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Living Water Flows Freely from Christ's Gifts

By Pastor Chris

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One of the best lines from all of literature comes from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, a story of a sea voyage gone horribly (and supernaturally) awry. Imagine being lost at sea, surrounded by nothing but ocean. But worse yet, the vast amounts of water that stretch as far as the eye can see cannot provide any benefit.

"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink."

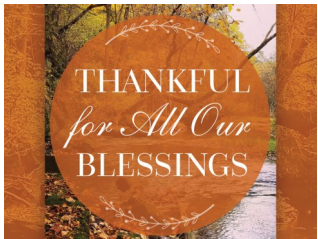
It's not a completely congruent comparison, but people are lost right where we live. Surrounded by churches in our community, many fail to see any benefit from them.

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highlighting important events in our 40 years; a photo display of our church family through the years; celebration activities in the church services; and cupcakes and refreshments will be served between the worship services.

Beautiful Savior's 40 anniversary congregational celebration will be held at 9:15 a.m. between services on Sunday, Oct. 16. The celebration will include recognition of the charter members of the congregation; a timeline display



BSLC Stand Against Homelessness Oct. 8-9

Join our congregation's fight against homelessness in the F-M area by bringing canned goods throughout October to fill the shelves of the Dorothy Day food pantry. Items needed include boxed cereal and canned goods, especially canned fruit and canned vegetables.

All members of the congregation also are invited to experience what it is like to be homeless for a day. Participants are asked to sleep outside in a cardboard box, fast for 24 hours and learn more about the problem of homelessness in the community and the resources available to assist those in need.

The event starts at noon on Saturday, Oct. 8, and concludes at noon Sunday, Oct. 9. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex or on the church website.



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Although salty ocean water cannot provide any life-saving relief, the means of grace, commanded and given by Christ to His church, give the recipient life to the full. Through water and the word in Holy Baptism, God unites the baptized to Jesus and, through the Holy Spirit, brings a flowing river of God-given faith at work as a gift (Acts 2:38). Through the Scriptures, God accomplishes His purpose, drowning the Old Adam and raising the new man to life: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth," (Isaiah 55:10-11a).

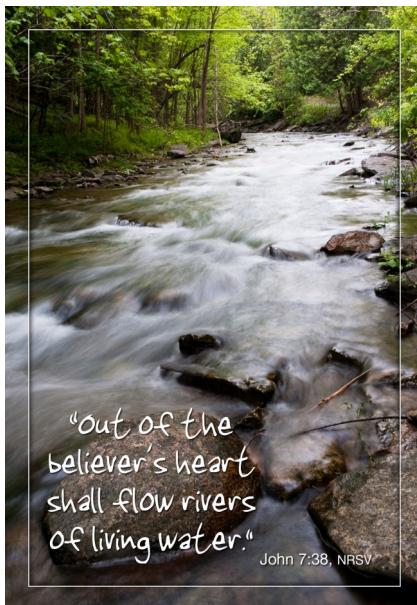
Many professed Christians no longer see the necessity for receiving the means of grace. They remain comfortable in their sin, ignoring God's will and command to fear, love and trust in God above all things. They forget to pray, praise and give thanks. They despise the Word of God instead of gladly hearing it and learning it. They fail to listen to the Word made flesh, our Lord Jesus Christ.

God sends His Son not only as a past event but as an ongoing gift. Christ calls us to come to Him to receive His Word and sacrament regularly. Jesus has promised to come to us, abide with us and bless us in this way. (Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:23).

"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink?" Hardly.

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink," Jesus says.

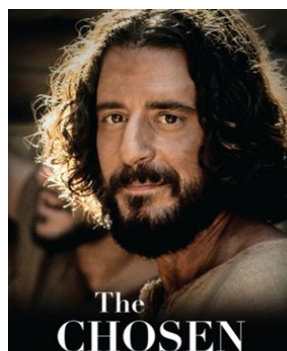
"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water,'" (John 7:37b-38).



Pastor Chris

Chosen Family Bible Study begins Oct. 16

See the Bible come to life through "The Chosen" video series. We will be watching one episode each week followed by a brief discussion. Popcorn will be provided. We will begin the series at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, in the fellowship hall. Bring family and friends for a night of fellowship and faith.



Upcoming Bible Studies

9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study: "Love and Life for All" -

Our society often devalues God's gift of life, diminishing the personhood and dignity of those considered undesirable or an inconvenience. This includes - but is not limited to - the unborn, the severely handicapped, the infirm, the helpless and the aged. How can the church welcome, protect and love those whom society would rather discard? In the coming weeks, Sunday morning Bible's study will be "Love and Life for All." It will consider God's precious gift of life, Christ's redeeming sacrifice to bring all eternal life and our role in sharing God's love with and defending those whom society would rather forget.

7 p.m. Tuesday night Bible study: "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" -

This tour of the book of Jeremiah shows us how to find comfort amid life's grief and heartbreaks by pointing us to Jeremiah's reliance on God and ultimately pointing us to Jesus, the real "man of sorrows" and the One in whom all hope and joy are found. This study is offered in person and via Zoom. You may enter the meeting manually: Meeting ID: 878 698 0623; Passcode: 497670

9 a.m. Thursday Women's Bible study:

We invite you to grab a cup of your favorite warm beverage and join us in "Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by Deb Burma. This study will give a way of taking familiar coffee-shop imagery, connecting it to our daily lives and pouring in the rich aroma and flavor of God's Word.

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13: Married Couple Bible Study -

We will be taking a look at what God's Word has to say about marriage and why it is still so relevant today!

7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24: Men's Bible Study -

Enjoy fellowship with other men from our church and learn what the Bible says about the vocation God has given us.

October is Prayer and Pastor Appreciation Month

We would like to pray for our pastors every day in October. Please sign up for a day to uphold our pastors in prayer. You may send them a note or card expressing your thanks for all they do and let them know that you are praying for them; you could include a small gift card to a restaurant, grocery store or even Scheels. You can sign up by calling the church office or by using the link to the sign-up genius on the church website.



LWML Fall Salad Luncheon

The Beautiful Savior LWML will host a fall salad luncheon at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. It will start with a silent auction, entertainment and a short presentation by Hope, Inc. This will be followed by a lunch with tea and a special donation to Hope, Inc. If you are interested in attending or hosting a table, you can sign up in the narthex. If you are able to donate a silent auction item, contact Kim in the church office.

LWML Sunday is Oct. 2

Help celebrate LWML Sunday and wear purple! The mite box will be out at both services on LWML Sunday. Please support mission grants by dropping change, cash or checks into the box. There will be special treats between services in the fellowship hall.



Baptisms

September 25: Charlotte Jean Maas, daughter of Nolan Maas and Megan Marcks, born June 21, 2022. Her sponsors are Brianna Peterson and Katelynn Mastin.



Trunk or Treat Oct. 26

Can't wait to dress up and get some candy? Beautiful Savior will be hosting its annual Trunk or Treat from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Pre-school to fifth-graders, can come show off your costume, grab some treats and play games in a fun, safe environment. Sixth- through twelfth-graders can decorate a car and hand out candy from your trunk. Adults can help with games, crafts, treats, or decorate a car and pass out candy too. Contact Pastor Brian for more details!



New Member Class Begins Oct. 17

We invite all new members and potential members to participate in our Discovery Class, which reviews the basic, but essential, teachings of the Bible. This class will be held at 6 p.m. Mondays beginning Oct. 17 for 6-8 weeks. Those who have been members and would like a brief review are also welcome to attend!

Retirement Open House for Vicki Peihl Oct. 27

Help us bid a fond farewell to Vicki as she has decided to retire after 15 years of service working for the district office and Beautiful Savior. Join us from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. Cupcakes and refreshments will be served.



Beautiful Savior Celebrates 40 Years *The tenth in a series on the history of BSLC*

Beautiful Savior fun facts:

- The first service on Jan.10,1982 was held in a blizzard.
- Women were not allowed to vote at BSLC until 1992.
- Jane Thielman's father, Gene, was a Laborer for Christ that helped build Beautiful Savior.
- The stained glass windows were designed by David Hetland, (Concordia Christmas concert background designer) and inspired by the hymn *Beautiful Savior*.
- Liturgical dancers, which included Rochelle (Schroeder) Rieck performed at the dedication service of the new sanctuary.
- Rick Krause won a contest in 1999 changing the newsletter name to *Reflections*. In 2011, it was changed to the current name *Enlighten*.

BSLC Treasurer's Report General Operating Fund

<u>Oper. Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Contributions	36,075	253,059
Expense	31,471	266,297
Surplus/(Shortfall)	4,604	(13,238)

Clubs and Service Groups



Service Group - Our captains will call asking for treats or help with events. Thanks for your help.

October: T-Z vacant

November: A with captain Andrea Olson

Fellowship Captain Needed - We are in need of a fellowship captain beginning in the month of October. Prayerfully consider if you could step up and be a captain. Our captains contact members to line up treats for Sundays and to set up or clean up for special services. A captain is responsible for a month at a time. E-mail Mary Seiffert at mseiffert@midco.net if interested.

Elders - Our elders greet members and visitors, help the pastors with any needs and see that all goes well at worship service. If you have any concerns for our church, please talk to head elder Adam Tykwinski or any of the other elders.

Quilting and Fellowship - We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Join us from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13 and 27. Feel free to come and go as you are able. We will resume potluck lunches. If you have any questions, call Donna Ceroll at 232-2464.

Gold Club - Join us for some potluck food, faith and fellowship. Our next get-together will be at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Bring a dish to share. Gold Club is for everyone!

Evangelism/Stewardship - The Beautiful Savior Evangelism and Stewardship committees will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, at Perkins. Any member of Beautiful Savior is invited to attend. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, Oct. 14. You may also email Tim at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com.

Beautiful Garden Group - The harvest is in full swing. Come on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. or Saturdays at 8 a.m. to help pick. If you would like to make a donation to help fund the water bill and seeds, please mark "garden" on an envelope, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.



Call the church office or e-mail Tim Deitemeyer at tim.deitemeyer@hotmail.com to be added to the communication list. See you at the garden!

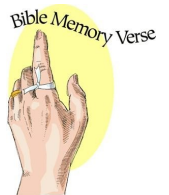
BSLC Coffee Club - BSLC members, men and women of any age, are invited to gather at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings at Randy's, 2130 University Drive S., Fargo.

LWML - We will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. All women are welcome!

Fall Rally "Pray Date: The ACTS of prayer, Thess. 5:16-18 Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication": Saturday, Oct. 8, at Trinity Lutheran in Hope. Registration is from 8:45-9:15 a.m. and lunch is included.

Memory Verse Challenge

Psalms 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse each week.



Oct. 2: 1 Chronicles 16:25-26 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Oct. 9: James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Oct. 16: 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

Oct. 23: Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Oct. 30: Genesis 15:6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Chains

By Pastor Brian

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!” (2 Timothy 2:8-9).

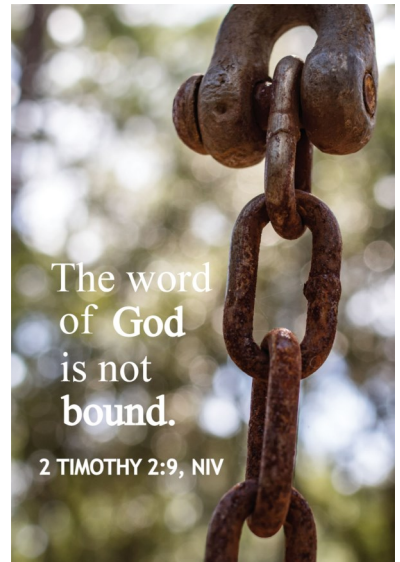
There Paul sat. He was in a dungeon in Rome. His execution was near. And as he wrote his last letter, he also had to deal with something we don’t always consider. He had to deal with the reality of wearing a chain.

In the first century, chains for prisoners were made of rough iron. They weighed an average of 15 pounds. How the authorities placed the chain on you could vary. They might place your chain on one of your legs or both of your legs, on one of your wrists or both of your wrists. Or they might decide to place it around your neck. They might chain you to another prisoner, or they might chain you to all the other prisoners who are there. The chain you wore could be painful. The rough iron would easily rust from your perspiration. The sheer weight of your chain could be debilitating. The noisy creaking of your chain would be constant.

In the darkness of that dungeon, therefore, Paul understood the limitations he faced as a Christian proclaimer of the gospel. All he had to do was see and feel and hear the chain on his body. But he knew something else. He also knew that God’s Word was not chained or bound.

As we walk through this life, the Lord calls upon us to share the gospel with others. As we work to do that, however, you and I are painfully aware of our limitations. We know how lazy we can get. We know how fearful we can be. And no one has to tell us how often our sinful behavior has threatened to drown out the very message the Lord wants to proclaim through us.

The chains of our sinful limitations can be many. But God’s Word is not chained. The Good News of forgiveness through faith alone in Jesus has a power and a vigor all its own. It is the gospel that pierces stone-cold hearts. It is the gospel that makes alive. It is the gospel that changes destinies one soul at a time. With that in mind, Paul continued to share the unchained gospel. You and I can too.



Orphan Grain Train Ukrainian Relief Update

Recently the Norfolk warehouse volunteers loaded two air-cargo shipments making it six total air shipments to assist Ukrainian families. One is on its way to Ternopil to “Charitable Foundation Light of Reformations” where Smolin Ministries will share the aid and food with many families in desperate need. The other one is on its way to Moldova to assist impoverished families along with Ukrainian refugees.

The four air-cargo shipments that have been delivered consist of: two air shipments distributed in Ukraine and one each in Romania and Moldova. OGT has a shipping container on its way to Moldova filled with aid and food to assist Ukrainian refugees. We will continue to ship aid and food for these families living in this humanitarian crisis as long as funds are available. If you would like to give online at our secured website, please click the link. As little as \$25 can help deliver food and aid to these hurting families that have lost everything. <https://orphangraintrain-bloom.kindful.com/?campaign=1184597>
Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



Coming in November...

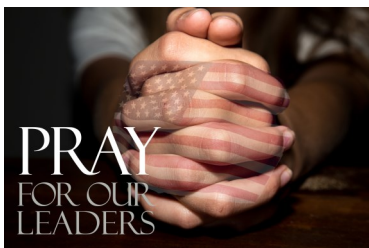
We plan to compile a new pictorial directory in celebration of BSLC’s 40th anniversary. Photos taken in November will be available in time for Christmas cards. More information to come soon.

BSLC Seminary Student’s Address

BSLC’s “adopted” seminary student’s address is:
Vicar Andrew Frerichs, c/o The Lutheran Church at
Vestavia Hills, 201 Montgomery Hwy., Vestavia Hills,
AL 35216-1801.

"Main Street Living North" TV Program News

Election day will soon be here. Because God has established civil government for the good of our fallen world (see Romans 13), it is very important that we as Christians actively participate in the structure of government under which we live. We are therefore to work for laws and elect civil representatives that will best represent God's revealed will and the good of our neighbor. Although there are hundreds of issues to consider, let us remember that a person needs to be alive in order to enjoy any of the benefits of civil government's laws and provisions. Therefore, the sanctity of human life naturally rises to the top of issues – both from a biblical view, and as declared in the Declaration of Independence, which rightly lists "life" first among the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator! We therefore have a high responsibility to know the positions held by the various candidates for civil government before we vote. Let us do our homework carefully.



Your financial support, checks may be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 Fifth Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by credit card or your PayPal account on the website. Thank you.

October pastors and sermons are as follows:

Oct. 2: Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message: "Increase Our Faith" based on Luke 17:1-10. *This Is The Life:* "The Sound of Closing Doors."

Oct. 9: Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, presents the message: "Word Unbound, Life Unbroken" based on 2 Timothy 2:1-13. *This Is The Life:* "Tina."

Oct. 16: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message: "God Listens to You" based on Luke 18:1-8. *This Is The Life:* "Look to the Mountain."

Oct. 23: Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, presents the message: TBA based on Luke 18:9-17. *This Is The Life:* "Home Free."

Oct. 30: Rev. Mark Moss, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, presents a Reformation message: "Hang in there, baby!" based on John 8:31-36. *This Is The Life:* "The Sexton."

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Information



OCC Packing Party: 9:30 a.m. until done, Sunday, Nov. 20.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your whole family or even a friend!

- FREE potato bar lunch from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. provided through a Thrivent Action Team Grant. A free will donation will help support our OCC efforts.
- Follow Your Box labels will be available for purchase for \$10 each. Find out what country your box goes to!

Did you recently buy shoes? Bring us your empty shoeboxes. Our goal is to pack 200 boxes again this year!

WOW Toys Needed For OCC: Shoebox gifts should include plenty of fun! WOW toys and small toys of all kinds that will put a smile on a child's face are needed. Other needed items: washcloths, bar soap, toothbrushes, combs/hair brushes, socks, shirts or other clothes. New only - we cannot send used items. Check out our Amazon Wishlist for other ideas. A list of gift ideas and Do Not Include list is available on the church website or on the donation box in the narthex.



Volunteers needed for OCC Packing Party!

- Set up on Nov. 19: Adults and teens to set up tables, sort and arrange items and decorate.
- Party help on Nov. 20: Adults and older teens to work the sign-in table, take photos, check boxes, and more.

Check out the Signup Genius link for more details and to sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F45A4AA229-occpacking1>

Want to Support OCC Shipping? Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to make a donation. Your donation will go directly to Samaritan's Purse to support OCC. Our BSLC Fargo Team Page goal is \$2,000, which will cover shipping for 200 boxes.



Email Jennifer at: rjnkrause@yahoo.com with any questions.



Grace Lutheran School News

A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction: 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Sanctuary Events Center. This year's program theme is "Rooted to Grow," based on Colossians 2:6-7, and will highlight Grace's roots and shoots. The silent auction will be open several days before the live event. Ticket holders will be treated to appetizers, social hour, dinner, a program and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$45 and will be available on our website in October.

Donations are now being accepted for the Celebration of Grace. If you have unused gift cards or other items, a special experience or handmade goods you would like to donate, please contact Amy at ahirsch@gracels.com or call 701-232-7747.

Lutheran Education Association Conference in Green Bay, WI. On Oct. 6 and 7, our teachers and principal will be attending the conference. Please pray for their safe travel, that the conference is a blessing and that their relationships will grow with each other and with other Lutheran educators.

CrossTraining

CrossTraining is for children in first through fifth grade. We will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. CrossTraining involves food (spiritual and physical), fun and fellowship. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.



Crossfire Youth Praise Band

Crossfire is for any student in third through twelfth grade who loves to sing and/or play an instrument. Call Ramsey Dahl at 866-5403 with questions. Crossfire will lead the 8:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 30. We will also practice from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and Saturday, Oct. 29.

Bibles for Third-graders

If you were not able to attend Rally Sunday and have not received your Bible, please stop in the office and pick it up.

October Youth Events

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Join us for fun and fellowship!

Wednesday, Oct. 5 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 - from 7:30-9 p.m. - LYF for grades 6-12.

Saturday, Oct. 8 to Sunday, Oct. 9: BSLC Stand Against Homelessness - All

youth and their families are invited to participate in BSLC's Stand Against Homelessness. Participants are asked to sleep outside in a makeshift cardboard shelter, fast for 24 hours, participate in service projects and learn more about the problem of homelessness in the community and the resources available. The event lasts from noon on Saturday until noon on Sunday. Registration forms are available in the narthex or on the church website. For more information, please see Pastor Brian.

Zone LYF Bonfire and Hayride - All youth grades 6-12 and friends are invited from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN. There is no cost for this event. Please bring your own camping chair and a snack to share. S'mores and beverages will be provided. The registration form is available on the church website or in the narthex.

Thursday, Oct. 20, through Saturday, Oct. 22: District Jr. High Gathering - Join middle school students from across the state for the district junior high youth gathering in Bismarck. This gathering is geared to students in grades 6-12. Those in grade nine and up are invited (and encouraged) to serve as teen counselors. Registration forms will be available in the narthex or on the church website. For more information, please see Pastor Brian.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat - All kids from the congregation and their families are invited to come to church from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, for Beautiful Savior's Trunk or Treat. For those in preschool through fifth grade, come show off your costume and grab some treats in a fun, safe environment. For those in sixth grade through twelfth grade, we need you to sponsor a car where you will hand out candy from your trunk. Join us for this fun event!



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Pastor Chris and Pastor Brian are also available by appointment.

Worship Schedule:

Sunday at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. in-person & via YouTube

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. Pastors are also available by appointment Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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