

St. Paul Newscaster



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Our Mission

*To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives
through our commitment and discipleship to Jesus Christ.*

September 2021
Pastor Mark Liscom

Confidence is a tricky thing.

One of the spiritual qualities that we would all wish for is the reality of confidence. To be confident is to be joyful. Confidence is what makes us attractive, not afraid to try new things. It's actually a synonym for faith. Confidence literally means "with faith". Faith in God and confidence in God are the same for example.

But confidence is a bit tricky. Because confidence is actually a balancing act. Living confidently is a bit like watching a tightrope artist walk a highwire. Because on the one hand you can lose your confidence which can be very painful. But on the other hand, you can be overconfident. You began to think that you've got it in the bag, that whatever you're up against isn't that much of a problem. And that can be just as painful in the end.

If you drive your car without confidence it can lead to some bad results. But if you are overconfident, it can also lead to bad result. The confidence that is joy is the right balance. Confidence to drive, but humble enough to know that there is still danger out there.

Faith is the same. We want confidence in God, but not so much confidence that we forget that there is a lot about God that we do not know, and many surprises waiting for us. In today's world of "true believers", we need people of a humble faith. Confident, but knowing that we still have much to learn.

Lord, we pray for a confident faith.

Pastor Mark



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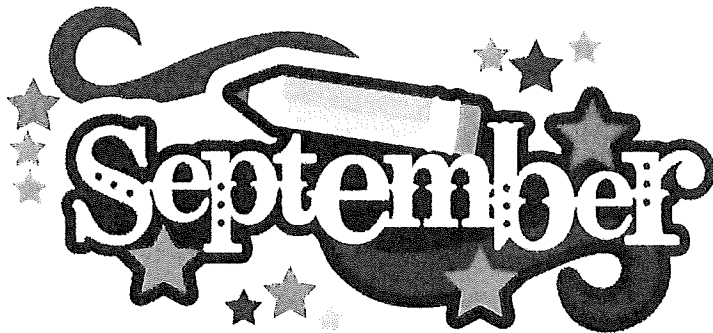
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**NEWS
LET
TER** LETTERS



*Sponsoring the August Newscaster is
The Damrow Family
in Honor of Betty's 94th Birthday
on September 9th
and
Franklin and Betty's 74th Anniversary
on September 7th*

Congratulations on your birthday and anniversary and Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster!

As of press time, sponsors are still needed for October and November.

*There is an orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex.
Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.*



Come one, come all!
The entire community is invited to
Family Fun Day on
Sunday, September 12, 2021
4 to 7pm

Homemade Ice Cream Social at 6pm

Games of Softball, Cornhole and Kids Games will be provided

Rain Date will be September 19



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St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for July 21, 2021

Council members present were Pastor Mark Liscom, Peggy Hemphill, Diane Wellsandt, David Henrichs, Darin Weers, and Tyler Wolken. Not present was Gary Bergmier. Allen Roelfs was present to share the financial report. Pastor Mark started the meeting by opening up with a prayer. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Diane moved to accept the minutes and Peggy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that open enrollment for Portico begins October 4-15, 2021. At the September meeting, Council will decide on which plans we want to offer Pastor. The ELCA is recommending two different options. St. Paul has met it's Benevolence goal for 2021. Darin moved to accept the report and Diane seconded. The report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that there was an interest of 0.84 which left a balance of \$13,356.37. Memorial is looking to use funds to pay for the 8 new white tables that can be used for events and funerals. The Thrivant account has a balance of \$22,608.62. Peggy moved to accept the report and Diane seconded. The report was approved.

Pastors Report

Entire report will be given next month. Pastor gave a private baptism to Shawn, Jill, Xavier, and Griffin Zabokrtsky. We welcome them into faith and as new members to St. Paul!

Vice Chairman's Report

David pre-paid \$0.20 on 3000 gallons of propane at Stanton.

Committee Reports

Communication and Outreach- Family Funday Sunday will be September 12 from 4-7PM. It will be held at the church. There will be games, softball, and an ice cream social. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Foodstand- David reported that there was a great turn out for the picnic and that we sold out of most items which is great!

Worship and Music- N/A

Christian Education- N/A

Memorial- N/A

Old Business

- The trees from the parsonage and church have not been cut down yet, but will soon.

New Business

- Peggy will be checking in with Diode to see what recording devices would work for our Facebook Live service on Sunday mornings. Currently using a cell phone. If anyone has suggestions, please reach out to a council member.

The next meeting is schedule for August 18, 2021 at 7:30PM. Committee's are encouraged to meet if needed at 7PM or at another time that works. Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting and Darin seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lords' Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 8/16/2021

Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 767.56
Benevolence	\$ 217.70
Designations	\$ 4,594.99
Total	\$ 5,580.25

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$ 767.56
Remaining Bills	
Norris (est.)	\$ 300.00
Portico	\$ 2,545.57 <i>due mid-September</i>
Remaining Bal	\$ (2,078.01)

Offering Summary

	June	July	August
Current	\$ 8,484.80	\$ 10,681.95	\$ 4,275.60
Benevolence	\$ 651.20	\$ 651.20	\$ 50.65
Designated Funds	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
Totals	\$ 9,236.00	\$ 10,851.00	\$ 4,437.25 (partial month)

We need to receive \$10,000.47 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2021.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 18, 2021

Present members were Pastor Mark Liscom, David Henrichs, Peggy Hemphill, Diane Wellsandt, Darin Weers, Gary Bergmeier, and Tyler Wolken. The council shared life and faith stories with each other. Pastor Mark also read a devotion from Martin Luther. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Peggy moved to accept the minutes and Diane seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary shared the financial report that was provided by Alan and Stacey. Total cash available right now is \$767.56. After Norris and Portico are to be paid the account will be short (\$2,078.01). David agree to make a announcement in the bulletin about the financial situation. Darin moved to accept the treasurer's report and Tyler seconded. The report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that there was \$0.77 in interest which brought the balance to \$12,672.34. The donation from the Jeanette Banahan Memorial was used toward purchasing 8 new white banquet style tables to be used for large events at St. Paul. Gary moved to accept the report and Peggy seconded. The report was approved

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 1 youth planning meeting, 4 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 4 calls, 1 hospital call, confirmation/youth planning materials and letters etc. and attended 2 funerals.

Vice Chairman's Report

David has turned the bill from Stanton for the propane and turned it in to Alan Roelfs to be paid.

Committee Reports

Christian Education- The committee met and had a planning meeting for the upcoming year for Crosswalk. The start date will be September 15. The group outlined its goals and objectives for the year, decided upon curriculum, special projects to work toward and even ideas about a Christmas concert for Crosswalk families. The group is really looking for volunteers to help once a month or more if willing. Help is needed with assisting kid groups and occasional teaching. Our teaching group is small and would greatly appreciate the help to keep this great program running and thriving for so many kids.

Communication and Outreach- The committee has set a date for a Family Funday Sunday for Sept 12 from 4-7PM. Everyone in the community is welcome to come! Invite a friend or two to join in on the fun. There will be games and an ice-cream social.

Memorial- N/A

Music and Worhsip- N/A

Food Stand- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Gary spoke with Shoens Roofing and they apologize for not getting back as quickly about the shingle project. They took additional samples to send off and will be working to find a time to replace the shingles.

NEW BUSINESS

- Diane W. will be gone on vacation from September 2-12. IF you need to reach Diane or another council member, please feel free to reach out.

- The council is looking to have a couple backup people to help run the Facebook Live camera. It doesn't take much effort and is pretty easy to operate. Let Pastor Mark know if you would be willing to fill-in if a council rep is not present that day.

- The council is considering having drive-up car worship this October in place of church service in the park. A date has not been set. Look for details later.

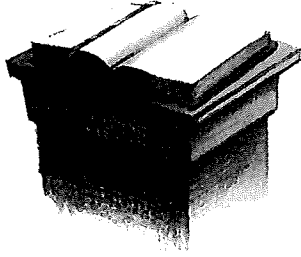
- Pastor Mark was approached by the ELCA Synod to be an On-Call pastor. The American Lutheran Church of Fairbury is without a pastor at the moment and is needing help with some of duties that a pastor would assist with such as funerals and emergency pastoral care (not Sunday sermons). Pastor Mark will be reimbursed for his time/hours put in and travel for such duties. Since Pastor Mark is an employee of St. Paul, those funds would go directly to the church. The Synod had a draft copy of an agreement that outlined the duties, pay, funeral services, termination of the agreement, and if amendments need to be made. Diane made the motion that Pastor Mark has permission by the council to proceed with the on-call pastoral care agreement with American Lutheran of Fairbury and that he will be reimbursed by them for his time and mileage. The Council and Pastor Mark will have the right to terminate the contact with a 14 day notice to American Lutheran and or the Nebraska Synod.

His duties to include funerals and emergency pastoral care. Gary seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Pastor Mark will work with the Synod and American Lutheran about drawing up a final contract for approval.

Gary moved the adjourn the meeting and Darin seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is set for September 15 at 7:30PM and Committee's to meet at 7PM.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

Study ^{the} Bible with us



August Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 9, 2021 at 1:30pm. The Bible study was led by Irene Gibson. Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!) Just Hope. God's Holy Truth leads us to love, justice and transforming the world into God's Beloved Community.

Our study texts were from Ezekiel 37:1 - 14, 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 26.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less Than Jesus Christ". We closed with prayer and Hymn, "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth", and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call. Our Offering was \$14.00.

Old Business: Ardith Barber said to plan on 48 school kit bags. Marla brought material for use at WELCA meeting on August 4th at 7pm. Work Day is July 27th.

New Business: Discussed Faith Formation children to help pack the school bags. Work Days on August 24th and 31st.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 1:30pm, September book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

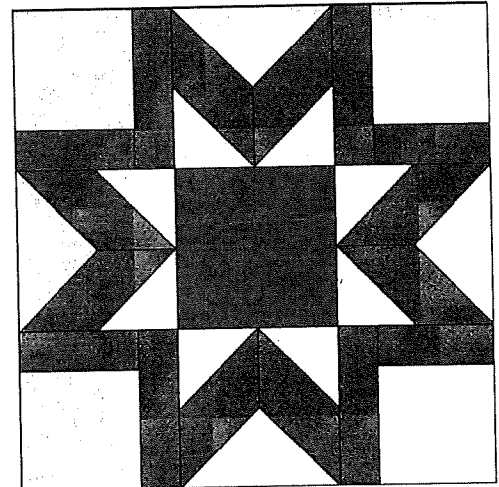
Mission Work Day

The quilters continue to meet every 4th and 5th Tuesdays of each month, except December.

We start at 9:00 and quilt as long as prepared fabrics are available or till coffee at 3:30.

Please come and join us. We will meet August 24th and 25th and September 21st.

WRAP THE WORLD IN LOVE



Please help keep the coffee flowing!

We are asking for donations to replace the large coffee pot we use for funerals and large crowds. It is a necessary item for the kitchen and costs \$110.

Please give all donations for this need to Jeanette Bures, any help is appreciated. Thanks!

School Kit Donations Wanted

It's that time of year! We ask you to consider making a donation to help with purchasing supplies to assemble school kits for LWR. We are planning to make 48 kits this year. You can give any donations to WELCA president Ardith Barber. Thank you.



Women of the ELCA

Unit Meeting

August 4, 2021

Chairman, Ardie Barber, called the meeting to order with 9 women in attendance. Eunice Circle members presented the program which focused on prayers for the workers/volunteers who often go unnoticed in our day to day lives. Thanks goes to Marla Weichel for organizing the reflective activity.

The business meeting opened with all reading the WELCA Purpose Statement in unison.

Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$419.97. The report was approved as presented. Bills submitted were:

Linda Beran, Ardie Barber and Carolyn Schultis- Garton funeral purchases

Irene Gibson-school kit supplies \$115.47

Ardie Barber – cooler \$22.50 school kit bags \$56.64

Cleo Perkins moved and Linda Behrends 2nd the payment of the bills.

A thank you from the Ellis United Methodist Women for our help with the funeral of Susie Carpenter was read.

Beth moved and Linda Beran 2nd the motion to remove the current microwaves from the kitchen.

Replacement will be delayed until pricing can be completed.

Committee reports were given.

No spring gathering held due to COVID.

No WELCA food stand night at the Diller Picnic.

Eight new tables were purchased to accommodate larger funeral meals. The church council is looking for a source to cover costs.

New Business

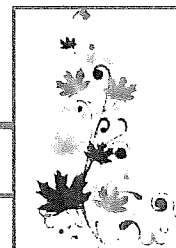
Synod Women's Convention will be Oct. 1 – 3 @ Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Christ Community Church extended an invitation to Inspire Night on September 25.

Beth Roelfs moved and Linda Behrends 2nd a motion to sponsor a November food drive with the goal of 200 pounds.

The next unit meeting will be November 3rd at 7. Linda Behrends will serve as the hostess.

Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Some of our congregational members have been in the hospital and/or suffered losses recently.

Carolyn Schultis, on the passing of her mother, Grace Frerichs
The Family of Arnie Vitosh, as he is in the hospital with illness
Betty Damrow, who is currently at Beatrice Rehab and recovering

Please remember in your prayers all of our members and extended church family who are not able to be with us, those that are in assisted living and care centers and those who may be in need of God's comfort, healing and peace:

Betty and Franklin Damrow, Cindy Bartlett, Margery Keefover and Linda Behrends

KIDS WILL DIG IN AT CROSSWALK

CrossWalk sessions will start on September 15 with a new curriculum, Dig In. Kids will journey through Epic Teachings from the Old and New testaments. The sessions will include SNACKS!!, a Bible video, music, games, a Bible lesson, an object lesson and prayer practices.

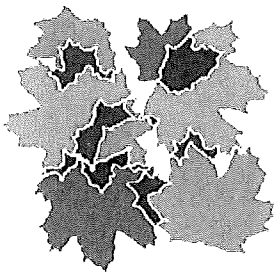
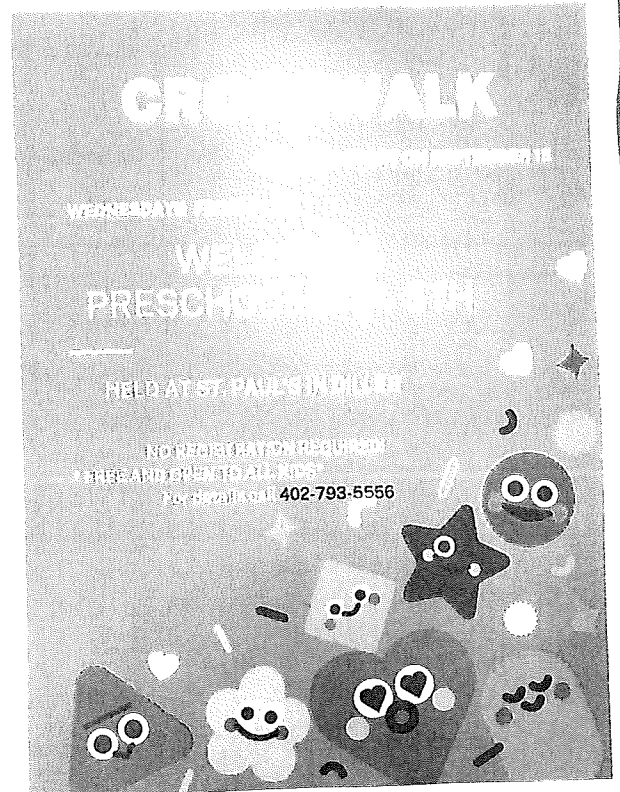
The learning focus for this year will be the Bible and its books. The targets of past years have been Daily Highs and Lows prayers and the Lord's Prayer. It has been a joy to watch the student's grow in their comfort level and confidence in sharing their faith in the presence of others.

Throughout the year the group will carry out caring projects. The first service project will be packing the school kits that are shipped throughout the USA and world to children in need of basic school supplies. The bags and supplies are being provided by the Women of the ELCA. Irene Gibson spearheads the project with support of the Eunice Circle members. Other possible projects may benefit nursing home residents, veterans, first responders, medical staff and school staff. If you are aware of a worthy cause please share it with one of the Christian Ed. Committee members.

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled for Oct. 31. Other special activities are being planned. Watch the Newscaster and Facebook for more details.

As always, **HELP IS NEEDED!** Prayerfully consider joining the fun each Wednesday at 4 till 5. You will find that the joy and blessings you gain will far outweigh the effort you give. Committee members are: Tyler Wolken, Kristen Henerberg, Kristen Heidemann, Sheri Schultis and Beth Roelfs.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Learn from leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop; clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

~ by Janna Firestone from the September 2021 Newsletter



*Just
Born*

Congratulations to Tom and Danielle Reeson on the birth of their son, Landon Lee, born on August 2nd. Grandparents of Landon are Robbyn and the late Stan Roelfs, and Great-Grandparents are Norris and Jan Gold.

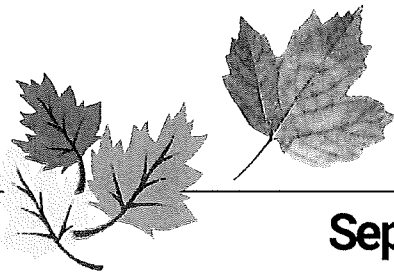
Norris and Jan Gold are also Great-Grandparents to Halle Jeanne Henrichs, born July 14 to Joe and McKenzie Henrichs.

We give thanks to God for this gift of new life. May God's Blessings be with your family.

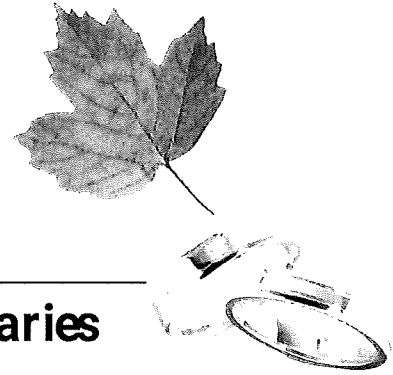
Thank you so much for your thoughtful words and cards of sympathy for the loss of my mother, Grace Frerichs. Your prayers and support through this difficult time was truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Russell and Carolyn Schultis

*thank
you*



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Jeanette Bures

September 7, 1947

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Franklin & Betty Damrow

September 5, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Scott and Linda Beran

September 29, 1968

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David and Leana Lottman

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

September Birthdays



1 Gail Engelman
1 Cassandra Lottman
4 Jacki Smith
5 Riley Sasse
6 Cathy Lyons
7 Jamie Schultis
8 Tim Scheele
9 Betty Damrow
10 Guilford Wiemers
10 Andrew Graves
11 Shawn Lottman
11 Aubrey Roelfs

12 Clayton Spilker
12 Draedyn Sasse
14 Norman Balderson
14 Ryan Nippert
14 Reid Rallis
16 Charles Barber
16 Cheryl Denner
17 Cindy Bartlett
17 B.J. Stein
17 Shannon Stein
18 Robbyn Roelfs
19 Kelsay Schlichtman

20 Hollie Crawford
21 Angie Clifford
23 Ann Parde
23 Christopher Schmidt
24 Skylar Pretzer
25 Alexis Parde
25 Tori Smith
26 Kevin Sasse
26 Matthew Nippert
27 David Lottman
30 Kristen Hennerberg

VOLUNTEERS: If you are unable to serve on the Sunday(s) you are assigned, PLEASE arrange with someone else to fill in and notify others in the assigned Sunday of the change. Thank You!



**September 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**
*Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
Greeter, Dean Pretzer
Ushers – Karter Sasse, Riley Sasse
Coffee Service – Kendra K Weers, Deb Nippert*

September 12 Sunday Worship Service
*Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
Greeter, Charles Barber
Ushers – Tim Scheele, Jamie Schultis
Coffee Service – Ardith Barber, Kristen
Heidemann*

September 19 Sunday Worship Service
*Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
Greeter, Gary Bergmeier
Ushers – Christopher Schmidt, Doug Schmidt
Coffee Service – Jeanette Bures, Jill Scheele*

September 26 Sunday Worship Service
*Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis
Greeter, Jim Bures
Ushers – B.J. Stein, Jonathan Schmidt
Coffee Service – Robbyn Roelfs, Jean Schmidt*






**October 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**
*Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
Greeter, Dennis Nippert
Ushers – Brian Weers, Darin Weers
Coffee Service – Stacy Roelfs, Cleo Perkins*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
First Communion Sunday, October 3			Confirmation 7:00pm			
<i>Red Hymnal</i> 5 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM	6  LABOR Day	7	8	9	10	11  Patriot Day
<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 12 Worship Service 9:30 AM family FUN day 4/6pm  Youth Meeting during Fun Day	13 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	14	15 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm	16	17	18
<i>Red Hymnal</i> 19 Worship Service 9:30 AM	20 Newscaster items due	21	 22 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm	23	24	25 First Communion and Acolyte Class
<i>Blue Hymnal</i> 26 Worship Service 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	27	28 Work Day All Day	29 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm	30		



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