



Third Sunday after Epiphany Sunday 23rd January 2022

Christ Church Lutheran
31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge

Holy Cross Lutheran
31 Florence St
Murray Bridge

Zion Lutheran
427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

WELCOME... TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

All Services and Events subject to COVID restrictions. Due to the COVID 19 situation, the rules, restrictions and guidelines for our safety are changing. Sometimes this is very quick and late, there may not be enough notice to let everyone know, we thank you for your understanding.

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

*****Masks are required until further notice*****

Currently with the COVID situation there are increasing numbers of infection in SA, the Government is advising anyone who may be vulnerable to stay home. We fully understand and respect anyone who wishes to worship at home. If you do decide to stay home and are rostered for any duties, please let us know. We pray everyone continues to keep safe and well, God's love and care is always with us no matter where we are.

Sunday: 23rd January - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

2:30pm Installation of Pastor David Kuss

The Steeple Unity College – **Bookings essential!**

Offerings will be collected at the door on arrival as usual as well as a retiring offering to go Lutheran Care and Teen Challenge

Followed by refreshments at JD Hall, Christ Church, 31 Swanport Rd

9:30am Christ Church (JDH), Holy Communion – Delton Schiller,
NO Services at Holy Cross or Monarto

Sunday: 30th January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Cross – Holy Communion – Pastor Richard Fox – retiring offering for Lutheran Media

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Led by Delton Schiller
NO Service at Monarto

Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

PASTOR PAUL ON LEAVE until 31st January if Holy Cross members require pastoral assistance please contact David Schirmer 0459 943 682 Ministry Team or Jeff Henschke Church Council chairperson 0428 519 252

Christ Church Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon – **Closed Wednesday.**

Ph 8532 6553 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au

Website: www.cclutheranmb.org.au Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge

After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed 10am-1pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.**

Ph 8532 4577 email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge

Pastor Paul Calnan is available by phone Tues to Fri 9am to 6pm Mobile: 0417 466 611 or email: paul.calnan@lca.org.au *If you require pastoral care outside of these hours please contact Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer or Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke*

RECOMMENCEMENTS:

Holy Cross Monday Morning Bible Study: recommences 7th Feb'22 (note change of date)

Christ Church Tuesday morning Bible Study: recommences 1st Feb'22

Crafty Capers: recommences 2nd Feb'22

Shared Ministry Task Group Members:

Holy Cross: Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart;

Christ Church: Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller;

Monarto: Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

Pastor David Kuss will be installed as lead pastor for the shared ministry of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Zion Monarto at 2.30pm on Sunday 23rd January at The Steeple Unity College. Offerings will be collected at the door on arrival as well as a retiring offering to go Lutheran Care and Teen Challenge.

*****SHARED MINISTRY NAME*****

The Task Group are recommending to the congregations that our Shared Ministry Name be "**Murray Valley Lutheran Community**".

23rd JANUARY READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

✠ **Unity College:** *Readings:* Psalm 46:1-11; Ezra 8:15,21-23,31,32; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; John 7:14-18,37-38. *Songs:* Here I am Lord; Shine, Jesus, Shine; Cornerstone; Let the flame burn brighter.

✠ **Christ Church:** *Reading:* Psalm 19; Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:13-31; Luke 4:14-21. *Songs:* Here I am to worship; Power of the Cross; God will make a way; Open the eyes of my heart; yet not I but through Christ in me; Give thanks (with a grateful Heart); Ten thousand reasons.

GENERAL NOTICES

SHARED MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP: Bob Martin, as coordinator of the Shared Ministry Prayer group, has asked that any Home / Bible / Study Groups (or individuals) please put aside some time to pray for the amalgamation of the Lutheran Community in Murray Bridge and Monarto.

Jeremiah 29:12; "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

If you are interested in attending and/or being involved with the Shared Ministry Prayer Group please leave your name, phone number, and preference for a day/time to meet at Christ Church office.

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Rosters are ready to be picked up – Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for February and March ASAP.

Christ Church: Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for February and March ASAP

RETIRING OFFERING: at Holy Cross for Lutheran Media on Sunday 30th January, Pastor Richard Fox will be leading service.

REG – Regular Electronic Giving: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

Christ Church: BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504

Holy Cross: BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

CAN YOU HELP? Maxine Gogler, member of Holy Cross, is looking for help with transport to the RAH for a pre-op appointment, date to be confirmed. If you can help please contact the Holy Cross office.

CHRIST CHURCH: Could the Christ Church Auxiliary bodies who supply a financial statement for the Book of reports for the AGM please do so as soon as possible as I would like to start on the book of reports soon. Thanking you all so much in advance, Gary Beauglehall, Finance Advisor.

RENEW Young Adults Camp *****UPDATE*****

Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak in SA, which is expected to peak in late January-early February, our RENEW camp team has made the difficult decision to **move our camp program online.**

This online program will be an exciting opportunity to access the resources which had been produced for the RENEW Camp, and to still gather as God's people in an online setting. Keep an eye out for more details regarding our online program coming soon! This online program will be provided by the Blueprint Ministries and RENEW Teams **for free to all participants.**

To register your interest to participate, head to:

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/renew/>

Blessings, Ian Crambrook, On behalf of the RENEW Camp Directors

DID YOU FINISH YEAR 12 IN 2021? Are you a young adult in your Lutheran congregation that would like to connect with other young Lutherans? The Blueprint Ministries' Young Adult Network may be just the thing you are looking for!

See the flyer available from notice boards or church offices that gives details about this group and also a link to their Facebook page. In particular, please note the Welcome Event scheduled for Saturday 5th March where you will have an opportunity to connect with other young Lutherans and make connections and friendships.

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact the Blueprint Ministries staff at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on 8267 5211.

HOLY CROSS AGM: Sunday 20th February after service: Please have your reports to the office by 9th February so that the book of reports can be collated ready for distribution the following week.

CHRIST CHURCH AGM: Sunday 20th March, 1:30pm, JDHall: Please start thinking on your reports, they will need to be in the office and collated for the book of reports by the end of February.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES:

Holy Cross, Monarto and Christ Church

Do you have something you are grateful for? How blessed have you been this past year?

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving Services at ***Christ Church*** on Sunday 13th February @ 9.30am in the Hall by Pastor David Kuss with Holy Communion,

Holy Cross Sunday 20th February @ 9am and ***Monarto*** Sunday 27th February, time TBC with AGM.

Food items will be distributed between Teen Challenge and Foodbank Murray Bridge. We encourage you to bring along an item for the displays that you are blessed with or grateful for; it could be an item of craft, a hobby, something in your life that you are grateful for or an item of food (fruit, vegetable, tin or packet of food) or some flowers, a toy or a pastime, or maybe a photo. Everyone has something they can be grateful for. What will you bring along for the display to express and show your thanks to God?

Holy Cross set up on Saturday 19th evening, items can be left at the Holy Cross office on Friday 19th Feb between 9am-1pm.

Christ Church Setup on Saturday 12th February @ 3pm in the JDH, please bring items on Saturday or Sunday morning for the display. Helpers are needed and will be appreciated for setting up and packing away. Thanking you, from The Worship Team

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE GUILD meet Wednesday, 2nd February, 10am at the Ed Cen. Devotion – Joyce Stiller

HOLY CROSS MINISTRY TEAM meeting Tuesday, 1st February, 4pm in the Holy Cross meeting room

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY recommences 7th February 10am in Holy Cross Sunday School rooms – all welcome

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK: Got a bit of time this February? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Murray Bridge will need blood and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from the 14th of February until the 17th of February. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au or CALL 13 14 95. Monday 14th February 12pm – 6pm | Tuesday 15th February 10am – 6:30pm Wednesday 16th February 10am – 6:30pm | Thursday 17th February 8:30am – 3pm

THURSDAY COMMUNION: will be celebrated at Holy Cross Concordia Hall on Thursday 27th January, 1:30pm. All Welcome!

CHRIST CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: A special meeting will be held between services on Sunday 6th Feb at 10:30am in the JDH to vote on the following:

- a) Christ Church employ the services of the LCA's 'By The Book' Business to carry out our bookkeeping duties. *Since the resignation of our bookkeeper last year the Leadership have investigated this and believe it to be the most reliable and cost effective option going forward.*
- b) We ratify the name of Murray Valley Lutheran Community as the name for the Shared Ministry between Christ Church Lutheran & Holy Cross Lutheran, Murray Bridge and Zion Monarto Churches.

HOLY CROSS NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEB 6th 2022

Church Council / Shared Ministry REQUIRE a congregational Meeting to legally and formally endorse the name "Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnity" immediately following service. All inquiries – Greg Herrmann (HC Task Group Rep)

Tyndale Christian School Employment Opportunities: Due to their continuous growth and the changing landscape with COVID, they are looking to fill several positions ready for the 2022 School Year. Please go to: <https://mb.tyndale.sa.edu.au/employment/> *Working in Christian ministry in a school is a very exciting place to be, as you are able to invest in the lives of so many people.*

PRAYERS:

Prayer of the day Life-giving God, we thank you that your Son brought good news and set us free from captivity. Fill us with your Spirit, so that, as we are made holy, we live as your holy people. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Also pray....

- ✠ Lord Of All, Creator of Australia, We bring our gratitude for the diversity and wealth of this land and its people; for its weathered old mountains, fertile valleys, and vast plains, for its riches of soil, forest, land, fruit and food, for the first Australians, who know and love this land deeply, for the diverse people who now call Australia home, for these and all your gifts we offer you, O Lord, our joyful, thankful hearts.
- ✠ For all health workers, for all the sick and for all those isolated in their homes that they feel comfort and the joy and peace that comes from God. For decision-makers at all levels; that they are guided by God's wisdom and good counsel to serve their communities.
- ✠ Pray for Pastor David Kuss and family for his installation on Sunday. Give him and his family guidance and wisdom as he settles into his new role early in February. Pray for both Pastor Paul and Pastor David during leave, that they return refreshed in body and mind for the year ahead.

Please Pray for... (Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)

Christ Church: Martha Aartsen, Jasmine & Winston Dance, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker & their Carers.

Holy Cross: Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler & Vicki Gollasch and family, Trevor & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, Elizabeth Klitscher (RAH), Leila Koehler, Glen Koop, Carol Kruschel, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Stephanie Pietsch, Jim & Marion Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn & their Carers.

Resthaven: Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Doris Hein (Mon), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

Lerwin: Phylis Courtney (HC), Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Dorothy Klitscher (HC), Phyllis Koop (HC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC)

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC) **Golden Grove Helping Hand:** Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC) **Warner Close, M/Bridge:** Colleen Fawcett (CC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz (both HC)

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

Condolences: Our Deepest condolences to Trevor Hage and family & friends on the passing of Christabel who passed away on January 13th.



The funeral service for Christabel Hage is planned for Tues 25th January 10.30am at Holy Cross Lutheran church. Due to Covid restrictions, numbers that can be accommodated in the church and hall are limited, especially so for refreshments in Concordia Hall following the committal service at the cemetery. We respectfully ask that attendance priority for the service be given to family and close friends, especially from the Bowhill congregation and community. Arrangements have been made to provide refreshments

primarily for immediate family. A video will be available so that you can share in the service. Thank you for your understanding.

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week

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| 24 th Terry Little (HC) | 28 th Oscar Merrett (CC) | 29 th Erica Hammond (CC) |
| 27 th Debra Frahn (CC) | John Pohl (CC) | Luke Toft (Mon) |
| Carson Sacco (Mon) | | 30 th Trent Frahn (CC) |

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge / Music Ministry Online

Christ Church Web Page: <http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/>

Holy Cross Video Links:

New Year Pastor Paul Calnan 2nd Jan: <https://youtu.be/3PRSngQCA1Y>

Epiphany Pastor Peter Welke 16th Jan: <https://youtu.be/G86KZSeJMzs>

Music Ministry email: musicministrymb@gmail.com

Christian radio now live! – Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

Other Livestreamed Services etc – Go to LCA Church@Home:

<https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/>

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: <https://sermons4kids.com/>

ROSTERS

Monarto Rosters

23rd Jan: **Ushers:** Colin Wegener, Trevor Hilton. **Greeters:** Liz Frahn, Raelene Wegener; **Communion:** Maurice Wegener. **Reader:** Raelene Barolo

6th Feb: **Wardens:** Robert T. **Reader:** Heather C

Holy Cross

| | 23 JAN 2.30PM The Steeple | 30 JAN 9AM Pastor Richard Fox |
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| Sign In/ Greeters | T Gogel V Zerk, T Hanckel | V Zerk |
| LS Server | N/A | Rick Peach |
| Lector | A Pearce | A Pearce |
| PA/MM | E Ahrens | T Hanckel |
| Video | G Herrmann | G Herrmann |
| Marshal | T Budarick | M Woidt |
| Ushers | B&J Kuchel | R & D Paech M Woidt |
| Bell Ringer | | R Paech |
| Altar Guild | N/A | J Sacco |
| Flowers | | F Henschke |
| Musicians | A Westlake, M Ahrens | E Paech R Packer |
| Morning Tea | | H Heuppauff D Pfeiffer A Pearce |
| Ministry Team | D Schirmer | M Gerlach H Hueppauff |

Christ Church

| | 9:30am JDH 23-Jan | 2:30pm Unity 23-Jan | 9:30am JDH 30-Jan |
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| COVID Marshal | G Pohl | Installation Service Ushers: G Schubert P&V Jaensch Greeters: C Coulter D&I Kluge | B Martin |
| Elder Assist | W Doecke | | G B'hall |
| Wardens | D Lienert | | G Pohl |
| Greeters | B&Y Lablack | | D&A Doecke |
| Tea/Coffee | S Jericho J Herrmann | | J Herrmann D Borchardt |
| PA | R Hampel | | B Martin |
| Data Projector | S Kuchel | | J Martin |
| Reader | | | |
| Flowers | C Miegel | | J Hermann |
| Video | R Jericho | | R Jericho |
| Counter | G Korzeba | | B Schubert |
| Grounds Roster | | | |
| Water & Care | T Koch | | Y Koch |

Monarto Congregation Contacts

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| <u>Elders</u> | Haydn Hein | 0428 898 639 | Maurice Wegener 8531 1060 |
| <u>Chairman</u> | Trevor Hilton | 0439 839 022 | |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Colin Wegener | 0407 030 241 | |
| <u>Secretary</u> | Jan Brodde | 8532 5050 | |

Christ Church Congregation Contacts

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| | Graham Schubert | 0408 848 920 | Ian Kluge 0427 313 537, 8531 3449 |
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| <u>Church Secretary</u> | Yvonne Stiller | 8532 3445 | |
| <u>Prop. & Maintenance:</u> | Nathanael Mann | 0439 506 826 | |

Holy Cross Congregation Contacts

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| | Edna Welke | Pastor Peter Welke |
| | Dennis Steinborner | Lesley Rosenzweig |
| | Helen Heuppauff | Coral Eggers |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Barry Stoddart | 0459 590 302 |
| <u>Property Chair</u> | Greg Herrmann | 0438 785 040 |

“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



THE EYES HAVE IT

“Eyes are the windows of the soul” These words, in varying ways, have been around for a long time; Some scholars claim they come from a bloke called Cicero (106-43 BC). These words may be that old, but I doubt they have ever been more relevant than today.

In these days of face masks, one of the common complaints heard is, “when they wear a mask, I can’t see if they are smiling.”

Dr Paul Ekman, a professor emeritus of UC San Francisco who helped develop the Facial Action Coding System to help scientists distinguish between genuine and fake smiles.

“If it’s a very large smile and the lip corners are pulled up intensely then all of those signs will be produced by either a genuine or a non-genuine smile,” says Ekman, author of numerous books about facial expressions and how they reflect our emotions.

“The only place that will reveal the difference in a broad intense smile is the skin between the eyebrows and the upper eyelid. That will move slightly down in the genuine smile and will not move in the social or false smile. Everybody can voluntarily make their lips smile, but very few people can contract the muscle that surrounds the eyes.”

Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16) In today’s climate of increasing hurt and loneliness and being apart, a “shining light” of “good works” could just be a smile from behind a mask shining through the eyes to the eyes of another.

Another common complaint about mask-wearing, especially among the elderly, is, “It is so hard to hear what the other is saying!” This complaint led me to think, “I wonder, is there a Patron Saint related to hearing or deafness?” Surprise! There is. A St. Francis de Sales “developed a sign language in order to teach a deaf man about God. Because of this, he is the patron saint of the deaf. This man cared so much for the well being of another he went to the trouble

Suppose we make an effort to speak louder, more clearly, who knows what our ears will receive back. After all, didn’t Jesus say, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37-39)

Maybe it is time to stop, take a look around and consider the blessings we have compared to other generations who faced pandemics. Even if you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, give thanks for the effort, love and self-sacrifice of all in our community who work to keep us as safe as possible. Show our gratitude with our lips and eyes, even if it all comes from behind a mask. Imagine the difference it might make to your life in 2022.

God bless you in 2022

Kevin.



Growing
FAITH
at home

23rd January 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Freedom Through God's Spirit

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What would your life be like if you were in prison or blind?

2

Jesus said that he came to declare freedom for the prisoners and sight to the blind. You have been set free from sin – how does this impact your life?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

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| S | Luke 4:14-21 | Jesus returns to Nazareth |
| M | Nehemiah 8:1-10 | Ezra reads the law |
| T | 1 Cor 12:12-31a | Unity and diversity in the body |
| W | Luke 6:6-11 | Jesus heals in the synagogue |
| T | Acts 14:1-7 | Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue |
| F | 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 | The power of God's Word |
| S | Psalms 19 | Heavens declare the glory of God |
| S | Luke 4:21-30 | The prophet Jesus is rejected |



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for making us part of your body. Help us to work together to do your work. Amen.



BLESS

In Christ you are free! May God's Spirit strengthen you as you share the good news.

Sundays After Epiphany

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

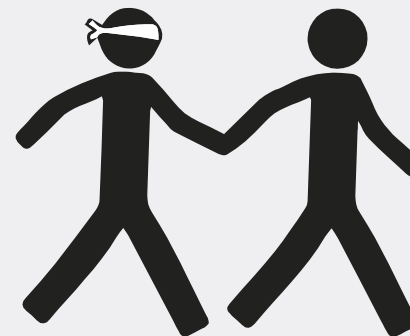
Creative Response

Blindfold a member of the household for the duration of a meal or evening. Sit down and talk about the experience.

Research what it means to be held captive in the world today and find some examples.

Pray for these people.

Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.



mealtime prayer

Come Lord Jesus; fill us with your spirit and this food. Amen.

verse for the week

The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

Service



When Jesus attended the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practise together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church. For example, cleaning, serving coffee, ushering.



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