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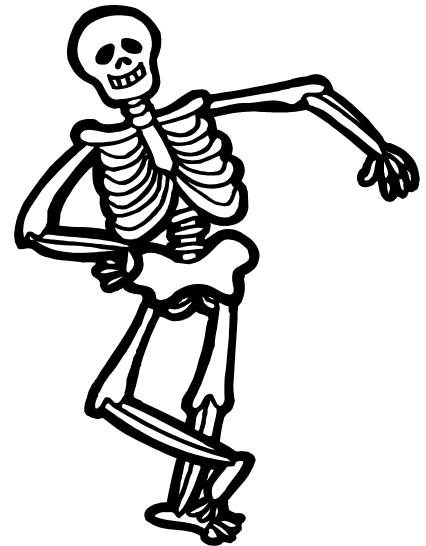
Dear Friends,

During October folks smile when they see my car. During the other eleven months I am frequently asked why I drive around with a skeleton in the backseat of my car. I do so because I celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

The Feast of All Saints, “though often observed, is not always given the gravity it deserves, at least in the North American context” (*Sundays and Seasons*). On this Feast we are reminded that the Church is a communion not only of the living and local but of the dead and distant as well. It is the day we celebrate that death cannot divide us from the body of Christ, because Jesus Christ has conquered death!

We celebrate the Feast of All Saints for two reasons. We do commemorate those who have died. But, also, we remember them not for themselves and in themselves, but because of what God has done through them. When the Church praises the saints, she praises God who has triumphed through them. *Sundays and Seasons* quotes Philip Pfat- teicher, “Those who are still in the Church on earth are supported and encouraged by the fellowship of a throng of witnesses, who fought their way with effort and pain and who now in the company of the redeemed are watching and supporting the Church on earth in its present struggle.”

In honor of our 175th Anniversary we shall celebrate the Saints of Salem on November 13, remembering the throng of witnesses who continue to watch and support Salem Lutheran Church.



Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Stated Supply Pastor

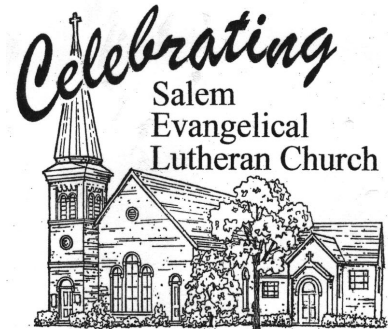
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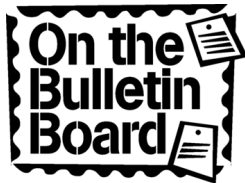
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175 Years
1836-2011



The walls outside the office are full of great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry. Check it out!



- 11/7 Sara Jacobs
- 11/22 Xavier Guarneros
- 11/25 Little Bit Sanchez
- 11/27 JoAnna Mae Haverstick
- 11/28 Rosemary Rader

Happy Anniversary!

Rosemary and Charles Rader
Married November 28, 1972



Salem Game Night on November 19

Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and share a snack, treat or box of fried chicken. Tom and Nancy Alexander joined us in September, rolling a few strikes at Wii bowling and drawing a few UNO cards. Bring your favorite game or just join the fun on the third Saturday of the month!

Pictured: Tom Alexander, Richard Budach and Sara Jacobs



Joyous!

Greetings and may blessings abound,

And so during this anniversary celebration we look to our history....the history of God's people, of the Christian Church, of this congregation - - remembering who we are and where we have been. And at the same time we look to the future, remembering what we have been put here to do and where we are going. Our history is always leading us somewhere; our glory as God's children is always yet to come.

First, I thank Pastor Bonnie Sparks for her tireless energy and attention to detail in planning and organizing our recent 175th anniversary celebration weekend. Also, our Office Manager, Devoe Slisher, was very instrumental in bringing all the moving parts together, at the right time and in the right format, so we could enjoy two consecutive ceremonies October 15th and October 16th. The amount of time devoted by this team was considerable and much appreciated by all the past and current members and friends of Salem Lutheran Church. A job done well!

To Rosemary Rader and all the kitchen assistants and cooks, it was delightful and just plain good. To our fine musicians and Choir Director, may you continue to lift us up with your beautiful music so professionally presented.

We at Salem have been blessed over the past 175 years with more than 2,100 members. How many others have received comfort or experienced a turning point in their lives after visiting with us on a Sunday morning will never be known. However, our faith tells us that God does change people, and sometimes quickly, even after just one visit. At our recent celebration our historic past was brought back into focus, as it should have been, and I believe our faith continued to be nurtured and renewed due to this gaze into the past.

Through the ages God has used this church to keep alive and pass down the story of what Christ has done for us. It is the church's witness that has kept the community aware that Christ is alive today, offering help and strength to those who trust in him. It is also the church who in the words of sociologist Emile Durkheim allows for a unique feeling to emerge during our collective worship. Durkheim claimed that a feeling of oneness or "collective effervescence" is experienced in communal worship. I believe that oneness of emotion was evident during our celebration weekend.

As an old saying goes, "We're not what we ought to be, but then we're not what we used to be." The apostle Paul spoke for all of us in Philippians 3:13-14 when he acknowledged that he wasn't perfect but was still striving to become what God wanted him to be. How appropriate is Paul's sentiment for Salem, not perfect but still striving to become what God wants her to be.

Salem has been blessed with an abundant past, some 175 years and counting. Part of that past will again bring us to our future, still a work in progress, forward looking and forward moving.

Peace and Grace be with you,
Keith

Annual School Visit

Rosemary Rader spoke in our sanctuary to the 2nd graders from College Park Elementary School on Friday, October 28. Two busloads of students participated in a guided walking tour of the New Augusta area. The Pike Township Historical Society sponsors the annual event.



Tutors Needed for Pike Elementary Students

OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program is geared for people over age 50 to help tutor and mentor a student for one hour each week in the first, second and third grade in Pike Township Schools. Training is provided for tutors and then they are placed with a student in an elementary school of their choice in Pike. Free training sessions will be held November 15, 16 and 17 at Eastbrook Elementary. Contact Mary McDonald at 387-2541 or MMcDonal@pike.k12.in.us for more information.

Elections, Budget and Turkey Dinner November 20

Letters went out in October inviting members to our special congregational meeting on November 20 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The agenda includes approval of our annual budget, election of council and first reading and vote of proposed changes to update the Salem constitution. If you did not receive the letter, or desire a copy of our current constitution, please write, email or call the church office. A turkey dinner follows the meeting!



HALLOWEEN 2011

The New Augusta Village Association reminds us to be cautious and protective to insure the safety of our trick-or-treaters on October 31 between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Neighborhood BonFire November 5

The New Augusta Village Association will have hot cider and marshmallows for roasting, plus possibly chili and other warm stuff. Bring a treat or a drink to share at Joe Wagle's back yard, 7214 Dobson Street on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (The bonfire event is outside only.)



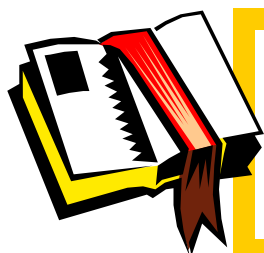
FALL BACK to Standard Time!

Sunday morning, November 6, make sure your clocks are set back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends. Join the class on "Romans" if you find yourself an hour early to Salem.

Worship and Music Notes

Pastor Bonnie will be serving as Spiritual Director for a Via de Cristo on Sunday, November 6. The Council requested that we have Holy Communion on the Sundays Pastor Bonnie will be away and W&M agrees. Sean Rice has agreed to serve as Worship Leader on November 6, but as an unordained person, Sean does not have the ability to consecrate Holy Communion.

On Sunday, October 30th, Pastor Bonnie consecrated extra elements (bread and wine). These were respectfully reserved here at Salem to be distributed on November 6th. **Sean will not say the Words of Institution, consecrate or bless the elements, he will only distribute them.**



Noon Bible Study Season Finale

Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel Schroeder in our Fellowship Hall. The Monday Noon Bible Study group meets on November 8 before taking a break for the winter.



Join Salem's Red Kettle Ringers

Salem will be greeting Kroger shoppers at 71st and Georgetown on Tuesday, November 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Share the spirit of the season - sign up outside the office for an hour or two. We need your smiling face!



Share the Good News and Joy of Salem's 175th Anniversary!

Salem Christmas Cards will soon be available.
Watch for details.

New Sunday School Year - Already?

The shopping. The baking. The busy holiday calendar. The season of Advent can easily become lost. While we focus on what **we** are doing, it is easy to overlook what **God** is doing - renewing our souls and renewing our lives. Each Sunday during Advent (beginning November 27) we shall study how God renews and makes all things new. Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for this four week study.

Saints of Salem

175th Anniversary Service

Each **Feast of All Saints** we remember those souls who passed away to the Church Triumphant during the previous year. Throughout this anniversary year we frequently have spoken of families and individuals whose history wove the fabric of Salem Lutheran Church. This year we shall honor not just those who passed away in the past year but **all the Saints of Salem** from the past 175 years.

On **November 13th** the Sunday Worship will be a fitting tribute to those saints who were members or friends of Salem. Family members have been invited to join us for the Saints of Salem 175th Anniversary Service. This is the opportunity to let family members know that we have not forgotten their loved ones as well as a time for us to remember that it is the Blood of Christ that makes us all a part of one eternal family. Following worship there will be another **family meal in the Fellowship Hall**.

Letters of invitations are going out to all family members we have listed. If you are aware of someone who has not received an invitation, please make a point of inviting them.



Ladies Christmas Luncheon
December 1

The men are welcome too, on Thursday, December First at 11:30 a.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and whatever appeals to your Christmas spirit. Please come and be part of the fellowship of Salem and help us celebrate 175 years of God's Love and Grace!

A few snapshots from the worship celebration with Bishop Gafkjen.



Above: Steve Siroky lights the new Paschal Candle as Bishop Gafkjen and Pastor Bonnie Sparks stand in front of the chancel.

Top left: The Salem choir sings our mission statement.

Center left: The Bishop delivers the message.

Bottom left: The Bishop and Julie Rice serve communion. Seated in the front row is Doug Hairston of the Mayor's Front Porch Alliance.

Below: The Bishop shares the peace with former member Tom Shelton. Next to him is his wife Mary Spangler Shelton and her mother, Margaret Spangler. Her father was Pastor John Spangler (1948-1970). He was Salem's first full-time pastor starting in 1950. Pastor Spangler passed in 2002. On the left side of the frame is Bart Richardson.

Bottom right: Larry Metzler extended greetings and congratulations from the Pike School Board.



Saturday, October 15, 2011

Photographer: Devoe Slisher

Salem: Indianapolis Home of a Big Ten Sports Team?

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A last-minute plea for a place to roll out their sleeping bags came from the Northwestern University Crew (Rowing Team).

Salem said yes. The team crashed in the Fellowship Hall on October 28 before competing in the "Head of the Eagle" regatta on Eagle Creek Reservoir.



On September 11 and 18, commitment cards were completed by those in attendance at the morning worship service. A total of fourteen cards were received during these two services, pledging \$40,068.00 in support of the ministry of Salem Lutheran Church during 2012. A follow-up letter was mailed out on October 4 to those who had not yet responded. As a result, six more cards were received, bringing the total pledged for 2012 to \$55,828.00. Soon a thank-you letter will be mailed out to those in-

dividuals and families who completed a card, confirming the amount of their pledge.

If the current economy is preventing anyone from completing a commitment card, pledging to support Salem's ministry during 2012, we ask that you please make a small pledge that you know you can meet, even if it is only a few dollars per month, as some of our members have already done. Making a commitment to support Salem on a regular basis is more important than the amount of that commitment. God has promised to reward the cheerful giver, no matter the size of the gift. As Pastor Bonnie's stewardship story in the August *Chimes* pointed out, a stewardship campaign isn't a success until everyone has completed a card. If you feel that the events celebrating Salem's 175th anniversary have strengthened your faith, then we urge you to complete a commitment card if you have not already done so.

Salem's budget for 2011 is in excess of \$101,000.00, so the amount pledged for 2012 would cover a little more than half of this year's expenses. It is difficult to plan for ministry needs if we are constantly counting our pennies, not knowing whether we will be able to meet our expenses. If Salem Lutheran Church ever hopes to call a new pastor, then now is the time to give generously, in return for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us. I can assure you from personal experience, that the more you give, the more it will be returned to you, in ways you cannot begin to imagine.

Charles Rader

POINSETTIAS

FOR THE CHANCEL

Add to the beauty of the Christmas services by placing a poinsettia in the Chancel. Place your order no later than Monday, December 19, 2011. Complete this form and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. Enclose the payment with your order.

Cost: **\$15.00** each.

Please fill in the blanks below with the appropriate information which will be used in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Checks should be made payable to: SALEM and marked "Poinsettias." Thank you.

_____ Number of poinsettias to be placed in the Chancel.

Check one:

_____ In memory of

_____ In honor of

Name of honoree:

Presented by:

Kindly indicate your wishes for the destination of the Poinsettias after the Christmas Day service:

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after the service.

_____ Leave for church usage.

Any questions, call or email the church office (291-5004).



Cemetery Service on Veterans' Day

Mark you calendars! Pastor Bonnie will again conduct a worship service at our cemetery (62nd and Guion Rd.) on November 11.

The 11/11/11 service will be at 11:11 a.m. Bring a lawn chair! In the event of extreme weather, the worship will be held in the sanctuary.

Pictured Harry Bowden and Bel Hedlund as Pastor Bonnie Sparks leads the 2010 service.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pastor Mel Schroeder and Pleasant View Lutheran invite you to a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 801 West 73rd Street.



A Blast from the Past

Pastor Roger and Liz (Tripp) Thompson were a big part of our anniversary celebration weekend. Pastor and Liz arrived Friday, Oct. 14.

Pictured left: Gino Agresti and Pastor Bonnie Sparks chat with the Thompsons.



He brought along a display from the 50th anniversary of his ordination - featuring some Salem history.

Pictured right are photos from the Salem Old-Fashioned worship during the centennial celebration of the sanctuary building. Below is Pastor and an "honorary" member of the 1983 confirmation class: Indy 500 driver Tom Sneva.



Before Sunday morning's service, two families from the Thompson era posed with the Thompson family (including Mike and Jeff) for a reunion portrait. They included the Jensens (from Troy, Mo.) and their daughter and grandson (from St. Peters, Mo.) The Stoners (from the Chicago area) also are in the back.

Dinner Guests October 15, 2011



Top: Liz (Tripp) Thompson and Tom Alexander catch up and look back.

Above: Burt Hall with Margaret and Mary Spangler.

Top left: Rosemary Rader refill the rice dish of the excellent buffet as Pastor Thompson select a fish entrée.

Left: The Thompson family table includes Peter Hillman and Mike (left side), Kathy and Jeff (back), Mark and Carol Andrews, and Liz on the right.

Lower left: Jim and Dee Warriner, Reuben Gooderum, Trish Gooderum, Marilyn and Maurice Kelsey, and Harry Bowden.

Below: Mary Moe and Sara Jacobs with Kevin Patty.



Back in the Salem Pulpit
 Pastor Roger Thompson on
 October 16, 2011



Top right: Sean Rice and Pastor Thompson process in the Sunday morning service.

Above: The children's sermon included a 175 step march to illustrate the number of years since the congregation first started meeting.

Left column: Pastor Roger Thompson delivers the message. Sean Rice shares the peace with Princess Little Bit. And The Alexander family share the peace (Connie, Jenny and Nancy). Tom is seated in the foreground. Rubbing his chin in the back is Burt Hall's son, John.

Below: Maurice Kelsey receives communion from Pastor Thompson and Julie Rice.

Worship Serving Schedule

NOV.	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE(S)	USHERS	GREETER
6	Steve Siroky	Richard Budach	Keith Kunze	Burt Hall Harry Bowden	Bel Hedlund
13 Saints of Salem	Laura Morgan	Sara Jacobs	Steve Siroky Julie Rice Devoe S.	Burt Hall Keith Kunze	Susan Kunze
20	Sean Rice	Timm Parker	Laura Morgan	Devoe Slisher Harry Bowden	Julie Rice
27	Steve Siroky	Diann Ryan	Devoe Slisher	Susan Kunze Keith Kunze	Bel Hedlund



NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Johnathon Rice	2 Joshua Rice	3 Julie Rice	4 Sean Rice	5 Diann Ryan
6 Bill Ryan	7 Rich Sceniak	8 Galina Alkhutova	9 Pastor Mel Schroeder	10 Steve Siroky	11 Susie Siroky	12 Devoe Slisher
13 Pastor Bonnie Sparks	14 Chila Van De Mark	15 Geraldene Sterritt	16 Frank Varela	17 Benjamin Varela	18 Jim Warriner	19 Dee Warriner
20 Sandy Wuensch	21 Angela Agresti	22 Amanda Agresti	23 Barbara Agresti	24 Gino Agresti	19 Nancy Alexander	26 Tom Alexander
27 Charles Rader	28 Rosemary Rader	29 Connie Alexander	30 Ernestine Allen			

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 6:30 pm COUNCIL at Bravos Restaurant 86th & Township Line Road	3	4	5 6:00 pm New Augusta Village Assoc. Neighborhood BonFire at Joe Wagle's back yard, 7214 Dobson Street.
6 FALL BACK to EST Set your clocks! 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship SIGN UP for portrait sittings for PHOTO DIRECTORY	8 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Directory Review Meeting in Conference Room	8 ELECTION DAY office closed	9	10	11 VETERANS' DAY 11:11 am Cemetery Service at Guion Rd. and 62nd Street (in sanctuary if extreme weather)	12
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Saints of Salem Worship Dinner follows in Fellowship Hall	14	15	16	17 7:00 pm Worship and Music Ministry Planning Meeting DECEMBER CHIMES newsletter deadline	18	19 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
20 CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship CFS Spec. Congregational Meeting and Turkey Dinner in F. Hall	21	22 4 to 7 pm BELL RINGING at Kroger 71st & Georgetown for Salvation Army.	23 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Pleasant View 801 West 73rd Street	24 THANKSGIVING office closed	25 office closed	26
27 ADVENT begins 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28	29	30	(December 1) 11:30 am Ladies Christmas Luncheon (men welcome) In Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share.		



Join us as we
CONNECT
our families

We need you to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

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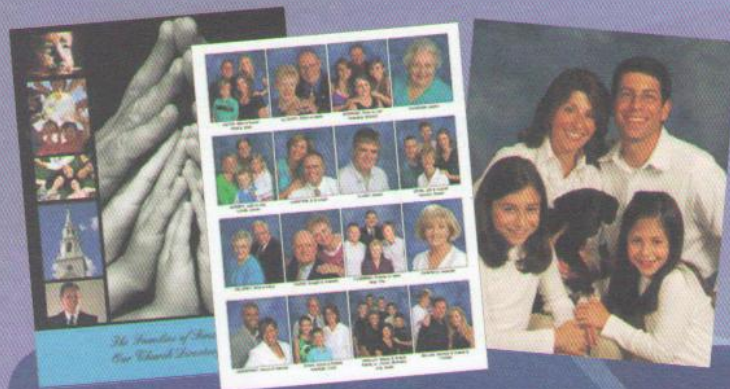
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- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
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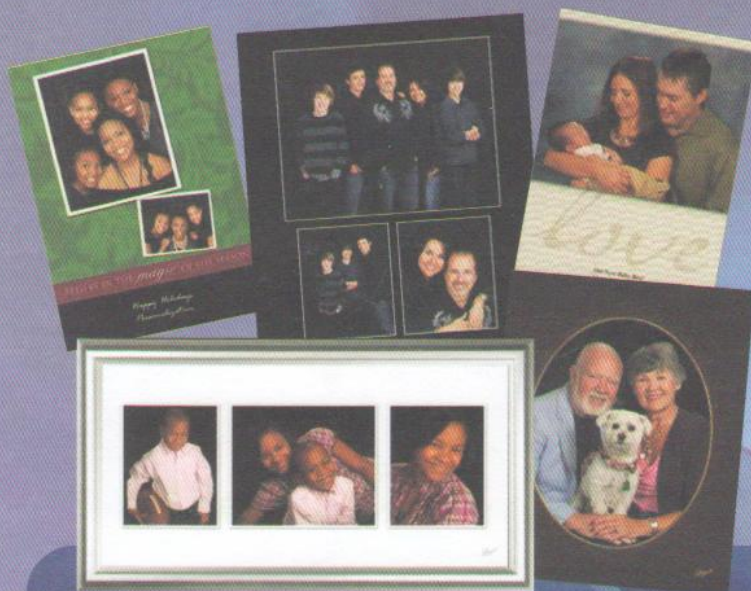
When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



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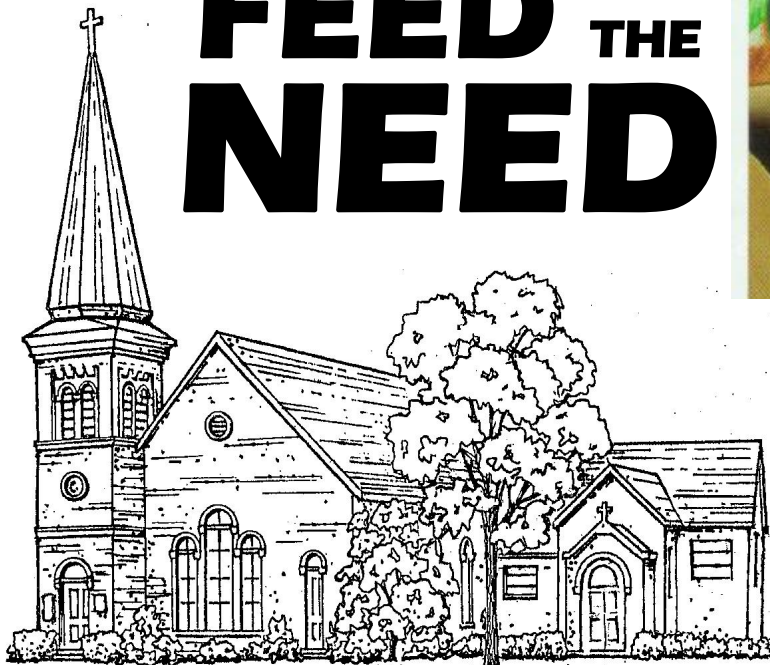
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