

Lifeline

Growing together in faith,
centered in Christ,
serving God's world with love.

January 25, 2018

"As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."
Mark 1:16-18

Immediacy is a key theme of the Gospel of Mark, our main Gospel reading for Sundays this year. The word *immediately*, "euthus" in the Greek, appears six times right in the first chapter of Mark and a total of 40 times in the entire Gospel. The word means right now, straight away, without hesitation, making use of the opportune moment to take action. As you read it -- and it's worth reading this short book in one sitting -- there is this sense of urgency regarding the mission of Jesus and his disciples.

That is how I have experienced our life and ministry at Lord of Life this past year -- one thing happening immediately after another. And through it all, I have been impressed with how well you as a congregation have handled the immediate situations we have faced.

Highlights include:

We said goodbye to Interim Associate Pastor John Hirling and welcomed Pastor David, Amanda and Sophia into our fellowship. We handled mold remediation and welcomed several 12-step groups (AA, Al-Anon, etc) who moved from Trinity across the pond as a result of their construction plans. We built a new Welcome Center, fixed the source of a major leak in the narthex, and then along came Hurricane Harvey! Lord of Life staff and leaders mobilized over 1,000 volunteers to muck out houses, feed volunteers with whatever food came in the doors, and develop an Interfaith Clothing and Cleaning Supply Distribution Center here in our building, which was already in a great deal of disarray due to our remediation and construction projects! That help continues still through your generous gifts to the Pastor's Discretionary fund -- close to \$40,000 to date. We celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

New changes are on the horizon in 2018: In worship life, look for some changes. Beginning April 23, I will be starting a sabbatical, authorized for Lord of Life pastors every 5 years of ministry. During that time, please offer yourself to volunteer for various areas more readily than you do now -- Pastor David and the rest of the staff will need help to fulfill the ministry needs of this growing congregation while I am away.

Thank you to the Lord of Life Staff, Church Council, and other and leaders of Lord of Life. You have led well in all the immediacies of this past year. May we continue to sense the urgency of proclaiming and acting out, locally and globally, the urgent message at the heart of Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel of Mark:
The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God has come near -- Repent, and believe the good news! Mark 1:15

**For complete details, please read Lord of Life's
Annual report and join us at the**

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Gary

Annual Meeting
**Sunday, January 28 in the
Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm**





Ahn Jorgensen (office volunteer) and her husband Jens celebrate Epiphany at the staff Christmas party.



Welcoming Ministry

For those of you who enjoy talking with people, helping folks with information, and just plain love being welcoming; the Welcome Center Desk is the place for you. It is the hub of what is happening! Volunteers work only once a month or less and there are three different shifts so you can choose what works best with your schedule. Training is provided. Contact Cindy Maxwell, Connecting Ministries Coordinator at 2813647.7016 or email at cmaxwell@lordoflifeonline.org

9:50 Worship Assistant Coordinator

Many thanks to Connie Kaylor for her coordinating of our Assisting Ministers and Communion Assistants for 9:50 worship. Connie is stepping back, and we are looking for someone who would like to coordinate these positions. We also need more people who would like to assist in worship. Training is available. Contact Tammy Fincher at 281-367-7016 or tfischer@lordoflifeonline.org

Drama Talent needed!

For Maundy Thursday this year, we are planning a Living Last Supper. We need 13 males for the apostles and Jesus and at least 6 females for disciples and serving. If you sew, help us make costumes. If you are good with make-up or set design or any number of theater and/or artistic talents, we need you. Contact Tammy Fincher at 281-367-7016 or tfischer@lordoflifeonline.org

Share good food and great fellowship at LOLA's Diner

LOLA's Diner is a small dinner group consisting of 6 people (three couples) who meet monthly for a meal. By rotating hosting responsibilities, everyone has a chance to invite others into their homes for dinner.

You don't have to be a gourmet to join us! Good old-fashioned home cooking does the trick; from BBQ and beer to healthy salads and wine, whatever you wish to serve. There are any number of creative ways to fulfill this fellowship ministry ~ it is up to you and your group.

At the end of the 4-month session, tables are reformed and you start over with new table mates.



TWO WAYS TO SIGN UP: Plan on stopping by the LOLA's display at the Welcome Center in the old-fashioned manner or better yet, via email anytime starting January 7th through February 11th by sending your names, email, and phone number to chopintx@gmail.com. Please call Chopin or Joan Kiang at (281) 259-5626 if you would like further information or to sign up. If you are new to Lord of Life, we will be more than happy to explain what it is all about.

If you are a member of Lord of Life and have never tried LOLA's, maybe this is the time. If you are or have already been involved with LOLA's we hope you will want to continue! Through this fellowship, you will meet more new lasting friends.



A Note from Pastor David

All this month we will be continuing our Witness to the Light worship series. I hope you are able to join us and I pray that the stories you hear help you see a few of the ways that God is still active in our world. When I step out of my routine and I pause to look for God, I am often amazed at the little, nearly indistinguishable, ways that God's light manages to break through even the darkest days.

There is a story that we used to tell when Amanda and I were camp counselors. I don't remember where it came from and so I apologize in advance for not giving credit to the appropriate author. But the story went something like this:

There was a woman who was a potter for her entire life. Every day she would sit down at her wheel and mold the clay into beautiful and unique pots. The children in the village would often come and watch her carefully crafting each pot letting the clay glide effortlessly through her hands. When most of the children had gone back to their homes, one little girl stayed behind. She stood silently as though she were transfixed by the spinning of the wheel. After several long, silent moments, the potter looked up and asked her, "What are you thinking about, dear child?"

The young girl didn't look away from the wheel but said in a quiet voice, "You make so many beautiful pots. Each day one is more incredible than the last. But with all these pots you still have a whole wall of old pots filled with cracks that just look ugly. I don't understand. Why don't you throw them away or fix them so that they can be beautiful again?"

The woman stopped the wheel and looked at the girl. Then she got up and walked to the wall of cracked pots. She pulled one off the very top shelf and handed it to the girl. "You say this pot is ugly. But in each crack, I see a



story. There are stories of love and loss, of pain and celebration." The potter then lit a small candle and set it down inside the pot. "And now, these cracks are what the light shine through. I could fix them, I could start over. But I don't want to lose the memories, even the painful ones. And I want the world to see the light through my cracks."

As we step into this new year, I want to encourage all of us not to hide the cracks in our own lives but to allow the light of Christ shine through them into the world.

This is the season of resolutions and new beginnings, so my challenge to each of you is this: do not try to hide your cracks. Do not try to repair them as though they never existed. Instead, share your stories, the places where your life has been cracked, with one another. There may be someone who needs to see the light through the very crack that you want to repair. Let your cracks be a window to the light.

Prayers For Peace

Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We pray for our own peace, peace for those we love, peace for our enemies and peace for all creation. If you cannot come to church, please take a moment to offer prayers for peace and well-being to all wherever you may be at 6:30 on Wednesdays. Sample Prayers [HERE](#). "Like" our Facebook page for reminders @ LordOfLifeLutheranChurchELCA.

DRAFT (Dads Refreshing and Fellowshiping Together)

Calling ALL DADS: Meet at 8pm at Goose's Acre on the Waterway 2nd Thursday every month. Join us for beer and fellowship. To receive their monthly email reminder, please contact David Bohmann at bohmannm@gmail.com



Worship & The Arts



Director of Worship and the Arts - Rev. Tamara Fincher tfincher@lordoflifeonline.org

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?” Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

Two are better than one ... that is true in life and so very true in a church. A church is not made up of one person or one group, it is not of one mindset or one generation or one of pretty much anything beyond our oneness in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. And it is a great and beautiful and wondrous thing that we are not just one person or one group. Our oneness is Christ gives shape and direction to our diversity of age and gender and race and ideas and gifts and talents and on and on.

It takes a church, a community, to worship more fully and experience God more completely. Our series “Witness to the Light” speaks to a few of the many ways in which some in our greater community have seen God and God’s work in our world. We can also “witness the light” in our own Lord Of Life home by looking at the faces of those with whom we worship, work, fellowship, laugh, sing, cry and play.

It takes a church and it takes all of us being church for LOL to worship together, to work in our community and to live up to our mission of growing, centering and serving and our vision of empowering and equipping. We don’t do

this work alone either. Not only do we partner with multiple ministries, Jesus tells us that where two or three are gathered together, He is right there in the middle of it all, lending us a hand, lifting us up, pointing the way – all those things we need to have a good reward for our work.

Maybe you don’t feel like you have found your spot in the life and work of Lord Of Life yet. Have heart and keep looking. Take courage and ask around. Many hands make light work. There is plenty to do here and lots of us to share in the doing. And if you look to your left or your right, you just might witness the light of Christ working beside you. *“And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.”* Ecclesiastes 4:12

Upcoming Worship – Witness to the Light

January 28 Lord of Life Healing Ministries – Bobby McGuire

Including prayer and anointing for healing

February 4 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services – Chopin Kiang

February 11 Transfiguration Sunday and Scout Sunday – recognition of all types of Boy Scouts. Wear your uniform.

February 14 Ash Wednesday

Lenten Worship: 7 Human Hungers and Heaven’s Food. Midweek Lenten worship using Holden Evening Prayer and examining the Lord’s Prayer line by line. Sunday morning worship focusing on God’s covenants and promises To assist with worship, contact Tammy Fincher, 281-367-7016 or tfincher@lordoflifeonline.org

Youth Instrumental Group will begin rehearsals in early February. If you play an instrument and would like to join the group, please contact Aaron Michaelson at amichaelson@conroeisd.net.



Want to contribute? We now have an App for that!

Download GivePlus Church for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Simply search for “GivePlus Church” to quickly find and download the app. You can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card and/or checking/savings account. Search for Lord of Life among the list of churches (be sure to pick the right one).

You can also choose to donate as a guest, use your existing online giving email and password, or set up a new account that allows you to securely and conveniently make a one time contribution, buy tickets to an event, or schedule recurring donations. You can still use existing online and text giving capabilities if you prefer. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS at Lord of Life



2018 Flower Chart

If you would like to provide Altar Flowers for 2018, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. The cost is \$53. All flowers must be paid for by the Sunday immediately prior to their placement on the altar. No flowers will be ordered without pre-payment. Questions? Contact Rick during office hours 281-367-7016

WHEN TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

The pastors and pastoral care team of Lord of Life are concerned with the lives of people. Unfortunately, the pastors are often times the last to know about major events in people’s lives. Whenever you need pastoral care...don’t hesitate to call, stop by or leave a note.

Please call: When there is a birth or death in your family • When someone close to you is ill or hospitalized • When someone in your family is going to college or joining the military • When you are experiencing marital problems • When someone has angered you • When you have a suggestion for the congregation • When you have a question about the Bible, Christianity, Lutheranism, or your faith • When life is troubling • When you or a loved one is struggling with alcohol or drug dependency • When you move to a new area • When you want to be remembered in prayer • When you just need to talk

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Congregational Life



Men's Group Field Trip

2nd Annual Bier and Bratwurst Field Trip Saturday Feb 10th - Dad's Group and Lord Of Life's Men's Group have planned a joint outing to King's Bierhaus in NW Houston. Meet at church @ 1pm, back by 6pm. All Lord Of Life men are invited. Contact David Bohmann (bohmannm@gmail.com) or see sign-up sheet outside Fellowship Hall.



Calling All SuperBowl Tailgaters

Join on us Sunday, Feb 4th for our Annual SouperBowl Tailgate Fundraiser, benefiting the Montgomery County Foodbank from 11am -1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Participating is as easy as:

1. Pick your favorite NFL team
2. Make your favorite tailgate dish
3. Let folks vote their favorite

Sign up today and start putting together your winning game-plan for the SouperBowl Tailgate Party. Contact Steve Dixen (dix11@sbcglobal.net) or David Bohmann (bohmannm@gmail.com) for details. Sign-up sheet located outside Fellowship Hall.

The Common Table - A social ministry for adults age 55+ in conjunction with Trinity Episcopal next door. Join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month for happy/social hours. Our next event will be a field trip to The National Museum of Funeral History. This is an educational experience like no other and offers something for everyone. Discover America's largest collection of authentic, historical funeral service items. Learn about caskets and coffins, hearses through history, plus the funerals of Presidents, Popes, celebrities and more while you witness the cultural heritage of the funeral service industry and its time-honored tradition of compassion.



We will meet at the Museum, 415 Barren Springs Drive, Houston 77090-5918 on February 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The tickets are \$9.00 for seniors. We will spend a couple of hours there, then go on to lunch at Eva's Mexican Restaurant, 16300 Kuykendahl Rd. #300, Houston 77068 for a no-host lunch. For more information please contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com.

Lord of Life Annual Valentine's Dinner
Lord of Life Sr. High Youth Group cordially invites you to the Lord of Life Annual Valentine's Dinner Saturday, Feb. 17th. Proceeds to benefit youth summer mission trip. Doors open at 6pm for appetizers in the Welcome Center. Dinner seating begins at 6:30. Singles, couples, groups of friends are all welcome. Dinner \$25 per person. BYO bottles of wine are welcomed. Wine service is provided. Valet parking provided. Child care available for \$10 per child (includes pizza & drinks).



Children's Ministries

As we welcome 2018, I can't help but reflect on 2017. It was an incredible year for Children's Faith Formation at Lord of Life. From the Easter Egg hunt, benefiting God's Global Barnyard to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration, our children are showing up! They are learning about the love and life of Jesus and they are showing that to others around them as well.

Thank you to all of our Lord of Life parents for bringing your kids to church. You are showing them that faith matters. You are allowing your children the opportunity to join together with other believers to praise, worship and learn about God. I believe that the time our children spend at church is important. I know they are building relationships with people that will have an impact on their spiritual journey and will allow them to grow in faith. Thank you for allowing the Lord of Life Children's Faith Formation team the opportunities to plant seeds of knowledge and shape the faith lives of your children. I look forward to continuing our mission in 2018! *Stacie Phillips*, Director of Children's Faith Formation



Kid's Night Out

Join us February 9, 6-9pm in the Lord of Life Fellowship Hall. All 5 year olds-4th grade children are invited to join us for a night where kids can relax, play and run in a safe environment. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be included for \$5 per child.

Family Camp at Luther Hill Feb. 23-25

Calling families of all shapes, sizes and ages! It's time to escape suburbia and go enjoy the great outdoors at Lutherhill Camp in LaGrange. \$85 for ages 13-adult, \$60 for kids ages 3-12 and children under 3 are free. Scholarships are available. REGISTRATION DUE 1/31/18.

Children's Sunday School

For ages 3 years through grade 6. Runs during the school year and meets Sundays at 9:50 **Age 3 through 4th grade: Rm 3 downstairs. Grades 5/6: Rm 26 upstairs**



SAVE THE DATE

Lutherhill Day Camp 2018 - For kids who have just completed kindergarten to rising 6th graders. June 25-29, 2018 9am-3pm Registration coming soon!

Vacation Bible School - For 3 year olds (as of 1-1-18 and potty trained) to rising 5th graders. July 23-27 9am-12:00 Registration coming soon!



Christmas Eve Worship 2017

Visit our web page at LOLonline.org/childrens-ministries/ for more information.

NEW COUNCIL NOMINEES

Come to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15pm. Items up for vote: 2018 budget, by-law changes, and new council members.

The following Council members have served their terms and will be retiring: Linda Davies, Rick Hopkinson, Ed Ross and Becky Skodack. Thank you for your faithful service! To see a complete list of council members, please visit our website LOLonline.org/member-resources/



BENJAMIN KESSLER

What appeals to you most about Lord of Life? The children's program is excellent. We're drawn to the open, welcoming atmosphere, and we value the friendships we've found among members of the congregation. We find meaning in the practical, accessible approach to teaching Christian philosophy as a foundation to everyday life (Faith-Full Parents group was outstanding). We appreciate the faithfulness to Lutheran worship tradition and a balance with a modern, approachable style.



JUDY FRAPPIER

Where do you sense God is leading Lord of Life? I think Lord of Life is being led toward reconciliation and collaboration with all denominations of God's children to serve and uplift the world community.

What do you think you offer as a council member? I think I can offer my perspective in discussions or decisions affecting the welfare of my church family. I am willing to be helpful in whatever area the council needs me.



DEAN GUTTORMSON

Lord of Life member since 2007 but both Jeanette and I are lifelong Lutherans. I grew up in Windom, Minnesota (aka Lake Wobegon) and Jeanette grew up in Fargo, North Dakota.

What do you offer as a council member? I have been involved in goal setting, planning and execution by large, multifunction organizations over my total career. In those diverse roles my personal objectives were to seek meaningful, constructive debate; to communicate a willingness to challenge the "as is" and to meet or surpass the goals set out for my organizations.



CHRIS ROSE

How long have you been a member of Lord of Life? 5 years

What appeals to you most about Lord of Life? I like that the congregation is generally open minded and welcoming without being pushy or obtrusive.

In which areas have you served the church? The Listening Committee.

Where do you sense God is leading Lord of Life? I have no idea, that's what keeps it interesting.

What do you think you offer as a council member? A different perspective.



CHUCK HOFFHEISER

How long have you been a member of Lord of Life? About 18 years, since 1999

What appeals to you most about Lord of Life? Our commitment to reach out to our local community and the world in sharing the gifts God has given us

In which areas have you served the church? Assisting Minister, usher, participant in Habitat for Humanity building projects, Men's Group Harvestwood benefit breakfast, member and new chair as of Jan 2018 of Worship and the Arts Committee.

Nominee responses have been edited for space. To read complete response, go to our website at goo.gl/rPkmuJ



NOW OFFERING TOURS MON-THURS 9:30-1:30

Walk Ins Welcome No Appointment Necessary

PUBLIC REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 22ND 10:00

Church Member Registration Feb. 18, 9am to 11:30am

Call and speak with our kind and caring staff to find out how this preschool can profoundly impact your child's early education. Centrally located in The Woodlands, KOK has been serving children 18 months- 5 years old for over 20 years. This preschool will plant the seeds of God's love as well as build a strong foundation and love of learning in each child it serves. Dynamic 2, 3, or 4 day class options offered and includes weekly chapel, music, science, and motor movement enrichment.

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"All three of my kids have gone through this program. My last baby is now in the pre-k program. They have all loved this school as have I. The staff loves and knows every child. You really are part of their family, or maybe they become a part of yours. I believe Kids of the Kingdom to be the best among the best of preschools. Truly a God centered, loving environment."

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Monday – Thursday
9:00-2:00

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Teen Life Ministries

See more Youth updates at LOLonline.org/teen-life-ministry/



“Over winter break the Lord of Life College Ministry had the opportunity to serve at Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida. Give Kids the World is a village where children with life-threatening illnesses or disabilities can stay for free while volunteers make their stay a magical experience. While there, we worked several different shifts, ranging from bussing tables at breakfast to passing out candy at a Halloween party for kids who may not experience another Halloween. Our ultimate goal while helping out was to transform something as simple as eating breakfast into an experience that was joyful and exciting for the kids. My favorite shift was working in the castle. When the Make-a-Wish child visits the castle, they get to put their name on a star and the castle's star fairy, Stellar, hangs it up for them. There are currently over 100,000 stars hanging up in the castle. On my shift in the castle, I got to meet the sweetest little girl named Lily and watch her decorate her star. The next day at breakfast, Lily invited me to go with her to visit her star on the wall of the castle. It was

experiences like these that made our time at Give Kids the World so worthwhile and impactful.”

Submitted by Amanda Sass, LOL member/college student

Senior High Retreat in Galveston, February 23-25

We are doing something a bit different this year and having our retreat at Lutherhill's Zion Retreat Center in Galveston! We will get to do some team building, worship together, and play on the beach. February 23-25. \$100. Sign up with Patrick by February 11th. (We will need parents to be adult mentors / drivers, so please let me know if interested).

Confirmation News:

It's time to register for Lutherhill Confirmation Camp (for current confirmation students and incoming 7th graders next year) this summer. We are going to camp June 17-22. You can register for camp at lutherhill.com and you will want to use our code LOLWoodlands when registering to ensure you are in our cabins.

All Youth: Super Bowl Party

Come join us on February 4th at the Walker house for food, friends, and football. Party starts at 5:00 pm and please bring \$5 for food and drinks. Address: 23 E. Ambassador Bend, The Woodlands, TX 77382

Seeking Interns

Patrick (Director of Teen Life) and Katie (Director of Children's Faith Formation) are looking for Youth Ministry Interns for the summer of 2018. If you have completed your first year of high school and can provide your own transportation, this may be an exciting opportunity for you. Pay to be determined. Please contact Patrick (pnazaroff@lordoflifeonline.org) or Katie (kphillips@lordoflifeonline.org) if you are interested. Office 281-367-7016



Outreach Ministries

A New Year and New Opportunities to Serve God



God's Global Barnyard

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. God's Global Barnyard is your opportunity to provide critical support. Should a family have a failed harvest, medical expense or other

unexpected need, your gift of a cow, pig or goat can be cashed in to make all the difference. Help us support ELCA Good Gifts during Lent.

Lutheran World Relief Care Kits

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world reach their full potential. Simple items can transform lives and you can too! Collections will start in February.

Upbring Healing Hearts Gala

Join us on Saturday, March 24, 2018, for the Healing Hearts Gala at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Houston. Proceeds from this important fundraiser support the transformation of Krause Children's Center. Help Upbring break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families and communities.

Interested in Supporting Foster Kids & Parents?

Join us for a brain-storming session/focus group on Sunday, Feb. 18th from 11am to 12:30 (includes lunch). Any questions call 281-367-7016 or e-mail Anne at aswetich@lordoflifeonline.org.

Free Citizenship Class. Must be able to speak, read and write English. Monday nights 6:30 to 8:30pm from Jan. 8—May 21, 2018. Students will be prepared for and expected to take the naturalization test upon completion of the class. To sign up, call Linda Page 281-703-7724.



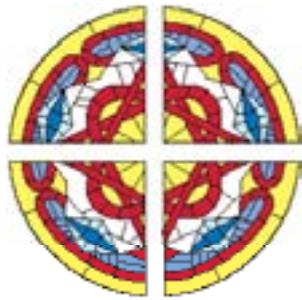
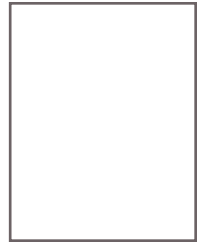
Volunteering at our Hands of Faith Fair Trade ministry is a great opportunity to learn about our vendors and our Fair Trade ministry. Teenagers can earn community service hours plus gain cash handling experience. No experience necessary! Sign up for shifts at <https://goo.gl/6jo3uG>

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8:30 am Contemporary Liturgical Worship
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9:50 am New Life Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship



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