

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

Interim Pastor: John Madvig

Administrative Assistant: Orvette Stepper

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Pastor's Page

In the morning, the Governor led the parade. The same afternoon, I arrived in Spearfish. It was the 4th of July, 2022. Pastor Scott McKirdy had been called to serve at Canyon Lake UMC in Rapid City, and I was to fill

his shoes in preparation for the next pastor at Spearfish United Methodist Church (SUMC). The problem was, Pastor Scott had taken his shoes with him!

Transitional ministry is what takes place between pastors. It's what I've done the past five years or so, and it's been rewarding. As we take a look back at the past two years here in Spearfish, I'd like us to see it through the lenses of transitional ministry, which involves five areas: Heritage, Mission, Community, Leadership, and Future.

Heritage

Over twenty "home gatherings" made it possible for me to introduce myself and to learn about the church and its community. Several participants shared about mission trips they had taken over the years. Others shared about hospitality and kindness. Still others mentioned the variety of worship services at SUMC. While the pandemic and political and denominational anxieties have contributed to some departures, the church remains relatively strong.

Mission

We share in the United Methodist mission: "Creating disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". Our vision statement is "Know God. Love God. Serve Others." With the help of Pastor Connie Eichinger, we discerned our values:

- Welcoming Fellowship
- Christ-centered Worship
- Multigenerational Discipleship
- Overflowing Generosity
- Compassionate Outreach

These values, along with our Mission and Vision Statements, describe the ongoing ministry of our church.

Community

Our church is highly involved in serving the community. In addition to supporting existing ministries,

SUMC hosts substance-abuse programs, and provides "Help Fund" cards to help people in need.

Since Spearfish is a college town, I sought to connect to the community through the college football team. I showed up for practices and home games, and even got to travel with the team to two road games! In addition, some of the players helped in moving things around in the sanctuary in preparation for painting.

As mentioned above, the United Methodist Church is undergoing significant conflict, with numerous churches choosing to disaffiliate from the denomination. As an interim pastor, I sought to maintain a compassionate, centrist position, not choosing one side over another.

Leadership

The UMC *Book of Discipline* was a handy guide over these past two years. We used its direction to firm up who needed to attend the various committee meetings, the responsibilities of each committee, and how meetings should run. With these clarifications, I hope we have made the decision-making process less cumbersome and repetitive. The four main committees: Trustees, Finance, Staff-Parish Relations, and Administrative Council appear to be well-led and operating well.

Future

I've sent a longer version of this report to Pastor Paul, offering a few suggestions for the church to consider. The first, however, is to get to know Pastor Paul, his wife Brenda, and their children. They will all have joys and challenges as they move into a new community and a new ministry. Please offer to help and be patient as they find their groove.

It has been a quick two years. While I've enjoyed transitional ministry, it has a significant side effect: I get to know really good people, but I don't get to stay with them. Evie and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here with you. We've fallen in love with you, and with this church. We will miss you, but we look forward to hearing about your next adventures with your new pastor and his family!

God's peace be with you,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor



Message from Staff-Parish

Pastor John Madvig joined Spearfish UMC in July of 2022 as a transitional minister. Pastor John is specially trained in transitional ministry with a certificate from Princeton University. The goal of a transitional minister is to create a healthy place for a new pastor to lead. Pastor John has been serving Spearfish UMC now for nearly two years preparing us for upcoming changes. June 9th will be Pastor John's last Sunday preaching for us.

The past couple of years our Church has experienced a lot of change and growth. It has been remarkable to see so many of our members step up into leadership when the need arrived. Please help me thank Pastor John and Evie for their service here in Spearfish as they will soon be continuing their ministry elsewhere.

We have a "Farewell" Potluck being held at the Church on Sunday June 9th at 11:30. I hope you will be able to attend if you are in the area. This potluck is open to the community, so please invite others that may want to attend!

Pastor Paul Lint and his family will be arriving in Spearfish later in June. They will be taking some much-needed vacation time to settle into the area as a family. Pastor Paul's first Sunday preaching will be July 21st. There will be more details to come of ways we will be helping to welcome the Lints into our Church.

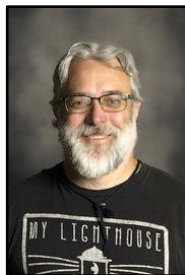
Stay tuned as there will be a lot happening the next couple of months!

*Ross English
Staff-Parish Chair*

A Request from Ross English, Staff-Parish Chair

I would like to encourage the congregation to send a quick note, card, or letter to Pastor Paul and Brenda Lint and their family. Either to the family as a whole or to Paul, Brenda, or one of the kids separately.

I really think it would be great if some of the youth in the congregation that are similar in age to any of the Lint kids could send a personalized note to welcome them. Just let them know we are looking forward to meeting



them and maybe a bit about Spearfish as a whole, the Church, or schools. These are the children in the family:

- Simon – 4th Grade at Creekside Elementary
- Ellen – 6th Grade at Middle School
- Carson – 8th Grade at Middle School
- Grace – 11th Grade at High School
- Addy – 12th Grade at High School
- Shanara – Freshman at BHSU

Cards may be sent to the family at Wesley Acres Camp: 1847 115th Ave. SE, Dazey, ND 58429.

"Pounding" tradition planned for Pastor Paul Lint and family



An old tradition was to have a "pounding" for a new neighbor. For example, greet a new resident with a pound of sugar, a pound of flour, etc. The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to apply this welcome and help prepare the parsonage for Pastor

Paul and Brenda Lint and their family of 7 people.

On a Fellowship Hall table, you will find a large basket filled with slips of paper listing items for the Lints as they move in and unpack, items such as toilet paper, soap, bread, eggs, soups, and so forth. Please join in this welcome celebration. **BEFORE JUNE 9**, take a slip, purchase the listed item, and return the item to the bin under the table. If your item is perishable, place it in the church kitchen refrigerator in the designated box. Our "pounds of welcome" will be delivered to the parsonage prior to the Lints' arrival.

Those wishing to donate non-grocery items may want to purchase a \$25 or \$50 Safeway Card through Orvette in the church office. Orvette will hold purchased cards separately for inclusion in a greeting card.

The SPR Committee would also like to organize the preparation of some freezer meals for the Lints, to be left ready in their freezer. If you would like to prepare a meal or if you have any questions about the above "pounds of welcome" plan, please text Bobbi Looney at (605) 645-9922. Thank you in advance for your participation in this welcome activity for the Lint family and exciting time for our church.

Cupcake Celebration at Edgewood Vista



In honor of Pastor John Madvig a celebration was held at Edgewood Vista Chapel on May 15. A good time was had

by all! While residents and visitors were signing a “Good-bye” card for Pastor John, Everett Follette’s Men’s Bible Study group joined the celebration in the chapel.

With song, meditation, and conversation . . . cupcakes with sprinkles were served with a “BLUE” theme. Blue napkins, blue gift bag filled with Chocolate Kisses (from the group) and then soft peppermint candies were handed out and the extra peppermint candies given to John for Evie and him . . . to “pep” up



their moving routine. And a single blue hydrangea was given to his wife who had also contributed so very much to our UMC in Spearfish!



The residents appreciated Pastor John over the last two years and they were pleased to share in their adieu. It was a sweet moment in time that needed to be remembered and reflected upon.

Clark, Staff-Parish Committee

Staff Tribute to: *Kevin Nakajima*

Thanks to Kevin Nakajima for all his work at our church.

1. Sings in the choir.
2. Runs the tech equipment.
3. Runs the Sound Board
4. Makes slides to show during the church services.
5. Online recording with some slides.
6. He is in charge of the Sunday evening Game Night with dinner.
7. He is a UMC Staff member.
8. Head of the Worship Committee
9. Member of the Spearfish United Methodist Men.



Dinah’s Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading “*Our Missing Hearts*” by Celeste Ng. The group will meet on **Monday, June 10** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.



Mary Hayenga



Mary Hayenga serves this church in many ways. She was elected to be chair of Trustees this year, a big job with the parsonage needing a new deck plus repair and upkeep. She guides a Sunday School class as well as a small group that meets with her sister, Alietha Balo,

each Tuesday afternoon.

As a former conference lay leader, she is often finding ways to encourage more laity to be involved in our church. Currently, Mary is asking, “How are you called to be in ministry?” as we transition from one pastor to the next. Both Cal, her husband, and Mary are generous in support of Spearfish UMC.

UMC Bell Choir Director Wanted



Pictured left to right: Peggy Bosch, Director, Sue Cole-Beaner, Sandra Asheim, Sandy Prante, Orvette Stepper, Colleen McKirdy, Keith Haiar (Missing Kimmy Hendrickson).

Can you read music? Do you have any experience playing bells? Do you enjoy working with others? Are you creative? Do you like to inspire and encourage others at various levels of ability and different age levels? Do you like to learn? Do you have energy and enthusiasm? Would you really like to teach and direct others to become or remain delightful bellringers?

If you said “yes” to these questions, YOU might be the right person to be our Spearfish United Methodist Church’s next Bell Choir Director! The Big Picture:

- 9-month position (September through May)
- Three practices per month (1 hour/practice) – Sunday mornings
- One performance per month at 10:30 – Sunday service

Applications are in the UMC Office. Please fill one out if you are interested. **Application Deadline: June 21,**

2024, returned to office. For further information contact: Char Clark, of the Staff-Parish Committee at (605) 645-4706 (Texting preferred at this time; or emailing at charleneclark1948@gmail.com).



United Methodist Men (UMM)



United Methodist Men (UMM) met May 4 & 18. On the 4th we had breakfast burritos and voted to donate \$250 to the Parsonage repair expenses. Our devotion was presented by Riley Chrisman. On the 18th we had biscuits with gray, sausage and eggs. Our devotion was presented by Gabe Hicks..

Our June 1st meeting will start at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The June 15th meeting will start at 8 AM at the Millstone Restaurant.

*God Bless, Kelvin Lower
UMM President*

United Women in Faith (UWF)

In June we have only one gathering, which is Saturday, June 8 at 11:30 a.m. It is a get-together Sack Lunch with prayer and sharing ourselves with each other.

We need to hear each other's stories to really know one another. We chose Salem Park for kids to have fun and for us adults to hear the creek and each other.



During our June and July gathering, men are encouraged to attend if they can. If it is raining or too cold, we will meet in the church library.

*Debra Richardson
UW in Faith Chair of Leadership Team*

Children First



The 2023/2024 school year at Children First has come to a close. We had our end of year party and graduation ceremony on May 22nd, and it was a wonderful time for everyone to get together and celebrate our 16th successful school year and send off another group of children to kindergarten and all the other great things they will do in their futures.

Speaking of successful futures, it was exciting to see 11 former Children First students and 1 current employee graduate from Spearfish High School. Along with the High School graduation, we celebrate 9 of our employees and 4 former CF students being on the BHSU Dean's list. Congratulations to all! The future looks bright!!



Do you like to sing, but don't want to come to those pesky rehearsals on Wednesdays? Now is your chance to sing with the choir! Throughout the summer, we'll meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room, sing through an easy song, and perform it at the 10:30 worship service. All ages and abilities are welcome!



Dinner And Game night is a time for people of all ages to gather and enjoy some fellowship together. Kevin Nakajima provides a main dish, and you are encouraged

to bring sides, non-alcoholic drinks, or just yourselves. Stay for dinner, stay for games, just talk, or all of the above are encouraged.

This month it will be **June 16 at 5pm** and will feature a Pork Masala. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, June 13** at 7 PM in the sanctuary at UMC. This is a prayer service in the style of Taizé. Enter into a time of prayer, quiet

reflection and meditative singing. Center your spirit, heart, and mind. Enjoy the quiet. Refresh your soul.

Service Weekend

There will be a service weekend June 29-30. We are still in the planning stages but would like you to start thinking of some simple projects around the church, your homes, and the community at large that we could easily tackle. More information will be coming to you as plans develop. Thank You for being such a service-oriented congregation!

Prayer Partners



Gracious God,

We lift up the Lint family at this time of transition. Paul and Brenda with 9 permanent children plus many foster children over the years.

Bless Simon who will attend Creekside Elementary, Carson and Ellen who will be in Middle School, Addy and Grace at Spearfish High School next year, plus Shanara at BHSU. Older children are Annabeth, Micah, and Gideon.

Guide Pastor Paul and the whole family as they grow to love our people and our area. May we be helpful and loving in the name of Christ. Amen.

Council Highlights

May 19, 2024

- **Fundraisers.** The Design is completed for the upcoming T-shirt/Sweatshirt fundraiser. Be on the

lookout for some sample sizes to try on later this summer so pre-orders can be made! Also, anyone is still able to "buy a board" or more if they wish for the parsonage deck fundraiser. Watch for posters with info!

- **Transition.** We continue to prepare for the transition from Pastor John to Pastor Paul. We are sad to see John and Evie go but excited for their new chapter. We will celebrate them on June 9th with a potluck after the 10:30 service. John's departure and Paul's arrival is still in a state of flux so there will be some need for coverage for worship in the June/July months. We don't know exactly what that looks like but please be in prayer for what you can contribute to that need. There are both weekend services at the church as well as some weekday services at some of the assisted living facilities/nursing homes. Staff Parish is the lead on this but will need our help. We can be creative in how this might look!
- As always, thank you all for being such a supportive and giving church with your talents and generosity. We hope to see that support for Pastor John and Evie at the potluck to say "Thank you" for all they have done for us as a congregation during this 2-year transition as well as in the upcoming months for Pastor Paul and his wife Brenda.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



JOHN THE BAPTIST **Mt 3:4**

Before 'Chips & Salsa' there was..
'Locusts and Honey'.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Bev Carr* who died January 23, 2024 and whose funeral service will be held Friday, June 14 at 10:30 AM at Spearfish UMC with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.



Mission of the Month **Spearfish Food Pantry**



The Spearfish Community Pantry works to fight hunger in Spearfish and St. Onge. In 2023 they served 691 people, with roughly 30% being children. Last year, community members donated a total of 117,000 lbs. of food, which fed about 257 families a month.

The pantry's largest single food donor is the Spearfish Wal-Mart. This past year, they donated 64,706 lbs. of food. Last year, community-based food drives brought in a total of 32,461 lbs. of food. The largest food drive in 2023 was organized by local Boy Scout troops and the Post Office; their efforts brought in 14,950 lbs. of food.

Every month in 2023, the pantry supplemented donated stock by purchasing about \$8,325 worth of food to meet community needs. Those purchases, made from Feeding South Dakota headquarters in Rapid City, rely on monetary donations from community members as well. Pantry beneficiaries don't have to be income qualified. Rather, they can identify themselves and their families as in need of support. Time to sink the canoe again!



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Ramen Noodles
- Chunky Soups
- Cereals
- Tomato Sauce
- Ketchup
- Progresso Soups
- Diced Tomatoes
- Cookies



Alyssa English	06-02	Eric Vaughn	06-14
Aurorah Culver	06-02	Mili Foltz	06-14
Bob Brady	06-04	Carol Sander	06-15
Seanna Linafelter	06-07	Marilyn Halse	06-15
Jessica Bradford	06-07	Lainey Burtzlaff	06-15
Lyle McGarvin	06-08	Kelly Wilsey	06-16
Cora Pierson	06-08	Rod Fuhrer	06-18
Rod Eisma	06-09	Peony Hammerquist	06-21
Sam Perry	06-11	Kris Bradford	06-24
Marsha Dangel	06-11	Tyler Johannesen	06-24
Morie Carnahan	06-12	Logan Ammerman	06-25
Kathy Lower	06-12	Marlene Johnson	06-26
Blakeley Peterson	06-12	Aloysius Dangel	06-26
Jacob Brewer	06-13	Carolyn Baker	06-27
Logan Brewer	06-13	Yvonne Adrion	06-27
Johnny Swanson	06-13	Alietha Balo	06-27
Bill Lundgren	06-14	Emerie Shank	06-28
Larry Miller	06-14	Sheila Powell	06-29
Sheila Ahmed	06-14	Sophia DeWeese	06-29



Todd & Connie Hubbard	06/01~33 yrs.
Anthony & Tristany Swanson	06/02~6 yrs.
Blake & Lexi Burtzlaff	06/06~4 yrs.
Wayne & Linda Lueders	06/08~50 yrs.
Warren & Dorothy Johnson	06/16~68 yrs.
Jim & Margie Hesson	06/16~50 yrs.
Milton & Vicky Bragg	06/18~63 yrs.
John & Cheryl Kissack	06/21~50 yrs.
Steve & Annette Bailey	06/21~33 yrs.
Ryan & Kori Meredith	06/23~23 yrs.
Matthew & Lisa Kostecky	06/23~12 yrs.
David Ayer & Tobi Miller0Ayer	06/26~20 yrs.
Ben & Emma McKirdy-Wilsey	06/26~9 yrs.
Aloysius & Marsha Dangel	06/27~49 yrs.

BUDGET

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

--2 Corinthians 9:11

Come, Share, Rejoice!

"Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?"

Special Gifts for May

Special Gifts/Non GF	\$ 1,015.00
Yoga Charity Fund	574.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	25.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Parsonage Deck Fund	21,340.00
Ukraine UMC Mission	30.00
Solar Ovens	150.00
UMCOR	105.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 23,679.00

Special Funds for May

Benevolence Fund	\$ 35.00
UMC Help Fund	8,400.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,435.00

*Worship Attendance for May: 628 (Avg./Wk=157) (4 wks)

*On-Line Attendance for May: 358 (Avg./Wk=119) (3 wks)

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Thanks to Frank the Tank (See Job 1)

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I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL JOB
THAT HIS COMPUTER CRASHED

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3. Make your gift.

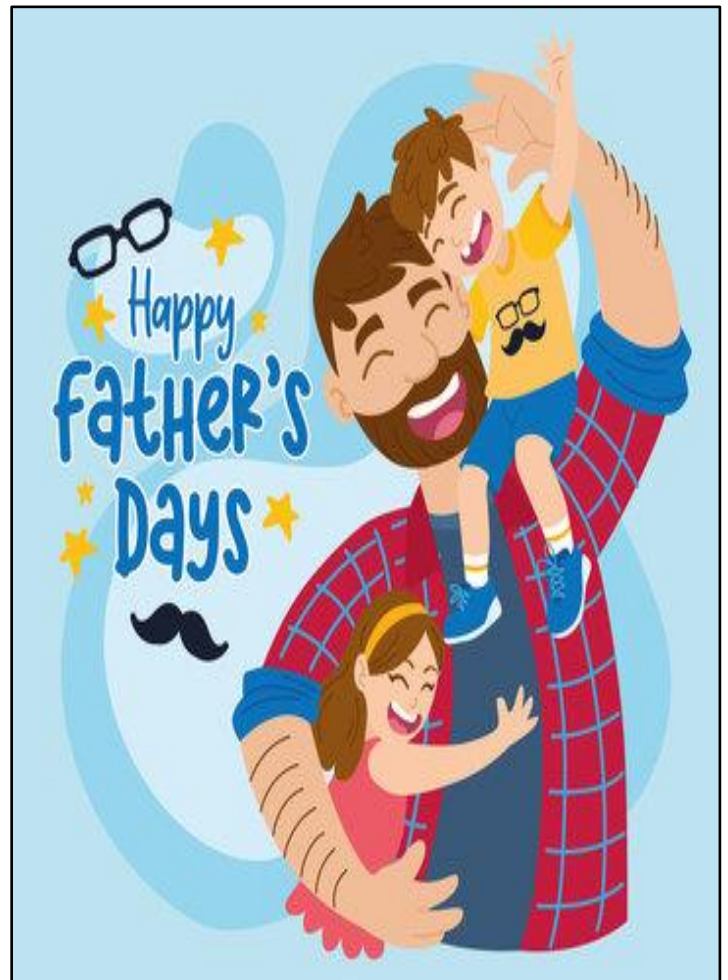
There is a small transaction fee of 1.89%.

We still have **VANCO** where you set up to give on a regular basis. See instructions below:



1. Download the Vanco Mobile App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Find your church and log in using your GivePlus Mobile username and password. Or set up your user account in minutes.
3. Give, chat or RSVP to an event!

If you have any questions about giving in this manner, contact Mary Tracy at the church (605) 642-3457 or at finance@spearfishumc.org.



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Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 9:00 a.m.

“Sunday School” – 9:20 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD's of worship

Adult Sunday School: 9:20 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

E-mail Addresses:



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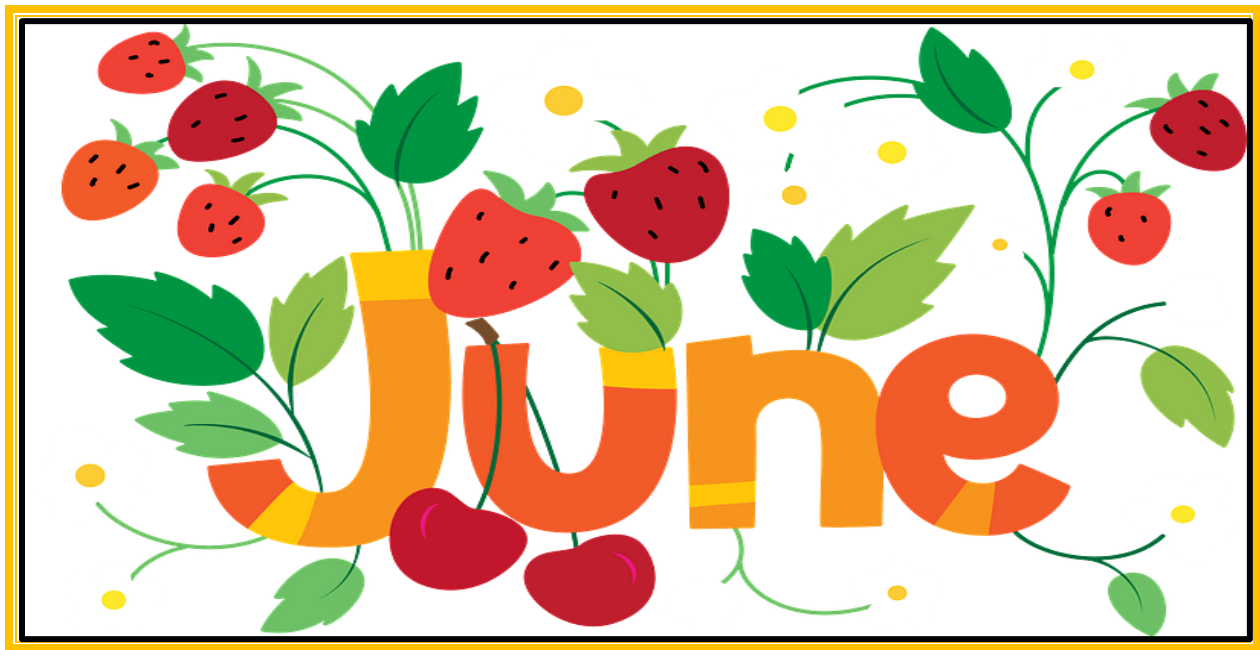
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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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