

Bits & Peaces

By God's grace we share the gift of love with all creation through worship, education, fellowship and stewardship.

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From the Pastor's Desk

HaPpY AsH WeDnEsDaY! MeRrY LeNT!

Yes, Really!

For years, I have been ambivalent about this day—this season. I am uncomfortable with it. It always gives me pause to mark a toddler with a cross of ashes over the one I made at his/her baptism as the words, “you are dust and to dust you shall return” come from my voice. Yes, it is true. But is that what we want to focus on? Our vulnerability? Our ultimate reality? I mean, when that is the case, do we understand why the organized church in modern times is losing its appeal with the masses? Do we not have enough encounters with death through our circle of family and friends...and the daily news? Is the purpose of Ash Wednesday or the entire season of Lent to remind us that we are powerless and in full need of a God who desires sacrifices of chocolate or alcohol or meatless Fridays or a 40 day edict of no new shoes? Or is it something more? Something deeper? More holistic? More relational? More profound?

On Thursday, 2.20.2020—a day of vision—a friend finished the fourth in a series of six chemo treatments in an effort to regain a status of cancer free health. Another friend was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. A seminary classmate—also a friend—died of bile duct cancer that was diagnosed last June. I received a message that someone who had recently had a stroke, was back in the hospital with complications. And even, on that one day—those situations are only part of the list. On the news, the focus of the day was about the change in leadership in the national intelligence community. Death and disease are real and really present in our regular lives. It seems, what we need in such a context, is hope and grace and love in large doses.

On Thursday, 2.20.2020, when all these other things were happening in the lives of my greater tribe, I spent the afternoon at a painting retreat—surrounded by friends that I first met last March when I took an abstract painting class using the mediums of oil and cold wax. I love this medium. It is so much an exercise in contemplative theological practice. But these friends, and this artisan community also give me something extraordinary—something I find to be holy in a way that stirs my soul. I have been reflecting on it and how, for me, the radical hospitality and kinship I have experienced there shapes my understanding of “church” and its role in the world today.

The music was playing. It almost always is. Secular music—the likes of The Avett Brothers, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Leonard Cohen, Emmy Lou Harris, Bruce Cockburn, Herbie Hancock and many more. From alternative to country to rock and singer/songwriter folk songs, the music creates a place of mindfulness as the lyrics roll through my head. Just that part is, in its own way, holy beyond words. As we paint in this context, our work is interrupted occasionally by conversations, sharing of ideas, affirmation of our attempts at speaking something in color.

The woman next to me, another Lutheran—an amazing theologian in her own right, shared about a podcast she had liked and sent me the link. The woman across the room, a great thinker who isn't associated with any church, engaged in a conversation about the previous night's debate, the problems with our political system—not just the division between parties, but the raw issues of power, privilege and abuse as it relates to millions of our kin in our country and throughout our world. Questions emerged around the room: What will pull us together? What will make us see the whole human picture? What will shake us awake to the reality of climate change? What will change the trajectory that appears to be so pervasive in our current reality?

As we listened and talked and painted, I noted the subtlety of daylight changing and casting different arcs of light across the floor. I noted that no matter who spoke, the conversation was always a move from despair to hope. I noted that the underlying tone of the group related to the painting process—whether a novice painter or a professional artist—was one of affirmation in the face of any artist's self doubt.

As you might imagine, I think of things in theological concepts. And those arcs of movement, are consistent with my current understanding of repentance.

Repentance which has traditionally been a focus in the Lenten season, is something that appears crucial to our wellbeing. Not in a punitive way. Not in a woe is me—I am nothing—kind of way. Not in the way this concept was presented to me as a child—but in the way, that I have come to understand it as an adult—a theologian—a pastor.

That is, repentance is a 180 degree turn. It is a turn from death to new life. It turns us from lies to truth, from despair to hope, from hopelessness to a larger imagination of life. A life focused on being loved and being able to love. A life in which we are forgiven and freed from our bondage to dis-ease and death through the power of God’s infinite grace, mercy and love. It is the difference of perspective. It is the affirmation of value and worth. It is the unconditional love and acceptance that allows us to become more fully human and more fully able to love others in the way that Jesus has loved us. It is, as I have reflected, the arc of trajectory that we need right now.

With those repentance considerations, I encourage you to have a Happy Ash Wednesday and a Merry Lent. And don’t be surprised if instead of the traditional words, “you are dust and to dust you shall return” you instead hear from this pastor—as she traces the ashen cross on your brow—“with these two strokes of the stuff of death, may you remember that through Jesus death + resurrection, you are always being loved to new life.”

That.

That is a cross we can bear.

So...whether you fully practice Lent or do not...whether you take on ashes or not...do the 180...or the 90...or the 125 degree turn...whatever angle you need to move...in order to experience hope, truth, grace and love. And then...

Go my friends, and do what matters.

Go my friends, and speak truth to evil.

Go my friends, and listen to at least three sources of news—and fact check all that you take in.

Go my friends, and practice love—for yourself, for your tribe and for all humankind.

Go my friends, and create a world in which all people are valued and have what they need to be whole.

Go my friends, and create a climate in which eco systems can survive, thrive and be sustained.

Go my friends, and practice the kind of Christianity Jesus died and rose to achieve—the kind that is for all people...the kind that empowers love and dignity...the kind that calls for justice and peace in all the world...the kind that takes us from the place of death to holistic, ongoing life.

Go my friends, and live this truth as if the world depends on it, because as Jesus has told us, it does.

“Love one another as I have loved you.” - Jesus (as quoted in the Gospel of John, 13:34).

HaPpY LoVinG! MeRrY LeNTinG! ChEeR’S to the 180!

Pastor Karen

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Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday (April 9)- Worship at 6:00 PM with Holy Communion and First Communion for Third Graders

Good Friday (April 10) - Worship at 6:00 PM



Easter Worship (April 12):

Sunrise service at Schumacher Farm, Waunakee - 6:19 AM

Festival Worship at Peace - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

HOLY WEEK

Featuring Peace Choir, Brass, Organ, Resurrection band, Radical Ringers, Chapel Chimes, Joyful Noise

Lent 2020: The Story of Jesus - The Story of Us

A Call to Faithfulness:

"Imagine, envision what it would be like to know that your comfort, your fun, your safety are not based on the deprivation of another" - Toni Morrison

Imagine the life and the depth of love that Jesus invites to experience.
Imagine what the world would become if we lived in that way.
May this Lent be an opportunity to deepen your love and enhance your life.



During Lent this year (Ash Wednesday: February 26 to Easter: April 12), you are invited to explore some deeper faith practices, engage in a deeper relationship with God, and envision a new perspective of faith for your own health and wholeness. Lent is the 40 days every spring when we engage in spiritual renewal as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Join us on Wednesdays for worship at 6:15. Join us for a community dinner before worship served from 5:00 - 6:10 PM.

February 26: Ash Wednesday: Introduction: Arcs and Trajectories-the Art of Repentance. We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday with a come and go family worship experience that begins at 4:15 PM and runs until dinner at 5:00 PM. Traditional Worship begins at 6:15 PM. Come and get your ashes!

March 4: Creation Care Part 1: The Story of Mary, Mother of Jesus - The Story of Us

March 11: Creation Care Part 2: The Story of Pontius Pilate - The Story of Us

March 18: Sabbath Exercise: Creation Care Part 3: The Story of Peter - The Story of Us

(No Dinner or Worship this week because of the Waunakee Spring Break)

March 25: Creation Care Part 4: The Story of Nicodemus - The Story of Us

April 1: Creation Care Part 5: The Story of Woman Kissing Jesus Feet-The Story of Us

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Other Opportunities:

Holy Conversation: Join Intern Tom Kreis to explore these conversations more deeply on **Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM beginning March 8th.**

Art Adventure: Layering the Story. On Tuesday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM, **March 10, 24, 31 and April 7** we will be painting art with Oil and Cold Wax medium to be used in the Sanctuary for the celebration of Easter. Join us for messy fun. No art experience necessary. Sign up on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

Giving to our Community: Both the WEB Food Pantry and the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection need our help in supporting the folk in our area who need food, clothing, diapers, essentials. Join us in fully stocking the shelves at those organizations to fully serve our neighbors. See the entire list on the Narthex Bulletin board and on our Peace website.



PEACE PUBLIC HOUSE - Soup Kitchen Supper

The Peace Public House is a monthly gathering to create community sabbath space for the purpose of having meaningful and practical conversation about what God is speaking through scripture and our life experiences. The Soup Kitchen Suppers include a humble meal of soup, bread and drink. People meet at the home of Pastors Doug and Karen (which is ADA friendly). All adults are welcome, friends too. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or by emailing your reservation to peace@explorepeace.org so we can provide directions. Friends are welcome.

Our next Peace Public House: Sunday, March 15 5:30 PM

Peace Public House will be hosting Dave and Terri Beck Engel who will be sharing information on the River Market—a large food pantry on the North side of Madison that is doing amazing work in the Madison community. Dave serves on the Board of Directors and Terri serves on a planning committee. On the River Market website, there is a summary of their purpose, "Serving Dane County since 2006, The River Food Pantry provides food, resources and faith to build a stronger community. Services include free groceries, meals and clothing, as well as free mobile lunches for children and teens on non-school days. As the area's busiest food pantry, The River serves over 1,000 households every week in pursuit of its vision: a fully nourished community." Our friends, Terri and Dave are ELCA Lutherans with a passion for hunger justice throughout our community. Come learn what is being done in the Dane County area to feed our hungry neighbors.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or email peace@explorepeace.org



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COFFEE & CHOCOLATE @ 9:00 AM

Join Pastor Doug for Bible Study with coffee & treats on Thursdays at 9:00 AM at Peace. We will continue exploring Biblical texts that impact ordinary living. Join us! Please contact Pastor Doug with questions at 849.7322 or doug.locken@explorepeace.org.

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COMMON TABLE CAFÉ

5:00-6:15 PM on Wednesdays through April

Fellowship Hall

Whether you worship Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays, the Common Table Café on Wednesday evenings is a great place to experience a mid week break. Featuring a salad bar, a fussy eatery bar, main entrée, and dessert bar, there are options for everyone. Join in conversations about life, faith, and hope during dinner with community. All are welcome.

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HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Join us Monday mornings from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM at M&M's Coffeehouse in Waunakee for breakfast, coffee, and a chance to connect before the school day begins. Come and hang out with Melissa, bring your friends, and gather together over food and coffee! Hope to see you there! (No Breakfast Club on March 16 and April 13.)



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YOUTH RETREAT WITH JOE DAVIS!

On March 7th and 8th, Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join for a weekend of hot-topic discussion and activity with contemporary artist/theologian, Joe Davis! Through workshops, deep discussion, and interactive activities, Joe will lead us through a fun-filled, energetic weekend of faith-building and time with peers! This is the Spring Confirmation Retreat for **Route 56, Route 78 & Adventure 910** and confirmation students are strongly encouraged/expected to participate.

March 7, Saturday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM at Peace Church

March 8, Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM–11:30 AM open forum for everyone



It's CAMP PEACE!

An Olympic Week!

August 3 – 7, Monday – Friday

Kids: Entering K thru completed grade 6

Cost: \$195/child (scholarships available) Sign up TODAY!



YES! SUMMER MISSION TRIP!

All students who've just completed grades 8 -12, mark your calendars for **July 13th – 19th** for a service-filled trip to Denver, Colorado! This is a great way to do important things in the world while having a ton of fun with peers! Cost is \$485. Cost includes transportation, food, and lodging for the week. Scholarship assistance is available. Sign up in the Narthex. Friends are welcome!

!! NEWSFLASH !! Would you rather FLY to Denver!? We've compared numbers and found that it is more cost-effective to FLY up to 27 participants! *So... sign up by March 8th* with your nonrefundable down payment of \$85 to determine how we'll travel! Contact Melissa for more info.... Melissa.hathaway@explorepeace.org



"Brunch Bunch" is an LGBTQ+ youth support group that will meet on the first Sunday of every month beginning on March 1st, 2020! This is an all-inclusive group for any and all youth who may identify as LGBTQ+ or anyone willing to support their friends or family.

**Let's meet THIS Sunday, March 1st
10:30am at MNM's, Waunakee!**



MUSICAL DRAMA CAMP!

'Spend Awhile on the Nile'

July 6 – 10 9AM – 4PM

(completed in spring) Gr. K thru 8th

Cost: \$65/child (scholarships available)

Ahoy, matees! Sign up TODAY!

Easter is Sunday, April 12 - EASTER FLOWERS!

We are offering Easter lilies, daffodils, azaleas (pink, purple, white), hydrangeas (pink, blue), tulips (red, yellow, pink), hyacinths (blue, pink), daisy mums (yellow, white, lavender) to grace our chancel area during the Easter season.

If you would like to order in memory or honor of someone or some event, please check the appropriate flowers you wish to provide as well as enclosing your payment. These beautiful flowers will be ordered from Klein's Floral and Greenhouses in Madison.

Please return your order form *and* payment to the church office *no later than* **THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1.**

_____ Azaleas (white) \$33.00	_____ Tulips (pink) \$16.00	_____ Hyacinths (blue) \$16.00
_____ Azaleas (pink) \$33.00	_____ Daisy mum (white) \$18.00	_____ Hyacinths (pink) \$16.00
_____ Azaleas (purple) \$33.00	_____ Daisy mum (lavender) \$18.00	_____ Easter Lily (white) \$16.00
_____ Tulips (red) \$16.00	_____ Daisy mum (yellow) \$18.00	
_____ Tulips (yellow) \$16.00	_____ Daffodils \$17.00	

YOUR NAME: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

IN HONOR OR CELEBRATION OF: _____ PERSONS / EVENT: _____



Please make your check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.
When picking up your flowers after Easter, please check off your name on the list in the church office, verifying that you have received what you have ordered.
Thank you.





Everyone's invited to attend the Peace Church Variety Show & Silent Auction!

Variety Show - Sunday, May 3 3:00pm

"Where in the World is ..."

It's ALL about LOCATION!

Cities, towns, streets, places all around the world ... or in your own backyard! That's the theme for this year's Variety Show!

If you would like to participate in the show, just take a *song-suggestion sheet* that's 'located' on the bulletin board. Select one of those songs ... you can sing it, dance to it, play it on the piano or any other instrument you choose. Sign up TODAY! 'Where in *THE WORLD* is the Variety Show Poster?' you ask. It's in the narthex.

Any questions about the Variety Show? Just talk with Jan Rutkowski, Variety Show Organizer.



Sweet Treats, Too!



How about preparing one of your 'world-famous' desserts for the Silent Auction?! (bars, cookies, brownies, cupcakes) There's a signup sheet for that, too! (How *sweet* is that?!)

... And the Silent Auction After the Variety Show on May 3

Where in the World is YOUR Basket for the Silent Auction?

Sign up today to be a part of the Silent Auction by creating a themed basket for donation. We need baskets of all sizes and shapes, filled with wonderful items donated from you, your family, your business,

your group of friends, your KiX class, even Joyful Noise singers! Your basket / container donation/ creation could range from \$5 to \$50 to \$500 ... large or small or anywhere in between! No matter the amount, we appreciate your themed basket donation! Consider donating a certificate of 'a service' (for example: an evening of babysitting, an hour of plumbing, two hours of computer-clean up, lawn moving for a week while a family is on vacation).

Sign up today (on the narthex bulletin board ... where else?!) Your completed 'basket' donation creation must be delivered here to Peace **BY Wednesday, April 15.**

If you have any questions regarding the Silent Auction, please talk with Maggie Ziegler, Silent Auction Coordinator.

Being a part of the Silent Auction is so much fun! It really is!



Fundraising Efforts this year:

Padded chairs (to replace mauve padded chairs, used in Fellowship Hall for all sorts of Peace events)



And ... YES!

There will be a Concession Stand!

Before the Variety Show begins, before the lights dim, pick up some freshly popped popcorn, candies, and some H2O from the Concession Stand in the narthex (soon-to-be variety show lobby).

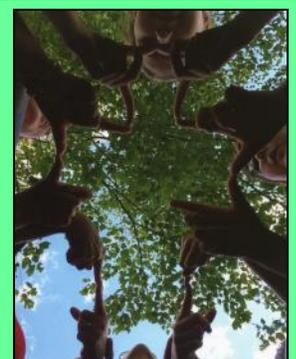
A big-buttery THANKS to the Salzwedel family for graciously hosting 'THEE Concession-Stand'! Yummmmm.



Want to become a member of the Peace Community?

If you are not yet a member of Peace, you are invited to join the Peace Lutheran Church community of faith. Becoming a member of Peace Lutheran Church is easy—filling out a form that provides the usual information—name, address, etc. and chatting with one of our pastors. The benefits include being part of an energized, dynamic, grace-infused growing community of people who care about the world and the promises Christ has given to all people. Together we are boundless in creating positive change in the world.

Join us and help Peace become stronger and even better equipped to do more! Questions? Talk to Pastor Doug, email him at doug.locken@explorepeace.org or give him a call at 608.849.7322.



In Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people of Peace ... Vivienne Kepner; Phil Emberson; Anna Bentley; Monique Larson-Hicks; Penny Jacobsen; Tom Paulson; Norma Dibbert; Ann Johnson; Jim Bean; Jerry Paffenroth; Dave Ohlrogge; Don Thompson; Mary Strang; Gladys Raab; TJ Valentine; Jaelyn Hicks.

Please pray for the following people ... Nico (Monique Mobley's nephew); Mary Jane Niles (Paulette Emberson's sister); Carol Kifer (friend of Paulette Emberson's); Samantha Zimmermann (April Pache's sister-in-law); Mar-yann Spahn (next door neighbor to Peace and friend of Jim & Linda Marty Schmitz); Judy Nelson (friend of Sandra Hartwig and charter member of Peace); Irene Pavelec (Goldie Pavelec's sister-in-law); Christine Chisholm (friend of Julie Block); Mary (Janice Ellefson's sister); Barry Larson (Craig Larson's brother); Lynn Schreiber (Julie Schnell's mom); David Ziebell (Jan Rutkowski's brother); Don Thomas (Kathy Jacobson's brother-in-law); Zona Roewer (John Roewer's mom); Joe & Gwynn Bakkensen (Joni Juergens' parents); Karen Parman (Megan Salzwedel's mom); Rachel Darefsky (Erica Smith's sister-in-law); Maddie (a third grade friend and student of Sarah Schiro).

Pray for Don and Kathleen Gordon with the death of Kathleen's sister Jeanette Richard; for Scott and Monique Mobley with the death of Jean Mobley, Scott's mom; for the Arneson family with the death of Janet (Shawn Arneson's mom); for Duaine Trager and the McWilliams family with the death of Dorothy (wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother); for Doris Warren-Koch with the death of her brother Stanley Batker; for Joe and Heather Olson and family with the death of Joe's mom, Kari Rowley; for the Ceder and Betz families with the death of Bob Lee (dad and grandpa); for Flo Pollock with the death of her granddaughter Sara Pollock.

Pray for Mike Petersen, Robert Jacobson, Hope Scott, and Michael Hanson, and all those serving in the armed forces; for police, EMS, and firefighters; those living in war zones and the Middle East.

Pray for those who reside in care facilities: Ellen Appledorn (Cambridge); Mae Smith (Colorado Springs, Colorado).

A friendly reminder

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer call to let us know if a member is hospitalized. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church office (608-849-7322) to let us know! Thank you.



Hospitality Opportunities

Altar Flowers
Outreach Support
Scholarships

The 2020 sign-up sheets are on the narthex bulletin board... select a Sunday to make coffee and / or provide treats for any summer Sunday morning ... or give Altar Flowers (\$45, ordered from Klein's Floral and Greenhouses) ... or give \$25 for Outreach ... or support the Preschool and Summer Ministries Scholarships (\$35/week). Thank you.

Check out our Peace Lutheran Church website ... www.peaceinwaunakee.org ... to know more about our church and everything that's happening here! You can help with the church's expense of paper, ink and postage by doing this! Just let Jan in the office know that you would like a reminder email that the current *Bits & Peaces* in on the website. Email Jan at: peace@explorepeace.org We'd like to save where we can. And this would be so easy!



A Message From the Finance Office...

Electronic Giving ~ Peace offers convenient electronic giving options that can help you make donations on a one-time or recurring basis using a saving/checking account or credit card. Electronic giving can be set up from the [Giving Page of the Peace Website](#), using the Give+ Mobile App from your smartphone or by stopping in the church office to fill out an Electronic Giving form.



Giving Envelopes ~ We have boxes of 2020 giving envelopes available in the office for those interested. If you requested and received them in 2019, we've automatically put a 2020 box in your church mailbox. For those who have not previously used them, but would like to, please stop in the church office to pick up your box.

Donation Statements ~ 2019 donation statements has been emailed, mailed or put in your church mailbox by mid-January, 2020. If you do not receive one, please call the church.

Questions can be directed to Carrie Miller at 849-7322 or carrie.miller@explorepeace.org.

Thank you for your support of Peace Lutheran Church and its Ministries!

Peace Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Tuesday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday 8:00 AM – Noon



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday morning, March 8 2:00am

Before you go to bed on Saturday night (March 7), set your clocks ahead one hour. Yes, you lose an hour of sleep but you gain so much more daylight!



Worship

5:00pm Saturday Evening Worship
9:00am Sunday Morning Worship (Nursery is fully staffed on Sunday mornings)
6:15pm Wednesday Evening Worship (October 2019 - April 2020)

Church Staff, Council, Church Officers

Karen Locken, Lead Pastor	Sandra Briesath, Preschool Director
Doug Locken, Pastor	Jerry Johnson, Peace Choir Director
Tom Kreis, Pastoral Intern	Kari Heldmann, Joyful Noise Director
Melissa Hathaway, Director of Youth and Family Ministries	Shannon Conners, KiX Coordinator
Jan Rutkowski, Office Supervisor and Radical Ringers hand bell Director	Denise Blume, Assistant Treasurer
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Sherry Johnson, Molly Petroff, Penny Jacobsen: Pianists/Organist	

Council members and Church Officers: Kevin Arvold (President), Nick Morrison (Vice President), Mike Lussenden (Secretary), Joanna Wangerin (Treasurer), Shana Bakken-Gillen, Paulette Emberson, Gina Hecht, Cindy Kanak, Anne Reynolds, Nick Rifelj, Tim van Deelen

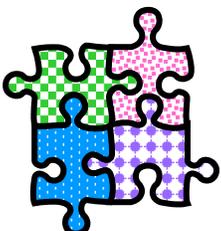
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We now offer electronic giving! Please consider automating your regular giving with our electronic giving program. Peace relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers a simple and easy way to give on a recurring basis or to give one time gifts. We can accept debit or credit cards, as well as automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account. Scan the code or visit www.peaceinwaunakee.org and click on "Support" to set up electronic giving today!



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