

The R E A C H O U T

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April 2018



Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

Well, if you are reading this, then we survived Holy Week!! Easter, the season of resurrection. What does that mean to you? It means a lot to me and those who I have worked with over the year. A young mom who is scared to death to move out on her own. Just her and her child leaving an abusive relationship where she was told she was nothing and unlovable, she hid from the pain and shame in drugs. Once the drugs took over her life, she truly became that undesirable person she so feared she was. She believed her way into darkness, death, and destruction. It was through Christ and the resurrection, and my belief in the risen Christ, that helped me to see through to the one-time strong and faithful young lady. This resurrection and life that flows through my faith and belief made me able to treat her like she is through the risen savior, not the broken beat-down woman she had become. This light and life I was shining gave her hope to take the next steps of rehab and restoration and life. She now is restored to her family and has her children back. Not because of anything I had done, but by the very hand of God who saved us all through the life, death and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We cannot be the church of the past! Where we judge and look down at sinners, as if we are not. We all fall short. "But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it's now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness." (Romans 3:21-26) (Message)

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

April 25

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I remember a young man raised in the church, but as he grew in years, he slowly moved away from the church because of things said and done by people of faith who made remarks about their feelings of tattoos, hair style, and earrings. Being judged by the very people who are to love you makes the hurt deeper. It cuts like a knife. I got to know those people. They even judged me and said hurtful things to me. Some of their remarks were uncalled for and were not even correct. I could see how a young man would have been hurt and would stay away. I worked with the young man and his family. He had a true faith. It was a deep faith and a strong faith, but he had been put down, not built up. It is funny how the church can sometimes not represent Christ. The very body of Christ, not welcoming the weary. When we hear Christ say, “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” (Matthew 11:28-30) (Message) or “Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.” (John 13:34-35) (Message) The story ends on a good note. We the congregation of Good Hope Lutheran Church have more positive life- giving people than we have those who are negative. We have more to do about life- giving then life- taking. We are a sinful people who make mistakes and God forgives, not just forgives, but sent God’s one and only Son that we might have life. Abundant life in spite of our negative ways and lack of faith. Those persons I deal with each and every day that don’t know their left hand from their right. Who don’t see that the Love of God Is for them. They have the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting and God loves them. God will not let them be put to shame. God restores all who fall and lifts up all who fall down. It is a good story, it is the Gospel. It is the Good news. We not only hear, we shout that God so loved the world that at the right time God sent his only begotten Son to save us while we were still sinners. At the right time Christ came for you and me the ungodly. We now have a chance to share Christ with the rest of the world right in the middle of being ungodly.

Take this time after Easter, to get settled in the new command to love one another as Christ has loved us. Get ready and prepare for Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Advocate. Get ready church for the energy and renewal of our very lives. The life of the Church. The renewing of the Good Hope!! Amen!!

Wendy and I would like to thank everyone who helped or came to celebrate at our wedding. God has certainly blessed us with wonderful friends and family here at Good Hope Lutheran Church! We truly have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support for our union and coming together as husband and wife. God bless you,

Pastor Ralph

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM

DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met March 13th at the church with 6 members present. Barbie Gray opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

We discussed making ornaments for Christmas Eve. We will decide between 2 ornament possibilities depending upon materials available.

Our cookie collection for the Rescue Mission was March 18th. Thank you, all bakers! The cookies were gratefully received and much appreciated.

Please continue to save greeting and Christmas cards for Hannah Circle. St. Mary's Alzheimer's Center uses them in crafts.

Also save foil and aluminum cans for Hannah as this is our only fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be April 10th. We will meet at the church at 10:00a.m. and then proceed to visit shut-ins.

Thank you

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle met March 14th at Steamer's in North Lima to enjoy fellowship. Our next meeting will be April 11th at Shepherd of the Valley.

Stewardship Team

2018– Make this your year of prayer!

Choose a neighbor, friend, caregiver, person from our congregation, or someone you meet along the way, and start praying for them. Pray for answers if they are having issues. If all is well, pray in celebration!

Contact that person and let them know you are praying for them. Phone calls, visits, and cards could also be incorporated in this.

Our next meeting is April 3, at 7:00pm at Good Hope. Your ideas are always welcome!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 1st	Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day	white	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 John 20: 1-18	This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.
April 8th	Second Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20: 19-31	The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.
April 15th	Third Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.
April 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.
April 29th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.
May 6th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	April 1st Easter Day	April 8th Second Sunday Of Easter	April 15th Third Sunday Of Easter	April 22nd Fourth Sunday Of Easter	April 29th Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Altar Guild	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray	Alice Haller	Amber Powell	Kathy Kramer
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines
Communion Assistant	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer
Lector 8:00 am 10:30 am	Greg Razo Jean Sauerwein	Nancy Crouse Ed Peachey	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Jane Peachey	Greg Razo Loetta Haller
Liturgy	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Jane Peachey
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	N/A	Bishop's brunch	Andy Tesyk	Jean Sauerwein	Ed & Jane Peachey
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Ruth McMurray Sarah Deiger
Anointers 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Communion Bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list.** Thank you!

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Easter Day	2 Office open 9am-2pm	3 Office open 9am-2pm	4 Office open 9am-2pm	5 Office open 9am-2pm	6 Office open 9am-2pm	7 Worship 5:00pm
8 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Bishop Allende/ Wedding	9 Office closed	10 Office closed	11 Office closed	12 Office closed	13 Office closed	14 Worship 5:00pm Dinner dance
15 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Potato bake	16 Office closed	17 Office closed Council Meeting 7:00pm	18 Office closed	19 Office closed	20 Office closed	21 Worship 5:00 pm
22 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am Camp Frederick Open house	23 Office open 9am-2pm	24	25 Office open 9am-2pm	26	27 Office open 9am-2pm	28 Worship 5:00pm
29 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	30 Office open 9am-2pm					

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact:

Jane at 234-567-1461 or the Church office at 330-549-2406



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

April 1

Ralph Allen
Dianna Allen
Taffy Bartell
Irene Bentley

April 8

Gerri Bregar
Larry Bregar
Norma Burbick
June Casity

April 15

Leon Casity
John Chuey
Tammy Chuey
Anthony Cicchi

April 22

Renae Cicchi
Danielle Cicchi
Gianna Cicchi
Nancy Crouse

April 29

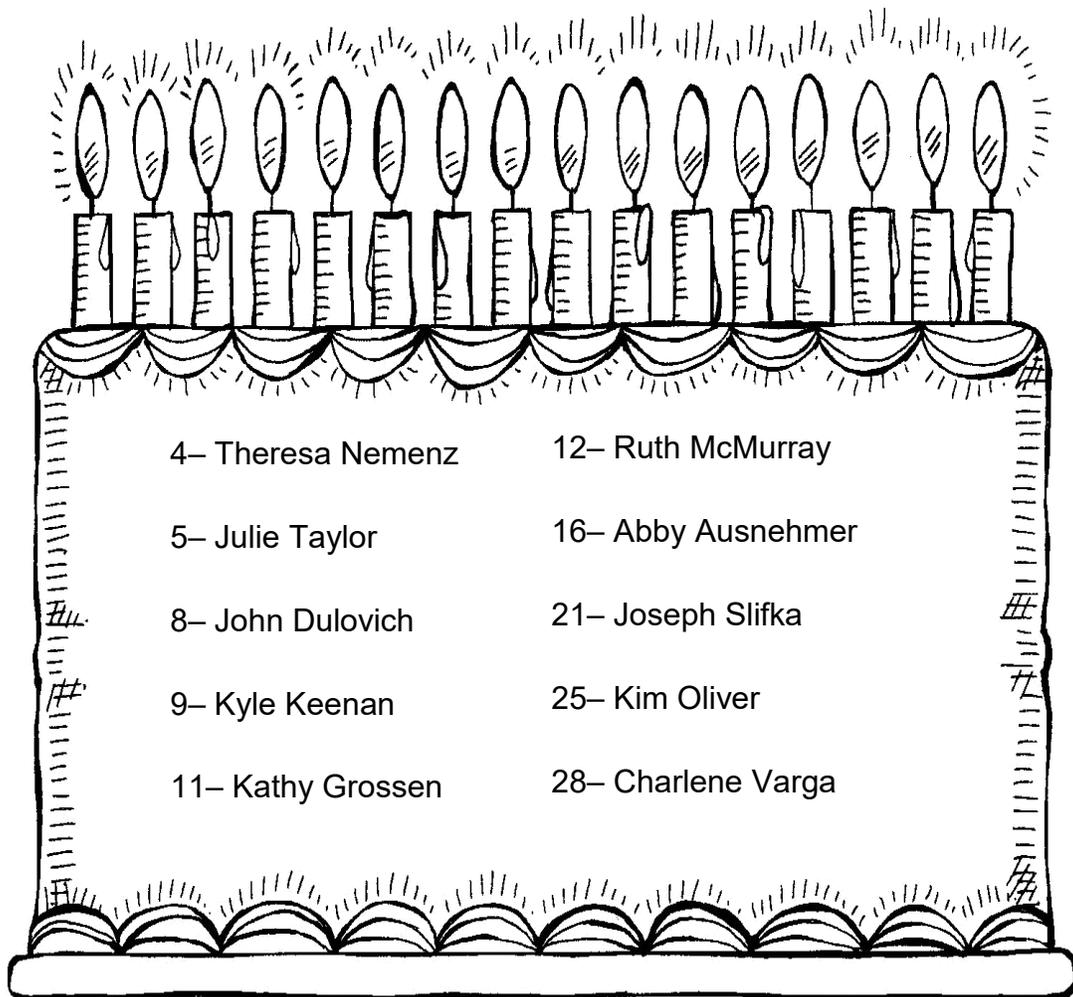
Jack Crouse
Sharon Davis
Eddie Smith
Sarah Deiger

Leon Casity	Ruth Thompson	Baby Graham
Judy Dickey	Nancy Panneton	Cassidy Kincaid
Bev Madden	Barbara Hartsock	Baby Grace
Paul A.	MaryAnn Remner	Debbie Frost
Joan Mayberry	Katherine Siegler	Jen Ostapiak
Linda Kapalko	Deborah Haines	Ronnie Rapp
Vince Turnbull	Frank Einzendale	Carla Machia
Nora Sabella	Joanne and Family	Theresa Dodd
Ed and Shirley Heck	Kim MacFarland and Family	
Tom & Catherine Bivianno	Jack Crouse	Mark Razo
Chris & Julia Karis		

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa, Bryce Liberty



If you have an anniversary this month, please let me know so we can celebrate with you. Thank you



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes for March 20, 2018

Present: Sarah, Jeff W., Andy, Bryan, Joe, Jeff H., Pastor Ralph, and Greg

Excused: Jane, Sandy, and Kelsie

Opening prayer led by Jeff Waldele.

Treasurer's Report: To be emailed to council when available. Pastor Ralph motions to move from treasurer's report until council receives it. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Pastor Ralph motions to accept the financial secretary's report pending audit. Sarah seconds. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Prepared bulletins and the newsletter, answered phone, email, and mail. Created flyers and changed outside sign.

Transformation:

- 7 people for counseling – 11 Visits
- 2 grief camp planning meetings, participated in Project Linus blanket day to benefit Good Grief
- Assistance with bills through the 3 C's and coordinate assistance as needed
- Work with the dinner committee
- Worked with Sandy Huddleston to help with Treasurer's position
- 4 Benefits bank tax appointments
- Will be passing on the 3 C's Treasurer's position by June
- Continue to work with Dinner Team for Bishop's visit, help coordinate May's pork slider, rummage sale, bake sale and basket raffle proceeds to benefit grief camp, capital improvement fund and kitchen equipment
- Dinner team to meet in May to discuss next year and process this year's work
- Meeting with One Health Ohio to discuss partnering with Good Grief at Camp Frederick, continue grief camp planning and fund raise as needed
- Observe Camp Erin with Matt Miller from Camp Frederick

Pastor's Report:

I had 14 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

1 funeral – Bob Haviland

We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.

I presided at 16 worship services and prepared 8 sermons.

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday- 11am to 1pm 22 impositions, 7pm 47 impositions, Teen Challenge 5

Feb 14- Discipleship Training; anointing

Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21- Lenten midweek Healing Services

March 11- daylight saving; spring ahead

March 14-Discipleship training; preaching

March 18-Bible study on Nehemiah; Sundays at 9:15am

(Pastor cont.)

March 25- Palm Sunday

March 27- Renewal of Pastor's vows and blessing of oils; Trinity Lutheran, Kent Ohio

March 29- Maundy Thursday

March 30- Good Friday

April 1- Easter Day

April 1- Baptism Khloe Elaine Warren

April 8- Bishop here for services

April 8- Pastor Ralph and Wendy's wedding

April 9-20 Pastor and Wendy away; Kathy will preach

Pastor Ralph motions to accept Khloe Warren and Evelyn Razo as members through baptism.

Greg seconds. Motion carried.

Old Business:

bell tower- to be hung as soon as the weather improves

parking lot project- Jeff Hum and Greg provided estimates. Pastor Ralph motions to make \$50,000 the capital improvements goal. Andy seconds. Motion carried. The committee- Greg, Joe, and Jeff Hum to prepare the thermometer collection board and present the project to the congregation on April 8th.

sign letters- Bryan presents information to buy new sign letters. Jeff H. motions to purchase new letters. Jeff W. seconds. Motion carried.

New Business:

Church envelope and Mailing Company- Selection of loose pew envelopes. Greg motions to purchase Dove envelopes. Joe seconds. Motion carried. Jeff motions to order Lent envelopes for next year. Pastor Ralph seconds. Motion carried. Jeff to order both and ask to have a phone number line added to the envelopes.

Sarah volunteers to make the council packet for April and record the meeting minutes.

Bryan motions to accept the February meeting minutes. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer led by Bryan.

Special Announcements

April 9-20 Pastor and Wendy will be out of town and the office will be closed.

In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Kari Lankford (330) 831-0919.

If you wish to place someone on the prayer chain please contact Jane (234) 567-1461.

Jane will also be retrieving messages left at the office (330) 549-2406.

Camp Frederick is looking for anyone who would want to sit on the Capital Improvement Committee for Camp Frederick. There are several large items that need improvement. This group would work on assessing needs of the camp and prioritize getting them done. If you are interested, please contact the office. (330)549-2406



DINNER DANCE

Camp Frederick

IT'S A HOE DOWN!



SATURDAY APRIL 14

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**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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**RAFFLE BASKETS
WINE PULL
SILENT AUCTION**

DOORS OPEN 6PM
DINNER 7PM
DANCING 8PM

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TICKETS \$35
FOR INFORMATION CALL:
CAMP FREDERICK 330 227 3633
P.O. Box 258
6996 Millrock Rd
Rogers, OH 44455
www.campfrederickohio.com



Camp Frederick Open House

April 22 from 2-5pm.

Scavenger Hunts, Snacks
Climbing Wall, Hiking, and
Pumpkin Planting

6996 Millrock Road
Rogers, Ohio 44455

Epidemic of Hope

Thursday May 3 from 7-9pm
St. Charles Borromeo Church
7345 Westview Drive
Boardman, Ohio 44512

The Epidemic of Hope is people of faith empowered to support those in recovery.

Join Darryl and Tracy Strawberry of Strawberry Ministries, Pastor Jerry O'Brien from Harvest Recovery Ministries, and representatives from Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine at this event in response to Ohio's opioid crisis.

Wood cutting Day 2018

@ Camp Frederick

When: May 5th 8am-12 noon

Where: 6996 Millrock Rd. Rogers, OH. 44455

Details:

- Bring out your inner Lumberjack and join us for a great day of fellowship, all the while helping Camp!
- Coffee and donuts are provided with Lunch at 12 noon. Bring your chainsaw and log splitter.

For any questions call the camp office:

330.227.3633

campfrederickohio.com





RUMMAGE SALE & RAFFLE BASKETS

MAY 11th-12th
10am- 5pm

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
12030 Market Street, North Lima

MAY 12: BAKE SALE & PULLED
PORK Lunch \$7.00 from 11am-2pm
Proceeds to benefit Grief Camp, Day Camp, and
church kitchen supplies.

If you need items picked up to donate to the
rummage sale, please contact John Chuey at
(330)549-3527.

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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