



Immanuel Lutheran Church
of Saratoga

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***** BUILDING PEOPLE, SERVING GOD *****

Coming Events

November 7: Men's Breakfast, normally held @ Effie's in Campbell, will be meeting this month via Zoom. Please join us at 8:00 AM by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzaW03Umh4UT09> (1st Sat of the Month: Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6)

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NOTE: During this time of Shelter In-Place, all the dates for the scheduled newsletter events (except where specified) are only placeholders. Until further notice, we will NOT be meeting in person. If you're uncertain about whether or not something is going to happen, please email (pastord63@gmail.com) or call (408-499-4866) Pastor Derek to confirm.

ILC hosting Virtual Thanksgiving on 26 November 2020 at 10.00 am

"Covid Coach"– A useful App for self-care and mental health- Pg. 20

God's River of Life is accessible by Zoom here-



Special Note!

During these unprecedented days of Shelter-in-Place and Social Distancing, we are (as a member of our faith community answers me whenever I ask how he's doing, even before COVID-19) "still alive!"

Immanuel Lutheran Church continues to meet virtually, as we move forward in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE DAILY for fresh servings of Daily Bread and more... It's just one click away: <https://ilcsaratoga.org/special.php>

Sunday services have been condensed to about 30 minutes and posted online by 9:00 AM each Sunday morning. You can "tune in" at the time you're used to attending services and participate in the community gathering. You can also access weekly services directly on YouTube by clicking here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPyEHJ9h9cmNxPpnL-m-vw>

You are also invited to join us for a time of live online fellowship in our post-service Zoom gathering, which begins around 9:30. Click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81019722507?pwd=bC85VXMxZ0ViSWZpaFlxWmsvRoU4UT09>

Meeting ID: 810 1972 2507; Passcode: 760944

Sunday School for Children/Youth is held each Sunday beginning at 10:30. Please join Mitzie, Alyssa, Nola and the gang LIVE via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872369585?pwd=V3E5N3hYSXpzNG1LTzFzcoUyM1hLUT09> Meeting

ID: Meeting ID: 828 7236 9585 Passcode: 836766

Wednesday morning Bible Study (10:00 – 11:30) is LIVE via Zoom. All are welcome. Click here to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83250020639>

Thursday morning Bible Study (Yokefellows) also continues to meet virtually LIVE via Zoom at 6:30 AM. You have to provide your own refreshments, but you can stay in your pajamas! There's room for you at the table. Click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87581100281?pwd=dEgrblEwUFZlaU5NQy91RE9sWlNIQT09>

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study also continues to meet virtually LIVE via Zoom at 8:00 AM the first Saturday of each month. You cook your own breakfast, but enjoy the best company of your brothers in Christ. There's room for you at the table. Click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516406200?pwd=VFIBYIM1MFZHVUxNN0xzaW03Umx4UT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kOYZEjoYT>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO DO SOME GROCERY SHOPPING OR PICK UP PRESCRIPTIONS FOR YOU. WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

God is with you all in these days. Let's make the best of them, as we continue to love and care for each other and reach out with God's love to our neighbors in need.

challenge to be fully present and to live in the moment. But these days do serve to make us mindful of each and every day, and, out of necessity, we have learned to be both cautious and courageous. We are wise not to let our guard down, but we dare not live in fear.

This is the month of Thanksgiving, and perhaps this year we will be more grateful than we have been for a long time. For we will have learned how precious is our freedom. We will have learned not to take for granted the fellowship that is so dear to us in our community. We will have learned the value of human touch. Even as we long for the day when we will once again lift our voices together in song and kneel side by side around the altar to receive the sacrament of our Lord.

Through it all, God has been, and will be, ever faithful. It is in God that we place our trust, and in is in God that we will find our hope.

Let us continue to make the best of these days and to learn to patiently walk through each of them with kindness and grace, being ever mindful of the needs of others.

With heart-filled gratitude and with joy to be serving in your midst,

Pastor Derek J Engfelt



People Helping People !

An experience by congregation member – 1. Man on the Median – Our member was driving and was about to make a left hand turn at Saratoga and Prospect/West Campbell Ave when he saw a man with a sign asking for food or money. Our member unwind his window and showed him the People Helping People clear bag so he could see what was inside. He then told the man” Our church, ILC, made the bags to help people. The man said that he could really use this and then that he and others lived under the bridge on Prospect Ave. near Lawrence and that he was also collecting food and money for them. Our member gave him two bags and he thanked him profusely and said God Bless.

2. Young man sagging by the Store: Our member was shopping at Trader Joes and on his way out saw a young man looking very dejected with a sign asking for food. He sat next to the young man and asked him what was wrong. He answered that he had been living at the shelter and that the other day all his belongs were stolen from the shelter, including his cheap cell phone. He said he needed this in order to get around and look for a job. Our member mentioned about the food packages and that our church ILC was always trying to help people. The young man said that was very special. Before saying goodbye, our member told the young man to try to keep his spirits up and to go back to the shelter. He said he was but was trying to get some food and money to get another phone. They talked about positivity and using all the gov't services available. The young took the two bags and he thanked our member profusely.

Helping anyone even if it is just a little means so much to people who literally have nothing. God's grace.

Come join us as we serve those in need in practical ways. As we do so, we're living into our ILC vision of "passionate responding to grace we've received by joyfully serving others in the name of Jesus."

***OUR Sunday
School Kids.
They are close
bonded, young
Spiritual Souls!
They are Our
Future!***



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Volunteer to Serve on Sundays



Thank you for
Serving!

For God is my witness, whom
I serve in my spirit
in the gospel of His Son.

Rom. 1:9

It takes many people to make Sunday mornings "happen." You're welcome to participate and be one of them! **Please note that we have a new link to sign up in 2019.** Please go to www.ilcsaratoga.org/volunteer or call Ann at the church office (408-867-0822).

Service Opportunities include:

Altar Guild: Prepare communion elements, prepare sanctuary for worship; clean up after worship.

Audio: Make sure our sound system is in good working order and monitor sound during the service.

Coffee: Provide treats for fellowship time after service

Communion: Help distribute communion during service

Greeter: Warmly welcome people at the door and hand them a bulletin

Lector: Read lessons in church

Liturgists - Prayers: Offer Prayers of the People during the service

Liturgists - Cantor: Assistant leader in worship, chant the opening liturgy

Usher: Hand out announcement pages, take offering, light and extinguish candles

Nursery: Watch over the little ones during service

Sunday School: Teach or assist in our 10:45 Sunday school (preschool - high school)

If you have questions about any of these Sunday Morning Activities, please call the church office.



Worship + Love + Serve



Children's Story



Elephant and Friends

A lone elephant walked through the forest, looking for friends. She soon saw a monkey and proceeded to ask, "Can we be friends, monkey?" The monkey quickly replied, "You are big and can't swing on trees like I do, so I cannot be your friend."

Defeated, the elephant continued to search when it stumbled across a rabbit. She proceeded to ask him, "Can we be friends, rabbit?" The rabbit looked at the elephant and replied, "You are too big to fit inside my burrow. You cannot be my friend."

Then, the elephant continued until she met a frog. She asked, "Will you be my friend, frog?" The frog replied, "You are too big and heavy; you cannot jump like me I am sorry, but you can't be my friend."

The elephant continued to ask the animals she met on her way, but always received the same reply. The following day, the elephant saw all the forest animals run in fear. She stopped a bear to ask what was happening and was told the tiger was attacking all the small animals.

The tiger didn't listen. He merely told the elephant to mind her own business.



Seeing no other way, the elephant kicked the tiger and scared him away. Upon hearing the brave tale, the other animals agreed, "You are just the right size to be our friend."

The Moral: "Friends come in all shapes, size, and color"

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Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast is held the first Saturday of each month at Effie's Restaurant in Campbell (331 W. Hacienda Ave). We meet at 8:00am in the bar, share breakfast, fellowship, and engage in a free-wheeling, bible topic discussion. We conclude by 9:30 am.

All men of the congregation – members and visitors – are welcome

ICL Men enjoying a relaxing Saturday morning breakfast (photo credit: Jack Moorman)



Women's Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast is held the third Saturday of each month at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant at 998 South De Anza Boulevard, San Jose. We meet at 8:30am for a short devotion, after which we share breakfast and fellowship. We conclude by 10:00. All women of the congregation – members and friends – are welcome.



Our ILC ladies enjoying a relaxed morning visiting with each other. (photo credit: Cheryl Moorman)



Sunday School Activities





ILC EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEDDINGS AT ILC

Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, check out our website: www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings and follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings.

Tell your friends!

THE FOOD CART - Please consider adding a package or two of food for the cart whenever you shop. The hunger problem seems always to be with us and all donations help. Thank you for keeping this in mind when you shop! The Community Service Committee



If you would like to make an E-Donation to ILC, then either download the Givelify App on your smartphone, or go online to <http://ilcsaratoga.org/give>. Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone, tablet or PC. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.



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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1744019> and support ILC every time you shop.



Flower Chart on Kiosk – Sign Up for Altar Flowers

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Building & Grounds: Feel like swinging a hammer, turning a wrench, repairing a sprinkler line, or laying down a coat of fresh paint? Help maintain the appearance of our campus and sanctuary.

Contact: Ken Campbell 408-691-5694; Reed Canerday reedcan2@gmail.com; or Clark Canham, 408-605-3955, cfcam@pacbell.net

Magnification Team: Meets monthly to discuss the worship service plans; reviewing and discussing pastor's thoughts and plans for liturgy, special services, prayer services, frequency of communion, Advent services, choir music plans, etc. and addressing any of his concerns. We also discuss volunteer signups for liturgists, lectors, communion assistants, ushers, etc. This is a way to be engaged in a very important aspect of our church. "The team meets on an as needed basis. If you have a concern, comment or suggestion, please contact Pastor, Clark or Carol."

Contact: Clark Canham 408-605-3955, Carol Flint 408-781-3168, or Pastor Derek.

Mission Team: We communicate using infrequent formal meetings, supplemented by email/conversations. Our aim: spread the Jesus story to the unchurched (Evangelism). Efforts needed: urge & train our members to become disciples, follow up on names on the prayer list, and participate in Pastor's neighborhood walks, and support ILC website upgrades. Currently working with the Magnification Team to make ILC a truly welcoming congregation. Mission team also recognizes and celebrates the evangelism efforts of other Lutherans (e.g., overseas missionaries).

Maturity – promotes the education of children and adults at ILC. Volunteers are needed to assist educating youth during the second service Sunday School hour. In preschool, fun activities with the 3-5 year-olds; in elementary, from 1st to 5th grade, two volunteers to instruct the kids with Bible stories, crafts and games.

Volunteers are also needed to teach the 6th through 8th graders in a rotating schedule with the Youth Ministry Leader, Alyssa McCoy. Meetings are minimal. Bible study materials for the elementary grades are distributed via email. Contact Mitzie Eddy 408-656-7025 or mitzeddy@gmail.com

Church Council: Church council is bicameral, functioning as two teams: Council A and Council B. Council A, led by Congregational President Nathan Sarkisian, addresses administrative components, including church finances, facilities and staff. Council B, led by Pastor Derek, addresses the ministry and mission of the Church, including worship, membership, education, service (within the church and beyond its walls), evangelism and outreach, and website and social media. Each council component meets bimonthly, sometimes jointly.

Contact: Nathan Sarkisian 408-591-4976 or Pastor Derek

ILC Annual Events

EASTER



LADIES RETREAT



Habitat for Humanity



Summer Concerts In the Park



Thanksgiving Interfaith Service



Christmas Buffet Decorating



Christmas Concert

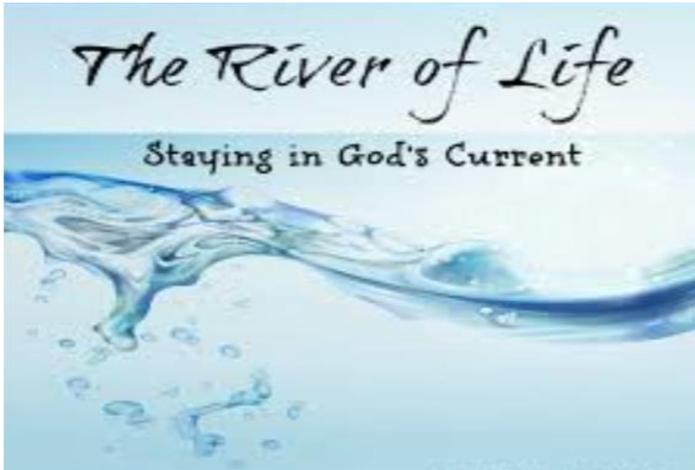
Children's Christmas Play



On The Horizon... (mark your calendars)

God's River of Life...

Pastor Derek teaches a Bible Study **each Wednesday morning** from 10:00 – 11:30. All are welcome to attend. We're currently meeting virtually, using Zoom. If you'd like to participate, click here: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83250020639> We're presently aboard God's Ship *Grace* cruising down God's River of Life. We're stopping at several ports of call, where we set up camp, take a look around, and come to better know our God, ourselves and each other. We've just entered into the New Testament, so it's the perfect time to hop on board. For more information, call or email Pastor Derek at pastord63@gmail.com or 408-499-4866.



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 26, at 10:00 AM. And Immanuel Lutheran Church is the host congregation.

Each year, congregations in Saratoga come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of church, home and country. This year, **I've agreed, on Immanuel's behalf, to serve as host.** It could not get easier than this, as it will be held online via Zoom.

Whether your plans have you sticking around in town and staying close to home or venturing out, please include in your festivities a time of worship and fellowship. Join us as we gather with our neighbors to offer mutual thanksgiving to God, who has bestowed such abundant blessings on us. Worship begins on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, at 10:00 AM. Please check our church website for link (available week of Thanksgiving).

Car problems? Don't want to leave your home?



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Youth Handbell Choir

Hopefully you had a chance to see and hear the Youth Handbell Choir perform in church. For our 1st year we had 6-7 ringers and performed in church on 4 Sundays. Based on feedback from you youth and the congregation, our inaugural year was a success!

We are continuing with the Youth Handbell Choir this year and are hoping to grow in numbers. With more ringers, we will have more options in the music that we can play. The Youth

Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays in between 2nd service and Confirmation classes – from 11:45 to 12:30. All youth 10 years and older are welcome to join us.

Don't know much about music? Well, Handbells are a great vehicle for teaching music. Individuals can very quickly learn the technique for ringing bells compared to other instruments that require a lot of practice to master the technique. With Handbells, we can quickly demonstrate so many elements of music (melody, harmony, rhythm, dynamics, meter, ...)



Another very important reason to join the Youth Handbell Choir is for the teamwork and comradery. In a Handbell Choir, ALL are needed. The music struggles if even one part is missing. This is a place where all individuals can feel needed and be a part of a team to make music and praise God. The Handbell Choir mirrors the body of Christ. Roman 12:5 says: *"so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* In the Handbell Choir, we are all separate ringers doing our own thing

and yet we're interconnected and need each other to come together to make a joyful noise to God. It reinforces the idea that you need to work together to achieve something great. In a Handbell team, success comes by including everyone and building up the individuals that struggle.

Please contact Carol Flint or Elisabeth Pintar if you are interested in joining us

Also, Handbells are not just for kids. We could use a few more ringers in the adult Handbell Choir too. Those rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 6:00 – 7:00.

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cflint8891@gmail.com
 408-781-3168

Elisabeth Pintar
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 408-857-8519

Weddings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga



Judy Onton is our ILC wedding coordinator.

To find out more, take a brochure from the pew rack, or check out our website: www.ilcsaratoga.org/weddings. Follow us on Instagram: ILCsaratogaweddings. Share with family and friends of this beautiful and charming sanctuary to hold their matrimony.



Many couples have joined hands to their lives at quaint church and its tranquil surroundings



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Coronavirus: I have put together hotline numbers and some websites that are useful and informative!

Coronavirus Hotline for Seniors - The hotline number is **1-833-544-2374**.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/gov-newsom-coronavirus-update-march-31/31983378>

Call **2-1-1** in 150 languages. 24/7

Text **211211** to receive texts on updates.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/news/Pages/covid-19-call-211.aspx>

Emotional Listening Support Contact 24/7 Helpline: **1-800-932-4616** (Toll Free)

<http://www.contacthelpline.org/emotional-listening-support>

Santa Clara County (SSC) Update on Coronavirus – www.sccphd.org/coronavirus.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

Covid-19 on CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of California hotline to deliver services & help for older Californians - **1-833-544-2374**.

CDC's corona virus household check list.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>

Pack your own groceries: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/spendingandborrowing/during-coronavirus-pandemic-youll-have-to-pack-your-own-groceries-if-you-have-a-reusable-bag/ar-BB11YLZ5?ocid=ientp>

Data on social distancing scorecard in states and counties -

<https://www.unacast.com/covid19/social-distancing-scoreboard>

County of Santa Clara COVID-19 Data Dashboard -

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/dashboard.aspx>

Anyone interested in reporting a possible violation - Can email pubhealthreferral@dao.sccgov.org or call 408-792-2300 to leave a voicemail.

For more info, please go to the following websites.

1. <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
2. <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>
3. <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>
4. <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

**There may be a surge in mail-order prescriptions due to the shelter-in-place. Receiving the orders may take a little longer than usual. It may be helpful to place your critical medicine mail-orders, preferably a week ahead to avoid last-minute requests. Again, not hoarding implies that all other patients will receive their vital prescriptions on time!

Just for laughs – Let's all giggle and laugh for nothing at 10 am, 3 pm and 8 pm each day! And this website helps 😊 <http://jokes.christiansunite.com/> Here is a preview!

Reasonable Doubt 🤔?



defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement, the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed and insist that you return a verdict of not guilty." The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

The jury foreman replied, "Oh, we looked, but your client didn't." The End!

"Covid Coach" for self-care and mental health: App found in Google Play in Android phone, and Apple Store in iPhone or iPad <https://mobile.va.gov/app/covid-coach>

We are all in this together!

God Bless and Stay Safe!

Vaskie Turner



Worship Status

Our intention is to continue recording and posting online services for the foreseeable future. However, we plan to augment our worship as a community by offering an IN-PERSON GATHERING on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**

We'll meet outdoors in the church courtyard, adequately spaced by households. We're limiting the gathering to 45 people at each service. **Registration is now open.** You can register by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1000-am-outdoor-Sunday-service-tickets-127618324845>

We're asking that all attendees be masked. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you. There will be no singing or shouting (per regulations). The Order of Service will be very much like what you've seen posted online for our Sunday services for the past six months, abbreviated (to about 30 minutes).

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf as we seek to do our best to respond faithfully to our present conditions and provide a safe worship space for all. More information will be forthcoming as our plans continue to develop.

The Hills Are Alive... with ILC Hikers!

Have you heard about our hiking group? Come join us, as we explore part of the wonderful nature that surrounds our neighborhoods.

This is fun for the whole family, and we're planning to venture out on the first and fourth Saturdays of October. These will be "no one left behind" hikes. Invite your friends! And please come with a mask (necessary when others pass on the trail).

November 14: Almaden Quicksilver County Park: 21785 Almaden Rd San Jose, CA 95120. An out-and-back hike with just one hill.

Getting There: Heading south on Highway 85, exit Almaden Expressway. Head south, continuing on Almaden Expressway for about 4.5 miles. Merge RIGHT at the light onto Almaden Rd. Continue 3 miles to parking lot staging on the right.

November 28: Quicksilver County Park: McAbee Rd. Entrance (17501 McAbee Rd., San Jose, CA 95120) Hike is 5.5 miles, with some hills.

Getting There: Heading south on Highway 85, exit Almaden Expressway. Head south, continuing on Almaden Expressway for about 1.2 miles. Turn RIGHT on McAbee Rd. Continue for 1.7 miles (just past Castillero School). Street parking only.

Time: For each of these hikes, plan to arrive by 8:45 AM. We'll gather our group and plan our hike. We'll hit the road at 9:00 and plan to return to our cars by 11:00.

THE MESSENGER

Come Worship With Us!



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www.ilcsaratoga.org

Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service 10:45 a.m.

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Communion is served each Sunday as part of the liturgy.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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Kids' Place- *Infant and Preschool Care during Worship Services*

About the Messenger

Please submit articles by the **15th** of the month, typed (preferably a text or word processing file, but paper copy is ok too), and should be approximately **150 words**. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication in our newsletter, please contact, Vaskie Turner
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