



# Messenger

Newsletter of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Grange, Texas  
August 2017

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's Work. Our Hands



*St Paul Lutheran Church • La Grange*

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

*Sunday, August 6, 2017*

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!  
KC Hall, La Grange



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

**SAINT PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST,  
CARES, SHARES, AND PROVIDES CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

## *A Message from your Pastor:*

Reformation 500: Walking through Luther's Small Catechism

The third article of the Apostle's Creed is a game-changer for us. Faith comes from God. Thank God—literally—because if it came from me I'd be in trouble! This article reminds us that it is not our actions (or faith) that makes us holy, but it is God's Spirit that lives in us. That Spirit, given to us in baptism, enables us to live our lives without fear of committing the "unforgivable sin". Here's what Luther wrote in his Small Catechism:

The Third Article: On Being Made Holy

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.

*What is this? or What does this mean?*

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

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I just bought my football tickets for the fall! Believe it or not, summer is (almost) half over. Soon the kids will start back to school and we'll get back into "normal" routines. For St Paul, that also means getting back into the routine. But it doesn't have to be the same dull routine. There are lots of new things planned for the coming year, but I don't want to get ahead of myself.

I'm very excited that we have hired Caleb Parks to be our Faith Life Leader! He's been busy in his office working on all sorts of plans and dreams for not only our youth but also our young adults. If you know a young adult who might be interested in getting together to plan with him I know he would love your help!

He's also been busy getting prepared for our Worship On Wednesdays after school program which will begin September 13<sup>th</sup>. We're going to be doing some things a little differently and many things will stay the same. The thing that will be the same is that we rely on your help. We need adults who are willing to be on site to make sure the kids are safe. We can have high schoolers help, but we must have an adult at each of the stations. If you can help please let Caleb know. If we get enough volunteers our hope is that we could rotate.

We're looking at some different study opportunities for young married couples as well. If there is something you are interested in let us know. We would love to talk with you about it!

I can't wait to see what God is up to in this place! Come and see!

*Pastor Candy*

### **Introducing St. Paul's new Faith Life Leader.....**

*Hello!* My name is Caleb Parks and I'm excited to be serving here at St Paul as the Faith Life Leader. As a kid who came through LYO here at St. Paul, I'm glad for this opportunity to serve the youth, children, and young adults at St Paul through programs such as WOW, Sunday School, LYO, and a soon-to-be-started young adult ministry. If you have any desire to help serve through these programs or simply wish to learn more about these wonderful opportunities, please feel free to contact me via phone at [\(512\) 944-7859](tel:5129447859) or via email at [stpaulfaithlife@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulfaithlife@gmail.com).

# Join us at St Paul for WOW

## Worship On Wednesday

Every Wednesday starting

September 13, 2017

NO WOW on Special Wednesdays

November 22

December 20 or 27

January 3, 2018

February 14

March 14 or 28

**Who:** Everyone is Welcome

PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**When:** Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**Where:** St Paul Lutheran Church

110 West Walnut Street

La Grange, TX 78945

968-5657 stpaulg.org

**WHAT:** Snacks, Games,

Fellowship, Singing, Learning about GOD

SIGN US UP!

(cut here please)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

St Paul's requests \$10 each semester to help pay for snacks and supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I give my permission to St Paul Lutheran Church and its representatives to take pictures that include my child. These photos may be posted to Facebook or the church website and/or printed in the newsletter or other medium.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I also give my permission for St Paul Lutheran Church and its representatives to take my child around the community (example: town square, nursing homes, assisted living, etc)

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join us for food fun and fellowship

August 6, 2017

Knights of Columbus Hall, La Grange

Praise Service ( 9 a.m.) • BBQ Chicken & Sausage Meal (\$10 per plate)

Live Auction • Silent Auction

Cake Wheel • Fish Pond • Kid's Coloring Contest

Several Big Prize Giveaways on the day of event

## EVENTS OF THE DAY

- 9:00 a.m. .... Praise Service @ KC Hall  
10:45 a.m. .... BBQ Chicken & Sausage Meal -  
Dine In or Drive Thru (tickets available at hall)  
12:15 p.m. .... Live Auction

Please remember to bring your cookies, brownies or decorated cakes  
to the KC Hall Sunday morning by 8:30 a.m.

Auction items can be brought to the church office by Thursday, August 3 or to the  
KC Hall Saturday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.

# INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Bowen Alan Bishop joined our baptized membership on June 11. Bowen's parents are Doug and Amber (Ferris) Bishop. His sponsors are Derrick & Kayla Schubert.

In prayer we remember those who entered eternal rest:

- ✠ Faye Ehler on June 27
- ✠ Pauline Schwertner on July 7

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine on them.

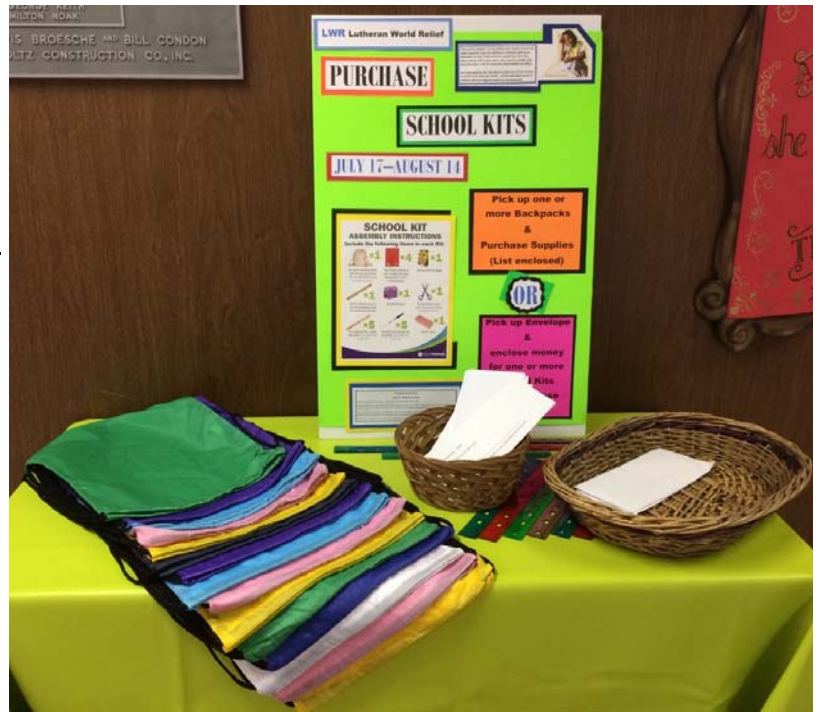


## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

St. Paul Lutheran Church Ladies are gathering **school supplies for Lutheran World Relief July 15 - August 13.**

See the display in the Narthex where you **can pick up backpacks to fill** (List is enclosed) or you can **pick up an envelope** and simply enclose your donation (Ladies will purchase the school supplies, cost is about \$7 per kit). You may place your filled envelope in the container in the Narthex, place it in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

***Thank you for helping give children the opportunity to attend school!***



# St Paul's VBS Day Camp

From June 19-23, we used almost every inch of our church property sharing God's love with more than 100 members of our community. The highest attendance was 77 campers, 9 Lutherhill counselors, 12 young adult volunteers, and 17 adult volunteers. Campers enjoyed singing, crafts, bible study, worship, gaga ball and lots of food and fellowship.

Without the help of our volunteers Day Camp would not be possible!

## *THANK YOU* to

- ◇ The Kitchen Volunteers who fed over 100 people lunch and 2 snacks for 5 days. A huge thank you to: Elaine, Dianne, Gloria, Ginger, Margaret, Debbie, Bonnie, Liz, John, Bonnie, Joyce, Patty, Kathy, Sandra, JoLene, and Kathy.
- ◇ The young adults who volunteered a week of their summer vacation to spend making St Paul's Day Camp a success. These volunteers helped Lutherhill staff keep campers organized, assisted with crafts, and were a positive example for the younger campers. Thank you Bethany, Amber, Abbey, Ryder, Nikki, Cole, Gracie, Morgan, Cam, Parker, Abby, and Alyssa.
- ◇ The 18 adult volunteers who took 67 campers out to Lutherhill for Water Day on Thursday. The Campers look forward to this day and it is a treat for St Paul since we have Lutherhill so close!
- ◇ Cyndi Piland and Karen Bellue who helped with registration on Monday.
- ◇ Melinda Zajicek for fielding all the pre-registrations, collecting money and being available for any and all questions.
- ◇ Sandra Teykl, Kathy Toensing, and Debbie Busch for feeding the counselors breakfast every morning.
- ◇ Everyone who donated food or money! There are too many to name!
- ◇ The LUTHERHILL staff for sharing their love of God and imparting God's grace. Each counselor did an amazing job with their village.

Campers raised money (over \$500) in the form of noisy offering. The money will go toward the ELCA's goal of raising \$500K to fight world hunger in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Campers also donated 177 pounds of food to AMEN! St Paul's VBS Day Camp was a huge success! Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Hope to see you there next year!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God . . . . . AND WE WILL!

Sincerely,

*Katy Adams & Caleb Parks*

# LYO Important Dates

**Saturday, August 12** - Stockholder Dinner, 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Postcard invitations were mailed from Tennessee.

**Please RSVP by August 7!**

**Sunday, August 6** - Celebration Sunday at KC Hall, 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday, August 27** - Officer/Parents Meeting (6:00 PM)

LYO Meeting (6:30 PM)



**LYO CAN TRAILER** is in the parking lot!! Please donate your aluminum cans - all money raised will be used for LYO Projects.

***Thanks for your donations!***



## Confirmation 2017-2018

(Please note: Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders is Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m.)

Parents can expect an email in late August with more details.

At least one parent must attend the September 6 meeting (5:45 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall to discuss Confirmation expectations. Acolyte training will be after the meeting.

Date	Task
<b>September 6</b>	Parent's Meeting/Acolyte Training (5:45)
<b>September 13</b>	<b>NO Confirmation</b>
<b>September 20</b>	Martin Luther
<b>September 27</b>	The Reformation
<b>October 4</b>	The Reformers
<b>October 11</b>	Lutheran Confessions
<b>October 18</b>	Luther's Small Catechism
<b>October 25</b>	Apostle's Creed (Article 1)
<b>November 1</b>	Apostle's Creed (Article 2)
<b>November 8</b>	Apostle's Creed (Article 3)
<b>November 15</b>	The Lord's Prayer
<b>November 22</b>	<b>NO Confirmation (Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>November 30</b>	Advent Worship (6:30)
<b>December 6</b>	Advent Worship (6:30)
<b>December 13</b>	Advent Worship (6:30)
<b>December 20</b>	Advent Worship (6:30)
<b>December 27</b>	<b>NO Confirmation (Christmas Break)</b>

January 3	<b>NO Confirmation (Christmas Break)</b>
January 10	The Ten Commandments (1-3)
January 17	The Ten Commandments (4-10)
January 24	Holy Baptism
January 31	Holy Communion
February 7	Confession & Forgiveness
February 14	<b>NO Confirmation (Ash Wednesday)</b>
February 21	Lenten Worship (6:30) (Confirmation Meal)
February 28	Lenten Worship (6:30)
March 7	Lenten Worship (6:30)
March 14	<b>NO Confirmation (Spring Break)</b>
March 21	Lenten Worship (6:30)
March 28	<b>NO Confirmation (Holy Week)</b>
April 4	<b>NO Confirmation (Easter Break) (STAAR Testing)</b>
April 11	Adiaphora
April 18	Daily Prayers
April 25	Year Review (8th Graders turn in faith statements)
May 2	Confirmation Service Practice (8th Graders)
May 6	Confirmation Service (9 a.m.)

# August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Bowen Bishop, James Bramblett, Dawson Loehr, Meredith McAuliffe	David & Patty Ehler	Aug. 3	43 years
2	Hannah Fuller, Gloria Raschke, Tori Shimek, Ben Sustr	Tony & Tracye Jones	Aug. 3	32 years
3	Linda Morrison, Shelly Pietsch	Bobby & Nancy Hajek	Aug. 6	34 years
4	Zoey Staal	Greg & Teresa Bage	Aug. 9	17 years
5	Garrett Gilliam	Daniel & Shelly Pietsch	Aug. 11	27 years
6	Michael Sturrock	Darrell & Lori Moerbe	Aug. 15	30 years
7	Brianna Ahlschlager, Tim Knesek, Kay Marburger, Ora Lee Roscher, Cole Wolff	Shawn & Ann Raborn	Aug. 15	30 years
8	Abigail Roscher, Colton Roscher, Amber Schneider	Gary & Kathie Nitsche	Aug. 17	42 years
9	Brandon Schielack	Atlan & Jeanette Citzler	Aug. 19	45 years
10	Dalton Kaltwasser, Don Koether, Cody McGraw	Albert & Connie Jakobeit	Aug. 21	46 years
11	Janet Bayer, Steve Toddy	Wilburn & Carol Kirsch	Aug. 21	57 years
12	Irma Gersch, Kolby Karstedt, Susan Tinnay	Chris & Danna Radcliff	Aug. 22	19 years
13	Tiffani Kaltwasser	Melvin & Dorothy Schilling	Aug. 22	63 years
14	Misty Lotz	Ronnie & Bonnie Schielack	Aug. 24	43 years
16	Cody Hengst, William Hunger	William & Rose Hunger	Aug. 28	13 years
17	Laken Grimes, Kara Koether	Herb & Elaine Friemel	Aug. 30	31 years
18	Jeffery Kolenovsky			
20	Berkleigh Arthur, George Eilert, Eugene Homeyer, Dudley Piland, Jackson Rau, Landon West			
21	Justin Coufal, Anna Karisch			
22	Dorothy Stolle			
23	Clayton Kirk, Tony Miori, Lizzie Placke			
24	Jean McHenry, Tommy Neuman			
25	Anita Barnett, Cullen Hunger			
26	James Elias, Lloydell Keilers, Kendall Rohde, Britney Schielack			
27	Kyndal Kutac, Ireland McAuliffe			
28	Brenda Ahlschlager, Soledad Radcliff			
29	Ore Nell Frerichs			
30	Tayten Bennetsen, Ann Raborn			
31	Heather Loehr			

## Second Grade First Communion & Bible Presentation

Pastor Candy is going to hold a class on First Communion on Sunday, September 24 during the Sunday School hour at 10:30 a.m. in the Confirmation Room (the room upstairs above the carport). Pastor would like the parents (and sponsors, if available) to attend the class with the kids. On Sunday, October 1 at the 9 a.m. service, they will celebrate First Communion AND receive their Spark Gift Bibles!!

**Cotton Fabrics (preferable) are always needed**  
to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.  
When downsizing or cleaning your loved one's closets, please share your fabrics with St. Paul. They can be placed in the Quilt Closet in the Fellowship Hall or taken to Church Office.

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# August Servants

<b>Aug 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Greeters		Celebration Sunday
Ushers	James & Kathy Brewer	LYO
Lectors		
Acolytes		n/a
Altar Guild	Hertha Kruse Myrtle Friemel	Faye Bresan
Flowers		
<b>Aug 12 &amp; 13</b>		
Greeters		
Ushers	Billy & Christie Nietzsche	Bradley Loehr Family
Lectors		
Acolytes	Caleb Jochen	Cole Stork
Altar Guild	Janice Homeyer	JoLene Highes
Flowers		Altar - Darrell & Lori Moerbe
<b>Aug 19 &amp; 20</b>		
Greeters		
Ushers	Becky Wessels Barbara Greenwood	Gene & Sherry Jaster Kenny & Patti Weber
Lectors		
Acolytes		Berkleigh Arthur
Altar Guild	Tom & Diane Glynn	Velrie Prause
Flowers		Stand - Jean McHenry
<b>Aug 26 &amp; 27</b>		
Greeters		
Ushers	James & Sharon Elias	David & Mary Ann Butler Tony & Tracye Jones
Lectors	Sid Roden	Sid Roden
Acolytes	Garrison Bage	Berkleigh Arthur
Altar Guild	Sid & Susan Roden	Sid & Susan Roden
Flowers		Altar - William & Rose Hunger

Twin size flat sheets make great backs for quilts. A gently used sheet in prints or colors is best. We would be happy to take larger flat sheets as well. (No fitted) No white sheets please. We use 18-20 sheets per month for the Lutheran World Relief Quilts!! Thanks for your generosity!!

# MISSING

Two Longaberger picnic baskets that were used on the cookie table at Celebratoin Sunday last year.  
If you have them, please drop them by the church office!

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> LYO trip <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>31</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilters <b>8:00 AM</b> Second Chance Clean Up	<b>1</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Afternoon Circle	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Comm. Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Set up @ KC Hall <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Celebration Worship @ KC Hall	<b>7</b> <b>OFFICE            CLOSED</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilters	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Comm. Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Set up for Stock Sale Dinner	<b>12</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> LYO Stock Sale Dinner
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilters	<b>15</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Tacky Tuesday <b>2:00 PM</b> Ladies Aid	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Comm. Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilters	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Comm. Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM</b> Care Inn Worship <b>4:15 PM</b> Monument Hill Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> LYO Office/Parent Mtg <b>6:30 PM</b> LYO Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Quilters	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Comm. Bible Study	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship

# Saint Paul Organizations & Groups

*If your group has a special event planned, let us know by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter. Any of these organizations and groups would be pleased to have you become a part of their ministry and activities. Make plans to attend the next gathering or meeting!*

**Afternoon Circle** meets the first Tuesday (**Aug. 1**), 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fishers of Men** does not meet during the summer. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month.

**Friends in Faith** does not meet during the summer. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month.

**Ladies Aid** meets the third Tuesday (**Aug. 15**), 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

**Tacky Tuesday** meets the third Tuesday (**Aug. 15**), 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We pin, sew and tack Lutheran World Relief Quilts plus enjoy a potluck lunch and lots of fellowship. Bring a side dish to share. This event is always open to all!! No experience necessary – on-the-job training is always offered!! Join us!

**Hand Quilting** takes place every Monday morning, 8 a.m., in the Quilting Room. The Quilters welcome anyone interested to join in - come observe and/or learn to hand stitch quilts! We quilt for the public and charities!! All proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief.

**Cut-Ups** meet Wednesday mornings **Aug 2 and 9** at 8:00 a.m. We welcome all to help iron, cut squares and make kits to sew tops for the Lutheran World Relief Quilts!

**The Altar Guild** meets quarterly. Their next meeting is Tuesday, **October 10**, 4:00 p.m., in the Friendship Room. The Altar Guild always welcomes new members. Please let the office know if you are interested in this ministry.

<b><u>A.M.E.N. St. Paul Volunteer Schedule</u></b>		
Monday (9-11 a.m.); Thursday (1-3 p.m.)		
Oct. 9 & 12		Dec. 11 & 14
<b><u>Second Chance St. Paul Volunteer Schedule</u></b>		
Tuesday - Saturday, (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.); Monday, (8 a.m.)		
<b><u>July 25-31</u></b>	Sept. 26-Oct. 1	Nov. 1-6

Thank you very much for the wonderful quilt you gave me for graduation. I truly love it and will cherish it all of my life..... As I move on to the next step of my life, I know that your prayers and good wishes go with me.

Thank you very much & God bless you now & always,  
Joshua Roscher

Thank y'all so much for honoring me with the TLU Scholarship! My church family has always been so special to me. I appreciate all the love, support, and financial assistance y'all have provided me. It will be a great help toward my years at Sam Houston State University!

Lots of love & God's richest blessings,  
Darby Fitzpatrick

St. Paul Quilters,  
Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilt! It means so much to me to know that I have the love and support of all of you.

Thank you again a& God bless,  
Ryan Elles

Dear St. Paul,  
I had so much fun at Camp Lutherhill. I did archery and music and ate s'mores. I loved it so much that I wanted to stay for a week!!

Sincerely,  
Zion Hernandez

## Saint Paul 2017 Congregation Council

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday (closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.)

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon

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### ***Our Mission Statement:***

Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
in the name of Christ, cares, shares, and provides  
Christian growth opportunity to our community.

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