



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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## FROM THE PASTOR



## 10 THINGS (PLUS ONE) To Do This Summer!

1. Get Milkshakes at an Ice Cream Shop.
2. Visit an art museum – it's cool inside and you'll be smarter and cooler!
3. Get Dinner at a Food Truck.
4. Visit a Farmer's Market or a local Vegetable stand. Get foods to offset the Milkshakes and Dinner at a Food Truck!!!
5. Get Tickets to something fun: A concert at the park; a movie with friends or family; a sporting event – splurge a little and enjoy!
6. Do something around the water: Go on a boat ride...take a trip to the beach...go canoeing...spend some time in a lazy river. Remember to wear sunscreen!
7. Get some tasks accomplished: Take those items to Goodwill, Christian Ministries, or CVAN. Do some Summer Reading. Volunteer at a local ministry or at the Animal Shelter. Bring food items to Church for CCM or our Blessing Box.
8. Cherish your health this summer. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve by yourself, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Sure - take a trip to the beach or to the mountains...take a trip to the next county or to a foreign country – but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them – at every opportunity this summer.
11. Come to Church this Summer! We'll be reading wonderful stories of Jesus' ministry from St. Luke's Gospel. We'll sing wonderful hymns for the Summer Season. Our beautiful sanctuary is a cool place to visit on a hot Sunday Morning. Remember your offerings – the Church NEVER goes on Vacation! We'll be looking for you! (And if you're away on vacation, PJ would love to give you a Lutheran Church at your vacation spot to visit! Be sure to bring him back a bulletin!)

Peace and Love,



**8:30 am**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00 am**  
**Traditional**

**Online On YouTube**  
[@kimballlutheranchurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballethurch6062)

## STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,  
*Senior Pastor*  
Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,  
*Parish Administrator*

Brian Sevison,  
*Music Director*

Howard Bentley,  
*Treasurer*

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,  
*Pastor Emeritus*



## Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

- **Kingdom Kids & 3rd–5th Grades:** Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
- **Middle & High School Class:** Library
- **Nursery:** Available during Faith Formation

We are also seeking volunteers to help lead Faith Formation sessions during the summer. If you're interested, please text Deacon Liz **704-713-1758**.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### THE TABLE CLASS

You are invited to the Table Sunday School class as we explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in the far left corner upstairs in the education wing at 10:00 am.

#### THE JOE GRIBBLE CLASS

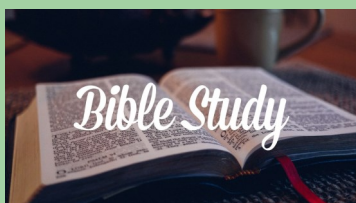
The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion.

#### June Facilitators

**Jun 04** Deacon Liz  
**Jun 11** Pastor John  
**Jun 18** Rob Roginski  
**Jun 25** Pastor Joe



### HS/MS YOUTH

**Kimball Kamp—Week 1** June 9-13

**Kimball Kamp—Week 2** June 16-20

**Lutheridge Summer Camp** June 22-27

**Isle of Palms Mission Trip** July 20-25

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO**, please make sure that payments, health forms, etc. have been turned in to the Church Office if your young person is attending Camp at Lutheridge, Kimball Kamp, or the High School Mission Trip to Isle of Palms. **THANK YOU!**

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church presents...

**KIMBALL KAMP**

**DATES**

- June 9-13
- June 16-20
- July 23-27 (Tentative)

**Times**

9:00a—2:30p (M-Th)

9:00a—12:00p (F)

- Christ-centered Summer fun!
- Engaging weekly themes, crafts, games and worship
- Age-appropriate learning and activities
- A safe, supportive environment for all campers
- For Ages: *Preschool—8th Grade*
- Affordable Pricing: *\$200 per Week, \$350 —2 Weeks, \$450—3 Weeks*
- Scholarships Available

Spots are Limited—Register Today by Scanning this QR code

## NURSERY/FALL ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here is an opportunity for you to make a significant and positive difference in the lives of our children. We are on the lookout for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to help us in our Nursery and our Fall Children's Faith Formation (Sunday School) classes. The remarkable growth of our program is a testament to the vibrant and dynamic spirit of our church, and we now have the rewarding challenge of better organizing our age groups to enhance the educational experience for our kids. If you have a passion for nurturing young minds and spreading joy within our community, we warmly invite you to journey with us. Please reach out to Deacon Liz or Hannah Weithorn. You can truly make a difference!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Sinatra Dreisbach (California)
- Mason Hott (Georgia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (North Carolina)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

#### KIMBALL MEMBERS

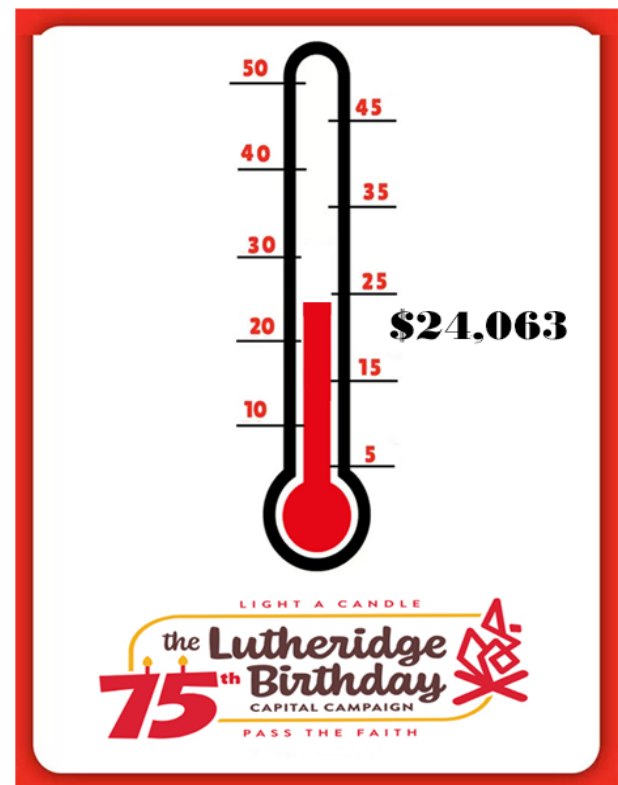
Sylvia Anderson, Robin Ballard, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard / Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Frankie Bogutsky, Florence Calandra, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Sudie Foil, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Sarah Harmon, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David & Diana Keck, Tony and Paula Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Sherri Matheny, Margaret McCombs, Pat Moser, Louise Propst, Betty Ritchie, Blake Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Gaye St. John, Bob and Jean Tatarka, Randy Tallent, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It's with great joy this past month that we received **Aubrey Eliana Gregory** into membership at Kimball Memorial via the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Aubrey was born on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and she is the daughter of Jon Ross Gregory and Heather Biland, who is deceased. She has been lovingly brought to Kimball Memorial by her aunt, Lindsay Daugherty... who also makes sure that Aubrey's siblings – Isaiah and Harmony – are in worship regularly! Aubrey will be a third grader at Bostian Elementary School this fall. She loves to read comics and write her own stories...and also enjoys gymnastics and music. Aubrey has been asking to be Baptized for some time now, and has endeared herself to this congregation... adopting several members as "honorary grandparents". We rejoiced to welcome her into the Lord's Family through this Holy Sacrament!

## REMEMBER KIMBALL MEMORIAL THIS SUMMER

In these Summer Months, please remember the financial needs of the congregation. After all, your church never goes on vacation, and our fiscal commitments and responsibilities continue during June, July, and August. Thank you so very much for your strong stewardship in this congregation. It is much appreciated!





## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
01-Jun	Scott & Sarah HARMON	6
01-Jun	Chris & Ariel OVERCASH	7
04-Jun	Cliff & Kathy SCOTT	41
06-Jun	Nancy & Jim DEMENY	61
10-Jun	David & Diana KECK	64
12-Jun	Georgann & Jeff SAPP	32
14-Jun	Jim & Ann FISHER	50
15-Jun	Adam & Hope RUSSELL	12
16-Jun	Matthew & Sydney BRADFORD	4
18-Jun	Jacob & Dawn HARDY	14
19-Jun	Keith & Fran GARVER	49
20-Jun	Tim & Fran PATTERSON	33
22-Jun	James & Lydia DILLON	1
24-Jun	Shane & Melissa LITTLE	19
24-Jun	Milton & Sherri MATHENY	30
26-Jun	Debbie & Randy TRIECE	44
27-Jun	Richard & Rosalie HARTMAN	5

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**CAREMOOR** Aileen Triece

**MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD** Gaye St. John /  
Betty Shaver

**SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE** Mary  
Dorton

**AVANTE OF CONCORD** Dianne Marlin

**AT HOME** Louise Propst

# Happy Birthday

## June

01-Jun	Keith SUTTON
02-Jun	Jennifer BENNET
	Randy RIGSBY
03-Jun	Chloe SMALL
05-Jun	Kim KANE
06-Jun	Patrick LITTLE
07-Jun	Ava FARRIS
	Connie LONG
	Cody MYRICK
09-Jun	Mary Lee BLACKWELDER
	Tim PATTERSON
12-Jun	Lauren NICHOLS
13-Jun	Juanene SAVAGE
15-Jun	Savannah HOTT
	Steven POOLE
16-Jun	Ariel OVERCASH
	Kathy ROGINSKI
17-Jun	Miriam CASTOR
18-Jun	Palmer ROBINSON
20-Jun	Amanda CAUTHEN
	Kara HARDISTER
	Jerrod SMITH
22-Jun	Kyler BLACK
	Mark DEARMON
	Anniston WHEATLEY
	Lori WHITCOMB
23-Jun	Jeffrey BROCK
24-Jun	John BLACKWELDER
	Gracie MATHENY
	Fran PATTERSON
26-Jun	Spencer FALLS
	Austin JOYCE
27-Jun	Brian HUNSUCK
28-Jun	Terry STEINERT
29-Jun	Diana KECK
30-Jun	Luna HARDISTER

## PENTECOST



Sunday, June 1st is the last Sunday of the Easter Season. Pentecost

Sunday is next week -

remember to wear **RED**, followed by Holy Trinity Sunday, and then the long season after Pentecost. Please join us for worship and study during this Summer Season!

# JUNE SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE
1-Jun	Shane Little	Emily Clamser	Delaney Little
8-Jun	Jodie Hott	Paula Brandle	Gus Miller
15-Jun	Sharon Brothers	Ava Ramsey	Riley Dodson
22-Jun	Frankie Bogutsky	Jack Smith	Colby Miller

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE
1-Jun	Bob Hill	Scott Roland	Liam Neeley
8-Jun	Anne Futterer		Lucas Hesley
15-Jun	Laura Pennell	Michele Nichols	Hank Schmitt
22-Jun	Gracie Matheny	Tony Lippard	Tyler Nichols

10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE
29-Jun	Peggy Pergola	Donna Taylor	Palmer/Asa Russell

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Melissa Little/ Doris Teumer	Alice Lloyd/ Shirley Miller
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Melissa Little/ David Sloan	Bob Boynton/ Bob Hill
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Scott Harmon	Anne Futterer
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	Tony Lippard/ Kathy Hunter

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
4-Jun	Deacon Liz
11-Jun	Pastor John
18-Jun	Rob Roginski
25-Jun	Pastor Joe

FLOWER CALENDAR	
1-Jun	Available
8-Jun	Troutman
15-Jun	Blackwelder
22-Jun	Available
29-Jun	Fran Patterson

MONTH LONG	
<b>Tellers</b>	Bob & Peggy Pergola
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Amy Black



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

It's with great joy that we congratulate the following good folks who have graduated in recent weeks:

**Gavin Carpenter** has graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School and will be attending Rowan/Cabarrus Community College. Gavin has been very active in the life and ministry of the church throughout his life – and has been particularly active with our youth Groups and Sunday Church School.

**Patrick Little** has graduated from A.L. Brown High School, where he was very involved in Cross Country. Patrick will be entering the work force following graduation. He has been most active in our Youth Group and in Worship throughout his life...including his High School Years. We have appreciated his help with our sound system and the way he has made time for our Youth Group, while working an outside job in High School.

**Zack Meadows** has graduated from Rowan County Early College. Because of his academic achievements, Zack was named summa cum laude and was chosen to be a member of the National Honor Society. Zack will be attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh this fall!

**Ivy Okpara** has graduated from A.L. Brown High School, where she was very involved in the Band Program. Since joining us here with her family from Nigeria, Ivy has been very active with our Youth Group and Sunday School Class. She has attended numerous Mission Trips and Retreats with our Youth. She will be attending Wingate University this autumn!

**Sydney Bradford** has graduated from the McKenzie Elliot School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing. Sydney and her husband, Matthew, have been raising their two young boys while Sydney completed this program. In addition, Sydney has been working with our local Atrium Health Hospice & Palliative Care Cabarrus while she was a student at UNCP pursuing this Bachelor's Degree!

**Grace Robinson Marcus** has graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Iowa with a Master of Arts Degree in Diaconal Ministry. Grace will be ordained a Deacon on July 19<sup>th</sup> at University Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, and has been called to work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the Administrative Assistant to the network of ELCA colleges and universities across the USA! Grace will continue to live in Philadelphia. As is customary for Lutheran Churches in the USA, Kimball Memorial has presented Grace with a stole for her ordination. It is our Honor and Joy to give this stole. We will post pictures of this gift on our Facebook Page, as Grace's ordination day approaches!

**Randall Tallent** has graduated from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University with his Juris Doctor (JD) degree. While at ASU, Randy was received both a certificate in Trial Advocacy and received the Dean's Award in recognition of his "outstanding performance" in Law School. Randy is currently in Phoenix, preparing to take the Bar Examination next month.

We rejoice with these fine students and their families for their accomplishments in education, and we look forward to following their progress with great joy!



Every month, we host a low-cost vet clinic for dogs and cats in the KAC (Kimball Activity Center.) Services include:

- Allergies, Dermatology
- Flea and Tick Control, Heartworms (Dogs)
- Nutrition, Vaccinations

The schedule will be published in the newsletter each month. Below is the schedule for May.

- **June 19** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **June 20** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **June 21** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



# CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- The sale of the Hoke Ritchie property has been completed. A check in the amount of \$3,817 has been received from the United States Department of the Interior - National Park Service.
- Summer is a busy time for Kimball Youth. Please pay close attention to the weekly bulletin for important dates and payment reminders for Lutheridge, Mission Trip, and Kimball Camp.
- The first week of Kimball Camp will be June 9 - 13. All deposits are due on Monday, May 26th. Final payment, for the first week, is due on Friday, June 6th. Deposits for week 2 of Kimball Camp are due Monday, June 2nd and Final payment is due Friday, June 13th. Any camper registrations, after the Deposit Due Dates, will need to pay in full at the time of registration.
- The new sign, on Main Street, is scheduled to be installed on May 28th.
- We continue to seek volunteers to assist with the nursery at both services. We need 1 volunteer from each service, each Sunday, to work with Abby in the nursery. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact, Ben Hesley, Hannah Wiethorn or Deacon Liz to sign-up.
- The Education Committee had a successful meeting this month to restructure the Children's Sunday School Program. Sunday School will be divided into 2 groups, Ages 4 - First Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The Sunday School year will be divided into 3 Sessions, Fall (Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - Nov 16th), Winter (Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - February 22nd) and Spring (March 1st - May 7th). The commitment would be for 2-3 Sundays each Session. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to support our children by either sitting in the nursery or assisting with Sunday School. For more information, please contact Hannah Wiethorn or Deacon Liz.

- Our monthly General Funds Offering update - In April, in General Funds we collected \$45,674.00. Our monthly budget for 2025 is \$42,916.00. This is the first month in 2025 we have met budget in the General Fund. Year to date our General Fund income is \$14,290 below budget.
- Lastly, after our trial month of passing the offering plate, we cease passing the plate and will be going back to having the offering plate at the entrance to Sanctuary beginning the first Sunday of June.

*Thank you from your Church Council.*



## BLESSING BOX NEEDS

We need your help to continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors. Families, many of whom are regular visitors, depend on the items we provide. The need is great, and your donations help us share God's love in a tangible way. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

A list of our most-needed items is available below, but we welcome any contributions you can offer.

- Bottled Water
- Shelf-stable Milk
- Oatmeal
- Canned Veggies: Carrots, Beans, Peas
- Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Saltine / Ritz Crackers
- Fruit Cups
- Pudding Cups
- Trash Bags





## KIMBALL MEMBER COMMISSIONED AS A LAY PREACHER

Tony Lippard of our congregation was commissioned as a Lay Preacher at the Opening Worship Service of the 2025 North Carolina Synod Assembly

held in Greensboro the last weekend of May. Tony has been a part of a two-year program to help provide parish leadership for the smaller Lutheran congregations in North Carolina, and in other Synods in the ELCA.

Tony has participated with his cohort from the North Carolina Synod and a group of students from the Virginia Synod for this Commissioning. In this time, he has studied Theology, Biblical Studies - focusing on both the Old and New Testaments, and Preaching. As a part of his preaching assignment, Tony was asked to prepare a sermon and preach at both our Services on a Sunday this winter, and to preach at one of our Lenten Services as well. He has been instructed by Professors from our Southern Seminary, Roanoke College (our Lutheran college in Virginia) and the Divinity School at Wake Forest University.

Tony, and his wife, Paula, will still be with us in worship, but he will also now be able to serve our smaller congregations in the NC Synod, who have not been able to call a full-time pastor. We rejoice with him at this wonderful time of growth and leadership, and will follow his progress with great interest, pride, and joy.

Tony has expressed his great appreciation to the members of Kimball Memorial - and to Pastor John and Deacon Liz - for their support during this time of study and preparation. As a sign of their affection and support, Kimball Memorial has presented Tony with a beautiful Alb and Cincture for him to use in his ministry. We are very proud of him!



## KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

### Tuesday Morning Book Club

Date: June 10th 10:00am

Book: *The Berry Pickers*

by: Amanda Peters

Meets in the church parlor

### Tuesday Evening Book Club

Date: June 24th, 6:30pm

Host: Judy Sloan

Book: *The Briar Club*

By: Kate Quinn



Five of our Middle School Students will be participating in Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge for a week during the month of June. This is the 47<sup>th</sup> year of Campfirmation in our congregation - it was begun here by Pastor Palmer Clemmer, and has continued to be an important part of our Confirmation and Middle School Youth Ministry here at Kimball Memorial.

We rejoice that the following students will be attending Confirmation Camp with Pastor John and Deacon Liz, and will be confirmed at Kimball later this year at a worship service. They are: **Reagan Cauthen, Riley Dodson, Delaney Little, Hunter Murph, and Tyler Nichols.**

This week at Camp will be the conclusion of their two years of study in Confirmation Classes. Please keep these fine young people in your prayers this month. Thank you!



# JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Easter 7</b> 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary	<b>5</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Pentecost 8</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary	<b>12</b> 9:30a JOY at Breakfast 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Kimball Kamp—Week 1						
<b>Holy Trinity</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	<b>18</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary	<b>19</b> 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>20</b> 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	<b>21</b> 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Kimball Kamp—Week 2						
<b>Petnecost 2</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary	<b>26</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Youth at Lutheridge						
<b>Petnecost 3</b> Graduation Sunday 10:00a Combined Worship	<b>30</b>					



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