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Hi and welcome to the Spring edition of *devoted!* My name is Scott Heitshusen and I am privileged to be the Senior Pastor here at St. Mark.

“Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Halleluia!” These words will be spoken many times on Easter (April 24) and directly following. They are some of the most exciting words we can hear as well as some of the most powerful because they do not just tell of a belief in Someone or something, but rather they proclaim the reality of life from death; of victory from seeming defeat; of everlasting from temporary! These true words don’t just define our reality, they are reality!

At St. Mark, we look forward to that highest and most holy day of Easter, when we celebrate – loudly and joyously – that Jesus is alive and well and, because He is, we are, too, through faith in Him. That is a truly phenomenal truth to live (and die) in. What an amazing God we serve! What amazing love He has for us!

I want to add something to this for you: Lent and Holy Week. These are times leading up to the climax of Easter. They help frame the reality of how joyous Easter is because they share just how low we were when left to ourselves.

During Lent and Holy Week, we have special services planned for you and your family, designed to teach, to pull family (your nuclear one as well as all of us at St. Mark) together, and to prepare us for the amazing words, “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Halleluia!”

If there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With you in the reality of Jesus’ Resurrection & Life,

Pastor Scott

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# Lent and Easter SCHEDULE

*March 9* **Ash Wednesday**

12 pm - Youth Music Performance

7 pm - Youth Music Performance

**FAMILY JOURNEY TO THE CROSS** : Join us for an interactive, hands on event for all ages at 6 pm before each Wednesday service in Lent!

*March 16* Lent Service - 7 pm

*March 23* Lent Service - 7 pm

*March 30* Lent Service - 7 pm

*April 6* Lent Service - 7 pm

*April 13* Lent Service - 7 pm

*April 17* **Palm Sunday**

8:30 am - Traditional

11 am - Contemporary

*April 21* **Maundy Thursday**

7 pm - Traditional

*April 22* **Good Friday**

12 pm - Tenebrae

7 pm - Family Service - Stations of the Cross

*April 23* Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 - 11 am

*April 24* **Easter Sunday**

Youth Easter Brunch Fundraiser - 6 am - 12 pm

6:30 am - Sunrise Service

8:30 am - Traditional

11 am - Contemporary

## classic family christmas success || pastor duerr

*In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior I bid thee peace.*

Christmas and Advent are memorable times in our lives. Growing up, I'm sure that most of your favorite memories are connected to Christmas in one way or another. Maybe it was waking up early on Christmas day to start tearing open boxes of toys and presents, attending the Christmas Eve candle-light service with family and friends or singing silent night in front of an elderly person's house as they start to cry because you were the only visitor that they'd had all winter.

This year I was blessed in an extra special way. The leadership at St. Mark went out on a limb to reach out to our church and school families and God blessed our efforts.

We celebrated Advent (which is just church-speak for "the time of preparation for Christmas") with our church and school families. Our *Classic Family Christmas* was an overwhelming success! Every Wednesday in December, St. Mark filled the sanctuary as we watched a classic Christmas movie along with the normal worship service. The movie served as the topic of our discussion, and it was wonderful. I loved to see the kids thumbing through the hymnals every week, looking for their favorite Christmas songs to sing. It was also a blessing to look up at the front of the church during the movie and see over 60 bright and smiling faces sitting in awe of the movie that they were watching on the screens in front of them.

The first week, we watched *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and I told the kids that it is important to love those who are unlovable because God loves us. The second week, Pastor Freed shared that we need to be nice to those who are different from us based on the movie *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*. The third week, we watched *Frosty the Snowman* and Pastor Lawrenz shared how important it is to be thankful for the lives we have. Finally, the last week, we watched *The Little Drummer Boy* and I shared that it is important to give to others because God first gave us the ultimate gift in His son, Jesus.

As if all of the fun of watching movies in church wasn't enough, the kids were encouraged to wear their pajamas to worship! Before each service kids came early to do some sort of an activity that our director of Children's and Family Ministries (Wendy McManners) organized. For Rudolph, we painted our noses red. For Frosty, we decorated snowman shaped sugar cookies and for the little drummer boy, we made ornaments that were given away to home bound senior members of our church who didn't have anyone to spend their Christmas with.

Overall, it was a wonderful celebration every week! The church was packed, families were singing and worshipping together. I even heard of some of our elderly members who brought their grandchildren along and worshipped with them. St. Mark really is a fun place to worship-but the best part is, we are a family-a family that is devoted to Jesus.

Keep your eyes peeled for fliers for *A Classic Family Christmas* this November and see just what movies and/or activities are in store for Christmas 2011! See you then! Happy New Year!

Godspeed,

*Pastor Timothy S. Duerr*





Alyson, Susan, Darren and Alyson's dog, Reese

St. Mark is pleased and honored to welcome Susan Converse to our staff as our next Director of Operations. Susan comes to us from Kinsmen Lutheran Church in the 249/Beltway area and with the full recommendation of the Director of Operations search committee. Let's get to know Susan and welcome her to the St. Mark family!

**ABOUT:** I have attended Emory University in Atlanta, University of Colorado in Denver and University of Tennessee in Knoxville. I have a liberal arts degree and a degree in engineering. Church Business Administration is a second career for me. I was originally a structural engineer in the oil and gas industry, specifically offshore platforms. When my children were quite young, we decided it was not practical to have both parents involved in offshore trips and in frequent travel. I became certified in Church Business Administration and now have over 15 years experience. I have worked at Ascension Episcopal Church, Christ Church Cathedral downtown and Kinsmen Lutheran Church in the Champion Forest area. I became aware of the opportunity at St. Mark through the Houston chapter of the National Association of Church Business Administration.

**GOAL FOR ST. MARK:** I have a passion for church school programs, and one of my goals here would be to increase involvement of church members with the school and vice versa. I am also interested in marketing the school to the greater community. I have experience with visioning at two churches, and I hope this will be useful in helping St. Mark in its planning.

**FAMILY/PETS:** I have a daughter, Alyson, who is in graduate school at U.T. Dallas. She is majoring in Speech Therapy in the Callier Center for Communication Disorders, School of Behavioral Sciences. My son, Darren, has just been released from the Army. He served three years with the 1st Infantry Division, one of which was in Iraq. He wants to continue his college career. I have two Golden Retrievers, Buck and Bailey.

**HOBBIES:** In my free time, I enjoy reading, exercising at one of the city YMCAs or working in my yard.

**UNIQUE FACT:** I have traveled to England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Alaska, Nova Scotia, Mexico, Germany, Austria, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Peru. The trip to Peru was a mission trip, and we visited and helped 7 or 8 churches while we were there. I have witnessed baptisms in Romania, Peru and Ireland.

**BIBLE VERSE:** I have many favorite verses, but the one that I claimed as my own while my son was in Iraq is 2 Timothy 1:7 in the King James version: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." I chose the King James version because of the use of the word "fear."

*Welcome Susan!*

## a st. mark youth christmas story || cory thorson *(sm)*

This past year, at the beginning of December, the SM2 Youth Group decided to adopt a family for Christmas. Going through a local social worker here in Spring Branch, the group adopted a father and son. The lady we were working with scheduled a time to go meet with the family who provided a list of needed items. After a few tries, she was finally able to sit down with the boy. When she asked what he wanted or needed the boy's response brought on tears. You see, most teenage boys want ipods or cool shoes. But, what did this boy ask for? He requested peanut butter, jelly and bread as well as shampoo and hand soap. Finally, after a few minutes, he did finally say he would like a football or basketball. Following the meeting our social worker was able to make contact with the father who said he really did not need anything but that he wanted his son to have a truly special Christmas. This was a truly special and deserving family.

We received the list and asked members of the SM2 youth to pick an item or two or consider going in together on a bigger item. The response was simply overwhelming. Even parents and other members of St. Mark found out about our endeavor and made donations of money, food, blankets and much more. I am sure the family had a great Christmas. It was simply awesome to see a group of young people take such great joy in helping others. One of the youth is even quoted as saying "Am I weird? Because when I was shopping for the family, I just could not get the smile off my face." No that is not weird. It is simply showing Christ's love for someone else and the joy we get to experience as a result. Thank you to all who donated and made a difference in this family's life.

## adult studies - AS OF 2/11

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES AT 9:45 am

### *I Have Good News for You!*

New member class required for membership.

Willis Schramper - 713 895 0285

Location: Conference Room 155

### *Books of the Bible*

Charles McDaniel - 713 996 1115

Location: CAFÉ A

### *Women's Bible Study*

Cheryl Dinwoodie - 713 463 9550

Location: Conference Room 145

### *Two Kingdoms*

Duane Heckman-713 461 2748

Location: Library

### *The Gospel of Matthew*

Ginny Zuppann - 281 752 9869

Location: CAFÉ C

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Herb Mock - 713 255 3626

Location: Room 221

### *Revelation Bible Study*

Begins February 27

Chris Lorenzen - 713 248 2111

Location: Room 224

### *Books of the Bible*

Pete Peters - 713 468 1727

Location: Room 225

MIDWEEK CLASSES

### *Thursday Night Family Group*

Pastor Tim Duerr - 713 255 3679

Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Conference Room 161

### *P.U.B. - (Personal Understanding of the Bible)*

This is a men's only study. Bring yourself and your appetite for an evening of food, faith and fellowship.

Pastor Tim Duerr - 713 255 3679

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm; SRO Sports Bar

### *Young Adult Family Group*

A group of young adults who meet to study the Bible over dinner.

Sarah Oliver - saraholiverharpist@yahoo.com

Location rotates around town

### *Men's Early Study*

This men's study explores the issues men face living their faith, using books by current Christian writers as basis for discussion.

Duane Heckman - 713 461 2748

Wednesdays at 6:30 am; Conference Room 155

### *Women's Daytime Study*

Join other women for a time of fellowship and Bible study. It's a great way to be refreshed in the midst of a busy life.

Katie Tonn - 713 461 4615

Tuesdays at 9:30 am; Conference Room 161

## social groups

### *St. Mark Conservatory of Music*

Private music lessons are available to all students of music— young and old, talented and inexperienced.

John Marrs - jmarrs@stmarkhouston.org

### *Prayer Chain*

Individuals are organized into evening or daytime teams for passing on prayer needs of those who request them.

Katie Tonn - ktonn@sbcglobal.net

### *Prayer Time at the Altar*

Join in prayer with others at the Altar.

Fridays at 6 am; Sanctuary

Fred Tonn - ktonn@sbcglobal.net

### *Healing Prayer*

Come for prayer, whether your need is physical, emotional, or spiritual, and a team of people will pray for you.

Sundays at 5 pm; Sanctuary

Katie Tonn - ktonn@sbcglobal.net

### *42 Club*

Open to anyone who enjoys a fun game of Dominoes.

2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm; Scout House

Gloria & Erwin Eschenberg - 713 465 8273

### *S.P.I.C.E.*

Seniors Participating In a Caring Environment - all senior citizens are invited to join! Bring your own sack lunch.

1st Thursday of each month at 10 am; Scout House

Glenda Lehman - 832 370 7746

### *Moms in Touch*

We meet to pray for our children and their schools.

Thursday mornings at 8 am; Sanctuary

Jennifer Heitshusen - jennifer.heitshusen@gmail.com

### **Quilting Club**

Join us as we make quilts to benefit different organizations.

Thursday mornings from 9 am - 1 pm; Room 221  
Margaret Schultz - 713 463 5379

### **Phase III**

Women 50+ and widows meet for fellowship and support.

Meets once per month; rotate homes  
Vivian Colton - grammycolton@aol.com

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)**

This women's group meets monthly for prayer and Bible study, socializing, and planning future projects to support missions. Two opportunities are available:

- » *Circle of Concern* meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 am in Conference Room 161  
Betty Boecker - fboecker@sbcglobal.net
- » *Evening Circle* meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm in Conference Room 161  
Peggy Ramer - pramer@sbcglobal.net

### **Seekers**

Come join us for laughter and fellowship with other St. Mark single members over 40.

1st Saturday : games & dinner  
3rd Sunday : brunch after 11 am worship  
Pete Peters - mpete37561@aol.com

### **Second Sunday Supper**

Join us for a meal and music with your family in Christ.

2nd Sunday of each month at 6 pm; Cafeteria  
Anna Helmich - 713 464 6487

## **service groups/opportunities**

### **Altar Guild**

Barb Mannlein - 713 688 7734

### **Bereavement Meals**

Church Office - info@stmarkhouston.org

### **Caring Friends**

Pastor Duerr - tduerr@stmarkhouston.org

### **Children's Ministry**

Wendy McManners - wmcanners@stmarkhouston.org

### **Choir/Instrumentalists/Worship Teams**

John Marris - jmarris@stmarkhouston.org

### **Church Readiness Team**

Church Office - info@stmarkhouston.org

### **Counting Team**

Susan DePue - sdepue@stmarkhouston.org

### **First Impressions Greeting Team**

Debra Pakkala - dpakk@comcast.net

### **Food Pantry**

Katie Tonn - ktonn@sbcglobal.net

### **Gift Shop**

Nancy Graham - 713 255 3616

### **Junior High Ministry**

David McManners - dmcanners@goodsonauto.com

### **Lunch Bunch**

Cafeteria - cafe@stmarkhouston.org

### **Nursing Home Ministry**

Pastor Duerr - tduerr@stmarkhouston.org

### **Office Help**

Church Office - info@stmarkhouston.org  
School Office - soconnor@stmarkhouston.org

### **Peanut Butter Brigade**

Stephen Monsen - texolina@hotmail.com

### **Senior High Ministry**

Cory Thorson - cthorson@harveybuilders.com

### **Stephen Ministry**

Sharon Lem - lem@pdq.net

### **Tech Team**

Kim Radtke - kradtke@stmarkhouston.org

### **Ushers**

Steve Wible - s\_wible@earthlink.net

### **Visitation Team**

Pastor Duerr - tduerr@stmarkhouston.org

### **Whole Person Health**

Mary Marris - mjmarris@yahoo.com

## children's ministry

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES AT 9:45 am

### FaithWeaver

(3 YEARS - 6TH GRADE)

Every family member explores the same Bible lessons and discovers the same Bible truth in an age-appropriate class. Both adult and children's Bible lessons cover the same Bible story...so it's easy for families to talk about their faith!

3 years/PS : RM 116	2nd grade : RM 105
4-5 years/PK-K : RM 117	3rd/4th grade : RM 109
1st grade : RM 110	5th/6th grade : RM 222

### Caraway Street

(3 YEARS - 4TH GRADE)

Caraway Street is an event that connects children to Christ through puppets. Children are escorted from the sanctuary at a special time during the regular Sunday service.

2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am (September - May)  
Location: Conference Room 161

## student ministry

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES AT 9:45 am

### Junior High Bible Study/Confirmation

(SM<sup>2</sup> JUNIORS, 7 - 8 GRADE)

This year's Confirmation program combines 7 - 8 grade students to explore the awesomeness of God and the mysteries of faith, personally confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, identify themselves as members of St. Mark and a special part of the body of Christ. Confirmands are also encouraged to regularly participate in worship and prepare for Holy Communion, engage in Bible study and its application to life, strive to lead God-pleasing lives, and serve God by serving others.

David McManners with Pastor Scott and Pastor Duerr  
Location: Music Room

### High School Bible Study

(SM<sup>2</sup> SENIORS, 9 - 12 GRADE)

High School students will grow in faith, their personal relationship with Christ and who they are as God's people in a place where they can use their gifts to the glory of God. It is also a place where they know they are accepted, can ask hard questions, and find answers about faith and life in order to serve in meaningful ways in the church and in the world! Come early to hang out and shoot pool before the lesson.

Cory Thorson with Kaeli Bauer and Ray & Laura Chavana  
Location: SM<sup>2</sup> Room (M-91)

## EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 - 11 AM

Join us as we enjoy an easter egg hunt, crafts, a puppet show and more! Don't forget to bring your own basket!

For children ages 0 - 5th grade

Contact Wendy McManners,  
[wcmcmanners@stmarkhouston.org](mailto:wcmcmanners@stmarkhouston.org),  
for more information.

## SM<sup>2</sup> REZ WEEK

In today's world, we very often find ourselves busy and overwhelmed. Then, we come to a great moment during the year that is Christ's Resurrection and often it is difficult to slow down and reflect on what that means. We encourage all youth 6 - 12th grade to attend REZ WEEK! We will take time each day that week (April 17 - 24) to help us focus on the coming Resurrection. The schedule of events will be as follows:

- Sunday Pot Luck Dinner; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Monday An Evening of Worship; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Tuesday *Passion of the Christ*; 6:30 - 9 pm
- Wednesday Walls; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Thursday Maundy Thursday service
- Friday Good Friday service
- Saturday Service : Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday Service : Easter Brunch; 6 am - 12 pm

While we encourage all the youth to attend each event, we want to make sure parents of the younger youth make the best decision for them. We will be happy to discuss this further if you have any questions.

Señores y Señoritas

Join us for margaritas y fajitas  
Auction and Fiesta with your Amigos  
¡Don't forget the pesos!

Friday, March 4

6:30 - 11 pm

The Pavillion on Gessner  
2500 North Gessner Road

Tickets: \$30 per person  
(\$40 at the door)  
Reserved Table of 8 - \$240

Fill out a registration form at the School Office  
or register online at [stmarkhouston.org](http://stmarkhouston.org).

Dress: "FIESTA" Attire  
(ex. colorful skirt, white shirt, serape, sombrero)



# CHO-YEH YOUTH RETREAT 2011

All high school youth and their friends are invited to Camp Cho-Yeh March 25 - 27. We will leave St. Mark at 4 pm on Friday and return Sunday around 12:30 pm, right about the end of second service. More specific information about this event will be coming soon so keep your eyes peeled! We hope all youth can attend this event!

## Parent's Night Out

February 12, 2011  
5 - 10 pm

Let us care for your child  
ages 1 and up while you  
and your special someone  
have a date night.

Registration is due by Monday, February 7

**Just for two.  
Just for you.**

Download a registration form online  
at [stmarkhouston.org](http://stmarkhouston.org)!  
For more info, contact Wendy McManners at  
[wcmanners@stmarkhouston.org](mailto:wcmanners@stmarkhouston.org).

# COMPASSION MINISTRY



Blessings St. Mark,

I am excited to tell you about two new programs we are making available to you.

Over the last two years, I have seen how the economy continues to hit people hard all across America, and unfortunately, I have seen people often having to choose between whether they have the money to purchase food or much needed medications. But, I believe no one should have to choose. To help prevent this from happening, I have found two discount prescription programs that can help you purchase your medications.

## PRESCRIPTION CARDS

The first program provides congregation members with a free discount prescription drug card that will save them an average 15% on brand name medications, and 55% on generic drugs. Because more than 54,000 pharmacies are under contract nationwide, the “experience of use” savings are 10% - 85%. The bearer of the card is guaranteed the absolute lowest price available for medications. The card comes pre-activated, and is a bearer card, meaning no identification or personal information needs to be given in order to receive one of the discount cards.

Anyone can use the cards and there is no income or age requirement. No drugs are excluded and the card NEVER EXPIRES. The cards can be used by people with no or limited prescription coverage, senior citizens who reach their Medicare Part D benefit gap (donut hole), people with insurance that excludes certain medications or whose co-pays keep going up and those on Medicaid who require more than 5 prescriptions.

The cards are accepted at over 80% of pharmacies in the United States and are a valuable tool in saving people money on needed medications. You can locate participating pharmacies and check drug pricing at [FreeUSDrugCard.com](http://FreeUSDrugCard.com). I have several of these cards in my office. If this is something that you would like to take advantage of, all you need to do is ask.

## RX MED ASSIST

The second program is a Prescription Assistance Program called Rx Med Assist. This program is intended for United States residents or citizens who are struggling to pay for the high cost of prescription medications, even with the discount card, who do not have prescription coverage and who also meet certain income guidelines. If they qualify, this program allows residents to pay \$20 - \$25 per medication per month. The service offers an unlimited number of medications as long as there is a qualified program for their specific prescription need. The application process is free.

## FIND PRESCRIPTION DRUG HELP AT ST MARK

Discount drug cards and Rx Med Assist applications are available at St. Mark. You can stop by to request a free drug assistance card and a list of participating pharmacies as well as an Rx Med Assist application.

These programs are provided through a collaborative effort with the Community Assistance Program, a neighborhood outreach program. And since the cards can be used NATIONWIDE, congregation members are encouraged to share them with family and friends in other cities or states to help ease their financial burden.

If you have any further questions or you would like to receive a card for yourself or a loved one, please contact Pastor Duerr at 713 255 3679 or [tduerr@stmarkhouston.org](mailto:tduerr@stmarkhouston.org)

Godspeed,

*Pastor Duerr*

## Welcome to St. Mark Lutheran!

We want you to feel at home with us as we worship, praise and proclaim God's Eternal Love and Joy in Jesus Christ for each one of us! We offer several types of worship services in order for everyone to worship at a service that best fits their needs.

If you are interested in membership at St. Mark or would just like more information, stop by the visitors table in the narthex on Sunday mornings before or after services or you may contact the church office during the week at 713 468 2623.

## Worship Services

### SUNDAYS

8:30 am - Traditionally Focused

Using worship that is rooted in our rich heritage of grace, this service is for all who enjoy traditional elements of worship such as liturgy, Lutheran hymns, organ and classic instruments.

11 am - Contemporary Service

Offering a relaxed blend of majestic worship style and contemporary, this service includes praise singers, praise band and instrumentation to accompany praise songs and modern worship music.

### WEDNESDAYS

7 pm - This midweek service is designed as a worship/Bible study hour with singing.

## For Parents With Young Children

Children's church with the Caraway Street puppets meets during the 8:30 and 11 am worship services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from September to May. This puppet ministry is an exciting and fresh Bible experience for children ages three through 4th grade. Books, crayons and pictures to color are available on the cart in the Narthex for your young children who are attending the worship service in the sanctuary. There is also a nursery for children under 3 years of age, which is located off the Gathering Area. An usher will be happy to assist you in locating the nursery.

## Worship Message on DVD/CD

DVDs & CDs of the worship message may be received by filling out the information on the "Tape Ministry" envelope located in the pew rack and dropping the envelope in the offering plate. DVDs/CDs are duplicated by our volunteers and mailed on Mondays.

## Hearing & Visual Assistance

For those with difficulty hearing, we offer a "hearing assistance" system. The individual systems can be obtained from the sound technician at the back of the sanctuary. We also offer large print bulletins for those that might need them.

## Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to come up to the front of the church after the service, where the pastors, elders and prayer partners will gladly pray with you. You may also send your prayer request to [prayer@stmarkhouston.org](mailto:prayer@stmarkhouston.org) and your prayer will immediately be placed on the prayer chain.

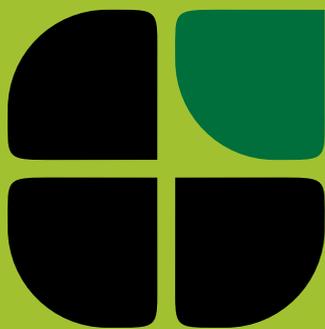
## About St. Mark

St. Mark Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that is dedicated to sharing our love for Jesus Christ by caring for people and equipping them to live out their faith in the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior from sin. We believe that the Bible is the foundation of all truth and guide for our lives. Because of God's great love for us, we believe that we best show our love for Him by our response of caring and kindness to others.

Our mission statement is:

In response to God's call, we live to **SEEK, STRENGTHEN AND SEND** fully devoted disciples for Christ.



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