



*Partners in Faith*

August 2021

St Paul Lutheran Church in  
Phillipsburg  
2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd,  
Brenham TX 77833  
10:30am worship

St James Lutheran Church in  
New Wehdem  
10362 New Wehdem Rd  
Brenham TX 77833  
979-836-2795  
9am worship

# The Joyful Noise

United in Grace. Serving in Love.

## Vacation Bible School—All aboard the Lord's Prayer Train

**Thank you to our volunteers who helped with crafts,  
games, food, décor and tear down!**

**And especially—thank you to our families for trusting  
us with your kids for a week! Each day, we worked on  
a different section of the Lord's Prayer, working in  
themes of God being with us, God feeding people,  
God's forgiveness, and God's power.**

**We have more photos inside on page 10-11—but here's most of the group!**



# NEXT MEAL FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY LAND TRIP: Sunday, August 15

**MENU: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes,  
corn on the cob, roll and gravy**

Please call/text Robert (979-472-1961) or Becky (979-472-0683)  
by the Wednesday before (8/11) to place your order.

Cost is a free will donation. Funds go to help reduce common  
costs for our January trip.

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*A Holy Land Pilgrimage: 10 Days in Galilee,  
Bethlehem, and Jerusalem - January 6-17, 2022*



## St. Paul Phillipsburg Worship Assistants

|                      | Aug 1  | Aug 8  | Aug 15   | Aug 22  | Aug 29                                     |
|----------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Reader</b>        | DorothyWellmann                                | Anna Breddin                                     | Venetia Schiller                               | Barbara Tegeler                               | Lonnie Tegeler                             |
| <b>Organist</b>      | Donna Lankford                                 | Donna Lankford                                   | Donna Lankford                                 | Donna Lankford                                | Donna Lankford                             |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | B J & Stephanie Mikeska, Dorothy Wellmann      | Lenny & Debbie Krause, Michael & Deanna Callahan | Cheryl Gaskamp, Lori Moehlmann, Florence Klehm | Mark & Venetia Schiller, Carl & Carey Kokemor | Ed & Anna Breddin, Jessie Kokemor          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke                | Deanna Callahan Sandra Schwenke                  | Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm                    | Ruth Lehmann Florence Klehm                   | Dorothy W Sherry Mosley                    |
| <b>Altar Flowers</b> | Ed & AnnaBreddin in honor of their anniversary | Brenda Blum in honor of Jessie Evelyn's bday     | Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann                      | Lankford's in honor of Charlie Kokemor's bday | Florence Klehm in memory of family members |

## St. James New Wehdem Worship Assistants

|                          | Aug 1  | Aug 8   | Aug 15                  | Aug 22        | Aug 29                                 |
|--------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Reader</b>            | Betty Bowden   |   |                         |               | Fifth Sunday<br>Worship at St.<br>Paul |
| <b>Organist</b>          | Phyllis Weiss  | Fredericka DeBerry  | Cheryl Buenger          | Phyllis Weiss |  |
| <b>Flowers</b>           | Eric & Jessica Thayne Anniversary                              | Bruce & Cheryl Buenger Anniversary Piano-Addie's Birthday | Herrmann James Birthday |               |  |
| <b>Ushers + Greeters</b> | Ralph & Debbie Tiemann, Rudy & Linda Tiemann, Chris & Kim Wade |   |                         |               |  |
| <b>Council</b>           | Kate Buenger   |   |                         |               |  |

# Pastor's Column

By Evan Cameron, pastor



## How Church Membership is Changing

Some decades ago, an “active” church member was defined as an individual or family that attended 3+ Sundays per month. Some folks in older generations can remember this time, when so-called Blue Laws were still in effect (shutting down almost all businesses on Sundays), when youth sports and activities avoided Wednesday nights and full weekend tournaments, and when churches were both the spiritual *and* social hub of any small or medium sized community.

The world of course has gone through tidal waves of changes in recent decades. Public schools have become the center of most small town life, youth athletics and activities have become year-round, the world is busier and more connected. “Televangelists” became a new term, as church became available on tvs and smart phone screens. For many families now, both parents need to work, and Sunday can be the only day in a multi-week stretch where they get to actually *rest*. These days, the general church consensus is that an “active” church individual or family attends once per month.

Many pastors (including me) are curious to see how COVID might shift this even more. For now though, my vision for what it means to be a church member is less about measuring attendance, and more about encouraging engagement. My dream and hope is that everyone connected to our shared ministry can find their own “sweet spot” of serving or engaging with this place. That sweet spot looks different for everyone—because God equips us with varying passions, gifts, skills, etc.

As naïve as this may sound, I do believe that a team-based approach to ministry a) is highly effective, and b) leads to more joy / less volunteer burn out. Every organization, including churches, struggles with the 80/20 problem (*20% of the people do 80% of the work*). I think Jesus aimed to design Christian communities to be full of engaged servant leaders, where everyone has a seat at the table and investment in the community.

Here's to you finding your sweet spot!

PASTOR EVAN

# SAVE THE DATES

**SUNDAY AUGUST 29th—Shared Worship, 10am, at St Paul  
- Backpack and Teacher Blessing Day as well**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12th—God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday  
- Each church will be doing separate projects this year.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st—5pm—Return of Young Adults / Young  
Families Group, with social at Brazos Valley Brewery.**

## WE ARE MAKING LWR SCHOOL KITS!

Education is one of the most powerful tools a community has to break the cycle of poverty. Let’s ensure children don’t fall behind due to a lack of basic supplies.

We are seeking donations of the following items, or gifts of money for each church to purchase materials directly. You can bring items to our Sunday services or leave them in the back of St James’ or St. Paul’s sanctuary.

- 4 of the 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½” ; no loose leaf paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 manual pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser size 2 ½”

# ST JAMES NEW WEHDEM UPDATES

**CONTRACT BIDS DUE SEPTEMBER 1** Bid packets for Janitorial Service, Church Lawn Service, Cemetery Maintenance, and Germania Cemetery Maintenance and bid return sheets are on the table in the back of the church at St. James

## THANK YOU....

To St. James Women of the Church: Thank everyone for the memorial contribution in memory of Mom, Laura Fieseler. She loved her church and her church family at St. James. Lavonne Hegefeld & Family

## MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of Larry Dierking*

|  |                            |                                     |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fred & Karan Heidemann   | Erline Sommerfeld          | Charles & Vickie Goeke              |
| David & Glenda Stegent   | Daniel & Gayle Engeling    | Sharon & James Brod                 |
| Gary & Phyllis Weiss   | Knellen Quinteros & Family | Donnie & Jenny Henske               |
| Sandra Teufel  | Gretchen Yount             | Joan Buenger & Family               |
| Myrna Siemsgluz  | Delano & Vera Klausmeyer   | Odis & Mildred Haynes               |
| Nathan & Darla Winkelmann  | Ralph & Debbie Tiemann     | Bradley & Janice Hanath             |
| Fredericka DeBerry   | Larry & Julie Tegeler      | Robert & Marita Mikeska             |
| Lawrence & Sharon Bade   | Don Cleary                 | Donald & Gwen Spiess                |
| David & Karolyn Ottmer   | Pete & Debbie Gutierrez    | Stacy Carmody Neff, Patrick Carmody |
| Bruce & Cheryl Buenger, Jess, Amanda, Addie, Ella, Livi & Justin | Nancy & William Freeman    | Terry & Joy Druschke                |
| Brad & Lea Ann Bechtel   |                            | Donald & Sharon Winkelmann          |
| Greg & Anneta Buenger  |                            |                                     |

*In Memory of Sharon Jasinski O'Malley* Ann W. Russell

*In Memory of Joy Dell DeWitt* Nathan & Darla Winkelmann

*In Memory of Laura Fieseler* Delano & Vera Jean Klausmeyer

## SYMPATHIES TO FAMILY OF LARRY DIERKING

**Sept 12, 1952—June 21, 2021**

**Funeral June 26, 2021**

Larry Doyle Dierking, age 68, died peacefully on June 21, 2021. His funeral was held at St. James on June 26 with burial in church cemetery.

Larry is survived by his wife Sally, his children, Marc Dierking (Brooke) and Laurel Washington (Marcus); his grandchildren, Paisley, Palmer and Harper Dierking; his sisters, Cheryl Buenger (Bruce) and Donna Huebner (Glenn); Uncle Clarence Dierking

and several nephews and cousins. Larry was born to Willie, Jr. and Pearl Henske Dierking. He attended Kenney-New Wehdem Elementary School, graduated from Bellville High School and Texas A&M. He was a life-long member of St. James and served on the church council including as president. He enjoyed hauling hay, welding fences, working cattle and horses. He could build anything from barns to swing sets. After retirement he enjoyed his ranch in South, TX, hunting deer and hogs, spending time with grandchildren and riding his ranger checking fences. He enjoyed dominos with his friends.



# ST PAUL PHILLIPSBURG UPDATES



## Our sympathies to the family and friends of Iris “Jean” Thompson.

Jean was born January 3, 1930 in Kenney just a few miles from St. Paul’s-Phillipsburg and passed away on July 1, 2021. She and her husband Charles moved often through the years but she always found a Lutheran church to call home. She is survived by her son, Jack and family, daughter Jana and family and sister Lanette Fuller and her husband Harold of Bellville. Her funeral was held on July 6th at Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in

Bellville with burial at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Bellville. A reception followed at our church in the Fellowship Hall.

**PLAYGROUND equipment** has been purchased and pea gravel has been donated! The playground will be our project for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on September 12<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet can be found on the back table if you’d like to donate towards Mia’s Surovik’s Silver Award project as a playground investment. Any donations towards the edging (11-16’ sections of @ \$150 or 4’ sections @ \$40) along with the \$200 delivery charge for the pea gravel will be needed first. Your time and resources would also be appreciated. Any questions, call Trish @ 979-885-8720, the church office/Donna @ 713-816-6980 or any Council member.

**DORCAS CIRCLE** met in July with Anna, Sandra, Jessie, Dorothy W, Dorothy T and Florence attending quilting.. Anna led the Bible Study on session 2 of “Just Truth”. Hard truths are challenging, but necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.

Jessie read the minutes. The balance was \$288.30 after the June meeting. Everyone was reminded to get items for the LWR school kits as they are much needed. Jessie was hostess. The next meeting is August 17th with Anita as hostess.

## Looking Ahead...

- August 29th—Shared worship at St. Paul’s 10 am, Teacher and Backpack Blessing also
- September 12th—God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday
- October 24th—Confirmation Sunday
- November 7th—Semi Annual Meeting
- November 24th—Thanksgiving Eve, no worship
- December 5th—Advent Covered Dish Meal & Sanctuary Decorating

# August 2021

| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>Monday</i>  | <i>Tuesday</i>  | <i>Wednesday</i>              |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>St. James—9:00am I/O<br>St. Paul— 10:30am I/O<br><br>1:00pm KWHI Radio Service  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Zoom Bible Study  |
| <b>8</b><br>St. James—9:00am I/O<br>St. Paul— 10:30am I/O<br>Baptism at St. James<br><br>1:00pm KHWI Radio Service<br>St. James FLC-Tiemann | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Zoom Bible Study |
| <b>15</b><br>St. James—9:00am I/O<br>St. Paul— 10:30am I/O<br><br>1:00pm KWHI Radio Service<br><br>St. James Schmidt Wedding                | <b>16</b><br><br>Leadership Night—both<br>church councils, at St Paul<br>6pm start | <b>17</b><br>St. Paul Dorcas Circle<br>LWR Quilting, 10 am<br>Bible Study, 3 pm | <b>18</b><br>Zoom Bible Study |
| <b>22</b><br>St. James—9:00am I/O<br>St. Paul— 10:30am I/O<br><br>1:00pm KWHI Radio Service   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>Zoom Bible Study |
| <b>29</b><br>Shared Worship at St. Paul—<br><u>10am</u><br>+ Backpack Blessing<br><br>1:00pm KWHI Radio Service                             | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |                               |



| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i>                                   | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i>                                  |
|------------------|---|---------------|--|
| e Study—7pm      | <b>5</b><br>Men's Breakfast - at St James FLC—7am | <b>6</b>      | <b>7</b><br>St. James FLC-Winkelmann             |
| e Study—7pm      | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>     | <b>14</b><br>St. James Schmidt Wedding Rehearsal |
| e Study—7pm      | <b>19</b><br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE                  | <b>20</b>     | <b>21</b>  |
| e Study—7pm      | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>     | <b>28</b>  |
|                  |   |               |  |

# The Life and Times



***Clockwise from top left: candle making with Jodie and Lauren, Katharine leading the sheep song, more candles, our youngest group with group leader Kim***

# of Shared Ministry



***From top to bottom: Wesley teaching the Prodigal son story with our middle group, the kitchen crew on taco night, games outside with Courtney, the Cameron conductors in front of our main stage décor!***

# Council Notes

## St. Paul Phillipsburg Council

Met 7/26 at St. Paul's. Anna called the meeting to order with Lenny, Dorothy, Jessie, Carey and Vernice present.

- Pastor's report included plans for a fall picnic, 5th Sunday in August shared worship 10am at SP's, very pleased with 54 kids + Katharine in VBS
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 12th to setup playground
- Nevi Lee Lauter's gift will be distributed with \$2,500 towards a Water to Thrive well, \$1,500 to Camp for All in Burton and \$2,000 to playground.
- Lenny reported that Four Seasons lost an employee so landscaping might be delayed. Texas Plumbing Solutions bid of \$5,642.68 was accepted to repair the sewer line.
- Cemetery committee was created consisting of Ed & Anna Breddin, Lenny Krause, Nelson & Dorothy Wellmann and Pastor Evan.
- November semi annual meeting will be on the 7th.
- No Thanksgiving Eve worship
- December 5th covered dish meal and decorating.

Respectfully submitted, Vernice Kokemor

June financials-income \$5,847.15, expenses \$6,745.73

### St. Paul Council

Anna Breddin, *President*

Charlie Johnson, *VP*

Vernice Kokemor, *Secretary*

Jessie Kokemor, *Treasurer*

Dorothy Wellmann,  
*Financial Secretary*

Trish Surovik, *Parish Ed*

Lori Moehlmann, *Memorials*

Lenny Krause, *Bldg / Grounds*

Carey Kokemor,  
*Congregational Life/Shared  
Ministry*

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## St. James New Wehdem Council

Met on July 26. Present were Kamie Krueger, Becky Winkelmann, David Bartay, Kate Buenger

- Discussed successes of VBS 54 students, group team-based effort with everyone helping, appreciated Katharine Cameron's help with music
- Discussed feedback received from the new switch to worship times
- Next shared worship will be at St. Paul on Au. 29 at 10:00am
- Discussed Reformation Sunday
- Received \$500 for God's Work/Our Hands, splitting 35/65% with St. Paul
- Six youth in confirmation this fall.
- Will submit check of \$3177 to Lutherhill from our Lent offerings
- Discussed a few items to be purchased with Memorial Funds
- Discussed new church signs for FM 2754 and New Wehdem Road
- Waiting for landscaping quote for new shrubs in front of church, trim trees, and landscape for back side of cemetery pavilion
- New TV in FLC will be installed
- Renewed copier contract with UBEO, removed fax & added booklet option. Savings of \$10 per month. Fax phone disconnected -savings of \$34.00 per month.
- Discussed contract bids, finances, outdoor sign, Dierking memorials.

### St. James Council

Kamie Krueger, *President*

, *VP*

Jessica Thayne, *Secretary*

Becky Winkelmann, *Treasurer*

Kate Buenger, *Asst. Treasurer*

David Bartay  
*Bldg / Grounds*

Joe Tallarine, *Shared Ministry  
Representative*

## Wednesday Night Bible Study—7pm weekly

We are continuing to work through the Bible from cover to cover. We've reached the prophets of the OT, and are a couple months away from finally reaching the New Testament.

This is an open group, always welcome to anyone if you want to jump in. We still meet on Zoom, so you can call in or join with a laptop from your own couch. Talk to Pastor Evan with questions!

## KWHI Services Ongoing

We will continue our Sunday 1:00pm worship on KWHI, both AM (1280) and FM (101.7).

Services can also be streamed live on the KWHI app and online—<https://kwhi.com/>

**Thanks to all who have given to support this new outreach ministry!** It is becoming a healthy evangelism tool for us.

Also: please note that all sermons are available for a couple months on our website:  
[www.sjsplutheran.org/sermons](http://www.sjsplutheran.org/sermons)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*St James 9:00am*

*St. Paul 10:30am*

**Aug. 1** | Time After Pentecost  
Ex. 16:2-4, 9-15, Ps 78:23-29,  
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35  
Jesus is the bread from heaven to give life to the world and calls us to come to believe in him.

**Aug. 8** | Time After Pentecost  
1 Kings 19:4-8, Ps 34:1-8,  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6i:35,  
41-51 We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The purpose of life is giving yourself for others.

**Aug. 15** | Time After Pentecost  
Is. 61:7-11, Ps 34:1-9, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55 Through her son Mary kept the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushed aside the rich and powerful, and focused on the poor and powerless.

**Aug. 22** | Time After Pentecost  
Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18, Ps 34:15-22,  
Ephesians 16:10-20, John 6:56-69  
Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God.

**Aug. 29** | Time After Pentecost  
Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9, Ps 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 We return every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

# *Bread Partners Items in August*

**St. James:** Mac & Cheese

**St. Paul:** canned vegetables (drop off at church) - goal of 50 items!

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## *Prayer Concerns*

**St. Paul Members:** Wilfred Neumann, Dorothy Krause, Brenda Blum, Will Hartnett, Catherine Gardiner

**St. James Members:** Betty Bowden, Janet Mills, Moffett Family, Elsie Pieper, Floreen Schulze, Erline Sommerfeld, John Teufel, Danica, Jessica, and Thayne Family, Chris, Amy, & Lincoln Tiemann, Margaret Tiemann, Nelda Wilke

**Family and Friends:** Donna Acousta, Jeri Bentke, Travis Boeker, Winston Dietrich, Hank Duvall, Gabriel Fuentes, Tammy Glaesmann, Gracie, Haley, Trevor Green, Denise Greene, Leigh Hassell, Janice Hassell, Lisa Jasinski, David Kiemsteadt, Charles Kolwes, Keith Korth, Sharon McGary, Becky Meador, Todd Minifee, Marilyn Petrich, Michael Richter, Donald Sander, Britt Smith, Mark Snider, Pat Stelter, Teddy Stevens, Leonard, Family of Jamie Stokes, Shannon Wellmann, Diane Winkelmann, Gladys Grawunder, Pastor Larry Beck, Jerry Ordner, Steven Glaesmann, Sylvia Toole

**Military:** Tristan Plaisance, Jenna Schiller

### **Congratulations:**

Nate & Jennifer Harris on birth of daughter **Amelia Lucille** born July 16. Granddaughter of Robert & Lynn Bockhorn, big brother Robert, great-granddaughter of Lucile Bockhorn

Erich & Tiffany Weiss on birth of son **Hudson Lee** born on July 18, weighed 5 lb., 3 oz. Grandson of Gary & Phyllis Weiss

## ST PAUL ANNIVERSARIES

8-05-72 Ed & Anna Breddin  
8-08-15 Jared & Katie Moehlmann  
8-10-85 Lenny & Debbie Krause  
8-12-00 Darren & Trish Surovik  
8-20-71 Barry & Gina Mikeska  
8-31-16 Charlie & Olivia Kokemor

## ST JAMES ANNIVERSARIES

8-2 Odis & Mildred Haynes  
8-3 Charles & Vickie Goeke  
8-4 Donald & Sharon Winkelmann  
8-4 Eric & Jessica Thayne  
8-5 Bill & Kristy Collier  
8-10 Bruce & Cheryl Buenger  
8-20 Butch & I Cindy Lorenz  
8-20 David & Peggy Bartay  
8-29 Donnie & Jenny Henske

## ST PAUL BIRTHDAYS

01 Emmy Kokemor  
03 Lori Reichwein  
07 Michael Callahan  
08 Sandra Schwenke  
08 Seth Klehm  
09 Jessie Evelyn Hartnett  
11 Taylor Boeker  
11 Levi Dean Tuttle  
21 Al Mueller  
24 Michael Cowart  
25 Brenda Blum  
26 Barbara Tegeler  
29 Lelani Howren  
29 Charlie Kokemor  
30 Michael Breddin

## ST JAMES BIRTHDAYS

8-5 Charles Goeke  
8-5 Amy Tiemann  
8-6 Terri Johnson  
8-9 Tyler Fishbeck  
8-11 Savannah Bartay  
8-11 Hunter Wagner  
8-17 Denise Neumann  
8-18 Shelby Olson  
8-18 Amy Teufel  
8-19 Peggy Bartay  
8-20 James Herrmann  
8-21 Ralph Tiemann  
8-23 Vivienne Freitag  
8-24 Austin Hanath  
8-24 Janet Mills  
8-25 Ronnie Bockhorn  
8-25 Cindy Schaper  
8-29 Aislin Schaper  
8-30 Ron Bartay  
8-30 Shelby Hanath  
8-31 Wyatt Tiemann

## SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers *all the members of St. Paul and St. James*  
Donna Lankford *donna@sjsplutheran.org (St Paul)*  
*Donna's Cell: 713-816-6980*  
Tanya Rosenbaum *tanya@sjsplutheran.org (St James),*  
*in office Wed and Thur 8-2p*  
Pastor Evan Cameron *pastorevan@sjsplutheran.org*  
Pastor Office Hours: *Tuesday 9a-12p at St. Paul*  
*Mon & Wed: 9am -12:30pm at St. James*  
St Paul Office: *use Donna's cell above* St. James Office: *979-836-2795*  
*www.sjsplutheran.org*

Return Address: 2739 Phillipsburg Church Rd, Brenham TX 77833

## **Welcome to worship!**

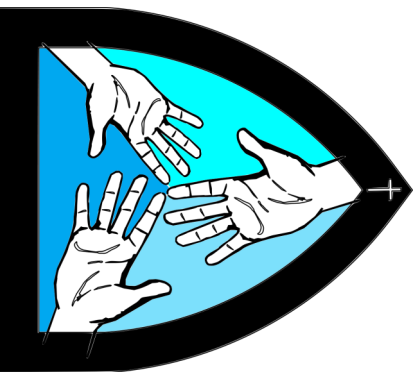
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9am at St James

10:30am at St Paul

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