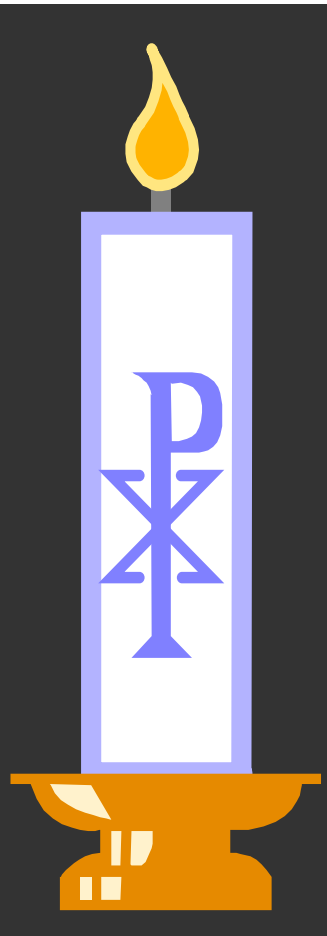


"THE CANDLE"

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

360 Chestnut St. E. Annandale, MN 55302



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“They Confessed Him... In Spite of Themselves!”

“Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father!” Those inspired words of the Apostle Paul from Philippians chapter 2 form the theme of our midweek Lenten sermons. The Bible says that when Jesus returns in glory with all his holy angels every tongue will confess that he is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Believers will look up and make the confession coming from the joyful hearts of those who have longed for his appearing. Those who have rejected him will make the same confession as they are damned. Every tongue *will* confess Jesus Christ. Even his enemies will confess that when he returns.

Sometimes during Jesus’ ministry his enemies were forced, if you will, to confess him – to make true statements about him. Very early in his ministry, Jesus was in the synagogue at Capernaum, and a demon-possessed man rushed into the synagogue and these words came from his mouth: “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy one of God!” (Mark 1:24). The demons made correct statements about Jesus. They confessed him although, of course, the demons are not saved.

In our midweek Lenten sermons, then, we will be looking at *correct* confessions Jesus’ enemies made about him during the time of his suffering. Like the demons, they confessed Jesus in spite of themselves.

Zion’s Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Ash Wednesday service will be a communion service. Prior to the Ash Wednesday service will be a **Soup Supper** hosted by the Zion Youth Group. A free will donation will go toward their activities.

All following services will also begin at 7 but conclude in about 40 minutes with refreshments following each service. If you would like to host one evening with a couple other families a signup sheet can be found in the Narthex.

PASTOR ZUECK



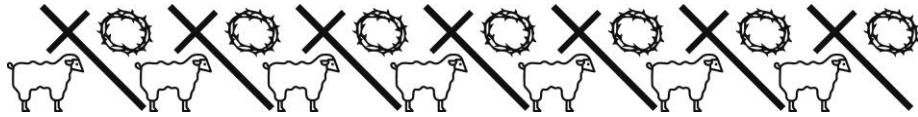
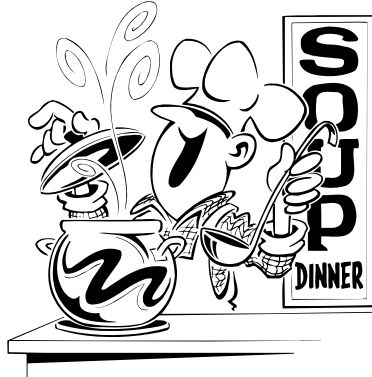
LENT BEGINS

ASH ~~X~~ WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER

Zion's Youth Group will be sponsoring the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd as a fund-raiser to help with their activities. You can help by signing up in the Narthex to bring bars for dessert and coming and eating delicious soups – Chicken Noodle and Chicken Wild Rice and Chili. Beverages will also be included!

Serving will be from 5:30-6:45, so come and enjoy before the church service at 7:00!

Come and support Zion's Youth with a Free Will Offering! !



LENTEN FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following each Lenten service beginning February 29th, we have an opportunity for Fellowship time, following our Lenten services. Can you make coffee and bring treats for one Wednesday night? Just sign up on the sheet in the Narthex! Thank you for your help!



ZION'S NEW SOUND SYSTEM

The proposal for the new Sound System by Sim Sound and Video Inc. has been approved at a cost of \$22,155.54. At the present time we have \$6,900 in the Sound System Fund, and it also has been approved to use money from various savings accounts to cover the project. The new System will improve the sound for worship services and provide better sound in the areas of our Fellowship Hall and Narthex, and add the ability to record services and to be able to view other things from a new TV monitor in the Narthex.

At this time we are encouraging you to continue to contribute special gifts and offerings toward this project, to ease the amount we need to take from savings. A Chimes Fund has also been started, so at a later date we can replace the outside Chimes we had a few years ago.

Zion has been so blessed with being able to complete several projects in the past, such as repairing the stained glass windows, new furnaces and air conditioning, new irrigation and landscaping and 2 new keyboards. So we trust that adequate funds will be available to complete the new sound system.



JOIN THE CHOIR AT
ZION
REHEARSALS ARE ON
WEDNESDAYS AT
7:30-8:30 PM

ON FEBRUARY 15, 22, & 29TH

Lutheran Hour Ministries

All around you, you can see the results of a seismic shift in our culture. Last year only half of all Christian churches saw even one person come to faith in Jesus. This year 4,000 churches will close. Every year, 8 out of 10 college students who grew up Christian give up going to church. We no longer live in a "Christ-following culture."

At Lutheran Hour Ministries, we know that some things haven't changed. As human beings we are still sinful creatures, who cannot free ourselves from sin or its consequences. Salvation is still found in the Name of Jesus alone. God's Word is still the Truth. God still calls believers to the work of reaching out to those who don't know Him.

For more than 80 years, Lutheran Hour Ministries has reached out with the Gospel every week through *The Lutheran Hour* radio program.

Please pray for God's continued blessing on the mission and work of Lutheran Hour Ministries as it reaches out into a world that needs to know Jesus. Please also prayerfully consider giving a gift to Lutheran Hour Ministries. LHM receives no direct support from the budget of LCMS and relies on generous gifts from supporters like you.

As you can see, now more than ever, our culture needs rescue...restoration...and renewal. And God is calling us as faithful Christians to the task of sharing the Good News of Jesus—His cross, His resurrection, His eternal promise—with those who don't know Him.

To learn more about Lutheran Hour Ministries, visit www.lhm.org. You can also access it on Zion's web site under "Links"

LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCASTS

6:05 AM - WCCO - 830AM MINNEAPOLIS

7:30 AM - KRWC - 1360AM BUFFALO

12:30 AM - KDUZ - 1260AM HUTCHINSON

Workshops On Liturgy For Lay-People

March 3, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Glory Of Christ Lutheran Church

4040 State Hwy 101 N.

Plymouth, MN 55446

763-478-6031

www.gloryofchrist.org

Registration Fee: \$25.

Advance Registration is recommended!

Rev. Steve Starke

"Why We Love Hymns"

Hymns have been used by the church since before the New Testament was written and all Christians have learned to love them. But we do not always understand precisely what a hymn is, the purpose of hymns in the life of the church, where are hymns have come from, why some hymns are cherished by the church and others not and a host of other questions about hymns. Rev. Steve Starke will lead us as we discover the answers to these and many other questions we might have as to why the church has learned to love hymns.

"Workshops Of Lutheran Liturgy" are intended primarily for lay-people of the Lutheran church. The Christian in the pew is most affected by the worship forms and liturgies employed in the chancel. These Christians would be well served to attend these stimulating and informative workshops.

Registration forms are available on the counter in the church office. More information about Rev. Stake is also on the registration form.





ME, A PASTOR? ME A DEACONESS? If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future. Pastor John Dreyer Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne Indiana, is going to be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in St. Cloud on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and at St. John's Lutheran Church, Corcoran,

on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required but are recommended. Pastor Dreyer's cell and text number is: 260-452-7512. You may also e-mail Pastor Dryer at john.dreyer@ctsfw.edu to notify him that you are coming. If you need directions to the church please call Holy Cross at 320-251-8416 or St. John's at 763-420-2426.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



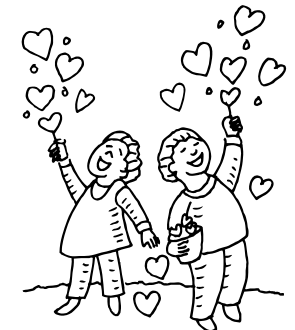
Wayne & Kathy Murphy

Wayne & Kathy were both born in southwestern Minnesota, raised in Jackson County. They have been married for 35 years, have 3 grown daughters, 4 grandchildren—with one on the way in April. Wayne is a real estate agent for Edina Realty out of the Buffalo office. Kathy is the payroll and benefits manager of AME Community Services, Inc. in Cokato. They recently moved from Cokato to rural Annandale. They enjoy going to music concerts, camping, movie & bird watching, landscaping/gardening and spending time together with our kids, grandkids and friends. We are excited to get to know more people from Zion Lutheran and the Annandale area. (8)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LISTING

- 1 Nadine Jopp
- 1 Michael Tomes
- 2 Pearl Knop
- 3 Victor & Darlene Buller
- 3 Shelley Josephson
- 3 Bernice Wilson
- 4 Ron Otto
- 5 Ron Geisinger
- 5 Allen Johnson
- 6 Alexandra Ferrell
- 6 Donna Fox
- 6 Eric Parks
- 8 Ryan Berns
- 8 Janet Erickson
- 8 AJ Hinz
- 10 Nicholas Brose
- 10 Lee Nelson
- 10 Elaine Weis
- 11 Emalee Bryant
- 11 Aaron Couette
- 11 Frances Miller
- 11 Brian Vinkemeier
- 12 Lealund Gehrke
- 12 Ruby Geisinger
- 12 Rod Simons
- 13 Herold Neumann
- 13 Larry Reitmeier
- 14 Lee Frederickson
- 16 Marv Marohn
- 16 Christian Schmidt
- 18 Jason Mengelkock
- 19 Bryon Forness
- 19 Mary Hemminger
- 20 Alex Blaine
- 21 Jason Hansen
- 23 Timothy Queck
- 24 John & Krista Matthees
- 25 Melvin Armbruster
- 25 David Queck
- 25 Doug Triplett
- 26 Cheryl Antl
- 26 Irene Bergstrom
- 26 Marvin Cyriacks
- 26 Traci Heidebrink
- 27 Ann Truenow
- 28 Ryan Boon

- 28 Shirley Triplett
- 28 Jacob Vinkemeier
- 29 Melissa Nelson



Valentine's Day





THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

ELDERS

- 5 Allan Johnson
- 12 Jerry Knop
- 19 Todd Knudsvig
- 22 Ash Wednesday-7:00 pm
Ed Vinkemeier
- 26 Dale Fieldseth
- 29 7:00 pm
Arden Krinke

ACOLYTES

- 5 Michael Berndt
- 12 Hannah Adams
- 19 Alexis Iverson
- 22 Ash Wednesday-7 pm
Audrey Berndt
- 26 Levi Neuenschwander
- 29 7:00 pm
Emily Knudsvig

USHERS

- 5 Mike Hemminger
John Williams
Ron Starke
Steve Weis
- 12 Todd Haag
Randy Berndt
Clayton Neuenschwander
Spencer Haag
- 19 Harold Stelton
Adam Berndt
Ron Peterson
Dean Brunds

- 22 Ash Wednesday-7:00 pm
John Ironside
Gene Stueven
Dale Fischer
Cliff Hinz

- 26 Mike Hemminger
John Williams
Doug Neuenschwander
Dean Thurk

- 29 Lenten Service-7:00 pm
Todd Haag
Randy Berndt
Keith Fischer
Chris Geldert

GREETERS

- 5 Larry & Barb Reitmeier
- 12 Chuck & Pat Stoppelman
- 19 Adam & Amanda Berndt
- 26 Carol & Ardy Krinke

ALTAR COMMITTEE



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(10)

Pack well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, and relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.



Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

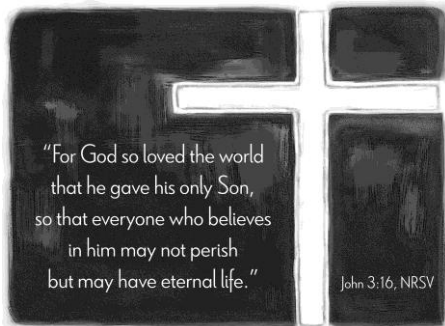


Some Leap Year Trivia

A leap year consists of 366 days, as opposed to a common year of, which has 365 days. During Leap Years, we add a leap day, an extra day on February 29. Every 4 years is a Leap Year in our modern Gregorian Calendar. Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the earth approximately 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle around the sun. However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29 every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every year. After only 100 years our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days! Julius Caesar introduced Leap Years in the Roman empire over 2000 years ago. But the Julian Calendar has only one rule: and year evenly divided by 4 would be a leap year. This led to too many leap years, but didn't get corrected until the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar more than 1500 years later. In the Gregorian Calendar 3 criteria must be met to be a leap year: the year is evenly divisible by 4; if the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is not a leap year. Unless the year is also evenly divided by 400. Then it is a leap year.

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“I Love You”



One of the best known days in February is Valentine’s Day. Some people are tempted to call February 14th “Hallmark Holiday.” Little wonder because in our country over 7,000,000,000 valentine cards are purchased each year. Most of these cards say “I love you” in one way

or another. But what does “I love you” mean?

Some would say that “I love you” refers to being physically attracted to a person of the opposite sex. While it is true that physical attractiveness can draw people together we need to remember that physical attractiveness changes over time. Yes, it is an important kind of love, but it does not have the same lasting power as other forms of love.

Others would say that “I love you” means you are my special friend. Good friends are sweet blessings in this life as we find things that we enjoy doing with certain people we like and with whom we have so much in common. A friendship kind of love is very special but, sadly, we know from experience that friends come and go.

There is a deeper understanding of what it means to say “I love you.” The word that comes to mind for many Christians is **“agape”** which we call God’s kind of love. It is unconditional and keeps reaching out to other people even when they may not return this kind of love. That is certainly true of God’s love for us sinners. Even when we say and do sinful things God’s love reaches out to us. As the Scriptures teach, **“while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8 NIV). Jesus Himself said in John 15:13 (NIV): **“Greater love has no one than that he lay down his life for his friends.”**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV) describes agape love in this way: **“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not**

proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:1 (NIV): **“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!”** Good and godly children imitate the positive characteristics of their good and godly parents. As the children of God through Jesus Christ we imitate the love of our Father in heaven. **“We love because He [God] first loved us.”** (1 John 4:19 NIV) What does our Father in heaven delight in doing? John 3:16 (NIV) says it so well: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**

God delights in loving and giving. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are God’s children, God’s disciples, God’s stewards. There is no better witness to what it means to be a child of God than for us to use all of life and life’s resources in a way that brings glory to God and blessings to those whose lives we touch. May our “I love you” always be God’s kind of love, God’s agape love.

[From Stewardship Resources—LCMS District & Congregational Services]

+ Christian Symbols +

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This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



CHECK THESE WEBSIGHTS

Lutheran Hour Ministries—www.lhm.org

Here you will find a wealth of information and many resources for all members of your family. These are daily devotions, Bible Studies, special pages for men, women and children.

Jcplayzone.com is a special website for your younger children. It has games, crafts, music, Bible Stories and devotions aimed at preschool and elementary children.

Higherthings.org is a Lutheran website aimed at college and high school ages. You will find many good articles and daily devotions aimed at questions and situations faced by our young adults. There are also Blogs by which to ask questions and enter discussions.

cph.org is our Synod’s publishing house where you may look to order gifts, books, etc. If you look for the CPH podcasts you will find a discussion of this week’s Sunday School lesson!

lcms.org is our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website. Here you find a wealth of information on doctrinal issues. You may also find information regarding any congregation in the LCMS and much more.

(Note: You may also access these websites through Zion's website: www.zionlutheranchurchannandalemn.com under Links!)

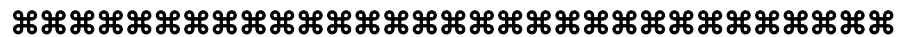


FINANCE REPORT

2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

Zion’s Checkbook balance on	December
30, 2010.....	\$2,171.13
2011 Income	\$255,196.12
2010 Expenses	\$246,320.30
<u>Total Transfers To Checking from various accounts **</u>	
.....	\$10,435.00
<u>Total Transfers From Checking to various accounts **</u>	
.....	\$17,857.29
Zion’s Checkbook balance on December 31, 2011.....	\$3,624.66

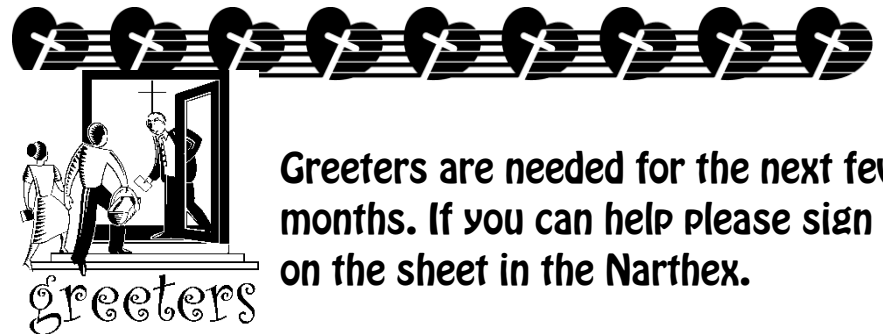
[** See Complete report—available in the church office]



GREETING CARDS

LWML has a large selection of greeting Cards, napkins, and etc. for sale on the cabinet in the Narthex. There are cards for all occasions, at economical prices. Valentine, Confirmation, Easter & Graduation cards will also be available.

Just a reminder LWML will not meet until March 21st at 6:00 PM



Greeters are needed for the next few months. If you can help please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Summary Of The January 15, 2012 Quarterly Voters Meeting with 64 members present. In the 4th Quarter 2011 we had 28 worship services with an average attendance of 199.8/week. There were 8 Care Center Services, 0 weddings, 2 funerals [Viva Strohschein on 10/1; Donna Schuft on 12/18], 20 Bible classes, 11 confirmation classes, 9 Adult Instruction classes, 1 Baptism [Olivia Lynn Trattles-11/27], 1,155 communions, 53 Care Center Communion; 18 Private Communion, 25 Zion meetings, and 12 Circuit/District meetings. Elder Assignments for 2012: Head Elder: Arden Krinke, Budget: Dale Fieldseth, Stewardship: Arden Krinke, Evangelism: Ed Vinkemeier, Education: Allan Johnson, Endowment Fund: Todd Knudsvig & Jerry Knop, Nominations: Arden Krinke & Jerry Knop. A new Clavinova Keyboard has been purchased for use in the balcony at a cost of \$6,095.00. Total funds received for the fund was \$6,814.98. Thanks to everyone who donated to this fund. Distribution of remaining funds will be determined later. The other keyboard in the balcony was moved to the basement for Sunday School use. Repairs to the new irrigation system that was ruined by the road construction was paid for by the City of Annandale. The final street assessment for improved streets and utilities for Zion came to \$48,697.10. This will be billed to the church over 20 years at 5% interest. Approved appointing Allan Johnson as Elder and John Williams as Head Usher for remaining officers for 2012. Circuit Forum will be on Jan. 29 at St. James Howard Lake. Voting Representatives to the Circuit Forum are Pastor Queck and Arden Krinke. Election of the Circuit Counselor will take place at the Circuit forum. Approved the following 2 nominations for Circuit Counselor: Rev. Michael Trask-Life In Christ, Albertville and Pastor Queck. Approved the election of Darryl Ulrich as Lay Delegate and Arden Krinke as Alternate Lay Delegate for the MN South District Convention June 14-16, 2012 and Pastor Queck also serves as Zion's Pastoral Delegate. Approved the following District Nominations: Rev. Klemet Preus for District President; Rev. Brian Thorson for Regional Vice President; Rev. Russell Reed & Rev. Brian Thorson for District Board of Directors (DBOD) and Layperson for DBOD: Benjamin Hagemann; Alternate Layperson: Paul Lenz; Commissioned Minister for DBOD: Richard Eyerly. Approved by paper ballot to proceed with the entire proposal for the new Sound System by Sim Sound & Video Inc. at a total cost of \$22,155.54 using money from funds designated for this and using money from other various savings accounts to cover the project.

NOTE: COPIES OF ALL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!



ZION PRAYER PARTNERS

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS CALL:

GLENDA—274-8599 OR PAT—963-5389



DIAL-A-DEVOTION—274-3800



Remember to use “Dial-A-Devotion where Pastor Queck records a spiritual message. Take time out of your busy schedule and hear a message from God’s Word any time of the day or night.



Call Kathy in the church office if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of your special birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of a special loved one, or just because!
Cost is \$35.00



Altar Flowers



ASSISTED HEARING devices are available at the back of the Sanctuary by the guest register. For assistance please speak to an usher or Elder.



For Our Parents: Every worship service can be viewed on the TV monitor in the Narthex. If you need to leave the Sanctuary during the service or to quiet your child this allows you to continue to view the service.



Food Shelf



The Annandale Community Food Shelf is located at 99 Cherry Ave. (Midtown 55 Building). Donations are always needed. You can also bring your non-perishable items to the grocery cart in Zion's Narthex and donations are transported to the Food shelf

location. Cash donations are also accepted either at the Food shelf or here at Zion.

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