

Ministries In Action



A Letter to the People Who Serve

Volume 20 No. 11

Mission Statement

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church exists to fulfill God's call. We believe God calls each ministry of the church to develop opportunities for all members to experience the Love of Jesus and to reach out and share it with those yearning for greater spirituality and meaning in their lives.



Worship Schedule

9:00 A.M. (Traditional) 11:00 A.M. (Contemporary)

Sunday School after the children's sermon at the 11:00 service.

All children ages 2 – 6th grade are welcome!

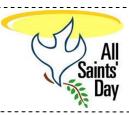
Intergenerational Faith Formation

Join Pastor Greer the first Sunday of every month at 12:30 P.M. in the Social Hall for family focused faith and lunch.

Service Project for MCREST.

November 5th.

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November 5th
We remember all who have moved into eternal life in the past year.

Sunday, November 5th



"Thankful Tea"

All women are invited to a "Thankful Tea" on Saturday, Nov. 11th at noon. A light lunch will be served. We will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for 3 local schools. Please sign up if you would like to attend. See Elaine Dalton or Cheryl Whiteman for more information.

Praise & Pie Thanksgiving Eve Service November 22nd at 7:00 P.M.



We will be taking pictures of all the prayer blankets, and share stories that go with them. If you have ever received a prayer blanket, bring it with you for an updated group picture. Bring canned goods for local food bank.

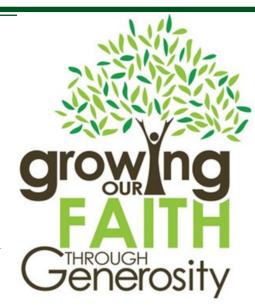
Sign up to bring a pie.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Partner in Ministry,

As you already may have heard, "Growing our faith through generosity" is the theme of our year-round stewardship initiative. As we gather together as God's people, we will focus on the importance of being good stewards or caregivers of the church and all of God's creation.

Our response to the gift of life in Jesus includes giving our best to further the Kingdom of God. As we look forward to 2018, you will hear more about our dreams for the future of our congregation and our plans to continue excellent ministry. Your leaders at Amazing Grace will approach this time with transparency and honesty about



the resources it takes to ensure the financial health of our beloved church home. Truly, our plans for ministry as a community can only be fully realized with the financial support of each one of you.

As we continue on our mutual journey to grow our faith through generosity, we invite you to prayerfully discern how you will share your time, talents, and treasures in 2018 and beyond. God gives abundantly to us each day, and we invite you to respond abundantly and joyfully in return. The true spirit of generosity exists in hearts that put God first, before earthly wants. So, please give as God calls you to give, whether that is \$1 a week or \$100 a week. Please know that gifts of all amounts matter to us at Amazing Grace.

In the mail you will be receiving an Intention to Give card. We invite you to fill it out and return it in worship on Sunday, November 5th so we can rejoice in the ways God has called us to generosity. We understand that not all intentions can be fulfilled and not all cards may be ready by November 5th. We encourage you to give as you are able and consider turning in your card in the offering plate at a later date. We will take them anytime.

Please save these upcoming dates:

November 5 – Celebration Sunday – bring your Intention to Give card

November 12 – 2018 Budget Town Hall Meeting from 10:15-10:45a.m. to discuss the proposed budget for 2018 and answer any questions.

November 19 – Annual Congregational Budget Meeting at 12:15p.m.

Thank you for being part of this church family. Please pray for our ministry together as we continue to love God and love and serve Christ in our neighbor.

Peace,

Pastor Greer



Thank you to my Amazing Grace family and friends for the beautiful prayer blanket. I know your loving prayers during my surgery, hospital stay and rehabilitation helped carry me through a challenging time. Our church has always shown its faith and strength for those in difficult situations. I have prayed with the blankets for others and was grateful to now receive the same spiritual love in return. Thank you also for the many cards. They definitely cheered me. God bless you all and bless your prayer blanket ministry.

In Christian Love, Margarete Kammer

Thank you "Prayer Blanket" Makers,

Thank you "all" for the beautiful prayer blanket! I am heling daily from my operation, along with this wonderful blanket, it has filled me with love and light!

From the bottom of my heart. "God Bless!"

Love, Denise Martinson



ALL AGES are invited for Family Faith Formation (AKA Family Sunday School)

This is a chance for ALL ages to come together to grow in faith. No matter your age, family situation, or where you are on your faith journey.....if you are single, married, have kids, if you are a kid or high schooler.....

ALLARE WELCOME!

The 1st Sunday of each month we come together to enjoy a meal, share in a service project & faith formation as a family of God.

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 5th 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Bring pickles, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, a salad or dessert to share

(lunch meat, cheese and bread will be provided). Volunteer opportunity: Sandwiches will be made for MCREST

Several items have been donated to Amazing Grace such as walkers, canes, wheelchair, foam cushion to elevate foot, bedside commode, if you need to borrow any of these items see Denise in the church office.



Ministry Members

Worship Ministry

Chair - Denise Rodi
Council Liaison - Erik Miller
Ministry Members

- Julie Ambris
- Nancy Engalan
- Pete Fisher
- ♦ Angela Kenmuir
- Barb Potter
- Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown
- Pastor Greer

Stewardship Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison - Ministry Members

- ♦ Ken Jewell
- Judi MacCosh
- Sheila Roberts

Property Ministry

Chair - Lisa LaBarge Council Liaison - Kristin MacPhee

Ministry Members

- George Gerios
- Jean Gerios
- Margarete Kammer
- Bob Potter
- ♦ Jim Roberts
- Keith Williams
- Mark Wisniewski
- Earl Wright

Service Ministry

Chair -

Council Liaison - Lori Snyder Ministry Members

- Kozay Bates
- Colleen Chmelko
- Cathy Jarvis
- Winnie McDonald
- Mary Ann Masch
- Joan Shelby
- Tammy Wenzel

All Ministry Night

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 21st at 7:00 PM

Witness Ministry

Chair -

Council - Angie Boccaccio

Ministry Members

- Mary Haller
- Marilyn McQueen
- Barb Westerberg

Learning Ministry

Chair & Nursery Coordinator

Cindy Lohr

Council - Matthew Jewell

Pastoral Advisor – Pastor Greer

Confirmation Liaison -

Julie Ambris

Communications -

Sherri Loweke

VBS Volunteer - Joan Jenkins **Ministry Members**

- Pete Fisher
- ◆ Terri Gilbert
- Sheila Roberts
- DeAnna Robinson

LIGHT Youth Team

Liaison - Kara Miller

- Noah Miller
- Pastor Greer

Finance Ministry

Chair - Ken Jewell

Council Liaison - Laura Jewell

Co-Treasurer - Keith Williams

Co-Treasurer - Terri Gilbert

Financial Secretary - Ken

Jewell

Ministry Members

Lisa LaBarge

Church Officers

President Debbie Alsaiyad

Vice Pres. Kathie Bair Secretary Cheryl Whiteman

Co-Treasurers Keith Williams

Terri Gilbert

Council Members

Angie Boccaccio Laura Jewell Matthew Jewell Kristin MacPhee Erik Miller Lori Snyder

Parish Health Ministry

- LouAnn Bishop
- Pete Fisher

Mutual Ministry

- Kathie Bair
- Ken Jewell (consultant)
- Kevin Liske
- ♦ Jim Williamson
- Pastor Greer

Watch For Your Weekly E-Mail Updates

On Tuesdays e-mails are sent through Constant Contact with updates of activities and worship times at Amazing Grace for the current week. Please take a look at it to keep informed. If you are not receiving it, let Denise know.

If you have a concern you want addressed at a council meeting or at ministry meeting contact Debbie Alsaiyad (council) or the ministry chairperson (listed on this page) to have it added to the agenda.

Church Office Hours Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Service to Others

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group

Meetings are in the Narthex on the second Tuesday of each month, the next date is Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM.

Dysfunctional Families Group

Meetings are in the Learning Center on Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.

They are under the umbrella of Adult Children of Alcoholics but changed the name to Dysfunctional Families Group. All 12 Step Groups are direct descendants of Alcoholics Anonymous...the granddaddy.

Social Hall Use for Members

Effective Immediately

- To reserve the Social Hall for a private event, please contact Denise in the church office to set the date on the church calendar. There is a minimum donation of \$50 at time of reservation.
- The member making the request must be present at the event.
- All items in the Social Hall used in the event must be returned to the proper storage place. (table, chairs, etc.), and all food items and decorations taken home
- All kitchen items used must be cleaned and returned to the proper storage area.
- All trash cans are to be emptied and trash removed from the building.

Book Club

The next discussion is
Wednesday, November 8th at 12:00
P.M. We will be watching the movie
The House of Glass, written by
Sophie Littlefield in the Learning
Center. Hostess: Mary Stevick.

Movie Monday

November 20th at 1:00 P.M. come and watch "Megan Leavy" with Kate Mara and Edie Falco in the Learning Center. Snacks served, bring your own beverage.





Mondays at 7:00 PM. Drop in \$5.00.

Rubino's Road Test

Call (586)795-3399 to schedule a road test in our parking lot.

Euchre/Pinochle/ Game Night

Join us the first & third Friday of each month. November dates are the 3rd and 17th at 7:00 P.M. Bring a snack to share.

Recycling

Bring: Mail, Newspapers, Catalogs, Magazines, paper, and place them in the Abitibi Paper Retriever bin at the back of the parking lot.

We are still collecting

- unwanted eyeglasses
- cell phones
- them in the designated box in the Learning Center. The money will purchase Bibles for new members & Sunday school
- used ink cartridges (the church gets \$2.00 per cartridge which will help with office expenses we can recycle 20 per month. That's \$40 each month the church saves!
- canned goods for Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary for their food pantry (place canned goods in the basket in the Narthex).
- Target, Meijer, Kroger gift cards for people in need.
 Please give them to Pastor Greer for distribution.

Thank you for your support!

The Yum Yum Club

Join us for fun and fellowship as we dine with fellow members of Amazing Grace. All ages welcome!

Sunday, November 19th, 1:30 P.M. at Seeburger's Cheeseburgers new location. 35351 23 Mile Road (West of Jefferson), New Baltimore (car pool from church at 12:30)

Sunday, December 17th, 1:00 P.M. At Masters Restaurant (13 Mile, west of Dequindre)

If you are planning on attending or need directions call the church office 4 days prior to the dinner.



Faith In Life



November Birthdays

Noah Miller 1	
Kim Siess	1
Laura Jewell	1
Tiffany Sutherland	3
Kara Miller	4
Cameron Howland	5
Keith Williams 5	
Emma Honsowetz 7	
Cole Pine	7
Sherri Switzer	9
Randy Broadwell	9
Noah Yasso	9
Doris Toellner	10
Henry Hirchberger	11
Caryn Pine	12
Michael Lohr 14	
Abbey Pine	14
Catherine Harm	15
Jean Brunke	15
Tom Lovelock	19
Lorrie Gentry	20
Erika Holmes	20
Matthew Mazurek	26
Karen O'Neill	29
Janice Lambrix	



Online Giving

A convenient alternative to writing checks If you're writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you may find it more convenient to give online. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year. To give online, visit our church's website at aglc-warren.org, locate the online giving link (top menu bar) to donate.

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Simply Giving offering cards available on the welcome table in the Narthex for online givers to place in the offering plate.

Commemorative Courtyard Bricks

Our courtyard bricks are given in memory and celebration of members and friends. If you are interested in ordering a brick, order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Place form and \$100.00 donation in the offering plate by November 12th. The bricks will be installed before winter sets in.

Blessing Bags

Blessing Bags to be passed out to the homeless on the streets in our community are available in the church office. You may pick one up at any time. If you give a blessing bag to someone, let the church office know where and it will be included in the next newsletter.

MCREST Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team

Thank you to the many volunteers who gave so generously! Way too many to mention by name! Before, during and after our MCREST week, approximately 65 people gave more than 700 hours of their time and helped financially too!! We had an amazing week thanks to our amazing volunteers!!

MCREST has an open week for the women and children at First United Methodist Church (Chicago and Mound) in November. Our MCREST Team decided to help with one day of their open week, on Sun., Nov. 5th.

At Family Sunday School on Nov. 5th you will have an opportunity to help make sandwiches for their lunches on Monday, and write special messages of love and hope to put in the lunches.

Jim Switzer and Sherry Palmer offered to stay overnight, and we are in the process of getting 6 - 8 volunteers to do check in and serve dinner. We will prepare dinner (at Amazing Grace).

If you would like to help please see Denise Rodi.

Thanks again to Amazing Grace amazing members!

Faith In Life

Shopping? Amazing Grace gets the rewards when you shop at Kroger

To sign up go to their web page www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Just scan your card each time you shop at Kroger. They send Amazing Grace a check every 3 months. We have 19 households who shop at Kroger and swipe their card.

Amazon Smile

If you are shopping at Amazon go to our web page click "Give Back", click on the yellow box "Get Started" or use this web link for purchases and AGLC receives 5%: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3381697.

Save 10% At These Local Businesses!

Northern TV and Vacuum

Located on John R. in Mad. Hgts. Just bring in the ad found on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Eat at Cozy Cabin

2129 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren (east of Dequindre), Tell them you are from Amazing Grace and receive 10% off your food order.

Ministry In Action Newsletter Submissions

Please e-mail your information/articles no later than the 15th of each month to Denise Rodi at aglcwarren@gmail.com

Written information may be submitted in the newsletter box in the work room.



We are a "heart-filled" group of warm and wonderful Christian women of Amazing Grace.

If you are participating in the "Secret Sister", program, remember to keep your "Secret Sister" in prayer, and send her a card, occasionally, leave "small surprises" on the coat rack in the hallway at church to let her know you are thinking of her. It is a special feeling to know you are being thought about and prayed for by your "Secret Sister".

Our meetings in November are Thursday, the 9th and Saturday the 18th.

Gluten Free Wafers

Available for those who are gluten intolerant. Go to Pastor's line to receive an individually wrapped wafer

Service Ministry

Coffee Hour Hosts

If you are interested in serving coffee after worship please contact Lori Snyder at 330-903-5796 or email her wwlwhite@hotmail.com.



Grace Notes

The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday "Grace Notes" is by 11:00 AM each Tuesday.

Mission of WELCA

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. To love one another as God has loved and forgiven us.



Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14th at noon Topic: The Apostles' Creed Session Two: I believe in the Holy Spirit'

Bring your sandwich. Beverages and dessert provided. Hostess: TBD

WELCA Quarterly Meeting

Thursday November 16 at 7:00 PM Topic: Recap of the Triennial Gathering Convention Pictures and dialogue Refreshments furnished by WELCA

WELCA Willing Workers

Tuesday, November 28th 6:00 P.M. Join us for dinner and crafts

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)

President Sherri Switzer
Vice Pres. Barb Westerberg
Secretary Mary Haller
Treasurer Marilyn McQueen
Action (WWW) Sherri Switzer
Millie Ziemann

Growth Terri Gilbert
Community Barb Jetmore

Holy Breath, Holy Hope, Holy Spirit, breathe on us and bring holy order to our hearts, our minds and out world. AMEN

(closing prayer from November Bible Study)

Power of Prayer

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40: 1,2



Our Prayer Blanket Ministry makes prayers real to those who are having surgery or who are suffering serious illness or infirmity or any other struggle in life. Brought together into each blanket is the gift of prayer: the symbol of faith in God and in His power to comfort, strengthen and heal. This ministry began in April 2006, and as of October 15, 2017 274 blankets have been made.

Prayer blanket request forms are found in the attendance books. To request a blanket for a member of Amazing Grace who is in the hospital or seriously ill, fill one out and place it in the offering plate, or contact Denise Rodi.

Pray for...

Please remember to keep in your prayers these members and friends of Amazing Grace



Roy Burgess, Debbie Emmons, Bev Ericksen, Dorothy Greenstrand, Margarete Kammer, Nancy Kenmuir, Wally Kenmuir, Trish McMinn, Art and Doris Toellner, Vera Vroman.

Communion Visitation Ministry

Please contact the church office or Pastor Greer for a visit.

Julie Ambris
Debbie Alsaiyad
Colleen Chmelko
Nancy Engalan
Terri Gilbert
Laura Jewell
Matthew Jewell
Mike Martinson
Denise Rodi
Joan Shelby,
Mary Stevick
Earl Wright



Prayer Chain Ministry

Our Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. If you have an immediate prayer concern and would like our team members to pray for you or your loved one, please call the church office or one of our team members. Once the prayer chain has been activated, the first person calls a team member, who calls the next team member, who calls the next team member... you get the idea! Within a very short time, our whole team is praying for you. As Christians, we pray with absolute confidence that God hears all of our prayers. We are here for you whenever you need us.

- Debbie Alsaiyad
- ♦ Laura Jewell
- Margarete Kammer
- ◊ Judy MacCosh
- Marilyn McQueen
- Judy Sutherland
- ♦ Barb Westerberg
- ♦ Mark Wisniewski

All are welcome to join the Prayer Chain Ministry. Prayer is such a vital part of our faith and we can all pray.



Servants

Usher Teams

<u>9:00</u> <u>11:00</u>

November 5

Colleen Chmelko Mark Kaifesh

Mary Ann Masch Angela & Wally Kenmuir

Bob Potter Jack Kenmuir

Mackenzie Robinson Pierce & Cassidy Morse

Bill Shelby

November 12

Mike Martinson Lisa LaBarge Earl Wright Jim Roberts

Angelo Rodi Mark Wisniewski

November 19

Mackenzie Robinson Tom & Joey Jenkins
Jim Williamson Ken & Matthew Jewell

Georgette Williamson Anthony Rodi

Ben, John & Rob Sawyer

November 26

Lucimar Turner Angie & Alex Boccaccio

Earl Wright Mike Martinson

Bob & Jean Regan Jacob Seeburger

Altar Guild

November Sheila Roberts

December Angie & Wally Kenmuir

Visitor Hospitality

Cookie Runners deliver a plate of cookies and a church newsletter to first time visitors. Please help by baking or delivering home made cookies. See Denise Rodi.

November 5 Jack Kenmuir

November 12 Needed

November 19 Mary & Stan Haller

November 26 Pete Fisher

Offering Counters

November 5th and 12th

Terri Gilbert, Judy Sutherland, Earl Wright

November 19th

Mark Kaifesh, Bill & Shelly Shelby

November 26th

Dick Aurand, Mark Kaifesh, Joan Shelby

Grace Note Folders

November 2 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright

November 9- Mary Ann Masch

November 16 - Jean Regan, Mary Stevick

November 22 (Wed.)- Newsletter Crew (pizza) **November 30 -** Colleen Chmelko, Joan Shelby

December 7 - Mary Thornton, Jeanne Weiderman

December 14 - Angelo Rodi, Earl Wright **December 21 -** Newsletter Crew (pizza)

December 28- Mary Ann Masch

Newsletter Staff

Editor - Denise Rodi

Proof Reader- Colleen Chmelko

Newsletter Crew - Colleen Chmelko, Margarete

Kammer, Mary Ann Masch, Joan Shelby, Mary Stevick,

Mary Thornton, Doris Toellner, Jeannie Weiderman

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Pastor Greer Cherney Secretary Denise Rodi

Music Staff Christian Avila, Kathy Brinker,

Alison Buckman, Gary Jones, Genna

MacPhee, Gwen MacPhee, Drew Miller, Erik Miller, Noah

Miller, Dan Mulkeran

Choir Director Rosilyn Stearnes-Brown

Choir Peter Fisher, Cathy Jarvis, Mackenzi &

Haidyn Kline, Marilyn McQueen, Sherry Palmer, Tom Pesamoska, Wally Ponican, Barb Potter, Sheila Roberts,

DeAnna & Mackenzie Robinson, Dorian & Lucille Staff, Barb

Westerberg, Tammy Wenzel Pete Fisher, Matthew Jewell,

Vocalists Jeanne Yasso
Custodian Matthew Jewell,

Volunteer

MISD job site training program for a

Autistic impaired students, Lamphere Center Job Training

Confirmation Corner



Living Water Ministries will be offering a youth event in Michigan for Junior High youth (grades 6-8) during 2018 centered in our mission of faith formation, service, leadership and community for all of God's children.

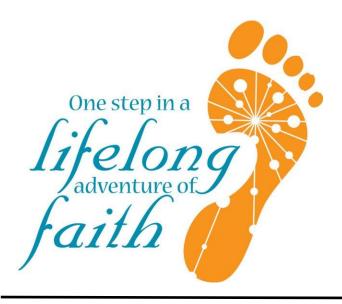
The Junior High Charge will bring youth together in the hopes to energize and form faith through worship, small groups, and congregational time. It is also our hope that through skillshops (workshops) emphasizing service opportunities, leadership development, and community (through team building) we can equip youth to return home ready to make change in the world in the name of Christ. Enjoy an afternoon at the Water Park! Fellowship, faith and lots of fun!

Registration opens NOVEMBER 1 and will fill up FAST! \$100 Deposit due ASAP! Each youth is responsible for their <u>full</u> cost.

Approximately \$175/person (+meals)

*See Pastor Greer for more information

Love and Peace, Pastor Greer and Julie Ambris







AGLC Learning Ministry November 2017 Newsletter



Parents - Sunday School Needs Your Support

It takes many hands to successfully run Amazing Grace's Sunday School program! Sunday School parents, please help support our program by volunteering to assist in Sunday School at least once during the year and helping with at least one extra-curricular Sunday School event.

We would also appreciate donations of any of the following items. Please leave them in the office room marked 'Sunday School' or "Faith Formation Ministry':

Colored construction paper White construction paper Washable markers

Foam stickers Wet wipes Non-toxic glue

November Learning Ministry Schedule:

. Date	Confirmation Class	Sunday School: Sundays during 11:00am worship service in Learning Hall
Week of November 5*		All Saints Day FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL) 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Social Hall Service Opportunity - make lunches for MCREST
Week of November 12	Sunday, November 12 @ 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Learning Center	Lesson: Ten Bridesmaids Readings: Matthew 25:1-13 Teachers: Terri Gilbert, Lori Snyder, Jeannie Weiderman, and Joan Jenkins
Week of November 19	Attend Praise & Pie at 7pm	Lesson: Parable of the Talents Readings: Matthew 25:14-30 Teachers: Cindy Lohr, Gail Williams, and Pete Fisher
Week of November 26	Sunday, November 26 @ 12:30 – 2:00pm in the Learning Center	Sunday School Sing Along Day No Lesson – Thanksgiving Weekend

^{*}Remember daylight savings time ends

Our Nursery Program is Here for You

Our Nursery Program is going strong! Our ministry shares the love of Christ with infants through children age 3, providing loving care in a secure environment. Congregational volunteers will staff the nursery during the 11:00am worship service. Children ages 2-3 years will participate in Sunday School in the nursery following the Children's Sermon. For more information, contact Cindy Lohr or a member of the Faith Formation Ministry.

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November 2017

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM (traditional) 11:00 AM (contemporary)

Sunday School after children's sermon during the 11:00 service



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