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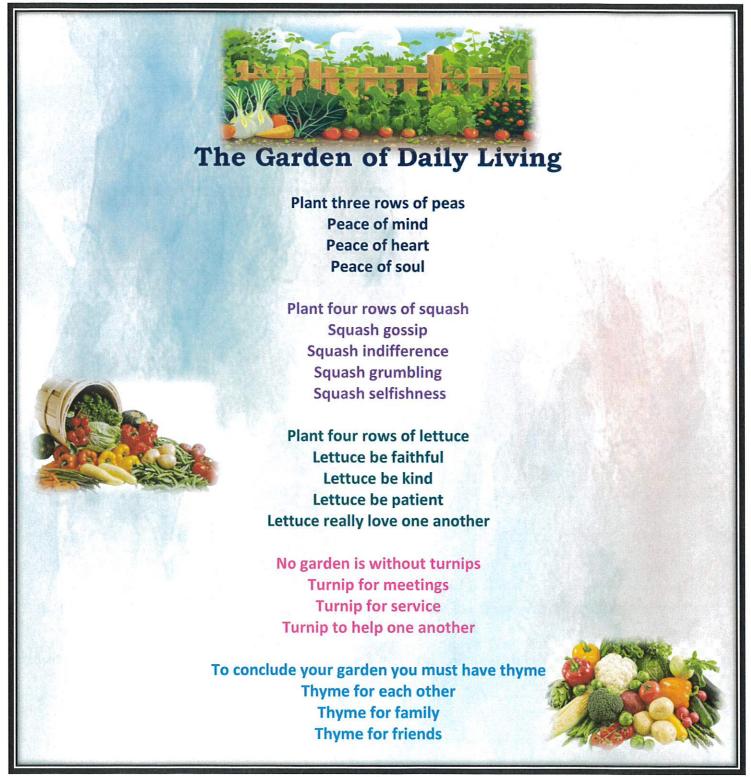
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ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2025 7:00p.m.

Present: Silas Tockey, Randy Pech, Laura Lee,

Kaye Wilmert, Carolyn Pech,

Keith Birnbaum, Roger Michalsen,

Bob Meinershagen, Donna Kessinger, and Darlene Begolka,

Office Manager

Guests: Gary Atteberry (Building and

Grounds Co-Chair); Toni Reifsteck (165th Church Anniversary); Jan and

Ed Jeffries

President Silas Tockey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025, and he also gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted. All voting aye the motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pulpit Supply Schedule for the upcoming Sunday services – May 25, Dr. Rev. Ken Kline; June 1, Rev. Jim Christian; June 8 (Pentecost) Rev. Chris Schilling; June 15, Ann Lamkey; June 22, Rev. Chris Schilling; June 29, Silas Tockey; July 6, Rev. Chris Schilling

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Confirmation Still on hold
- B. Hoefer Memorial Tree A non-bearing (gumballs) sweet gum tree has been purchased to replace the removed tree. It will not produce the gum balls, but berries that the birds will eat. It will be bright red in the fall. Cost was not quite \$250.00.
- C. Pastoral Supply See the Pastor's Report
- D. Pridefest- June 7th from 3pm 8pm There are still open times that need covered in our booth.

E. 165th Church Anniversary – Laura Lee submitted the minutes from the Worship Team meeting on May 8th. The team decided that a one-day celebration would be scheduled for the event. That date would be Sunday, October 26th, 2025. Lincoln Land Catering was contacted and is available on October 26th.

It was decided to take the meetings decisions and information to the council before making any other plans. Laura did ask the council about the possibility of the council (church) paying for the meal cost for the guests and possibly a percentage of the entire cost, thus making the individual cost a bit lower. The Council would like to see the cost at the next council meeting.

F. Sanctuary Roof Replacement – Gary Atteberry gave a presentation of what is specifically needed for a new roof replacement for the sanctuary. Other roof areas of the church have been replaced recently. Two bids were submitted. One from Kreiling from Peoria, which is the company that has been doing recent repairs, and the other bid was from Sundown from Bloomington. The bids were not comparable at first, so Gary asked them to give a second bid with more comparable items. Kreiling's bid was \$88,788.00 and Sundown's bid was for \$101,000.00. Gary gave many details.

Bob Meinershagen said that the cost could be reached using funds in the Special Funds account.

It was moved and seconded to present the bid from Kreiling Roofing of Peoria for \$88,788.00 to the congregation for approval at a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 8th. All voting aye, the motion carried.

A Special Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 8th following the service. The meeting will be announced at church service on May 25th and June 1st. A mailing will also be sent out. Silas thanked Gary for taking the time to researched and meet with bidders, and give his presentation to the council.

G. Alley Door Welcome Sign – Roger Michalsen has asked if we would like to have a "Welcome to St. John UCC" sign painted on the metal door in the Fellowship Hall that goes out to the alley. The YMCA uses that door and is using Fellowship Hall this summer for their YMCA Summer Camp. It was moved and seconded to accept Roger's offer to paint a Welcome Sign on the alley door. All voting aye, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communion Schedule for the summer was completed.
- B. Laura Lee will be gone for two Sundays
 July 20th and July 27th. A substitute has already been contacted.
- C. Silas Tockey will be on vacation from June 14th 21st, so requesting the next council meeting be on Monday, June 23rd, a week later than usual. It was agreed to move next month's meeting.
- D. Hope on 5th Patti Schonauer will be here on Sunday, June 8th to give a brief explanation about the importance of Hope on 5th to the community. We are trying to have a guest come and give a brief description of different groups/organizations each month.

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

Associate Conference minister, Rev. Kathy Lawes was contacted about coming to preach sometime this summer. She will be asked about June 8th or July 13th. She is serving the Eastern, Prairie, and Western Associations.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. All voting aye the motion carried. All said the Lord's Prayer before adjourning.

Next council meeting: Monday, June 23rd at 7pm (please note this is a week later than usual.)

Respectfully submitted by, Laura Lee, Council Secretary



FILLING OUR PULPIT IN JUNE

June 1st: Rev. Jim Christian

June 8th: Rev. Chris Schilling

June 15th: Ann Lamkey

June 22nd: Rev. Chris Schilling

June 29th: Silas Tockey

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, June 8, 2025 following the 10:00 a.m. morning worship service

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Sanctuary Roof Replacement bid. A copy of the bid will be available at the back of the sanctuary or in the Church Office.

If we do not have a quorum on June 8th the meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22nd.

Silas Tockey, Church Council President

MISSION NEWS

By: Verdeen Ingram and Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chairs

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- Second Sunday of each month a special offering will be taken for the Children of Lincoln project.
- Fourth Sunday of each month a special offering will be taken for the Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.

Marlene added...4 bags of groceries were delivered to Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry for April. Thank you for your kind donations

THE GIVING TREE

Come into the church and what do you see?
A great opportunity for you and for me.
Just one look and you will agree,
It's perfectly natural - The Giving Tree!



At St. John we celebrate Earth Day not just on April 22 but every day - right here under The Giving Tree. Stop by and take a look at all of the ways you can help to protect God's Earth and God's people. As a reminder:

Caps and Lids - Plastic caps and lids are made into benches and other items useful to the community. These caps may include those from containers such as milk, juice and detergent bottles. Lids come from containers such as cottage cheese and margarine.

Pop tabs - The tabs are taken to Ronald McDonald house in Springfield where they help to provide housing for families of children who are hospitalized or in treatment in Springfield and Peoria.

Aluminum cans - The money raised from the can collection is given to the Logan County Humane Society.

Athletic shoes - Used and worn-out athletic shoes are taken to Nike outlets. They are ground up and used for playground and court surfaces.

Printer cartridges - Used ink cartridges support and are recycled by the Hartsburg Emden school district.

Eyeglasses - These are given to the Lion's Club for their eye glass projects.

Cell phones - The phones will be given to shelters for use as emergency phones.

Rechargeable batteries - Our only goal here is to keep these things out of the landfill!

Bingo prizes - St. Clara's is always looking for prizes that the people in the nursing home will enjoy.

Plastic grocery bags - These are given to the Humane Society.

Kleenex and wipes - All of the schools need lots of these.

June Food Item Is... Spices and Condiments All non-perishable items are WELCOME.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025



The Strengthen the Church offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within our conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.



CELEBRATE LIFE...

By: Tonita Reifsteck



Five gathered in
Kickapoo Creek Park for
a delightful day in the
sun surrounded by
nature's beauty. We
shared the shelter with a
group who had already

begun their fun and lunch – Marilyn Armbrust, Lynn Spellman, Sandy Wilmert and Tonita Reifsteck were pleasantly surprised when Verdeen Ingram – out for her morning walk joined us for CELEBRATE LIFE time, then we moved to the picnic table on the lawn in the sun for our lunch. After lunch all signed several Birthday, Graduation, Get Well or Thinking of You cards.

Remembrances and stories of our own mothers was the topic of the day.

June CELEBRATE LIFE is planned for Friday,
June 13th at 11:30 a.m. to visit Bob Dorch's Rose
Garden. Anyone is welcome to bring their own
lunch and drink and join in the fellowship. Also
bring a bud vase or small vase to take a flower
home, graciously offered by Mr. Dorch. If you have
a 'stash' of vases no longer wanted or needed, Mr.
Dorch welcomes donations to his supply for
sharing.

We will leave the church by 11:00 a.m. for those wanting to get a ride or follow to his farm.

If anyone doesn't want to have lunch with group but would like to tour the gardens they can come for the tour about 12:15 p.m. to the farm at 1517 1300th Street (south of Lincoln off Route 121) but should let us know so we can advise Mr. Dorch

Call reservations/intentions to Sandy Wilmert or Toni Reifsteck.

Karen Birnbaum – President Marlene Wilmert – Vice-President Sandy Wilmert – Treasurer Tonita Reifsteck – Secretary



MEMBERS of ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH of Christ

MADI MEINERSHAGEN

from West-Lincoln Broadwell
Parents are Troy and Jean Meinershagen
Grandparents are Bob and Sandy Meinershagen

EMILY PAULUS

from University of Illinois
Parents are Kent and Lynn Paulus
Grandmother is Alice Paulus

ANDREW PAGEL

from University of Illinois Parents are Jonathan and Tami Pagel Grandparents are Bob and Sandy Meinershagen

GRADUATES OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CAMERON WILMERT

from Lincoln Junior High School Parents are David and Cari Wilmert Grandparents are Jim and Leslie Wilmert

KRISTINA MORROW

from Lincoln Community High School Parents are David Morrow, Kristen Green and Terry Puffer

TOM CHRISTENSEN

from Grayslake High School
Parents are Lori and Rod Christensen
Grandmother is Alice Paulus

JACOB GEHLBACH

from New York University
Parents are Brian and Krista Gehlbach
Grandmother is Nancy Gehlbach

ATTENDANCE

May 4th

35 In-Person, 46 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 95+

May 11th

37 In-Person, 55 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 106+

May 18th

52 In-Person, 43 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 109+

May 25th

35 In-Person,40 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 89+

St. John Diners Saturday, June 14th 11:30 a.m.



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in June? Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to let us know. This way we know how many to make the reservation for. Be at the church parking lot on June 14th by 11:00 a.m. to leave for Springfield. Those driving on their own the reservation is for 11:30 a.m.

Coming Soon...

3rd Fridays Downtown Event Friday, June 20 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pick-Up A Duck Booth by St. John UCC will be there.

CELEBRATE LIFE...

Friday, June 13th

Bring your own lunch and drink.

June birthdays will be celebrated.

Bill Dorch's Rose Garden at 1517– 1300th Street.

- ·Meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m.
- ·Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
- ·Tour of the Rose Gardens at 12:30 p.m.
- ·Bring a bud vase



APRIL FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance

\$40,158.99

Income

\$10,900.81

Expenses

\$26,773.44

Ending Balance

\$24,286.36

OUTREACH and PUBLICITY

By: Jim and Leslie Wilmet and Tonita Reifsteck, Co-Chairs

Outreach Ministry met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 with Jack and Nancy Leich, Lee Westerfield, Sandy Wilmert and Tonita Reifsteck present.

Meeting opened with a Daily devotional article for May 6th. Group recognized Jack in celebrating his 80th birthday. Report of Church Council as recorded in Chimes.

OLD BUSINESS

 Scoutmaster Jason Maxheimer had shared comments made by visiting Scoutmasters in Illinois and how impressed they were with the Honor Wall and some were going to see if that could be copied in their community – KUDOS were expressed to St. John UCC.

- Sponsorship of age 8 and under girls team at Lincoln Park District this summer. Details to come.
- No response yet from LCHS student needs
- Possible name for chair of Bulletin Board project shared

NEW BUSINESS

- Details for Sunday, June 29th Program and lunch after church
 - Fire Extinguishers operation and locations
 - Operating Heart Defibrillator will be given by Kaye Wilmert
 - Water Shut-Off and other info WHO TO CALL
 - Menu planned: Chicken Salad and/or Ham Salad croissant rolls, chips, fruit salad Dessert, Iced tea, lemonade and ice water
 - Noted that Prayer Chain cards will need to be ordered late summer or early fall, (Lincoln Printers).
 - Graduation cards were signed for Madi Meinershagen and Cameron Wilmert for 8th grade; Emily Paulus and Andrew Pagel for University of Illinois College graduation
 - Fewer items being accepted for recyclingupdated list sent to Chimes
 - COFFEE HOUR still need support

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sunday, June 29th | after church
Lunch and Program
on Health and Safety Equipment
How to use, Where located, Contact Info
Lunch: Chicken or Ham Salad on croissant,
Chips, Salads, Dessert, Drinks and
Fellowship

RECYCLE ITEMS...

Note changes:

- Humane Society only taking plastic bags
- Logan/Mason Rehab only taking Catalogues and Puzzles. NO CARDS or Calendars
- Christian Child Care presently material for crib sheets. NO cereal boxes, NO tubes, NO cards, NO plastic jugs or tubs
- EGG cartons some individual requests but limited supply needed
- NO Resource for Medicine bottles, etc.
 (put lids in 'cap bucket' and recycle bottle)

PLAY BALL...



ST. JOHN UCC Shirts are Purple

Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Breezy Field

Friday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Diamond 2

Tuesday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. Field B

Friday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. Field B

Wednesday, June 18th at 5:30 p.m. Diamond 2

St. John United Church of Christ Logan County Veterans Celebration

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today A bakeless bake sale is on the way These busy days; now who could bake Pies or cookies or even a cake? You'd be surprised if ou counted the cost Of materials, heat the time you have ost. Cooking for a sale is extra work: Yet nobody really wishes to shirk. So now we've thought of plan that is grand, And felt quite sure you would understand. In a little envelope, please put the price Of a pie or a cake or something nice. Without fuss or bother, you've done your part. We're sure you will give with a willing heart. This is the end of our little tale; Here's to the success of our Bakeless Bake Sale!



This Bakeless Bake Sale takes the place of the usual Bake Sale held in June at the VFW for the Veterans Celebration during the Route 66

Garage Sales. Envelopes will also be available at the back of the sanctuary. If you use your own envelope; make sure on your check you put Bakeless Bake Sale on the memo line.



NEEDED... COFFEE HOUR HOST/HOSTESS VOLUNTEERS

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Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.

GREETERS

June 1st: Nancy Gehlbach

June 8th: Carolyn Pech

June 15th: Marlene Wilmert

June 22nd: Bob Meinershagen

June 29th: Sandy Meinershagen



Articles for the **July 2025** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **June 19**th.





We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To...

The family of Patty McCann



LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
Jerry and Mary Berglin
Edna Mara
Wayne Mara
Sandy Meinershagen
Ruth Post

CASTLE MANOR

Susan Webb

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656 Bill Krepps

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656 Steve Aue

LINCOLN VILLAGE HEALTHCARE CENTER

2202 N. Kickapoo Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 Judy Kline

VONDERLIETH LIVING GENTER 1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548 Sandy Sanders

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711 Helen Opperman



June 1st:

June 8th:

June 15th:

June 22nd:

June 29th:



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barb Reinwald
- 2 Austin Garriott
- 4 Cathy Sanders, Cameron Wilmert
- 5 Edna Mara
- 7 Lindsey Burge
- 8 Mary Berglin
- 11 Nancy Leich
- 13 Bob Meinershagen
- 15 Scott Row
- 17 Cameron Kurtz
- 19 Braxton Paulus
- 20 Bob Coombs, Jr.
- 23 Sarah Fuller

Names in red are members of our church who are on the visitation list. Let's fill their mailbox on their birthdays.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Adam and Lindsey Sanders Burge Dan and Nancy Dexter
- 12 Greg and Lisa Conrady
- 15 Jonathan and Tami Pagel
- 16 Bob and Sandy Sanders
- 18 Orry Ingram and Becky Rader
- 22 Keith and Lori Birnbaum
- 25 David and Linda Nowack Mike and Debbie Turner
- 27 J. D. and Shanda Ryer



In Loving Memory...

Patty J. McCann, 89, of Lincoln, Illinois, passed away at 4:45 am, May 9, 2025, at Hospice House in Sarasota, Florida.

Patty was born on May 14, 1935, in Emden, Illinois, to George and Mabel Wagner. She graduated



from Hartsburg - Emden High in 1953. Patty and Don McCann were married in 1956 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Illinois. They were happily married for 60 years. Patty enjoyed many different crafts and her flower garden. She taught Sunday School in her high school years. She was a loving mother who enjoyed her family very much and especially her grandson, Drew Jones. She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center where she worked in business office as a secretary.

Patty is survived by her son, Kim (Janice) McCann of Sarasota, Florida; grandson, Drew Jones of Springfield, Illinois; and sister-in-law, Betty Gail Wagner of Emden, Illinois. She is also survived by step-granddaughter, Karen Adame; step greatgrandchildren, Cody, Logan, Kaydin; and step greatgreat-granddaughter, Harper; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; daughter, Amy; and her siblings, Wayne (Marianne) Wagner, Donald Wagner, Bernice (Dr. Walter) Rettberg, Georgia Ann Harms (Donald Wagner).

Funeral services were held on May 28, 2025 at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dr. Adam Quine officiating; burial was at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.



Sunday, June 1st

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship/Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 2nd

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 3rd

Outreach and Publicity meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4th

All-day (6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.) fundraiser at Country Aire Restaurant for the Veterans Celebration

Saturday, June 7th

Men's Fellowship at Imo's Café at 8:30 a.m.

LCT practice at 8:45 a.m.

Pride Fest from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday, June 8th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Strengthen the Church Offering

Special Congregational meeting following

Cub Scouts from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

LCT at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 9th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, June 13th

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

LCT at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14th

LCT practice at 8:45 a.m.

St. John Diners to D'Arcy's Pint in Springfield Fellowship Hall reserved from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 15th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 16th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 19th

Church Office closed for holiday

Friday, June 20th

3rd Friday Downtown from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21st

LCT practice at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, June 22nd

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 23rd

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 29th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Outreach Event after church

LCT at 3:00 p.m.

Note:

The YMCA Summer Camp is here Monday

- Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Note:

LCT is practicing here Monday - Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m. each night.

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST will have a booth at the

LOGAN COUNTY PRIDE FEST SATURDAY, JUNE 7 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Downtown Lincoln

Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



Alissa Smith

Cheryl F.

Katrina Opperman

Lynn

David

Kathy Staten

Jim Walsh

Kristen

Lee Wolfe

Joyce (Gail Marquardt's mom)

"Pete" Luckhart

Abigail

Middle East

Raymond

Stephanie Opperman

Janet Dullard

John Tabor

Karson

Sharlene

Jen Steele

Donnie Kirk

Ellen Schweizer

Beverly

David Dennis

Louise Jeffries

Martha

Debbie

Mike

Tim

Tim Schippel

Baby Reese

Donna Pokorski

Duke

Chris

Allen

Linda Barrick

Deborah Lichtenwalter

Wil Buse

Drake Miller

Bill Dennis

Josh Glazik Family

Patricia Southerd

Leslie Wilmert

Tim and his son, Josh and family

Dave Frank

Kevin Wilham

Kathy

Elizabeth Miller

Katie

Jackie Curry

Ron Brawdy

Nolan Portzen

Dorothy

Connie Dehner

Merlene Stout

Janet Johnson

Loren Birnbaum

Diane (Calob's grandmother)

Illinois Conference/Western Association

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND:

Steve Aue, Jerry and Mary Berglin, Judy Kline, Bill Krepps, Edna Mara, Wayne Mara, Sandy Meinershagen, Helen Opperman, Sandy Sanders, Ruth Post, Susan Webb

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