



# The Eagle March 2020



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*May we continue to be used by  
God and share the Gospel with  
A Heart for Hamilton County  
and the World!!*



## “Your Kingdom Come”

This is the theme for this year’s Lent series. As we begin the season of Lent, our midweek services are going to be centered around themes drawn from the book of Zechariah. The prophet’s chief concern is God’s kingdom. Throughout all fourteen chapters, Zechariah joyfully and profoundly announces that God’s kingdom is coming through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The book of Zechariah abounds with stunning portraits of our Savior. Jesus serves as the prophet’s interpreting Messenger throughout the first six chapters. Zechariah calls Jesus a “Shoot” (3:8; 6:12), Servant (3:8) and “Stone” (3:9). It is in the last six chapters, though, that the prophet describes Jesus in much more compelling ways. Jesus is righteous and humble (9:9). The blood of his covenant sets prisoners free (9:11). He is the church’s Cornerstone, Tent Peg and Battle Bow (10:4). Then, in a dramatic twist of fate, Christ is detested (11:8), sold for thirty pieces of silver (11:12), struck so his sheep scatter (13:7) and finally pierced and killed (12:10). In the end, however, God’s kingdom comes – finally and permanently, in pristine beauty (14:9, 16, 17).

Last month I wrote about our 2020 Vision. The elders and I would like to encourage all of you to make an effort to attend our Wednesday evening services during Lent. This is another way for us to strengthen our faith and intentionally take steps to deepen our understanding of God’s Word. It is also a time during the middle of the week that we can be surrounded by fellow believers in Jesus Christ to support and encourage each other in our faith and in our walk in this life.

May God give us the desire and passion to seek Him daily as we continue to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

*Pastor Reich*



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Let's Celebrate



YOU!



## Upcoming March Events

1st- Mite Box Sunday  
1:30pm Nursing home  
devotions

2nd - 6:30pm Preschool Board

3rd - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'

8th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth  
Board of Trustees

9th- 6:30 Board of Elders

10th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters  
5:30pm Finance Board

## Anniversaries

5th	Bob & Emily Neal Miller	21 Yrs
10th	Martin & Bonnye Wenzel	30 Yrs
22nd	Luther & Mona Smith	51 Yrs
27th	Zac & Kelsi Clowdus	10 Yrs

## Birthdays

2nd	Nell Helmcamp, Elaine Polster
3rd	Reese Hungerford, Misti Polster
5th	Branson Armstrong, Elissa Crouch, Myles Marwitz
6th	Karah Niemann
8th	Ernst Peters, Katherine Renken, Tootie Schoen
9th	Liz Beber, Nolan Zschiesche
11th	Ray Cassens, Dorothy Hoermann
13th	Michelle Cantara, Glenda Peace
14th	Quin Hanson
15th	August Gaydos, Aaron Hungerford
16th	Mildred Bottlinger, Missy Marwitz
17th	Anna Beber, Emery McElroy
19th	Mason Hall, Alanda Tyson
20th	Mary Kiely
21st	Jason Clark
23rd	Neet Bushee, Caleb Niemann
25th	Emma Polster
28th	Evelyn Batla, Stephen Horton
30th	Gary Schoen
31st	Joe Cathey, Billy Lawson, Lenox Yates

## Baptisms

1st	Jason Seider, Marshal Stork
2nd	Colter Johnson, Emma Johnson, Kolten Kensing
3rd	Kerry Kensing
4th	Alice Pietzsch, Owen Tyson
8th	Pat Bottlinger, Gary Voges
10th	Rebecca Horton
11th	Hunter Mize
13th	Kim Tyson
14th	Raymond Krueger, Mona Smith, Tammy Wagner
16th	Sam Hall
18th	Avery Hall
19th	Marliessa Clark, Frances Donahoo, Betty Hardin
21st	Brenna Payne, Addley Yates, Eugene Jeschke
24th	Jennifer Niemann, Elaine Polster
25th	Landry Yates
26th	Neede Anders, Branson Armstrong
27th	Jonathon Reich
28th	Elissa Crouch
30th	Robert Dellaughter, Laurel Friedrich, Dayle Squyres



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Devote yourselves to  
**PRAYER**  
being watchful and thankful.  
Col. 4:2  
MiniTools.com

**Opening/Breakfast  
Choir Practice  
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**Wednesdays**

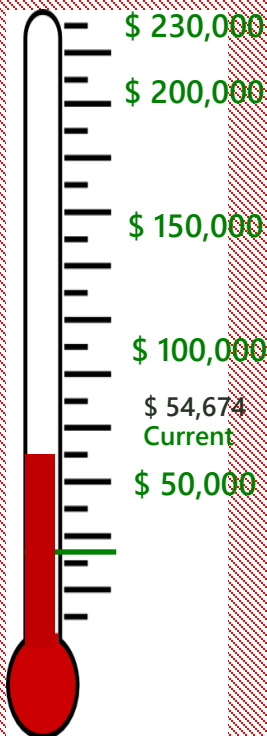
**Confirmation 4:00 PM**

**Senior Youth  
6:00 PM**

**Men's Bible Study  
Thursdays 6:30AM**



## BUILDING FUND



### ✘ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Isaac Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White

### ✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

**Focused Care:** Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Pat Bottlinger, Larry Stamberger, Ted Jahns **Hamilton Health Care:** Ben Helmcamp, Maxine Wenzel, Melinda Rogers, Leamon & Lydia Wagner, Bert Schrank, Corene Streger **The Meadows, Gatesville:** Faye Senger **Homebound:** Louis & Frances Donahoo, Ricky Brown, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, LaVerne Bubert

✘ **Sydnee Crouch** - (daughter of Danny and Elissa Crouch) at home doing rehab

✘ **Frances Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Louis Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Gary Voges**—Starting radiation treatments

✘ **Amanda**—(33 year old daughter of Richard Witt, Farm Bureau auditor) Stage 4 Cancer

✘ **Danny Alsup**— (St. Paul, The Grove) - Cancer treatments

✘ **Mary Alsup**—(St. Paul, The Grove) - cancer treatments

✘ **Oralia Alverado**—(Angie Tawater's mother)—Various health issues

✘ **Noland Arbaugh** - family friend of Darryl & Mischelle Beach, praying for complete healing of his paralysis

✘ **Molly Beach** - niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach suffering from an auto-immune disease & other health issues

✘ **Raymond Blansit**—Health issues

✘ **Bobby Cathey**—(Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments

✘ **Layla Evetts** - 6yr old diagnosed with an DIPG tumor. Treatments stopped, tumor progressing

✘ **Debbi Haile** - recovering from surgery

✘ **AnnaBella Heckman** - (3yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckman) tumor fragments are stable at this time.

✘ **Catalina Hernandez** - (Fabiola Olalde's mother) - recovering from kidney surgery

✘ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

✘ **Charles Krempin** - bed ridden

✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✘ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication

✘ **Cliff Partin**—at home, improving

✘ **Ossie Scott** - (Doyle Robert's sister) cancer treatments

✘ **Deanne Weaver**—(Tracy Cox's aunt) had severe stroke & brain aneurism

✘ **Pam Wolff**—(Elisha Squyres; mother) complications with MS

### ✘Praise and Thanksgiving:

✘ **For those who grieve:**

✘ **Special Prayers:** Rain; Teachers & Students; President & Government Officials (local, state & federal)

Please contact the church office with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones. 3



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## Finance Update

St. John Lutheran  
**Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group**  
 January of Fiscal Year 2020

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	41,207.00	56,695.76	41,207.00	56,695.76
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,207.00</b>	<b>56,695.76</b>	<b>41,207.00</b>	<b>56,695.76</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	707.00	664.00	707.00	664.00
10-Board of Elders	14,203.00	12,127.34	14,203.00	12,127.34
12-Board of Education	826.00	955.99	826.00	955.99
13-Board of Trustees	7,866.00	7,517.49	7,866.00	7,517.49
14-Board of Finance	3,741.67	3,826.65	3,741.67	3,826.65
16-Preschool Board	13,371.93	10,317.63	13,371.93	10,317.63
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,715.60</b>	<b>35,534.10</b>	<b>40,715.60</b>	<b>35,534.10</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>491.40</b>	<b>21,161.66</b>	<b>491.40</b>	<b>21,161.66</b>

*Alice Jeschke*

St John General Fund:

Darrell & Kristi Wagner, Martin & Juanita Seider

St John Building Fund:

St. John Men's Club, Lawrence & Joyce Denk, Mary Jeffers, Eldon & Barbara Surley,  
 David Seay, Delphine Morrison, Larry & Darla Kinney, Alice & Jerome Pietzsch,

Travis & Linda Moore, Alice Lucas, Sarah & Robert Gohlke, Diane & Steve Schneider,

Ron & Jana Samuelson, Rosemary & Ronnie Kunkel, Norma Kunkel

Organ Fund: Gary & Dixie Gromatzky

Kitchen Fund : Sandy & Rosanne Hall

2020 VBS

Robert & Dorothy Hoermann

*In loving memory of*



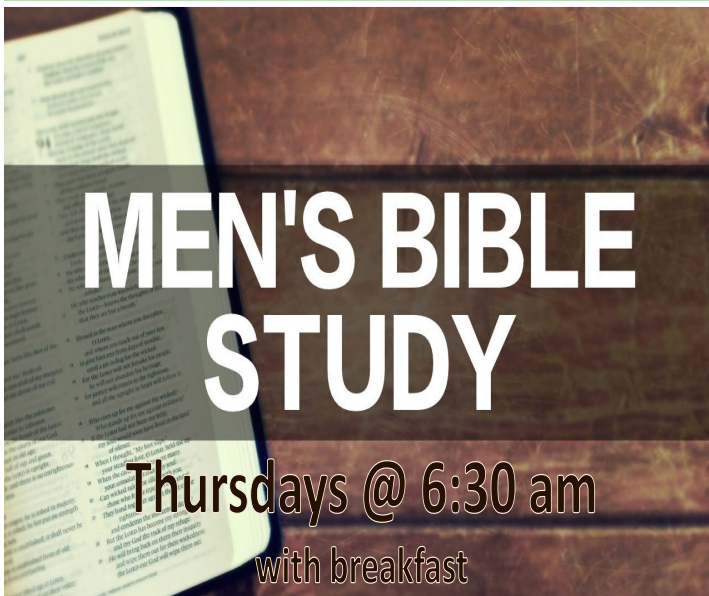
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## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us **March 1, at 7:15 am** for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

Next time you shop at Amazon, try [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You'll get the same great benefits you get with Amazon, with an added twist. When you go to check out, just pick St. John Lutheran Church as your charity and Amazon will make a small contribution to our church at no added cost to you. St John has already received over \$100.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you smile!



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 6:30 am  
with breakfast

Sunday morning services can be heard on

**KCLW**<sub>900AM</sub>  
CLASSIC COUNTRY

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm  
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

Are you interested in giving online to St John? Just go to our web site [www.stjohnhamilton.org](http://www.stjohnhamilton.org) and click on the little heart on the top, or the big heart at the bottom. Then just follow the prompts. Give in the privacy of your own home, or when circumstances prevent you from worshipping with us! Giving from the heart is so easy!



A new non-profit organization that has been formed with the goal of providing safe, comfortable and reliable transportation for Cancer patients and their caregivers to and

from Houston. Tentative schedule is 10:30 am Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday outbound to Houston from Hamilton and Monday, Wednesday and Friday inbound from Houston arriving at 4:50 pm. Pick-up and drop-off location has not been determined at this point. If anyone in our congregation would like to volunteer on these days and times, we could possibly be the pick-up and drop-off location. If you are interested in St. John being a part of this and possibly overseeing this, please contact the church office and let us know. For further information you can go to [www.drivinghopetexas.org](http://www.drivinghopetexas.org).



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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #7

*Mission Grant Story • February 2020*

## **GOD’S GRACE AND RESTORING HOPE Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families Camp Restore Detroit — \$100,000**

Camp Restore New Orleans has been a beacon in the city of New Orleans for many years, providing hope, restoration, and care to the people affected by hurricane Katrina. The devastation caused by that hurricane is very similar to what is seen when driving through some of the streets of Detroit today. It’s clear there has also been a disaster there — an economic disaster — with ruins similar to that of New Orleans. Detroit residents call it “a hurricane without water.” Families live in areas where adjacent yards, sidewalks, and building foundations sometimes can’t be seen due to the overgrowth of weeds and debris. With low population numbers and declining real estate values, it is difficult for the city to provide services that many of us take for granted. Camp Restore Detroit (CRD) was created as a ministry of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, an LCMS church located in the middle of the disaster-ridden Ninth Precinct.

In May 2017, the first “campers” (volunteers) began arriving. They partnered with local community leaders to restore hope to this area, while being fed and housed at Mt. Calvary. The volunteers have cleared hundreds of lots, boarded up countless houses, and served at nursing homes,

food banks, and sport centers as they worked with local leaders. Watching God work through these people has been powerful. An uplifting, cooperative relationship has been established among Camp Restore personnel, Mt. Calvary members, and people in the community. With the encouragement of the city of Detroit, CRD purchased, at a minimal cost, lots adjacent to the church which included two abandoned houses. Camp Restore Detroit has requested funds to help renovate these houses into Christ-centered community outreach centers and community gardens, where lives of children and families can be changed.

This mission grant will provide funds to transform these abandoned houses in the community into places where families, children, and other adults can enjoy hearing the Gospel in a safe setting, while engaging in personal growth activities that bring joy, creativity, education, and hope back into their lives.

***Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).***

[www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants)

**MITE BOX SUNDAY  
March 1**



**March meeting  
Sunday March 22**



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## Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzsky

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and  
Did my Sovereign die?

Would He devote that Sacred head,  
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I have done,  
He suffered on the tree?

Amazing pity, Grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut His glories in;  
When Christ the Mighty Maker died  
For man, the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in Thankfulness  
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay,  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself Away,  
Tis all that I can do.

By Isaac Watts



## *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

1707

*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 6:14*

After his graduation from college, Isaac Watts returned to Southampton, England, and spent two years writing hymns for Above Bar Congregational Church. He then moved to London to tutor children in a wealthy family of Dissenters. While there he joined Mark Lane Independent Chapel. Soon he was asked to be a teacher in the church, and in 1698, he was hired as associate pastor. There, on his twenty-fourth birthday, he preached his first sermon. In 1702, he became senior pastor of the church, a position he retained the rest of his life. He was a brilliant Bible student, and his sermons brought the church to life.

In 1707, his *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* was published. Isaac had written most of these hymns in Southampton while in late teens and early twenties. Included was a hymn now considered the finest hymn ever written in the English language. It was based on Galatians 6:14: "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Originally the first stanza said: *When I survey the wondrous cross/Where the young Prince of Glory died ...* In an enlarged 1709 edition, Watts rewrote the lines to say: *When I survey the wondrous cross / On which the Prince of glory died, / My richest gain I count but loss, / And pour contempt on all my pride.*

Also included in the 1707 hymnbook was "Heavenly Joy on Earth," better known today as, "Come, We That Love the Lord," or "We're Marching to Zion."

Another hymn was "Godly Sorrow Arising from the Suffering of Christ," better known as: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed." This hymn later played a major role in the conversion of a great American Hymnist. In 1851, Fanny Crosby, 31, attended a revival service at John Street Methodist Church in New York. "After a prayer was offered," she recalled, "they began to sing the grand old consecration hymn, 'Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed' and when they reached the third line of the fifth stanza, 'Here, Lord, I give myself away,' my very soul was flooded with celestial light."

How right that Watts should, long after his death, play a part in winning to Christ the author of a new generation of hymns and gospel songs!

Isaac Watts has certainly touched the hearts of millions through the centuries. After drawing the stark contrasts between the sacrificial death of the mighty Maker and the unworthiness of the sinful creature, he concludes with the consecration, "Here, Lord, I give myself away — 'tis all that I can do."

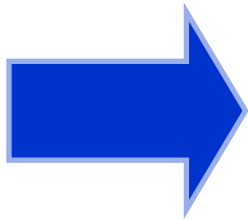
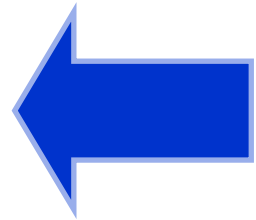
*As we enter into Lent I pray that we all will remember the suffering and death that our Savior went through to save you and me from our sins.*



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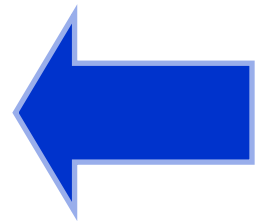
## HELP WANTED:

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO SERVE, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR REICH OR THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!!



VBS is quickly approaching and once again we are in need of a director. VBS will be June 15-19. If you are interested in helping out, or know someone who might be willing to serve, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Preschool is in need of a new/used loveseat for their Mighty Lions classroom. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact the Preschool Office at 254-386-3332, or let the church office know.



**GERMANY TOUR** – Visiting the Oberammergau Passion Play & Luther sites (June 28 – July 8, 2020)

Contact Rev Darold Reiner -- retired LCMS Pastor & LWML Int'l Counselor: 406-890-1149 or [imhis38@gmail.com](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)



# PreSchool News

March 9-13  
Spring  
Break!



**Kinder-Bridge reading with Ms. Doris**



**Little Lambs all dressed up!**

**Mighty Lions in Chapel**



**EASTER HAM FUND-RAISER** Watch the W.R.A.P for more details.

**Mark Your Calendars: March 17th  
Family night and early registration!**



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Z E C H A R I A H  
YOUR  
KINGDOM  
COME

## Midweek (Wednesdays)

Meal at 5:30 pm Service at 6:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Hamilton  
First Things First!

Wed. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, Aleman  
It's Tool Time!

Wed. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Hamilton  
Silencing Satan!

Wed. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, Aleman  
Who Will Take the Garbage Out!

Wed. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Hamilton  
First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask!

Wed. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul's, Aleman  
The Redeemer's Refinery!

## Palm Sunday 10:00 am

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> — Expectations Meet Reality!

## Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> — Covenant Blood!

## Good Friday 6:30 pm

Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> — God is Dead!

## Easter Sunrise 7:30am & Easter Service 10:00am

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> — All Things New!

# St. John Youth Activities



**Sr. Youth Disc Golf and Bible Study March 8th**



**JR. HIGH DANCE  
SPRING DANCE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**



## Youth Meals this Month

**March 22 Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser**

**March 25 Youth Lenten Meal**

**March 29 Youth Breakfast**

*You will receive a text of what to bring.*



Confirmation April 5th

First Communion Maundy Thursday April 9

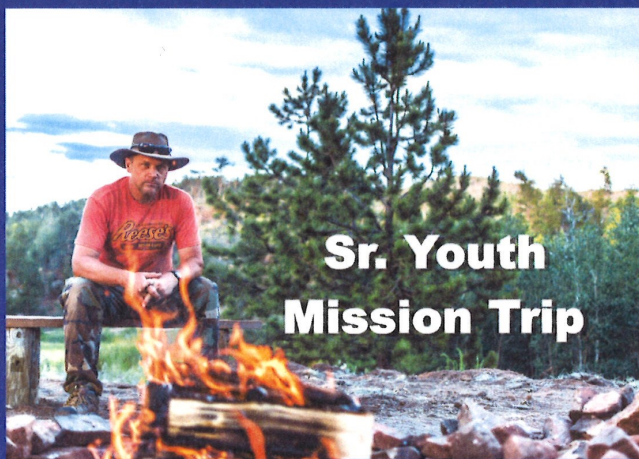
March Classes for Communion

**VBS July 15-19**

**Mark your  
Calendars**

**SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING**

**Sign up sheet in Family Life Center or tell Erica Bussey/Chrissy Hopper**



**Sr. Youth  
Mission Trip**



**8th Grade and Up for Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado  
June 27-July 3**

**Camp Lone Star 3rd grade and up  
July 5-10 or July 10-12**



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