


SEPTEMBER

<p>Redeemer Lutheran Church 1300 E. Nora St. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 Phone: 218-681-3390 Fax: 218-681-3397 redeemer@mncable.net Office Hours: 8:30am-1:30pm Mon-Fri</p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CONGRATS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 4:00 SAFETY MEETING 5:30 SWEETS @ LAS RANITAS</p>	<p>5.. PASTOR SABBATH</p>	<p>6 11:00 VISITATION 12:00 SANDY PARKER FUNERAL;</p>
<p>7 9:00 RHYM TYM TIKES 9:30 WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>8 4:30 F & F STEWARDSHIP 5:30 PROPERTY</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 5:30 JAM & 6TH GR. CONF. ORIENTATION 6:30 WORSHIP LAB 7:00 9TH GR. CONF.</p>	<p>11 5:00 FINANCE 5:30 SWEETS @ BLACK CAT</p>	<p>12 PASTOR SABBATH</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9:00 RHYM TYM TIKES 9:30 WORSHIP FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE PR. STEPH RETURNS 9/16</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:00 COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>17 5:30 JAM 5:30 7TH & 8TH CONF. ORIENTATION 6:30 WORSHIP LAB 07:00 9TH GR. CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>18 1:30 HOSPICE GREIF COUNSELING AT HERITAGE CTR. 5:30 SWEETS @ SOUTH CHINA BUFFET</p>	<p>19 PASTOR SABBATH NWMN SYNOD WELCA @ ALEXANDRIA</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:00 RHYM TYM TIKES 9:30 WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 PR. STEPH ON VACATION - RETURNING 9/30</p>	<p>24 7:00 AM SEE YOU AT THE POLE 5:30 FAMILY JAM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 PASTOR SABBATH</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:00 RHYM TYM TIKES 9:30 WORSHIP</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 5:00 ALTAR GUILD</p>				



Come, now is the time to worship!
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship!
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come!ⁱⁱ



An interesting discussion came up at our latest Council meeting about the need for and meaning of worship – and even how it is perceived by others. Precipitated by the departure of Paula, Greg, and Dean from weekly music leadership, our pattern for worship on Wednesdays is undergoing a shift in format. Some may wonder if it is indeed worship – since it may not follow forms we may be familiar with or use .

Generally, **WORSHIP** is understood to be ⁱ*“the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity; or ² show reverence and adoration for a deity; honor with religious rites.”*ⁱⁱ

CHRISTIAN Worship is giving homage, thanks and praise to the God reveal through the Scriptures, who is still active in the world around us, and to the incarnate Jesus Christ.

LUTHERAN Worship goes further – centering the worship pattern in a four-fold movement of **Gathering** (the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God) **Word** (God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song) **Meal** (God feeds us with the presence of Christ) **Sending** (God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.) Notice in every movement the primary actor is God – and we receive the grace God offers so we can share it with others. We expect it to change our hearts and engage our lives.

All are welcome at every service – whether Traditional; Campfire, Festival, Cup of Blessing, Longest Night, Taize, Evening Prayer, Prayer Around the Cross, Lectio Divina, Silent Meditation, Healing, Hymn Sing, Matins, Compline, Camp style, Rogation, or Candlelight. This Fall, we will be learning some of these different ways of worshipping together on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00. Youth will help lead these services as they grow familiar with them. Some will include music, some may not. And that is OK. We move in this world in different ways, yet we are called to serve all people- even each other with the grace, consolation and forbearance of God’s love.

ⁱ CCLI Song Number 2430948; [Brian Doerksen](#); 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Vineyard Music UK) CCLI License #21959612 Size B

ⁱⁱ Oxford Languages online.

Special Dates for Worship Events

August 31 – Pancake Breakfast following Worship

September 7 – RALLY DAY – Blessing of Backpacks

September 28 – Pastor Steph on vacation, Pr, Terri preaches

October 5 – Blessing of the Animals

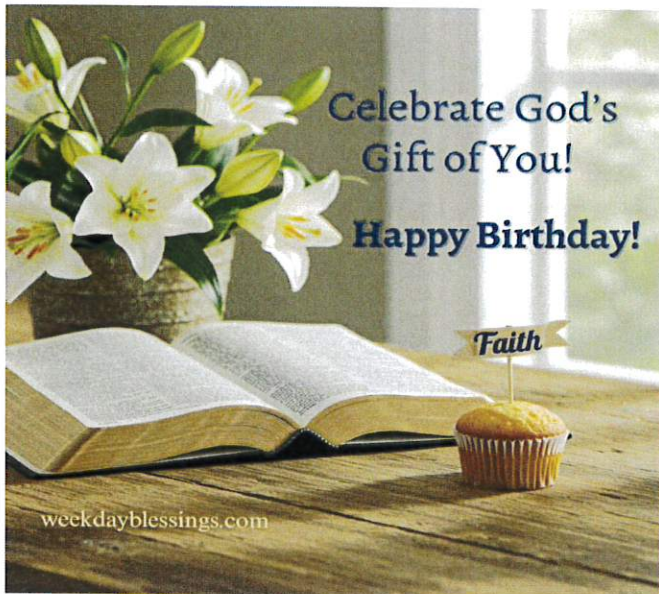
October 12 – 3rd Grade Bible Presentation, Quilt Blessing

October 26 – Reformation – Rite of Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation)

November 2 – All Saints Day

November 23 – Reign of Christ Festival Sunday

November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lutheran



August And September

August

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Seth Eckstein | 20. Jared Gustafson |
| 2. Sophia Trevis | Herb Skiple |
| Logan Trevis | Jennifer Johnson |
| Darian Newland | 21. Gary Tischer |
| David Grovum | Bonnie Ornquist |
| Bailey Swick | Kris Mostrom |
| 3. Cori Byre | Richard Gilbert |
| Cierra Olds-Byre | 22. Jan Nordin |
| 4. Duane Browning | Nathan Nelson |
| 5. Jon Lindgren | 23. Josie Johnson |
| Gary Hintz | Juneal Peterson |
| 6. Astrid Anderson | 24. Nicolas Bjerken |
| Steven Johnson | Spencer Carlson |
| Tina Galizia | Kade Nelson |
| Jeff Olson | 25. Shari Holmes |
| 7. John Wollenzien | 26. Janita McLean |
| Ole Tweet | Jane Aandal |
| Bret Haugen | JJ Cornelius |
| Damian Teie | 27. Katrina Bugge |
| 10. Brenda Tischer | 28. Zach Myhrer |
| Jeremy Schoon | Bruce Walker |
| 11. Greg Harder | 29. Blake Bugge |
| 13. Alexa Rogalla | Valerie Olson |
| Larry Haugen | 30. Shania Sele |
| Randy Jorde | 31. Hudson Miller |
| 16. Barb Horien | |
| Kristie Bjerklie | |
| Don Howe | |
| Rudy Borg | |
| 17. Richelle Stegeman | |
| 19. Gracie VCigen | |
| Lynsie Weeding | |
| Corey Teie | |
| Michelle Little | |

September

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| 1. Douglas Nomeland | 22. Cheryl Srnsky |
| 3. April Scheinoha | Don Gustafson |
| 4. Brandon Gehrls | 23. Kayleigh Jesme |
| Jason Svir | 24. Brody Poe |
| Ray Swick | 25. Annah Haugen |
| 6. Brady Bakken | Kristen Bjerklie |
| 7. Mike Conely | Jordyn Kasprick |
| Brody Olson | 26. Richard Holmes |
| 8. Dick Krogstad | Marek Landgren |
| 10. LaVonne Forsberg | 27. Baryth Halvorson |
| Misty Hempel | Rose Teie |
| Chuck Carlson | Ken Niemela |
| Karleen Wilde | 28. Aaron Myers |
| 11. Cody Weinen | Hailey Kvick |
| Isabela Nelson | 30. Olivia Schuster |
| 12. Andi Efteland | Emily Dahlin |
| Brooklyn Carlson | |
| Jan Dillon | |
| 13. Tyson Gustafson | |
| 14. Scott DCamp | |
| Teresa Fay | |
| Alyssa Kasprick | |
| Jami Philipp | |
| 15. Missy Hall | |
| Cameron Dahlin | |
| 16. Anna Stroh | |
| 17. Beth Nordby-Pelletier | |
| Pat Thibert | |
| 18. Susan Froiland | |
| Chuck Odegard | |
| 19. Chad Eckstein | |
| 20. Jacob Hall | |
| Cole Johnson | |

Splish Splash I was takin' a bath
At home on Saturday night...
Rub-a-dub-dub relaxing in the tub,
Thinking everything was all right!
Then I remembered -
tomorrow's the day!
Jesus is the reason we sing and play!
Come to Redeemer and Splash away!

SPLASH!

Grads This is for you!



When you were baptized, God
claimed you and named you "Beloved!" That name goes with you forever.

Now that you are older, it's time to get to know the rest of your family
- the Church - the Family of God!



Every Sunday, this family gathers to sing and hear
stories, eat treats - and we even make projects!

Starting September 7, 2025

Rym Tyme Tykes

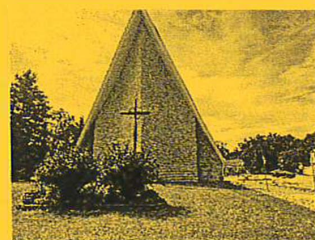
Will meet at 9:00 with Pastor Steph to sing songs and read a story!

Your parents can (*please do!*) come with you and sing along!

When we are through, they may take you to worship,
or stay with you in the Nursery and play!



I'm goin' on a journey...and I'm starting today!
My head is wet!...and I'm on my way!
Christ's mark is on me! It's on you too!
It says he loves me...and he loves you too!



NOTE TO PARENTS

BECAUSE THIS MAY BE THE FIRST TIME YOUR CHILDREN ARE COMING TO CHURCH IN A WHILE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAY WITH THEM FOR THE FIRST COUPLE MONTH SO THEY FEEL SAFE. WE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AND FINISH ABOUT 9:20. THEY CAN STAY WITH YOU AND WORK ON COLORING, OR JOIN YOU IN WORSHIP, OR SIMPLY ENJOY PLAYING WITH THE THINGS IN THE NURSERY. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN JOIN US BY COMPLETING THE BRIEF FORM ON THE BACK AND SEND/DROP IT AT THE CHURCH, OR CALL US AT 218-681-3390 OR 218-684-0049

RYM TYME!

Especially for 3-7 year olds!

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Baptism Date _____

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Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Baptism Date _____

Parent's Names _____ Best Phone Number _____

Address _____

Any allergies or concerns we need to be aware of?

Any older siblings? _____

Any Pets or other household members?

JAM - Jesus And Me!

Dear Redeemer Families,

Welcome to our new Wednesday Night Children's Program - Jesus And Me - or simply JAM!



We are excited about our new program and the emphasis to build our relationship with Jesus - as God's Children, and our relationship together as God's Family. We will have the annual Blessing of the Backpacks at Worship on September 7 at the 9:30 worship service.

Meeting Time will continue as it has the last two years from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday evenings. We will begin with music, continue with stories, crafts and activities. There will be light snacks during Storytime. Each month we will offer a time for families to come together to build relationships, play, learn or just have fun!

As you may have heard, Paula, Greg, and Dean - our fabulous Wednesday night musicians have retired from over 100 years worth of music and worship leadership here at Redeemer. They will still step up for special events.



As we rebuild, we will not have a traditional Wednesday service for this school year, but we will continue with a worship experience from 6:30-7:00. This is open for all and will include different styles of worship throughout the year.

Our Sunday morning worship at 9:30 will continue as well as Holden Evening Prayer during Lent. For those who have young children, **RYM TYME TYKES** - a Time for Preschoolers at 9:00 before worship, and a time for more singing after worship in the Youth Room with Pastor Steph while parents enjoy coffee and conversation with others in the Commons area. If you are interested in helping with music - with children or for leading worship every week on Wednesdays, let Pastor Steph know.

On the back is a schedule for this Fall. Please note the special Family Times. Feel free to bring friends along as well. The Registration Form is also attached. Please return that as soon as possible before the end of August so we can have ample supplies on hand.

Pastor Steph

JAM Teachers

Redeemer Lutheran Church * 1300 Nora Ave E * Thief River Falls * MN 56701 * 218-681-3390*

9/10/2025	God gives us a Name! <i>Registration/Who Am I?</i>		The First Gift – Named and Claimed <i>Isalah 43:1</i>
9/17/2025	God gives us a Place to Be		Creation/World God Made <i>Genesis 1</i>
9/24/2025 *	God gives us Gifts to Share - FAMILY NIGHT <i>Pr. Steph Gone</i>		The First Strawberries <i>Galatians 5; Matt. 7 & Luke 6</i>
10/1/2025 OCT 7 - EARLY OUT – 3 rd Gr Bible Class 1-4 pm	God gives us Families Sibling Rivalry		The First Brothers <i>Genesis 4</i> Joseph - Jacob's Favorite Son <i>Genesis 37ff</i>
10/8/2025 OCT 14 – Early Out (PTC) 6 th Grade Communion 1-4 pm	God gives us Friends		David and Jonathon <i>I Samuel 18</i>
10/15/2025 MEA 15-17 – No School	MEA - No Class		Family Game Night
10/22/2025	God Gives Us Work to Do		Dorcas Sews for Others <i>Acts 9</i> Workers in the Vineyard <i>Matthew 19</i>
10/29/2025 Nov 4 - Early Out Gr 1-3 A Place At The Table	God Keeps Us Safe		Jon and the Lost Lamb <i>Luke 15</i> The Good Samaritan <i>Luke 18</i>
11/5/2025	God gives us New Life		Get Up Lazarus! <i>John 11</i> Jesus Wakes the Little Girl <i>Luke 8</i>
11/12/2025	God Give Us Food to Eat		Hungry Mouths, Hungry Hearts <i>Luke 9</i> Ruth & Naomi <i>Ruth</i>
11/19/2025	We Give God Thanks!		He Remembered to Say Thanks <i>Luke 17</i>
11/26/2025	THANKSGIVING EVE		No Class – Worship together and give thanks!
12/3/2025	Program Practice		“Twas The Night Before”
12/10/2025	Program Practice		
12/17/2025	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

JAM FAMILY REGISTRATION 2025-2026

STUDENT NAME _____ Grade _____ Birthday _____

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PARENTS NAMES _____ Phone _____

_____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____ Home Phone _____

CITY _____ MN ZIP _____ email _____

I can help with: _____ Teaching/Filling in _____ Music or Programs

_____ Treats _____ Nursery Care

_____ Chaperone for day/evening trips

_____ Sunday Morning _____ Reading _____ Communion _____ Usher

_____ Setting up/Serving Coffee _____ Bring Treats

We see this program as a part of our ministry in sharing the good news of God's Love. We do not charge for participation. However, if you would like to contribute to offset the costs, you are welcome to do that! Note "Children's Ministry" on the memo line or simply give to the general fund. Thank-you for your partnership in sharing the Gospel

Confirmation Planning Meeting

*August 3 and 4, 2025 * 7:00 pm*

Introductions

Name – how you became affiliated with Redeemer

One memory from your confirmation time that was impactful

Life is Full – What things fill your family life time?

Desires for Confirmation

Confirmation Goals

Models of Confirmation

In The Home

Independent Study

Class time with set curriculum

Hybrid

Faith Family 5

Modules

CLOSING PRAYER

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization

37th Annual Convention

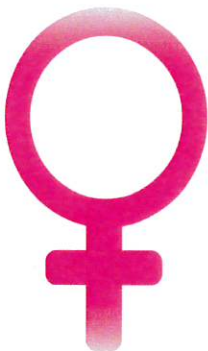
September 19, 2025 - 12:00-8:00

September 20, 2025 - 8:00-3:30

**First Lutheran Church
1655 18th Ave E
Alexandria MN 56308**



Keynote Speaker: Jennifer
Hockenbery, Interim
Executive Director of Women
of the ELCA



Theme: How to be an authentic woman of God today.
1 Peter 1:13 "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, and
being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that
will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Bible Study, keynote, breakout sessions, worship, banquet, business meeting.



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Communities Action



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota



**Mustard Seed
Media**
Matthew 17:20

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www.nwmnsynod.org/pages/synod-womens-organization

NW MN SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2025

ALEXANDRIA MINNESOTA HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn – Alexandria, Phone: 320-763-6577, has reserved a block of rooms until August 22, 2025

For Thursday, September 18, 2025 at a cost of

Standard = \$109 + tax

King = \$119 + tax

Pool View/Courtside = \$129 + tax

Poolside = \$139 + tax

For Friday, September 19, 2025 at a cost of

Standard = \$169 + tax

King = \$179 + tax

Pool View/Courtside = \$189 + tax

Poolside = \$199 + tax

Quality Inn – 5304 Highway 29 S. Alexandria, MN 56308. Phone: 320-763-8900

Has reserved a block of rooms under "NWMN Synod Women of the ELCA Convention".

2 queen beds per room = \$150 + tax per night. Cancellation policy – 3 days in advance

– requires credit card on file at time of reservation or subject to cancellation at any time.

Best Western – 508 Twin Blvd, Alexandria MN 56308. Phone: 320-762-5161.

Has reserved a block of rooms under "NWMN Synod Women's Organization" until

August 19, 2025. Check with hotel when registering about cancellation policy.

Two queen beds per room = \$180 + tax per night.

Hampton Inn – 2705 S. Broadway St, Alexandria MN 56308. Phone: 320-763-3360.

Reservations based on availability – no block of rooms available. Thursday night rate =

\$129.11 + tax. Friday night rate = \$199.19 + tax for 2 queen beds as available.

**THEME: THE GOOD SAMARITAN
JESUS TOLD HIM, "GO AND DO LIKEWISE." LUKE 10:37**

**FALL GATHERING – CONFERENCE 2
WOMEN OF THE ELCA
NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THIEF LAKE
40249 204TH AVE NE
MIDDLE RIVER MN 56737**

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE: 8:30-9:00

PROGRAM STARTS: 9:00

LUNCH: 11:30

REGISTRATION FEE \$10

**PRESENTATION BY THE MIDDLE RIVER AMBULANCE CREW
A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED
FOR THE AMBULANCE CREW**

**NW MINNESOTA SYNOD CONFERENCE TWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA
FALL GATHERING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025
OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH, THIEF LAKE, MINNESOTA
Theme: Good Samaritan
THEME VERSE: Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37**

Dear Unit Presidents and ELCA women.

Conference Two women will gather on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Our Saviors Lutheran of Thief Lake, 40249 204th Ave NE, Middle River MN 56737. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 AM with morning coffee. Program begins at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$10 for registration per person. This includes morning coffee and noon lunch.

The Middle River Ambulance Crew will be the featured presenters. A special offering will be collected for the Crew.

A \$10.00 Gathering Fee would be appreciated from each unit to cover the day's expenses. We also encourage a personal offering as well as the Unit offering. You will find envelopes enclosed for the Unit Gathering Fee and Unit Offering.

Both envelopes can be given at the Conference Gathering or sent to **Lisa LeClaire, 320 Kendall Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701**. Checks should be written payable to Women of the ELCA and indicate in the memo of your check "Gathering Fee" or "Unit Offering."

Our conference needs a new Financial Recorder. Duties of the Financial Recorder include supplying items needed for the registration table at the gathering; collecting, counting & submitting all fees, and offering collected; leading an offering meditation during the gathering; and submitting expense forms to the SWO treasurer. Please talk to one of the Conference 2 officers to volunteer.

Please display the enclosed poster at your church. Please also announce the Gathering in your bulletin and newsletter to encourage a good turnout.

Lutheran World Relief Pick-up dates:

Roseau: Friday, November 7th Noon-2:30PM parking lot East of the Post Office

Thief River Falls: Saturday, November 8th 8AM-Noon 604 North Atlantic Ave

We hope to see you there!

Lisa LeClaire, Conference Two Recorder



Updates from the Synod

September 2025

This monthly insert is just one way to stay connected with what's going on in the Northwestern Minnesota Synod. You'll find highlights of recent news, upcoming events, and ways our synod is walking together in ministry. We hope it helps you see the bigger picture of how God is at work through the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.



Upcoming Events

September

- 14-16 | Fall Theological Retreat
- 16 | Children, Youth & Family Boundaries Training
- 16-18 | Jeremiah 29 Cohort 2
- 23 | Rostered Ministers Brunch
- 29 | Online Boundaries Training Begins



October

- 10 | In Person Boundaries Training
- 13 | Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 13-15 | Synod Road Trip
- 16 | World Food Day
- 17 | Mental Health First Aid
- 23 | Synod Council



Synod Spotlight

This month we welcome Rachel Haun as our new Office Administrator and give thanks for the ministry of Deacon Jon Leiseth, who concludes his service on synod staff. We are grateful for their gifts and leadership among us!



Mission Support Update

Thank you to congregations who have already shared back your bright red Fuel the Mission gas tanks!

Your gifts are helping keep our shared ministry moving forward. If you haven't yet, consider hosting a Fuel the Mission Sunday and sending your tank back to the synod office.

From the Bishop's Desk

As the seasons turn and the colors of fall remind us of God's renewing work in creation, I give thanks for the ways you embody Christ's love in your congregations and communities. May this season be one of gratitude, hope, and Spirit-led renewal for us all.

-Bishop Bill



The NW MN Synod is excited to announce "Behold, the New Has Come!" is a five-year, synod-wide renewal initiative (funded by Wartburg Seminary) focused on baptismal identity and lay discipleship. Walking with 20–30 congregations served by Synod Authorized Ministers, the project equips communities through worship, storytelling, and vocational engagement to live out faith boldly in daily life.



Resource of the Month

Labor Day worship and prayer resources from the AFL-CIO are now available to help congregations lift up the dignity of work and pray for justice in the workplace.



Prayer Corner

God of every season, we give you thanks for the beauty of fall and the rhythms of change.

Bless our congregations, leaders, and communities with wisdom and courage for the days ahead. Strengthen us in hope, guide us in love, and keep us rooted in your grace. Amen.

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