

## Reaching an Ever-Changing World With God's Never-Changing Word

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# August 2022



## Pastor Kent

*"Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you."*  
(Psalm 102:25-28 ESV)

In my life, it's a season of change. Just recently, as most of you know, our oldest child, Rachel, got married. Although she's been living away for a couple of years now, this is most definitely a change.

Our second child, Caleb, recently graduated from high school and moved into an apartment of his own. He's looking forward to starting college and to experiencing a new level of independence.

Although he's not too far away, it is a big change for our family.

It's also a season of change as my father's health continues to deteriorate. The doctors have told us that there's nothing they can do for him. And he's already outlived their estimates. So, we know that one day soon he'll no longer be with us.

It's a season of change here, in the church, as well. We recently welcomed Joe Larson, who will be serving as a pastoral intern, for the next year. Depending on when this hits the press, Seth will soon finish his time with us as our youth director, or may have already done so. And Cody will begin serving alongside us in this role.

I'm sure your lives are filled with many changes as well. Change, after all, is a natural part of life. Yet, it's unsettling.

There's a certain comfort in the familiar. There's a peace that comes with the normal. And any time

we get outside of this, we feel a sense of unease and nervousness.

Even psychologists tell us that major life changes increase our stress level. And this is true even when these changes are positive in nature. They create a tension, they bring with them a sense of anxiety, until we grow comfortable in our new normal.

However, as we look at the above passage, we see that there is one constant in life. We see that there is one who is unchanging. And this can offer us comfort, it can fill us with peace, in the midst of the turbulence of life.

We're reminded that God is the creator of all things. We're reminded that he laid the foundation of the earth and that the heavens are the work of his hands. And we're told that they will perish. We're told that they will, one day, wear out like a garment.

This, of course, results from God's work in and among us. It's he who changes them like a robe and causes them to pass away. This refers to his judgment that will come upon the earth. Yet, even in the face of this, we're reminded that he remains. We're reminded that he is the same. And we're reminded that his years have no end.

He, you see, is our constant. He is our source of stability in an ever-changing world. And it's he who provides to us the comfort and peace that flows from his unchanging nature.

### **Worship Attendance**

**06-05 - 129**

**06-12 - 110**

**06-19 - 110**

**06-26 - 111**

**07-03 - 115**

**07-10 - Community service @ BHS**

**07-17 - 110**

**07-24 - 129**



Please join us for Church in the Park on Sunday, August 28th as we gather to worship, fellowship, and play together as we kick off the 2022-2023 school year! We will start the morning with a worship service at 9:00 AM followed by a grilled lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and a selection of potluck salads and desserts. Afterward we will make crafts and enjoy some good old fashion games for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Help Wanted: As we plan for Church in the Park, we are looking for the following items and help.

- Two to three grills.
- Two to four individuals willing to grill Sunday morning.
- Three to five individuals willing to help serve lunch.
- Two to three individuals to assist Garret Saylor with the sound equipment set up and take down.
- Two or three people willing to help/lead crafts.
- Two or three people willing to help with games.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above please talk Angie Wanzek.



## **The Intern's Corner**

In my July 17<sup>th</sup> sermon, I mentioned that it would be good to consider some specifics surrounding the idea of rest. If you find yourself struggling to set aside good times for rest and recovery, consider these Scriptures along with the practical insights I have listed below. The tips may not all be pertinent to you right now, but I pray they may be helpful as you wisely consider how to rest yourself, body and soul, so you can love your neighbors with renewed strength. **Note:** these practical tips are not the main focus of each passage but are presented here along with the texts for you to have both Scripture to chew on and advice to apply to your routine. Don't let me mix you up!

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**Matthew 11:28 (ESV)** — *28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Consider that Christ is your rest. Start by coming to Him and His Word to find rest. This is vital for both body and spirit. Jesus cares for you, so start by looking to Him.

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**Psalm 4:7–8 (ESV)** — *7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Look to the Lord's blessings to find peace. Then, consider fostering good sleep habits. Enjoy His good gifts of fresh air and sunshine during the waking hours. Eat a healthy meal in the evening, but not too close to bed (if you can, leave at least 2 hours between supper and bedtime). Darken

and cool your bedroom if possible. Make it a place you can lay down and remember that the Lord has given you many good things, including the safety you need to rest without fear. Stick to a regular pattern of sleep if you are able. Our bodies like good habits.

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**Hebrews 4:9–11 (ESV)** — *9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.*

Remember that the works that you have to carry out when you are done resting are important but do not earn you salvation. A proper perspective on your labor will help you rest from them. Your work is important, but since you have a sure hope in Christ, you are free to take time away from the needs of your neighbors and refresh yourself before diving back into service. With that in mind, try to work in good hobbies that engage with God's creation. Flex your actual muscles and your creative muscles every day. Even a short walk and time spent reading a good book can help you rest each day.

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**Psalm 127:1–2 (ESV)** — *1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.*

Bring all of your work and your rest to God and ask for His blessing upon it. He is the one who gives these good gifts. Be careful with things that may hinder times of rest. Take time each day (at least 20 minutes) to be away from your phone and

enjoying God's creation. Avoid screens in the hour before bed. Limit your caffeine intake and especially avoid it after lunch. Our phones and caffeinated drinks are useful tools, but they can cause us to add unnecessary stress and anxiety to our lives if we don't take breaks from them. Rely on the Lord for strength and rest, not just the tools He blesses us with.

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**James 5:16 (ESV)** — *16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

As much as we need time away from others to rest, we also need time *with* others to rest. Fellowship refreshes the soul and the body can benefit greatly from fellowship as well. This could include a meal that you didn't prepare, time spent snuggled up with your spouse, or a good conversation with your friends. While there can be a variety of good times of rest with family and friends, we have a special kind of rest when we share our burdens and struggles with a brother or sister in Christ and they remind us of God's gracious forgiveness in Christ. Not only will your brothers and sisters in Christ know how to be praying for you, by sharing your burdens they can directly apply the Gospel to you. Few things are as restful as a conscience given peace in knowing that your sins are forgiven by the sure work of Christ.

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**Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)** — *6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Our worries and cares often prevent us from resting well. We cannot eliminate them on our own, but by bringing them to the Lord in prayer we put them where they need to be: in His hands. Consider keeping a journal of your day-to-day activities or your worries as they arise. This will let you see that your burdens for the day are done and you can rest. This will also serve as an excellent launching point for prayer. Writing down what is on your mind and bringing it to the Lord in prayer forces you to consider your emotions and be mindful of how events caused you to react. A time of prayer and journaling is the perfect place to confess sins to the Lord, thank Him for His good gifts, and ask for strength for the tasks and labors of the days ahead.

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**Isaiah 26:3–4 (ESV)** — *3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.*

As helpful as the above general tips can be, nothing compares to the awesome power of God given through His Word. Set aside time free from distractions to drink deeply from the Word. There are times for intense study, for hearing good preaching, and for sharing perspectives on texts with others. However, when it comes to rest, set aside time each day for your own personal digging into the Word. Look for how God has worked in the past faithfully. Look for ways in which He is calling you to repent and be forgiven so you can walk in His love and service instead of in pride and selfishness. Look closely for Christ no matter where you are reading in the Word. See how Jesus ties together the whole of Scripture. He is everywhere! Jesus is our

Passover Lamb, our new and greater David, our perfect High Priest, our Crucified King, and the Savior of the World. Let the sure work of God guide you and give you purpose. Remember: the world does not revolve around you and that is a very good thing! Look for your place in His story and know He calls you out of love and equips you each day. In Him alone there is rest and strength. With a mind stayed on the Lord and some practical tips on hand, God's good gift of rest is yours to enjoy.



### RADIO BROADCAST

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. **The cost is \$40.** The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are September 4, 11, 18, & 25 and October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Send an email to the office or call to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



### **Prayer Request**

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the email prayer chain or would like to receive the prayer emails – please email the church office. If it is after office hours, please email Margie Lee at [lee@beu.midco.net](mailto:lee@beu.midco.net)



From the Chairman

## A Conversation

“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:8

Prayer, for most of us, is not a matter of a month-long retreat or even an hour of meditation. Prayer is conversation with God while driving to work or waiting at a appointment or before interacting with a client. Prayer can be the internal voice that directs the External action.

This much is sure; God will teach you to pray. Don't think for a minute that he is glaring at you from a distance with crossed arms and a scowl, waiting for you to get your prayer life together. Just the opposite. “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you and you will eat with me” (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus waits on the porch. He stands on the threshold. He taps... and calls. He waits for you to open the door. To pray is to open it. Prayer is the hand of faith on the door handle of your heart. The willing pull. The happy welcome to Jesus: “Come in, O King. Come in.”

WE speak. He listens. He speaks. We listen. This is prayer in its purest form. God changes his people through such moments. IN Christ  
Marvin C. Sigman





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Prince of Peace  
Women's Missionary  
Federation (WMF)

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*The Mission of the WMF of Prince of Peace is to study and share the Good News of Jesus, through word and deed, at home, in our community and throughout the world.*

Greetings to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was and is and will come again. I need to remind myself who Jesus is often. Maybe you do too.

It seems to be that summer is flying by at jet speed. Yet each day can feel so long. I just try to keep on keeping on. It's hard to believe that public school and college for so many will start in just a few weeks. We need to be praying for the upcoming school year and our teachers and the students. It gets scarier every year to go out into the world.

The WMF has been active throughout the summer, meeting at 10:30 every Wednesday morning. We have been able to plan for the WMF day at family camp in July. We are focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. Thanks to all who helped out. Thrivent cards have been put to good use stocking the kitchen, sending supplies to Naknek and other things. We challenge each other spiritually. We've encouraged each other through good times and not so good. It is a time of blessing.

We will resume WMF Bible study on Monday, August 15, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. We will look at Lesson 7, **BEHOLD THE RIGHTEOUS ONE**, **Psalm 96**, (A Psalm of Prophecy). I want to review the previous lessons just because... Even if you don't attend this Bible study it is

always good to study the Psalms. We started with Psalm 90 and will continue through Psalm 100. We meet the third Monday of each month except July.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and take the Lord along when you venture out to the lake or swimming pool or camp grounds. God loves you. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sincerely, Judy



Prince of Peace will be hosting a **Community Coat Closet**. You can donate **new or gently used coats, hats, mittens, boots and snow pants** Monday-Fridays from 10:00-3:00. The items will be washed, mended and racked for those in need to stop up and get something to keep warm this winter. These items are for **children through adult sizes**. Please consider going through your closets to help us set up this ministry. Community Coat Closet will be ready for distribution in October with a grand opening event. More info to come on that!

If you have any questions or after hours donations, please contact the church office @ 873-5650 or Margret Rosaaen @ 870-2829.

In addition, hangers and laundry soap are requested donations. Monetary donations for items needed and laundromat fees are gladly accepted also.



In years past we have been combining multiple grades as we have had a shortage of teacher. This year due to the large number of students in the younger grades our classrooms don't allow us to accommodate combining 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. If you are willing to help us, we would really appreciate it!!

In His hands, Donna Bieri

### Missed a Sunday church service?

Did you know that each Sunday's Sermons are recorded? If you would like a CD copy, the cost is \$1.00. You may have the entire service or just sermon recorded onto the CD. You can get up to 2 sermons on one CD. Please call or email the office and we will get one to you! The sermon is available on our youtube channel and the audio is also available on our website by the following Monday, or on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings.



The Threads of Love quilters will resume in September. All are welcome. It is a wonderful time of working together and fellowship.

### Fellowship for August

**August 7:** Bill & Kris Keller, Sodie Peabody, Betty Unruh

**August 14:** Jerry & Marlys Reichenberg, Randy & Beth Zimmerman

**August 21:** Seth & Becca Larson, Ross & Lisa Lenzen

**August 28:** Garrett & Anna Sayler, Jim & Darcee Wenning

### Fellowship for September

**Sept 4:** Shane & Amy Haugen, Margret Rosaan, Carey Mattheis

**Sept 11:** Tad & Gina Feist, Jim & Chris Alt

**Sept 18:** Kacey & Michelle Klautd, Don & Teresa Buck

**Sept 25:** Jim & Joan Schumaier, Jay & Karen Seibel

### Ushers for August

**August 7:** Fred Bieri, Darrin & Leeta Olin, Angie Wanzek

**August 14:** Keith Peterson, Dalton & Sylvia Zeiszler, Ron Frei

**August 21:** Garrett Placke, Marvin Bauer, Shane Haugen, Jeff Gooss

**August 28:** Jim Wenning, Dan & Rebecah Martin, Garrett Sayler

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We are now in the process of getting volunteers together for our packing event. We have had so much support that we are able to more meals than last year. Therefore, we will be adding a few minutes to each session. GOD IS GOOD! Every time I speak to our contact at FMSC he states that there is an increase in meal requests due to the fact that Africa purchases grain from Ukraine and this year that isn't an option. It is so amazing that we are able to step in the gap and help fill more of those requests. Our packing event is September 23 and 24. Please mark your calendars for those days and if you are able to help both days we would greatly appreciate and you will be blessed.

In His Hands, Donna Bieri

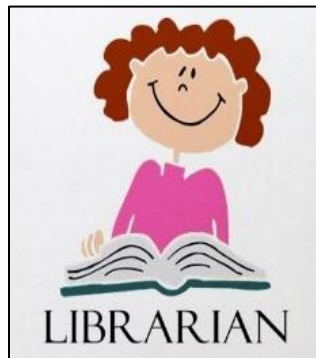
### **Communion prep for August**

Carl & Beverly Sorensen

### **Communion prep for September**

Gary & Susan Miller

We still need some help in the library – contact Joyce Bauer if you are willing to help! There are lots of great things to check out in the library.



## **Youth**

Cody Halverson will begin work at POP on Monday August 8. Stop in and visit with him!

## **August Birthdays**

1-Aug	Robin Richter
4-Aug	Perry Sayler
5-Aug	Jason Doe
5-Aug	Loren Novak
5-Aug	Jim Wenning
6-Aug	Olivia Ternes
7-Aug	Karla Boehm
7-Aug	Cruz Buchmann
7-Aug	Darcee Wenning
8-Aug	Ray Mattheis
13-Aug	Rita Becker
13-Aug	David Hausauer
14-Aug	Lucas Schnaidt
15-Aug	Lacey Biggs
15-Aug	Derek Boeshans
17-Aug	Kevin Lee
18-Aug	Brynlee Holen
19-Aug	Arlett Gerde
20-Aug	Kristine Keller
22-Aug	Leona Mattheis
22-Aug	Carmen Mohl
23-Aug	Darrin Olin
23-Aug	Nate Wiedrich
27-Aug	Tyler Hoffner
27-Aug	Bodey Schaner
29-Aug	Joel Bergstedt
29-Aug	Courtney Kemmet
30-Aug	Bentley Schaner
31-Aug	Ethan Finck
31-Aug	Deb Sayler

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **President's Report – Marvin Sigman**

Marvin attended the Deacon's meetings, funerals and will attend a meeting on Sunday with Feed My Starving Children. He signed contracts for garage construction and for new youth director, Cody Halverson.



### **Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent**

I attended our deacons meeting, and staff meetings.

I communed our church members at KRCC.

I attended the AFLC Annual Conference, along with my family, at the Association Retreat Center near Osceola, WI from June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

I conducted the funeral for Elaine Foth.

I conducted the funeral for Jim Pleinis.

I baptized Brooks Glynn, son of Jared and Kelsey Glynn.

I participated in the community worship service on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

I'll be attending our district family camp, and serving as dean, from July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Intern Pastor's Report – Joe Larson**

6/1–4: Assisted with VBS by doing puppets

6/1: Went through general orientation with Pastor Sperry

6/7: Completed youth training with Jordan Langness (video calls twice a month)

6/9: First visitation of Jim and Rusty Plienis, carried on through Sperry vacation

6/14–19: Down at the ARC for AFLC Annual Conference (good stuff)

6/20: Observed procedure for individuals with need (WARC, ministerium, police)

6/26: Leading of service and preaching

6/29 and 7/13: Hazen Senior Suites Service and 7/3: KRCC Service

7/9: Assisted in the funeral service for Elaine Foth

7/11–12: Assisted with Jim Plienis family visitation, funeral, and burial in Mandan

Ongoing

Attending all pertinent meetings and prayer times (staff, deacons, council) Fulfilling seminary obligations (readings, research, sermons, training) Maintaining ample time for office hours and prayer, general and specific Building relationships through conversations and visits as they arise

### **Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson**

-VBS

-MH Youth Group movie night

-Met with youth

-HS Lake Dayz

-Community Worship Service

-Community Concert at Prairie View

-Fly Beyond

-Family Camp

-Preaching July 31st

-Leaving Beulah Aug 1st

### **Treasurers Report – Margie Lee**

General Fund	\$	2,418.98
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Building Fund	\$	65,449.86
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Coffee Hour Fund	\$	133.28
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Intern Fund	\$	41,976.48
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Van/Storage Fund	\$	5,329.92
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Total Bank Acct	\$	194,624.68
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Paid \$12,021 to Guideline (Farmer's Union) for our annual insurance payment on our church building and our van.

Paid \$3,627.90 for propane on 6/21

Paid \$36,500 to JT & Sons for 1/2 down on the van garage.

### **Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee**

Spiritual Life Meetings –Kevin spoke with Pastor Jeff Swanson about our fall meetings. We set dates of October 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

For the Men's Retreat, in October, we're responsible for the Friday night meal. The Stanley Pastor, Erin Tormanen is speaking.

Intern Update – Joe Larson is preaching while Pastor Kent is away for Rachel's wedding on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Joe has been getting a lot of good exposure to pastoral duties by leading several nursing home and senior suites services. He also helped with several funerals. Joe will preach at the Trinity Parish on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July.

Seth gave his final report to the Deacons and presented a list of nine suggestions for us to consider in the future for the youth program at Prince of Peace. He will email out a refined list for us to consider but the rough draft is as follows.

1. More month-to-month financial oversight.
2. Deacon observation of youth meetings periodically.
3. More thorough and more frequent background checks of youth worker.
4. Regular Deacon visits with youth director on how things are going.

5. Calendar in Darcee's office to show how much vacation has been used, when it will be, and how much is left.
6. Continue with time sheet at least for 1<sup>st</sup> year to show where, and how much time is put in.
7. Advise youth director on meaning of being a "mandatory reporter."
8. Arrange for youth director to be CPR and first aid certified.
9. Require SMC Youth mental health course and certification.

Kevin thought it would be good to have a fall kick off to encourage small group studies.

**Trustee's Report – Ryan Tolosky**

JT & Sons was awarded the Garage Project.

Ryan took down the north entry guardrail and pulled out the posts. It is stacked along the building. Ryan asked if any of the council members objected to M Construction starting this week or beginning of next week and no one had objections other than Lisa Buchman's funeral at church on Monday, July 18. Kevin Lee will contact Ryan so he can let M Construction know that we will need access to the north walkway during the funeral.

**Christian Ed Report – Angie Wanzek**

VBS: Was held May 31st-June 4th. Tuesday through Friday 6pm-8:30pm. We had many volunteers which made things go smoothly even without a team this year. Chrisy brought up doing supper next year at 5:30 instead of doing snacks. Craft helpers felt it would be good to do the craft ahead of time to trouble shoot and be more time efficient. We spent \$600 on crafts. Next year we want to try for more music to be included in the opening and closing to be used on program day. Kids loved the puppets.

Sunday School: Discussed classroom divisions. We have a big group of 3rd-5th. We are looking at preK & K together, grades 1 & 2, the change would be 3rd grade would have its own class which would require another teacher, 4 & 5th, and 6-8

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Copier** – Copier is here and will be installed soon.

**Youth Director Call Committee & AFLC Youth Apprenticeship Program** –Cody Halverson is thinking about moving here August 1<sup>st</sup> and then starting the week after that. Council approved

Cody's starting date. The office will need to be painted and a new chair mat will need to be purchased.

We approved paying for the AFLC Youth Apprenticeship program at the cost of \$1,950 for Cody Halverson.

**Coat Ministry** – This ministry will be using the room next to the Sunday School storage room. Angie Wanzek is working with Margaret Rosaaen.

**Church in the Park** – Angie Wanzek reported that Garrett Sayler will take care of sound. The Worship team will sing. Christian Ed will be looking for people to help grill, serve, do crafts, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tithe** - We voted to give our Tithe of \$1,962.89 to AFLC Home Missions

**Correspondence**

Thank you notes were received from AFLC World Missions and Free Lutheran Bible College for our prayers and financial gifts.

**2022 POP Church Council**

<b>President</b>	Marvin Sigman
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