased member of the order. The card was discovered in the brother's safe deposit box with a handwritten note that read, "Although damaged, this card will be exponentially valuable in the 21st century."

The antique card, one of a series produced by the American Tobacco Company during the 20th century features Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Honus Wagner, who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame as one of the first five members in 1936. Wagner is considered the greatest shortstop ever by most baseball historians. Wagner played baseball from 1897 to 1917.

The final sale price of the baseball card surpassed the initial auction estimates of between \$150,000 and \$200,000. This card is rare because Wagner refused to allow production of the card to continue. He did not want children to buy cigarettes to obtain it.

The donor had decided to use the card to make a charitable gift. Little did the donor know just what his charitable gift would provide for this organization, though he had an idea of how much value it had.

What hidden gems might we have that in time could provide such a gift? More importantly, if we do not have a will in place that states our desires after the Lord calls us home, that hidden gem may not provide for our families, church, or school like it could.

If you need help with your estate planning, our WELS Christian giving counselor, Pastor Dennis Kleist, can help. (920-740-5899 or dennis.kleist@wels.net).

Bill Truebenbach – David's Star Planned Giving Chairman. 677-2066 or btruebenbach@tlha.org

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 14, 2011

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church, Jackson, WI

8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Woldt. The meeting was called to order by congregational meeting chairman Bill Truebenbach.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the January voter's meeting.

The agenda was adopted by the voter's

Membership Report (since January Meeting)

Incoming: Kempfert, Michael & Rebecca;
Natalie & William
*Transfer from St. Matthew, Port
Washington, WI*

Outgoing: Gall, David
Release from membership
Hafemeister, Kathleen
*Transfer to Bethany, Hustisford,
WI*
Pleugers, Warren & Judy
Release from membership
Tetzlaff, Deborah
*Transfer to Risen Savior,
McFarland, WI*

Signing of Constitution by new voters

No new voters signed the constitution.

Pastors' report (Pastor Loescher, 677-0919, kloescher@davidstar.org and Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, woldt@nconnect.net)

We are looking forward to the confirmation of 26 young people on Palm Sunday. We are also looking forward to Holy Week, and the blessings of seeing God's people at Easter festival services.

President's report

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Thank you to all of the committee and board members who help keep the work of our Lord going forward in the best possible light.

Treasurer's report

(Randy Matter, 376-1585, matters@nconnect.net)
Randy highlighted the March 31 financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$ 146,002. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$206,897 for the YTD are 97.03% of budget. YTD building fund receipts total \$36,778.

Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, 677-2248, dandmbell@sbcglobal.net)

A. We welcomed Bill Truebenbach and Mark Otte to our committee in January. They will be great assets to our work.

B. There was a door collection last month for the Bell Choir to cover the cost of music and participation fees for the WELS Handbell Festival on April 9th and 10th. The feedback from the people who attended the concert on Sunday was that it was great.

C. The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, visiting the shut-ins, as well as attending workshops. The first WELSNA gathering was held at Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee with 80 plus people in attendance. They heard from a variety of speakers describing the new nursing association for the WELS nurses. Some of the attendees were from all around the US and Canada.

Board for Elementary Education

(Brian Lee, 377-9419, brian.lee@jci.com)

Thanks to everyone that helped in so many ways with keeping the school performing at an exceptional level. We are blessed with a great staff and numerous volunteers. Everything is operating smoothly. Students are looking forward to spring and Graduation.

Tuition for non-members was reported in error at the January voters meeting. The correct figures are \$1350 preschool, 1st child \$2415 kindergarten, additional child \$2215 kindergarten, 1st student \$3750 grades 1-8, additional student \$3150 grades 1-8.

The board continues to work on maintaining our accreditation.

The parents group for 2010-2011 has remained very active. Thanks to all parent group members for their many hours and hard work.

The faculty is making plans for this summer. Thank you called workers for your dedication and desire to increase your skills through continuing education. Everyone benefits from these efforts.

Spiritual Growth Committee

(Andy Loeffler, 677-2319, andy1@nconnect.net)

Please continue to make use of Bible study opportunities that exist for you and your families.

Andy Loeffler has transitioned into the role of Spiritual Growth chairman role. We thank Dr. Joel Pless for his prior service in this role.

Between services on Sunday, Professor Korthals just concluded a study on Islam. Pastor Loescher and Pastor Woldt will each lead studies starting on May 1. Four sessions remain for Bible study between services until the summer break. There will be no Bible study between services on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27 to July 1. Planning is started and should be completed by May.

The committee is reviewing ideas for Family Bible week. Planning should be completed in May.

Barnabas groups met at their combined annual meeting in March. The groups agreed to shuffle participants. Leaders picked names and are setting schedules. Pastor Loescher meets regularly with Barnabas leaders to prepare lessons. The first area of study will be on the book of Joel. New Barnabas group members are welcome to join at any time. Mark Otte coordinates the Barnabas program.

Cradle Roll, Church Library, and Sunday School continue to run smoothly due to the diligent efforts of Heidi Walz, Mark Hendrix, Doris Koeller, and Holly Kuester.

Evangelism Committee

(David Zarling, 674-1094, david.zarling@gmail.com)

A. New members to the committee include Troy Schmeling, Kristina Schmeling, JoeDuFore, Rachel Lee, and Cassy Dencker.

B. The new logo has been created and approved to use. Rollout is to begin in May.

C. There have been ongoing new member intergration. Troy and Kristina Schmeling have joined the committee to fully focus on this.

D. Ongoing marketing exists. Joe DuFore, Rachel Lee, and Cassy Dencker have joined the Marketing Committee.

E. Ongoing marketing distribution included 2000+ Spring Events postcards mailed to the surrounding area, as well as 1600+ Easter Egg Hunt flyers distributed by hand. Special thanks to Christie Fischer for organizing this effort and to the volunteers who helped distribute these items.

F. Ongoing visitor tracking indicates an average of 12 visitors per weekend.

G. We have purchased a two-year Photobucket photo sharing/storage subscription to help bring efficiency to the photo transfer and usage process between Clif Koller and the Marketing Committee.

H. We are also looking to renovate the friendship register to be more effective in obtaining visitor follow-up information.

Stewardship Committee

(Jim Korthals, 242-8143, korthalsj@wls.wels.net)

Plans are underway to participate in the second year of our WELS stewardship program, "Christ's Love, Our Calling". This year we will focus on the stewardship of "self", as we consider our relationship with our Lord. As materials become available, and as implementation plans are developed, more information will be available in our July Quarterly Meeting.

The summer months tend to be difficult months for congregational finances. Family activities and recreation can lead to absence from worship at home. Although we take advantage of worship opportunities in sister congregations, remember that expenses continue at David's Star. Keep St. Paul's encouragement in mind in the weeks to come, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income" (1 Corinthians 16:2). Our offerings are not the "price of admission" to be set aside only when we are in church. Our offerings are tokens of thanksgiving for all that a gracious God has done for us and given us. Rather than giving the Lord what is left over, St. Paul encourages us to make our offerings a regular part of our planning.

Board for Buildings and Grounds

(Rob Schneiker, 677-2584,

schneikerconcrete@gmail.com)

We are looking at the usefulness and cost to fix up the old Parish Center.

We are looking to cut down some pine trees on the side of church to allow a better view of the church.

Arbor night will be coming up in May to plant some flowers in the turnaround and to freshen up all of the planting areas around the campus. Please watch the bulletin for the date and come out and help.

We are asking all members to enter the church through the new narthex to cut down on heating and cooling costs.

Please be aware of the grassy areas around the parking lot. We ask that you don't drive through them in order for the grass to grow.

We are getting some estimates to replace some of the windows that need replacing in the Woldt's parsonage.

Thank you again for all of the help that our members give in keeping up with the buildings and grounds around church. A big thank you to Liesener's for snowplowing and salting this winter, and also to Spring Valley (Randy Vogel) for the salt, grass seed, and fertilizer that we use.

Warranty repairs are being made by CD Smith around the new connector and narthex.

We are looking for a new person or persons to clean the church on a regular basis. Anyone interested, please contact Phyllis or myself.

Roof repair on the steeple will continue once the internet antenna is removed and located on the new tower.

**Cemetery Committee
(Wally Miller)**

No report.

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
(Joel Pless)**

Preliminary enrollment figures for next year show 102 incoming freshmen, with an anticipated total enrollment in the low 420's.

Cross-trainers, which is a group of KML students going to WELS mission churches and doing canvassing, has traveled to Texas, South Carolina, Illinois, and Minnesota. KML won the Flyway Conference Academic Bowl on March 7.

Graduation is scheduled for June 5th at 2PM.

There will be an open forum at KML on April 18th at 8PM pertaining to the construction of a fine arts building addition.

**Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries
(Clif Koeller)**

WLIM brings the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to institutionalized men, women and children in prisons, jails, hospitals, nursing homes, child & adolescent treatment centers, juvenile detention centers, mental health and drug & alcohol treatment centers. It ministers in the three Wisconsin districts of the WELS, a geographic area covering upper Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, western Indiana and northern Kentucky.

David's Star congregation financially supports WLIM through an October offering envelope. Pastor Loescher and two lay delegates will represent David's Star at WLIM's November 2011 annual meeting. We are seeking another male delegate to attend the meeting with Clif Koeller. Please contact Pastor Loescher of your interest. Go to www.wlim.net for further information on WLIM.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Council recommends that "Our Foundation Built on the Rock 2009-2011" Fund Drive Committee be dismissed with thanks.

A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

The Council recommends that for this calendar year, the voters designate the 10% portion for ministry outside of

our congregation for the WELS Student Assistance Fund for all donations received for our Undesignated Gift Fund (for gifts over \$5000).

A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

The Council recommends that the voters authorize the council to purchase the copier recommended by the technology committee.

A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

Announcements

Holy Week Worship!

Next Voter's Meeting: July 14th, 2011 at 8PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Woldt.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary
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