



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR February 2019

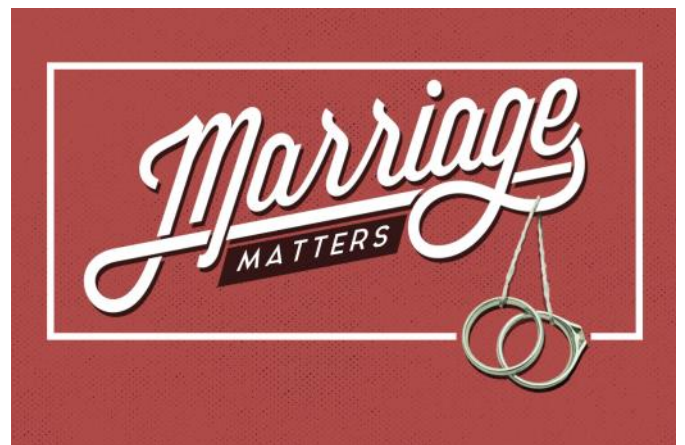
Welcome to February 2019—the month of sweethearts! (Valentine’s Day is the 14th, you know.) And this year, we’re taking this opportunity to tie into the whole relationship thing. Our worship series for February 2019 (and into March) is called “Marriage Matters.” But don’t let that title fool you; the principles being taught this month are ones that will work in *any* relationship! Following are some examples of what you can expect:

- February 3 – “The Real Reasons Men Act the Way They Do!” – Ephesians 5:21-33
- February 10 – “If Your Wife Doesn’t Win First Place, You Lose!” – Matthew 6:21
- February 17 – “How to Become Your Husband’s Best Friend!” – Genesis 2:18
- February 24 – “What Women Admire Most About Men!” – Proverbs 9:8
- March 3 – “You Just Have to Decide!” – 1 Peter 3:1-6

This worship series has the potential of being transforming ... to both the lives of individuals who participate in worship in February as well as our church as a whole. We all are a part of a variety of relationships. And God’s word has a great deal to teach us about how to relate to others, whether in marriage or any other kind of relationship. Don’t miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow in your relationships with God and others. This could absolutely change your life!

See you all in the pew,

Pastor Rom





“LOVE IS...”

The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated ² by your life of holy beauty. – 1 Peter 3:1-2 (MSG)

Dear Trinity family,

February is the month for sweethearts! Did you know that? We have Valentine's Day on the 14th—a great to celebrate the love of God at work in relationships. And then, here at Trinity UMC, there is YOUNG AT HEART SUNDAY, where we can look forward to a very special day of celebrating God's love with our kids singing again.

It is also the perfect time of the year to talk about God's love in action—biblical principles of relationships or marriage in particular. As we approach the month of February, we're going to be entering into a worship series called “Marriage Matters.” Though the principles we're going to be hearing from God's word can apply to absolutely every relationship we have, in one sense or another, I will be speaking to both husbands and wives—picking on each alternately (I'm an equal opportunity 'picker').

This will also be a great worship series to invite people to. Invite those who may have had some struggles within their marriage or other relationships. Invite those who you've been meaning to invite to church but just have not made that move yet. Now is the time. This is the perfect opportunity to invite those you'd like to see have a connection to the church—the Body of Christ. Why? Because everyone's in relationships ... of one kind or another. And God's word has a great deal to say about how we can be successful in those relationships. God wants us to be successful in relating to one another ... and so do I! So, please, consider joining us for this very important series, as well as inviting others you know would appreciate this particular topic.

Here's a question for you as we look to this very special time of year together: How deep do you think the love of God really goes? It's only the love of God living in us that will help us relate to others in a way that would both please God and actually work! How deep does the love of God really go? You may be surprised. Join us in worship for the four weekends of February, as well as the first weekend in March ... and learn how to 1 Peter 3 somebody! J So don't miss out on this lifetime opportunity to learn more about God's love—in the context of relationships, more than you've ever known before...

Here's to loving one another the way God's loved us!

See you in the pew, *Pastor Rom*

TRINITY UMC OFFICE HOURS

After months of transitioning through personnel changes in the office, Jessica Marschie has filled the position of Administrative Assistant/Church Secretary and is doing a fantastic job! In hiring Jessica, we (pastor & SPRC) worked with Jessica to set up office hours that would work for both us and for her personally. Our weekly office hours are as follows (*with a couple exceptions throughout the year*):

Tuesday-Thursday: 9 AM-1 PM

With Jessica being a *member* of Trinity United Methodist Church, being our church secretary and still holding down her position as Director of Christian Education/Sunday School Teacher, we need everyone's help in respecting her time on Sunday mornings. Each Sunday, Jessica is busy fulfilling these volunteer positions, as well as trying her best to be a good 'mom' by bringing her family to church to worship together, too. What this means is ... *the church office is NOT open on Sunday mornings*. While it may be convenient for some, it isn't fair to Jessica to deal with office business with everything else she is doing on Sundays—mostly being free, as a member, to come and worship like everyone else. I know if we all work together in respecting the office hours we have at Trinity UMC, this will make a long-term working relationship with Jessica possible and that's exactly what we want. Thank you all so much for this consideration.

Pastor Rom

~ THANK YOU ~

THANK YOU to all the choir members, who helped spread the Christmas cheer, for all to hear. You are the best!! We wouldn't have such a fun choir without you. I enjoy being your director.

Also, a big THANK YOU for allowing the Adult Choir to sing with the Sunday School children. The final song of their Christmas program, "Birthday in a Manger", was just awesome!! I loved hearing all the voices combined, singing praises to our new-born King. The Adult Choir is looking forward to singing again on February 10th, at the Young at Heart Service.

A special THANK YOU to Anne Ullius, who accompanied the Adult Choir song "On This Winter Night". Adding the flute to this song, helped to bring out the joyful and wonderful Christmas message.

Most of all, THANK YOU to Priscilla & Jason, who help bring the Christmas spirit to everyone. They provide music for the Adult Choir, Sunday School children, congregational hymns and special music when needed. You bring great joy to all of us!! I'm truly Thankful to be a small part of the music at Trinity U. M. Church. God has Blessed us all. I'm looking forward to spreading more cheer, in this New Year.

Keep a song in your heart!

Pam Hilker

Adult Choir Director



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

I received an anonymous gift of money, that was put in my choir slot, to purchase music for the choir. The note said "I was given this and I want to pass it on. Please use it to purchase music for the choir. May God Bless". I was blown away by this gift and the thought that it was passed on.

This is a special THANK YOU so much for the gift and your thoughtfulness! Just the other day I was looking at some choir music and I had found a piece that really hit home for me. It was the perfect choir song. I debated if I should purchase the music now or wait. The song kept running through my head, but I decided to wait. Then I received your anonymous gift and I knew that this song needed to be purchased. The Lord truly works in mysterious ways.

The song that I will purchase with your gift is "Angels Among US". What a fitting song this is, because I truly believe, that there are Angels among us and you are one of them.

God Bless you!!

Keep a song in your heart!

Pam Hilker



"Loving God, loving each other. Making music with my friends. Loving God, loving each other. And the story never ends."

These opening lines from an old hymn stresses the relationship we should have with God and also with others. In this relationship with others, all our actions have consequences and they can have influence and impact on their lives. Our relationship with God is unique because he is a caring, loving and forgiving god. His influence is omnipotent and transcends time. Jesus died on the cross in order to forgive our sins and shortcomings. We are ever reminded of his sacrifice each time we partake of Holy Communion. He also knows our faults and weaknesses, but due to his love we are forgiven.

He who can do no wrong, also knew we are not perfect and would make mistakes. As Disciples of Christ, we're expected to be caring, loving and forgiving. He also knew that we might need directions and guidelines in our dealing with others. The Bible provides a great many ways to behave with others: the Ten Commandments; the beatitudes; the Golden Rule, Christ's greatest Samaritan and other Bible passages;

love your enemies – turn the other cheek and from the Lord's Prayer – "forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Finally we have the example of Christ's life and sacrifice. Loving people who we like or like us is easy, but caring, loving and forgiving people who don't like us or we don't like – that is the real challenge to our faith.

We must be ever mindful that our actions, no matter how trivial, can have influence and impact on the lives of others. The actions we take can have the following possibilities: positive or negative impact; physical or emotional impacts; temporary or long lasting influence; intentional or unintentional results and other ways. What a gamut of ways our actions can have on others. We can make mistakes but we have the means to mitigate or correct our mistakes- ability to show love, care and forgiveness by apologizing and the ability to forgive the mistakes of others.

The unintentional influence we have on others is a perplexing problem, because we are not aware of these influences and how the others receives these influences. As a high school teacher for over three decades and had many opportunities to influence or

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impact the lives of my students. Intentionally I was teaching them subject matter of the course – in this case Sociology. I received feedback on how well I was being received by student grades, attitudes and behavior, but had little idea as to the extent of that influence - the unintentional influence. Beth was a good student and fulfilled all the qualities of a good student, but gave no indication that she was being influenced in any way but being a good student- many times we never know the full impact of our actions may have. This was to be a different and four years later she appeared in my classroom wanting to talk. She was now a senior at UWGB and presently involved in a psychology class project. She wanted to know if it would be ok to use me as an example of someone who greatly impacted her life. I said yes and after some more polite chit chat, she left. After she left, I wondered if she was using me as a positive or negative influencer, the answer came a year later in a letter she sent. She was now teaching in Neenah and thanked me, saying that I was instrumental in her choice to pursue teaching as a career. She also said she modeled her style of teaching after mine. Somehow unintentionally we made music and you can image how this revelation made me feel – an indication that actions can influence both ways. A line from another hymn sums it up –“ oh the joy that floods my soul.”

Another example occurred in the early 1960s. At this time, courses were a year long and in order to graduate the student had to pass a certain number of core curriculum classes. For whatever reasons, John (a senior) found himself in my Social Problems class. It was a difficult position to be in because he didn't like me or the class, yet needed the class to graduate. His attitude, his brothers (both dropped out of school) and other reasons, he failed to do the work and failed the final exam. Seniors ended school a week before underclassmen- so grades could be used to determine graduation status. John knew and was told he had failed my class and would be unable to graduate with his peers. On Monday of the week before Saturday's graduation, John came to see me. He asked if I could

pass him so he could graduate. He stressed the guilt complex by saying I was the only one keeping him from graduating. To some extent it was true, but really was due to previous failures that placed him in my class. I said no.

I asked him why he chose the actions he took. He began to relate a litany of excuses and reasons: his brothers said to blow my course off, his friends and a number of reasons was the cause. I listened carefully and still remained resolute about the grade. Then came a glimmer of hope, John said his graduation was important to his parents because he would be the first in his family to graduate. Finally he said he was sorry for the mess he created and asked if there was anyway out of the predicament he created. I asked if he was serious and noted a change in his attitude and voice. I said I would pass him if he would promise to return after graduation on Monday to make up the work. He said yes. He graduated to the jubilation of his parents, but left me with second thoughts. Would he show up after getting his diploma or just blow it off?

But 8:00 A.M. on Monday, John showed up and for five weeks, three hours a day, he did succeeded in making up the work and passed the final exam. Before he left, I asked him why he showed up even though he had his diploma. He said he returned because he would have felt guilty and the diploma would now really mean something. After all you listened and cared enough to give me the chance to prove myself. I knew you were going out on a limb for me and that meant a lot. He shook my hand, thanked me again and left. The whole experience was uplifting and demonstrated to me that caring, loving and forgiving can create good music. It also taught me that sometimes you have to have faith and to forgive – we always need to know the whole story.

There are many other stories I could relate and so could you and I'm sure that all the stories would have a common theme of loving each other and making good music with my friends. Go out and make some music! Saturday's graduation

For the love of bacon, come join the fun at
Trinity's 4th Annual

"Taste of Bacon"

Event held on Sunday, February 10th
following the 2nd service from 11 AM to Noon
for the benefit of Trinity's

Operation Christmas Child Ministry

All free-will donations will help fund the \$9 shipping costs for 120 boxes.

Bakers and cooks.... **WE NEED YOU!**

Please consider preparing your favorite
(or experimental) bacon dishes...

Candies, appetizers, salads, main dishes, desserts...
Endless possibilities! Use your imagination... and lots of bacon!

The congregation along with family and friends
are encouraged to attend, taste test the
variety of dishes, and vote for their favorites.

If you love (or even like) bacon,
please consider attending this event
to enjoy a time fun and fellowship.... **Invite your friends!**

Questions? Please contact...

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Heidi Zingsheim (920)269-4849, heidizingsheim@yahoo.com

Please see sign-up sheet on OCC Table in Connection's Room

The Operation Christmas Child Team
appreciates your support!



Yum!



Operation Christmas Child Ministry Update

Great things are going on at Trinity...do you feel the excitement?!!

'If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?' 1 John 3:17 (NIV)

During **January & February** we are targeting OCC gifts for **2-4 year old boys & girls**. If you have the means and interest in shopping, please consider adding a few of these **'FUN'** items to your shopping basket or online cart this month...

Small youth t-shirts (boys)
Socks & underwear
Baby dolls (9-inch max)
Small board books



Small toys – animals, dinos, cars, tractors
Small balls – foam, rubber, tennis balls
Coloring/activity books, large crayons
Anything else a 2-4 year old will enjoy!

The OCC team has joined various support forums where ideas can be shared, questions can be addressed, inspiration is given, etc. One great perk of this relationship is the notification of potential deals and clearance shopping opportunities. Our OCC team has been making bulk purchases of shoebox packing items at favorable prices. A few have been showcased so far (washcloths & baby dolls) and **there are many more to come**. **If you do not have a passion for or means to shop, please consider making a financial donation to cover the cost of these bulk purchases.** Please stop at the OCC table in the Connections Room to view the binder listing the status of sponsorship opportunities. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

Thank you **Doreen Unferth** ❤️ for sponsoring the purchase of 150 Pencil Cases... \$46 (31¢ apiece)

Doreen also volunteered to load the 'Jesus Loves Me' card to each case!



Q: Will we still be able to pack our own Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this fall?

A: Yes! Boxes to pack your own OCC shoeboxes will continue to be available. We believe this is a great family tradition for young & old and encourage everyone to participate.



Q: Will the Operation Christmas Child donation barrel be available year-round?

A: Yes! The OCC donation barrel, skillfully painted by Amy Unferth, will remain in the Fellowship Hall year-round for your convenience.

Q: Where do the donations I put in the OCC barrel go?

A: Donated items that can be used by volunteers undertaking OCC filler projects, as well as items that can be directly packed into OCC shoeboxes, will remain at Trinity. Anything we cannot use will be delivered to our OCC partners in Hartford.

BAZAAR UPDATE:

Volunteers are needed before the bazaar to set-up, during the bazaar and clean-up after the bazaar that day. There is a sign up sheet on the back table in the Connections Room. There will be a **Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, February 3rd in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 service.**

Donations are needed: Home décor, books, jewelry, Christmas and seasonal items, toys, kids' clothes, etc. (No adult clothing, large furniture, electronics, please) Hand-made crafts (unsold items would be returned to you.) Silent auction items and if you prefer, gift baskets you put together for us. Baked goods.

Drop-off: We do not have storage! Items may be dropped off at church in the fellowship hall when-

ever the church is open that week. Bazaar "staff" will be there Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Baked goods may be brought to church on Friday night, or Saturday morning by 8 a.m. We would like to have plastic shopping bags and various sized boxes for purchases, and for packing up after the bazaar.

Pass the word: We will be advertising, but especially since this is our first year, we are asking everyone to pass the word about our event, to attend and SHOP! Our roof fund and compassionate fund/food pantry can benefit only if we have a great turn-out on all fronts!



Beat The Winter Blues Saturday Feb. 16th 9 am-2 pm

This February get out of the house and find a Treasure. The Women's Ministry is hosting a Winter Bazaar in the Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship hall on February 16th from 9-2. All proceeds will go to the Roof Fund and Compassionate Fund (Lomira Food Pantry).

Items for sale
include:

- Crafts
- Kids Clothes
- Toys
- Baked Goods
- Home Décor
- Silent Auction Items

*Snow Date 2-17 11am-3pm



Lunch will be sold by the Missions Group to raise funds for mission trips.

The Sunday School Children are getting ready for "Young at Heart" Sunday, on February 10th.

The Adult Choir will also join in the fun. Don't miss it, you will enjoy and be blessed by the neat music! Singing songs is a great way to learn the Bible message. Hear about Noah and the animals on the arc from the old testament. Be assured of the love of our savior Jesus, and a home in heaven in the new testament songs.

Our children are amazing and the future workers for Jesus at Trinity.

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!

Priscilla & Jason Ehlert

Sunday School Music Coordinators



The Church tree, alter and all the chancel decorations added to the beauty of Christmas at Trinity. We owe a very special Thank you to Marlin for the blessing of sharing the beautiful manger scene painted by dear Lois. Many hands made light work of the job and the time shared with church friends was fun. Thank so much and God Bless everyone who helped. Lets do it again next year!

Jason

Operation Christmas Child and other giving events.

Monetary gifts can be given for Operation Christmas Child or the Roof Fund or whatever your heart wants to contribute to in the envelopes found in the weekly church bulletin. Please enclose a note, write it on the envelope, or put the information on the memo part of the check stating where you want your gift to be used. The envelopes found in the weekly church bulleting are self-addressed, so you can mail a donation to the church with no postage necessary.

-Finance Committee



A never ending THANK YOU to all who helped with the special music for worship services. This is a very talented church! There will always be a place and time for everyone. Please continue to bring any new ideas or offers to share a talent to

Jason Ehlert,

Worship Music Coordinator

922-0361 or 539-6929

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **The Family of Marge Zuehlke** 1-13
- **The Family of John Masterson** 1-20
- **George Feucht** (Carol Dilling's Nephew) Recovering from facial surgery 1-13
- **Levi Schwantes** Recovery from heart transplant (now home) 1-13
- **Dave Theilen** (Tina Rawlin's Friend) Kidney problems 1-3
- **Robert Rambousek** (Tina's Uncle) Prostate cancer 12-30
- **Eunice Hensel** (Shirley Klein's Sister) Heart failure 12-23
- **Ed Michels** Health issues 12-23
- **Wayne Flury** Recovering from heart surgery 12-14
- **Sharon Germain** Life transition 12-12
- **Jan Johnson** *New treatment* 12-5-18
- **Vickie Mulder** (Mary Kiehnau's sister) Heart condition 12-2
- **Sandy Collier** Chronic lymphocytic leukemia 11-15-18
- **Joel Bernhard** Liver transplant 11-30-18
- **Judy Stucke** Knee Replacement 11-20-18
- **Adrian Powers (Lila's daughter's Father-In-Law)** Cancer returned
- **Dave Cook** *New Cancer Tumor* 09-16-18
- **Kathy Hefter** (Friend of Debbie Bintzler) *Bone Cancer* 9-9-18
- **Bill Buerger** *Lung Cancer Diagnosis* 08-29-18
- **Linda Landaal** (Friend of Sharon Germain) *Struggling with Pancreatic Cancer* 07-12-18
- **Jackson Kohlmann** (Grandson of Nancy Kohlmann of Heartfelt Floral) *Battling cancer*
- **Caroline Maierhafer** (Victor Jewson's Cousin) *Cancer* 5-13-18
- **Shana (Judy Stucke's Niece)** *95% of Brain Tumor removed, Tolerating Chemo well, Good Attitude!* 4-22-18
- **Tim Westphal** (Dave and Carol Luedtke's Neighbor) *Cancer in the sinus's has spread to the Lymph Nodes* 3-14
- **Tim Jantz** (Friend of the Menzer's) *Waiting for a Heart Transplant* 2-15-18
- **Mickey Oeschner** *Needs a Kidney Transplant-Starting Dialysis* 2-6-18

one year Bible Challenge

February

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| 1. Leviticus 1-4 | 15. Numbers 8-10 |
| 2. Leviticus 5-7 | 16. Numbers 11-13 |
| 3. Leviticus 8-10 | 17. Numbers 14-15 |
| 4. Leviticus 11-13 | 18. Numbers 16-17 |
| 5. Leviticus 14-15 | 19. Numbers 18-20 |
| 6. Leviticus 16-18 | 20. Numbers 21-22 |
| 7. Leviticus 19-21 | 21. Numbers 23-25 |
| 8. Leviticus 22-23 | 22. Numbers 26-27 |
| 9. Leviticus 24-25 | 23. Numbers 28-30 |
| 10. Leviticus 26-27 | 24. Numbers 31-32 |
| 11. Numbers 1-2 | 25. Numbers 33-34 |
| 12. Numbers 3-4 | 26. Numbers 35-36 |
| 13. Numbers 5-6 | 27. Deuteronomy 1-2 |
| 14. Numbers 7 | 28. Deuteronomy 3-4 |



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Schraufnagel
- 2 Emily Batterman
- 3 Emily Schwanke
- 4 Peter Buske
Ryan Riedel
- 6 Judy Lerch
- 7 Zachary Dewhurst
- 10 Skylar Thorn
Cynthia Bryant
Brayden Sanders
Aricka Ullius
Ryan Ullius
- 11 Sharon Germain
- 13 Ryan Schwartz
- 17 Debbie Bintzler
Tori Beck
- 18 Joel Menzer
- 20 Bill Buske
Vickie Renderman
- 22 Kevin Haefs
Jonathan Luedtke
- 23 Gene Junger
- 25 William Beck
- 27 Glenn Eichstedt
- 28 Doug Kindschuh
Will Jewson
- 29 Deb Janke

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Tom and Syd Henke
- 20 Kevin and Jenna Rhein
- 27 Todd and Lori Klein

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:

\$

Received through

1-27-2019: \$

Budget Shortfall: \$

Mark your calendars...the Sunday School Kids
will be singing at the 2nd service for Young at
Heart Sunday on Feb. 10th.
Taste of Bacon to follow!



February 2019 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group/Coffee Connection 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion/ Scout Sunday 11:00 am Bazaar Meeting 6:00 pm Wolf Pack	4	5 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	6 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 AA & Al- Anon 7:00 Choir	7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	8	9 10:00 am Food Pantry
10 Young At Heart Sunday 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 11:00 Taste of Bacon	11 6:30 pm Compassionate Fund Meeting	12 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Service 6:00 pm SPRC	13 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 AA & Al- Anon 7:00 Choir	14 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	15	16 9:00 am- 2:00 pm Church Bazaar
17 Bazaar Weather Make-up date 4:00 pm ET Class	18	19 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Caring Ministry Check- in	20 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 AA & Al- Anon 7:00 Choir	21 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	22	23 10:00 am Food Pantry
24 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 AA & Al- Anon 7:00 Choir	28		

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WORSHIP SERVICES
First Service – 8:00 A.M.
Sunday School/Youth Group, Coffee Connection 9:00 AM
Second Service– 10:00 A.M

Church Office Hours:
Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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