

# *The Parish Press*

OF

## PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 2015 Graduates

- ★ **Tristan Beiter** from Danville High School. He will continue his education at Swarthmore College majoring in English.
- ★ **Samantha Koons** will graduate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Biology.

*Congratulations to you both!*



### Vacation Bible School

Join us for

*Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes*

The children will learn what the Bible has to say about hunger and helping your neighbor both here and around the world.

**Trinity and Pine Street Lutheran Churches**

**Sunday, June 28 through Thursday, July 2**

**At Pine Street Lutheran Church**

**5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

*For ages 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Watch for Registration Forms*

**May Love Offering Envelope is VBS!**

### Retirees Luncheon

**Wednesday, May 20**

**12:00 Noon**

**Church Social Hall**

You will be receiving a phone call for reservations.

### First Communion Classes

with Pastor Keith for Children will be held after Worship on May 3 & 17.

Their First Holy Communion will be Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Vacation Bible School**

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY HAS BEEN

**POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**WHEN CHILDREN OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE PARTICIPATING DURING WORSHIP AS WORSHIP HELPERS**

**Memorial Day – May 25**

*Office Closed*

## NEWS AND NOTES

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

† Laura Splain, aunt of Roxanne Patton, who died April 5, 2015.

### THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Audress Hinkle, Ralph Hinkle* and *Thomas James* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

### CRAFT NEEDS LIST-VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is *Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hopes*. The children will learn what the Bible has to say about hunger and helping your neighbor both here and around the world. We will be making crafts each day of the week. Here is a list of needed craft items:

- 50 4" flower pots (plastic) with saucers (25 from each church)
- used foil trays or pie tins
- glue sticks
- clear contact paper 4 rolls
- old t-shirts to be used as painting smocks (prefer size 6-10) (25 from each church)
- craft foam in various colors
- old winter gloves with fingers (they do not have to match)
- acrylic markers

A box will be in the social hall for your donations. Thank you!

## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



*Alf Bashore, Darlis Dyer, Mary Ann Landi & Joanne Williams*

### A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Written by S. William Snover, MD  
Financial Secretary*

"Lord, grant that I may comfort rather than to be comforted---to understand, rather than to be understood---to love, rather than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen."

These are the final petitions of the widely known and quoted prayer of St. Francis. The message is that it is through giving that one receives. If you desire only worldly pleasures, your focus will be on taking. If you desire peace, love, harmony, hope, forgiveness, or any of the spiritual gifts that God grants, your focus will be on giving. Give of your time, your talent and ability, and your treasure, and God's gifts will surely come to you in abundance.

Gratefully,  
**Bill**

*Partners in electronic giving since 1998.*



**Simply Giving is:  
.....the most convenient  
way to send your tithe to  
the church.**

**See Bill Snover to answer  
your questions.**

**No more checks to write!  
It's all done for you!**

## Good Samaritan Mission Center Request for Volunteers

The Good Samaritan Mission Center provides help to area residents. Outreach includes clothing, furniture, and connection to other aid available in the community. The Mission Center anticipates opening on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon beginning August 2015. Good Samaritan will need two volunteers to staff Saturday open hours. A commitment to serve would involve working one Saturday per quarter. Volunteers will be responsible for accepting donations and checking out visitors to the center. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Joan Miller at 570-275-5224 or Sandy O'Rourke at 570-275-2979. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

## FOOD BANK NEEDS



The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month from the list below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

**May: Cereal**

(or any other non-perishable food items)

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 1-2 P.M. and 5:30-6:30

P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always welcome.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of Pine Street Lutheran,

This letter is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent gift to Camp Mount Luther. At camp, children, youth, and adults are discovering more about God, themselves, and others. They feel connected to God and learn more about going out in service in God's name. Your donation provides an important foundation for the faith formation of all who take advantage of our programs and facilities.

I want to express my deepest thanks and appreciation for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. This letter acknowledges the following gift, recorded on March 19, 2015: \$155.00 for Synod Mission Support (Annual). Sharing Christ and planting seeds through our outdoor ministry wouldn't be possible without your support. We truly thank you for keeping our ministry strong by contributing to Camp Mount Luther!

God's Peace,  
*Chad W. Hershberger*  
Executive Director  
Cam Mount Luther

I want to thank my church family for being there for me through my recuperation.

I want to especially thank Nan and Sue for helping the Sunday school class make and send me cards. They were very sweet and really cheered my day.

I also want to thank Mary for making me the beautiful prayer blanket! I so appreciate all your hard work that went into it. Thank you also to Jeannie for bringing it to my house.

You all have shown me and my family so much love and we truly appreciate it.

*Jen O'Brien*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$32.00 to the Transitional Housing and Care Center (Gate House) of Columbia and Montour Counties and \$81.00 for the Pac To Home project (from hoagie sales).

Your commitment to helping the homeless individuals and families in our community weather the crises in their lives is appreciated by those who help them and, most importantly, by those who benefit from our services.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas M. Dougher, Jr.*  
Executive Director  
The Gate House

## ATTENTION LECTORS

It would be appreciated if Lectors were present at the LECTERN before it's time to read the lessons and are also requested to adjust the mic closer to their mouth and speak clearly so people can hear them. Thank you!

## Pastoral Care:

For Pastoral Care, please call  
Pastor Keith's home number  
(951-2350-if no answer, please leave  
a message).

*Please do not leave a message on  
the church's answering machine.  
(The answering machine at the office is not  
regularly checked if it is after hours, a  
weekend, or if Pastor is away.)*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Dennis DiOrio; Karen Dyer
- 4 - Joanne Williams
- 6 - Mary Sticklin
- 8 - Justin Tharp
- 9 - Delaney Bloom; Jean  
Crumb; Glen Leighow;  
Beverly Troy
- 12 - Sarah Romansik
- 15 - Cara Bohner
- 22 - John Tharp
- 24 - Pauline Mackert (98)\*
- 25 - Trevor Patterson
- 26 - Corey Brady

\* *Pauline Mackert*  
*Vintage Knolls*  
*41 Woodbine Ln; Rm 109*  
*Danville, PA 17821*

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Darlis and Jack Dyer
- 10 - Ellen and Dennis  
Leighow
- 26 - Jeannie and William  
Snover; Amanda and  
Barry Troy
- 27 - Tina and Glen Leighow
- 30 - Gail and Allen Acor, II

## Pine Street Prayer List May, 2015



### **CONGREGATION**

#### **MEMBERS:**

Bob Eyer; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Anna Rice; Aggie Oyster; Tom Landi; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Nikki Morgan; Sherry Achey; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

### **FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION**

#### **MEMBERS:**

Stan Davis; Jim Cero; Albert DiOrio, Jr.; Roxanne Herr; Skip Cramer; Jackie Marrotto; B.J. Bennett; Doug Dawson; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Sissy Long; Nancy Sees; Beth Linn; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Michelle Gibbs and children, Austin, Zachary and Tonia Rishel; Doug Cropf; Mary Ellen Rovenolt; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Jeanne Cross; Katherine Appleman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Sylvia Morgan; Bob Knight; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Margaret Tanner; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Carla Wetzel; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Todd Livziey; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Bonnie Reilly; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Keith Buchhalter; Autumn Kern, Barry Balonek; and Walt Rupert.

### **HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:**

Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia and Donald Swank; Pauline Mackert; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Mildred and Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

### **SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:**

Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Halley Dillon; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

**Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.**

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net) or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 570-275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

**To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please.** (To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net)).

## BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

We will again be sponsoring a hole at the Bishop's Open Golf Classic on Monday, May 11 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Hummel's Wharf. Funds to sponsor the hole were from Hoagie sales and the Lasagna Dinner held in March. Thank you to all who helped sponsor this event.

## 2015 ELECTION DATES

**MAY 19: General Primary** (Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, May 18 through Wednesday morning, May 20 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)

**NOVEMBER 3: General Election**

## Fellowship Menus



### MAY

May 3: Meatball Sandwiches & Tossed Salad  
May 10: Covered Dish  
May 17: Soups & Hearty Breads  
May 24: Barbeque, Rolls and Veggie Trays  
May 31: Sandwich Fixings, Veggie and Dip Platters

### JUNE

Jun 7: Hot Dogs, Rolls & Baked Beans  
Jun 14: Covered Dish  
Jun 21: Pasta Casseroles & Cold Salads  
Jun 28: Macaroni & Cheese & Tossed Salads

### Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:

Near Liberty Valley Golf Course on Rt. 642, turn right onto Klondike Rd. Just after going under the I-80 bridges, turn onto the first left. This is Oak Grove Rd. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.

### Good Samaritan Mission Center 275-2500

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9 AM-4:30 PM



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

May 16: 8 AM-1 PM Spring Work Day

Camp Mt. Luther is online at  
[www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)

## Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of March 31, 2015)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in March: \$340 from giving

400 from hoagie sales

\$740 total

Total on hand: \$ 5,714

Loan balance: \$25,313



## GLScrip Gift Card

### Order Deadline is

**MAY 10**

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards.

Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras. Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip.

Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use. They work same as cash!!!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT [WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG)

### SPONSORS

Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services. Thank you!



- **Bulletin sponsors are needed for June 14 & 21 and July 12 & 26.**
- **Flower sponsors are needed for July 5 & 12.**
- **Communion Bread sponsors are needed for May, June and July.**
- **The Sanctuary Candle is full.**  
Thank you to all sponsors.

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine (filled for the year)**
- \$15.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

Please make sure all the doors are locked (*try them after locking*) and lights out when leaving the buildings!  
Thank you.



W/ELCA

### Calendar of Events

(Also printed in the W/ELCA program booklet on the table in the narthex.)

- ✓ **May 5:** Ruth Circle 11:30 AM [Muffin Man]
- ✓ **May 13:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM; [Muffin Man]
- ✓ **May 14:** W/ELCA Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM (Library)
- ✓ **June 2:** W/ELCA Quarterly Meeting 1:30 PM (SH)
- ✓ **July 7:** All Circles Picnic 6:00 PM at the home of Gail James
- ✓ **July 25:** Upper Susquehanna Women's Convention [Camp Mount Luther]

### The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Bill Snyder** for cleaning the front porch of the Luther House and cleaning the sidewalks in front of the Luther House and Church.
- ♦ **Samantha Eyer** for continuing with Choir while our Music Director, Brenda Fischer-Dennehy is recuperating from surgery.

### Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **MAY 15<sup>th</sup>** for the **JUNE Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

### PARTNERSHIP OF SAINTS

These are activities sponsored by one or more of the four churches (Christ, Pine Street, Trinity Oak Grove and Grace Lutheran) under the pastoral care of Pastors Pat and Keith Pittsnogle.

### GOGGY,PC

(Combined Youth Group of Grace, Point Twp., Trinity, Oak Grove, Pine Street, and Christ Lutheran, Milton.)

GOGGY,PC Youth Group is for anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 11 years old, and up. Any questions, please see Pastor Keith.

All are welcome to attend any GOGGY,PC activities.

### • PINE STREET BIBLE

STUDY: The last Bible Study session will be May 21<sup>st</sup> and will resume September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Available for Pick-up  
...on the table in the  
narthex.**

### The most recent copies of:

- Upper Susquehanna Synod Ark, which includes Currents and Camp Mt. Luther Camel Tracks.
- Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets small and large editions
- Spark Family-Splash in God's Word magazine
- The Lutheran Magazine—selected issues

They are free while supplies last—take one for your family. If more copies of USS Ark are needed, please ask Deb.

### HEATING/COOLING

The temperature settings will be 68° for heat and 72° for cooling.



Please dress accordingly.

A sweater or shawl may be folded and kept in the pew so it is available to you each Sunday.

### WEBSITE

[www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so! **Check it out!**





## Upcoming Events

June 28-July 2: VBS  
 July 26: Joint Outdoor Worship at TOG  
 August 8: Ice Cream Festival; Making Ice Cream Day is August 4

## RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

*Volunteer drivers are:*

- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
  - ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
  - ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)
- Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

## TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

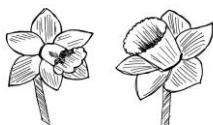
### Our Purpose Statement:

God's mission and our purpose for Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope and love through prayer discipleship, ministry and worship.

### Guiding principles:

1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

*He stands best who  
 kneels most.*



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## Pastor Keith's Availability

- I'm generally in the office on Monday (following choir-11 AM to 1 PM sometimes until 4 PM or so), Wednesday (10:30 AM until 2 PM sometimes 3 PM), Thursday (10 AM to 3 PM [with Bible Study from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM]). These times are tentative depending whether I have been called out or have an evening meeting either here or at Trinity Oak Grove, or possibly worship at one of 3 or so nursing homes.
- I work from home on Tuesdays after Breakfast and Bible Text Study (Pericope) with colleagues. Due to the need to have this flexibility, I would suggest calling me to arrange an appointment. My number is 570-951-2350. Please feel free to call me for pastoral care needs, emergencies or if you just need to talk. I would rather hear about a need or situation 5 times (or more) than to not hear about it at all. I would be glad to meet in my office at the church, in your home, or at a local eatery or gathering place. Just let me know. The days and/or times are not limited to those specified above.
- If you ask or tell me something before worship or at fellowship on Sunday, (especially if it involves something I need to do or someone I need to go see) please follow up with a phone call, text or email on Sunday evening or Monday. It takes a bunch of brain cells to prepare for worship and to mingle, network, "converse and console"—(Luther's terms) and sometimes there are not enough brain cells to go around . . . a friendly reminder would be greatly appreciated. ([prkeith@ptd.net](mailto:prkeith@ptd.net)) If you are (or are going to be) or you know of someone in (or going into) the hospital, please call and let me know.



## The Day of Pentecost May 24

The Day of Pentecost closes the Easter season and opens the door to the liturgical Season of Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time in some church bodies, dozens of weeks that carry us from Pentecost Sunday to the First Sunday in Advent.

The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. On this day the ascended Jesus poured the Holy Spirit on his disciples, fulfilling his promise to send another Counselor who would teach them (John 14:26; 16:7). With a lively wind like the creative breath of God in Genesis 1, the Spirit energized the disciples, showing them the meaning of the Old Testament and how Jesus' life and death fulfilled it. And the Spirit baptized them with power to bring this Truth to the people of the world. In early centuries, Pentecost was another opportunity for those who were not able to be baptized on Easter.

In the Middle Ages, roses were dropped from the rafters to simulate the tongues of fire. Trumpets were sounded to recall the sound of the mighty rushing wind. Most widespread was the use of a dove or pigeon to represent the Holy Spirit. A live dove was set free inside the church to fly off or a carved one was let down by a rope from the roof.

~adapted from  
*The Christian Church Year*

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**2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Pastor: L. Keith Pittsnogle**

**Co-Treasurers:**

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Alfred Bashore

Thomas Herrington, President

Mary Ann Landi, Vice President

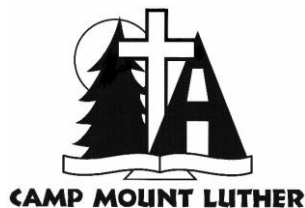
William Snover, Council Secretary

Mary Jane Snyder

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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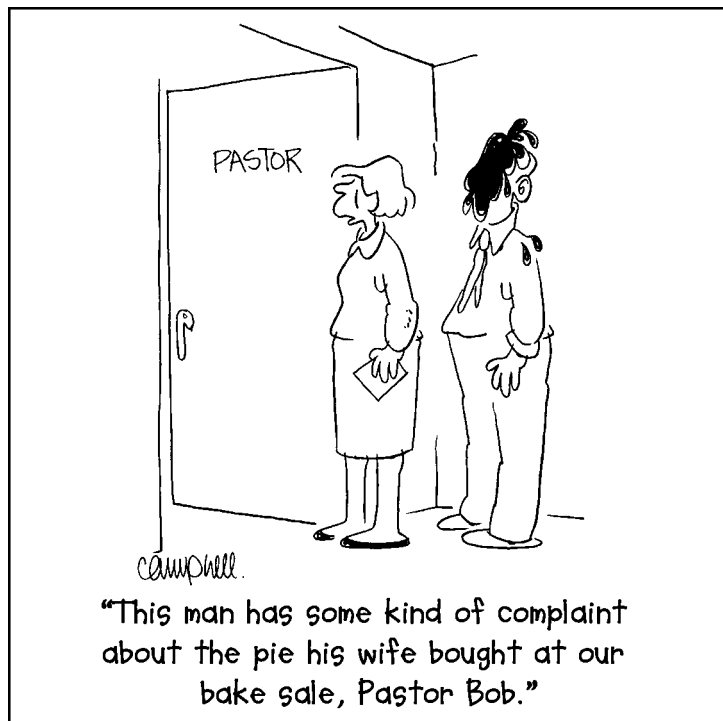
Mt. Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that the camp provides. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**May 16: 8 AM-1 PM Spring  
Work Day**

**Get more information at:**

**Camp Mt. Luther is online at**

**[www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)**



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