

# October 2020 Scribe Newsletter

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# October 2020—Pastor Tim’s Thoughts

## Praying Towards Reformation

For the past many years, I have intentionally tried to shift the focus of Reformation Sunday away from the historical Reformation and instead to the concept of reformation, in general. In other words, I’ve really tried to stress the idea that Reformation Sunday is a day to celebrate how *God is still re-forming the church in this time and place*. This, I think, was the whole point of Martin Luther’s movement. It was to make people see that God is alive and active, and the church is always being transformed to be the hands, feet, and voice of God in the world. This year, in the midst of a convergence of multiple theological, civic and political “storms,” I find myself longing for Reformation Sunday. I find myself aching to see and experience God’s re-formation of our world, of our leaders, of our sense of value and justice for all people regardless of skin color, race, sexual orientation, or creed. I am thirsting for re-formation of myself, to be able to once again see and celebrate God’s actions in a world where I struggle day-to-day to perceive such actions. I guess what I’m saying is this: this year, I am approaching Reformation Sunday less as a chance to celebrate a historical event and more as a hope and a fervent prayer.

So, I’m taking that as a cue for what I should be doing in this month leading up to Reformation Sunday (which is October 25<sup>th</sup> this year, by the way). Each day this month, I will be praying for Re-formation to be active, and for me to do what I can to see and be a part of it.

- 1 A prayer to re-form creation
- 2 A prayer to re-form attitudes towards those whom I see as “other”
- 3 A prayer to re-form my friendships
- 4 A prayer to re-form broken relationships
- 5 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to hunger
- 6 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to homelessness
- 7 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to race relations
- 8 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to economic disparity
- 9 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to those with mental health disabilities
- 10 A prayer to re-form the way I see and respond to suffering
- 11 A prayer to re-form the way I participate in civic society
- 12 A prayer to re-form global partnerships and relations
- 13 A prayer to re-form my elected political leaders
- 14 A prayer to re-form those who are running for political office
- 15 A prayer to re-form political dialogue and debate
- 16 A prayer to re-form the criminal justice system
- 17 A prayer to re-form the education system
- 18 A prayer to re-form CtK’s ministries to children, youth and families
- 19 A prayer to re-form CtK’s ministries to the elderly and homebound
- 20 A prayer to re-form CtK’s ministries to those who suffer in mind, body or spirit
- 21 A prayer to re-form CtK’s leadership
- 22 A prayer to re-form Christ the King Lutheran Church

- 23 A prayer to re-form the ELCA
- 24 A prayer to re-form the church universal
- 25 A prayer to re-form myself

Join me in praying for reformation to become a reality this year. Let it be so. Amen.

Peace,  
Pastor Tim

## October 2020—By the Numbers

**Please note:** At the end of the year, several members did not receive their contribution statements because their spam blocked our newly created email address. CtK’s recent contribution statements were emailed in July from [fin.sec@ctkdurango.org](mailto:fin.sec@ctkdurango.org). So if you have any questions or concerns, please use this email address to contact us. Thank you.

### August 2020 Financials

| Our Gifts Blessing Others | August          | YTD 2020         |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Synod                     | \$ 1,761        | \$ 13,516        |
| World Hunger              | \$ 415          | \$ 6,162         |
| Social Ministry           | \$ 1,009        | \$ 11,656        |
| <b>Total Benevolence</b>  | <b>\$ 3,185</b> | <b>\$ 31,334</b> |

### Financial Update

|                        |           |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Gifts Received         | \$ 29,354 | \$ 225,261 |
| Facility Donations     | 50        | \$ 250     |
| Rental Income          | 833       | 1,667      |
| Expenses               | \$ 23,024 | \$ 195,375 |
| Net Operating Income   | \$ 7,214  | \$ 31,802  |
| Endowment Fund Balance |           | \$ 167,166 |

September 2020 Attendance (all worship via Zoom unless otherwise noted) \*

| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Wed. 6:00 PM</b> | <b>Sun. 9:15 AM</b>       | <b>Total</b> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>September 2</b>                     | 4                   |                           | 4            |
| <b>September 6</b>                     |                     | 52                        | 52           |
| <b>September 9</b>                     | 5                   |                           | 5            |
| <b>September 13</b><br>Outdoor Worship |                     | Zoom = 42<br>Outdoor = 44 | 86           |
| <b>September 16</b>                    | 0                   |                           | 0            |
| <b>September 20</b>                    |                     | 55                        | 55           |
| <b>September 23</b>                    | 8                   |                           | 8            |
| <b>September 27</b>                    |                     | Zoom = 41<br>Outdoor = 47 | 88           |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                     | <b>17</b>           | <b>281</b>                | <b>298</b>   |

**\*Note:** These numbers just reflect the number of DEVICES signed onto the Zoom worship services, NOT the number of PEOPLE (since more than one person can watch on a single device).

October 2020 Zoom Worship Assistant Schedule

| <b>Worship Webinar Readers</b> | <b>Sundays 9:15 AM</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>October 4</b>               | David Smith            |
| <b>October 11</b>              | Eryn Orłowski          |
| <b>October 18</b>              | Amy Wendland           |
| <b>October 25</b>              | Ann Duft               |

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# October 2020—Faith Formation

## CtK Kids and Youth Group

We have begun a NEW “CtK Kids!” for elementary-aged children. Each week (usually on Fridays) they receive a personalized video from Ms Mandy, which includes the gospel reading or retelling, a lesson, and a “challenge”. For example, when we looked into Matthew 5: 38-48, we talked about what it means to “go the extra mile” and how it really matters that you do it joyfully and with a generous spirit. Their challenge was to send in an acrostic of their name with words that described them. After all, if the grown-ups in the congregation are getting to know themselves and each other, the kids should, too. You can see Dalton’s acrostic above. If you know a child that might enjoy these weekly videos, please [email Mandy](#). This replaces our 10am Sunday classes – now kids and parents can watch the lesson and complete the challenges as their schedules allow.

Youth Group is firing back up! We will meet on **Sunday, October 4th at 10:30am** (after the Outdoor Worship Service) to discuss fundraising for the Youth Gathering (now scheduled for 2022) and how we want to stay in touch during this most strange of times. Middle through High School kids are all welcome – [email Mandy](#) if you know of a Youth who would like to join us!

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# October 2020—Social Ministry News

## God’s Work. Our Hands. Serving Our Congregation Members and the Community

Are you wishing you could help during these unusual times? CtK’ers have expressed a desire to help out, so here are some ways that you can do that:

1. Email [Pastor Tim](#) (or call him at 970-426-9681) to let him know that you are willing to reach out to a CtK member or family who is not able to attend worship or Zoom. Your phone call, greeting card or drive-by visit may be just what they need.
2. We have been posting in the Scribe ways to help each of our local ministries. You may call them directly to see exactly what they might need at the time you are ready to serve. It might be making a casserole and delivering it to the VOA Community Shelter, or helping out with a clean-up project, or helping Manna or the Food Bank or VOA get just the right items at the grocery store to support their needs. All these groups have experienced serious demands on their services, and funding sources are not as strong as prior to the pandemic and the resulting economic impacts in our community.

If you want to chat further about some ideas and opportunities, please feel free to connect with Jigger Staby at <mailto:jpstaby@msn.com>.

## A Note from Housing Solutions of SW Colorado, One of Our Local Ministry Partners

*"Since 2014, CEAC (Community Emergency Assistance Coalition) has provided \$911,000 in emergency assistance to 1,278 households. We want to say 'Thank You' to our donors who helped us to address a high level of need since COVID-19 began. The additional funds infused into our work has been extremely important for local families through COVID-19. For over 20 years, CEAC has provided a single point of entry for emergency assistance to households in La Plata and San Juan Counties. COVID-19 donors include:*

***The Rocky Mountain Health Foundation***

***The Colorado Trust***

***LPEA***

***SW Community Foundation-***

***CERF Community Emergency Relief Fund***

***St. Columba Parish***

***The River Church***

***Christ the King Lutheran Church***

***St. Mark's Episcopal Church***

***Ballantine Family Fund***

***Anita Cohen***

***The Colorado COVID Relief Fund***

*Founding members of the coalition include United Way, La Plata County Department of Human Services, LPEA Round-Up Foundation, Housing Solutions for the Southwest, Salvation Army, and Volunteers of America"*

Thank you to our congregation for supporting this effort to help those with emergency needs. We appreciate your support of the Social Ministry budget, those of you who contribute on your own, and those who use the LPEA Round-Up program. You make a difference for so many families in La Plata County.

Jigger Staby  
Social Ministry

## Christmas Is Coming!

Once again, the Social Ministry team would like to share with you a reminder about "alternative giving." Covid-19 has caused such worldwide havoc, that this year, more than ever, we ask you to consider donating to an organization in honor of the person who would normally receive a gift from you.

This year, because we are unable to gather in-person for worship, we will also not be able to pick up a copy of the ELCA's Good Gift catalog normally found in our Welcome Center. However, we do have the website – [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://www.elca.org/goodgifts) or the toll free number – 1 800-638-3522 so you can still shop at home safely.

***Save this date!*** “Colorado Gives Day” is Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and features a one-million-dollar Incentive Fund. This is powered by the Community First Foundation and presented and supported by First Bank. Every nonprofit receiving a donation on “Colorado Gives Day” will also receive a portion of the fund, thus increasing the impact and value of every dollar that you have donated. Find your favorite nonprofits here:

<https://www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday>.

BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL,  
Renate Widder  
Social Ministry

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## October 2020—Bible Studies

### Circle of Contemplative Prayer

Due to Covid-19, the Circle of Contemplative Prayer *meetings* are currently suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Sharyn Butler, 970-759-6355.

### Great Ol' Broads of God (GoBoGs)

GoBoGs invites you to join them in study and fellowship each Monday from 4:00-5:30 pm. (The first Monday of each month is dedicated to Share the Care, GoBoGs' outreach mission.) They are currently studying “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor. NOTE: During the health crisis, they are conferencing via Zoom at 592-847-8387; the password for this meeting is Testify. The Zoom meeting ID is 966-5642-4190. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Kayla Hefner at 970-759-1636.

### Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

Bible Study class meets each Thursday from 12:00-1:15 PM via Zoom conferencing. You can join Pastor Tim for class by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/698922754>. Pastor Tim is currently discussing 2nd Timothy. After that will be Titus. Discussions are engaging and span a variety of topics. Please “zoom in!”

### Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women's Group is starting a new book for discussion entitled, “Everyone's Normal till You Get to Know Them” by John Ortberg. We are currently meeting each Thursday at 1:00 pm at Fassbinder Park. Please wear a mask and bring a lawn chair. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. If you have any questions, please call Stella at 970-903-9327.

## Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently, the Spiritual Study Group meetings are suspended until further notice due to Covid-19. For more information, contact Aurora Rose.

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# October 2020—Fellowship Groups

## CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters are continuing to make quilts or face masks. The group meets regularly on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 am until 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information and meeting location, please call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

## CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month. On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing “Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes, and then in November on the 12th, we will discuss a book by Honey Mon entitled, “Eleanor Oliphant.” We will close out the year in December on Thursday the 10th by discussing a book by Kim Richardson, “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.” Anyone can attend one or more book discussions. If you are interested in attending, please *call* Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327 for more information and meeting location.

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# October 2020—In Other News. . .

## CtK Currently Remains Closed

Upon recommendations from the Office of the Bishop, *“congregations and communities of faith are to continue to prioritize worship opportunities that are safe, accessible, invitational, meaningful, and sustainable. The use of an online/digital platform remains the highest recommended format for corporate worship through at least the end of the calendar year. Any in-person worship experience should prioritize an outdoor venue, small groups, physical distancing, and the use of face coverings. There is a strong likelihood that corporate, in-person worship that is able to include all parishioners inside of a church building will not be advisable well into 2021.”* While the Bishop does not have the authority to mandate congregations to do this, the recommendation of the Bishop does carry significant weight in our decisions, along with the guidance of local public health officials. While disheartening news, CtK will continue suspension of in-person worship services and meetings until further notice. At this time, worship services for Wednesdays at 6pm and Sundays at 9:15am (worship, then fellowship) are offered online via Zoom, and outdoor worship services this month are Sundays, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Bread for the World Sunday, and October 25<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday. These outdoor services will also be streamed via Zoom. CtK continues to offer Thursday Noon Bible Study online each week. It is hoped that the form of these online services has been meaningful to you. (\*For more information on Zoom webinars, please refer to the webinar links list below).

Christ the King Lutheran Church continues to need your financial support, especially in this time of need. Giving financially to Christ the King Lutheran Church is vital to continue these ministries that work to sustain and strengthen you and your faith in these trying times. You can give to Christ the King Lutheran Church in many ways. Visit <http://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/give> for more information and links to give online.

During this unprecedented time in our lives, you are encouraged to do whatever you can to promote the public health, especially for those who are most vulnerable. If you are healthy and are able to help with grocery shopping, to run errands, or help in any other way, please email [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org). He will do his best to connect those who have needs to those who have offered their help.

Remember to take care of yourselves. Go for walks. Laugh and talk with neighbors (from a safe distance and wearing your facemask). Wash your hands well and often. Enjoy the beauty of creation in which we live. Get off your computer and away from news and just read a book for a while. Play a board game. Take part in fun faith formation resources that we have available to you online at [www.ctkdurango.org](http://www.ctkdurango.org). Be patient, kind, and compassionate as always. Remember that this hardship will come to an end. Pray that it comes quickly.

## Webinar Links

**For ZOOM meetings:** Sunday 9:15am worship services, Wednesday 6pm worship, Fellowship meetings (Sundays and Wednesdays directly after worship), and Thursday Noon Bible Study, click on this link <https://www.ctkdurango.org/worship/>

To sign up for *Sunday outdoor worship, Sunday afternoon Holy Communion, Monday Morning Coffee Chat w/Pastor Tim, and the Enneagram Seminar*, click on <https://www.ckdurango.org/signup/>

**More Info about Thursday Noon Bible Study:**

You are invited to join Pastor Tim for Thursday Bible Study class. *Currently, and through the month of October, he is working through Paul's Letter to Titus.* You can join the class by clicking this link: <https://www.ckdurango.org/worship/>

**More Info about Coffee Chat with PT:**

'Have a need or desire to set aside some one-on-one time with Pastor Tim? Join him via Zoom for a chat over coffee (or tea or water or whatever) during these "Virtual Office Hours." Click on this link to sign up: <https://www.ckdurango.org/signup/> If you don't have access to Zoom, leave a comment when you sign up with your preferred number. (Only Pastor Tim will see these comments). I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Morning appointments from 8am-12pm; you can email Pastor Tim at [pastortim@ckdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ckdurango.org), or call him at 970-426-9681.

**Enneagram Seminar:**

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm led by Pastor Tim. Click this link to register: <https://www.ckdurango.org/signup/>

If you have difficulty accessing any of the above-mentioned meeting sites/events or need additional information, email Pastor Tim at [pastortim@ckdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ckdurango.org) or call him at 970-426-9681.

**CtK ComMission Team Projects for Everyone!**

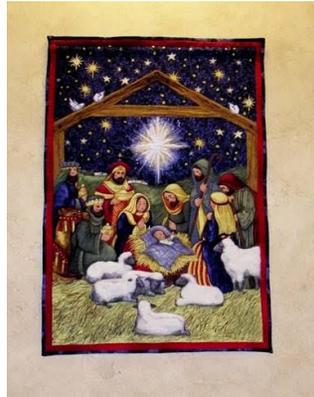
**Memories of the Corona Virus-19 Project**

As the Covid-19 Pandemic rages on, it has become obvious that the CtK ComMission Team's project to collect memories of the affect this pandemic has had on our church community should carry on; perhaps without a deadline. In case you missed the first notification of the project, here is a brief synopsis and an invitation to join us in our effort to preserve something about this huge, historic event.

Covid-19 has changed all of our lives in some way: how we work (or don't work), how we spend our free time (if we are not first responders or caregivers who don't seem to get much free time), how we worship, how we stay in touch with each other, and so much more. State and local rules to help us stop the spread of this infection, for which we have no cure and no vaccine, seem to change daily if not hourly. The ComMission Team wonders how it has affected you and your family, how you have been coping with the circumstances, maybe even what new and wonderful things you have learned or decided to try during this challenging time. So, send us your stories, poems, drawings, photography – anything that can be kept in a binder/book format in our Church Library. Share your stories – happy, sad, funny, innovative, thoughtful, or insightful. We welcome your input.

Please email your contributions to Megan Reid at: [mreid1451@bresnan.net](mailto:mreid1451@bresnan.net) or regular mail to: 2403 Thomas Avenue, Durango, CO 81301. Be sure to sign and date your contribution and let us know the best way to contact you if we have any questions. Megan can also be reached at 970-247-2577.

## Christmas Season Project



“Nativity Quilt/Wall Hanging”  
Artist ~ Shanna Stordahl

As the Covid-19 virus continues it looks like we will be attending some or all of our Advent and Christmas Services on Zoom. The ComMission Team would like YOUR HELP in celebrating this special time of the year.

Do you have an interesting Nativity? Anything from a group of actual figures to wall hangings, art works, etc. We would love to have you TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR NATIVITY (NATIVITIES) AND EMAIL IT (them) TO [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 20, 2020. These photographs of Nativities will become a part of our Advent and/or Christmas services.

What a wonderful way to show how Christians throughout the world portray the birth of Christ. If you have any questions contact Megan Reid at [mreid1451@bresnan.net](mailto:mreid1451@bresnan.net) or 970-247-2577.

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# Save These DATES

## Important October Events

For all events and activities, please check the CtK website for updates. Unless otherwise noted, all worship services will be offered via Zoon — see above “*Webinar Links*” for more info, or email [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org). Thank you!

## Outdoor Worship Services in October

These services will be held at 9:15 am on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Click on this link to sign up: <https://www.ctkdurango.org/signup/>  
These worship services will ALSO be live streamed via Zoom using our usual Sunday worship link -- <https://www.ctkdurango.org/worship/>. So, if you do not wish to be here in person, you can join us from home. For more detailed info, call Pastor Tim at 970-426-9681.

## Special Event Sundays in October

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Bread for the World Sunday** – An outdoor worship service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church starting at 9:15am. This worship service will ALSO be live streamed via Zoom using our usual Sunday worship link -- <https://www.ctkdurango.org/worship/>  
So, if you do not wish to be here in person, you can join us from home. For more detailed info call Pastor Tim at 970-426-9681.

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday** – Wear your **RED** to an outdoor worship service to be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church starting at 9:15am. This worship service will ALSO be live streamed via Zoom using our usual Sunday worship link -- <https://www.ctkdurango.org/worship/>. So, if you do not wish to be here in person, you can join us from home. For more detailed info call Pastor Tim at 970-426-9681.

## CtK Membership Activities for Everyone!

The following CtK Membership/Fellowship activities have been planned to help keep CtK’ers connected while apart, all while keeping your utmost safety and health in mind. With the beautiful Fall weather upon us, it is a beautiful time of the year to take advantage of the great Colorado outdoors, as well as visiting a variety of fun places in downtown Durango.

Please keep in mind that all planned activities are subject to change based on current weather and Covid conditions--masks and social distancing are expected to be practiced per State/County requirements at the time. So be sure to keep an eye on the *Save These Dates* section below for the most current, up-to-date information. In the meantime, if you have any questions about any events, email [Kayla Hefner](mailto:Kayla.Hefner@ctkdurango.org) or call her at 970-759-1636.

**October 17th**, you can join fellow CtK'ers for a night on the town at Get Fused, 600 Main Avenue, downtown Durango; be at the store by 5:00pm. And yes, do “mask up.”

**October 24th**, hike Horse Gulch. All interested hikers are to meet at the CtK parking lot for a 9:00am departure. Remember to bring along water/snacks. And yes, do “mask up.”

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## October 2020—In Our Prayers

### Military Prayer Requests

**Please keep the following Military men and women in your prayers...**

*(To add or remove names from this list, please [contact Linda](#))*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mitch Bugaj stationed in Germany—Nephew of Ronnie Zaday
- Major Ryan Bankhead—Brother of Eryn Orłowski
- Sgt. John Dee—Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- Sgt. Chris Gomez—Nephew of BJ and Danny Pierce
- Staff Sergeant (SSgt.) Airman Paul Herr—Nephew of Gary & Carol Orłowski
- Hugh Jones, Jr. Sailor—Son of Rick & Janeann Jones
- Sgt. Brandon Minser —Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- LCDR Andy Schaaf—Son of Merilee and Mark Fleming
- Major Clayton Stransky—Nephew of Kip and Laura Stransky
- Technical Sgt. & Special Air Force Agent Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

### CtK family & friends in need of prayer...

*(To add or remove names from this list, please [contact Linda](#))*

- Bonnie Jung
- Roger Landgren
- Wendy Gonzalez
- Carol Orłowski
- The Family of Jigger Staby
- The Family of David Smith
- Julie Williams
- Laura Stransky
- Larry & Lauren Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- LuLu Mae Hess
- Bev Brown
- Lori Lachelt
- Kayla Hefner
- Carol Gunderson

- CtK's ministry and partnership with both the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ and San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church in Zaculeu, Guatemala.
- CtK's Homebound Ministry and all those who serve our homebound members through this ministry.
- Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She is now approved by the RMS ELCA for Endorsement.
- All those battling mental illness and addictions.
- Each person in our CtK church family.
- All the front-line workers striving to keep Durango and our surrounding communities safe, healthy, fed, educated, and mentally and spiritually fulfilled during the Covid-19 crisis. May God bless and protect EVERYONE!

*To add or remove names from this list, email [Linda](#) in the Church office or call: 970-247-5310.*

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