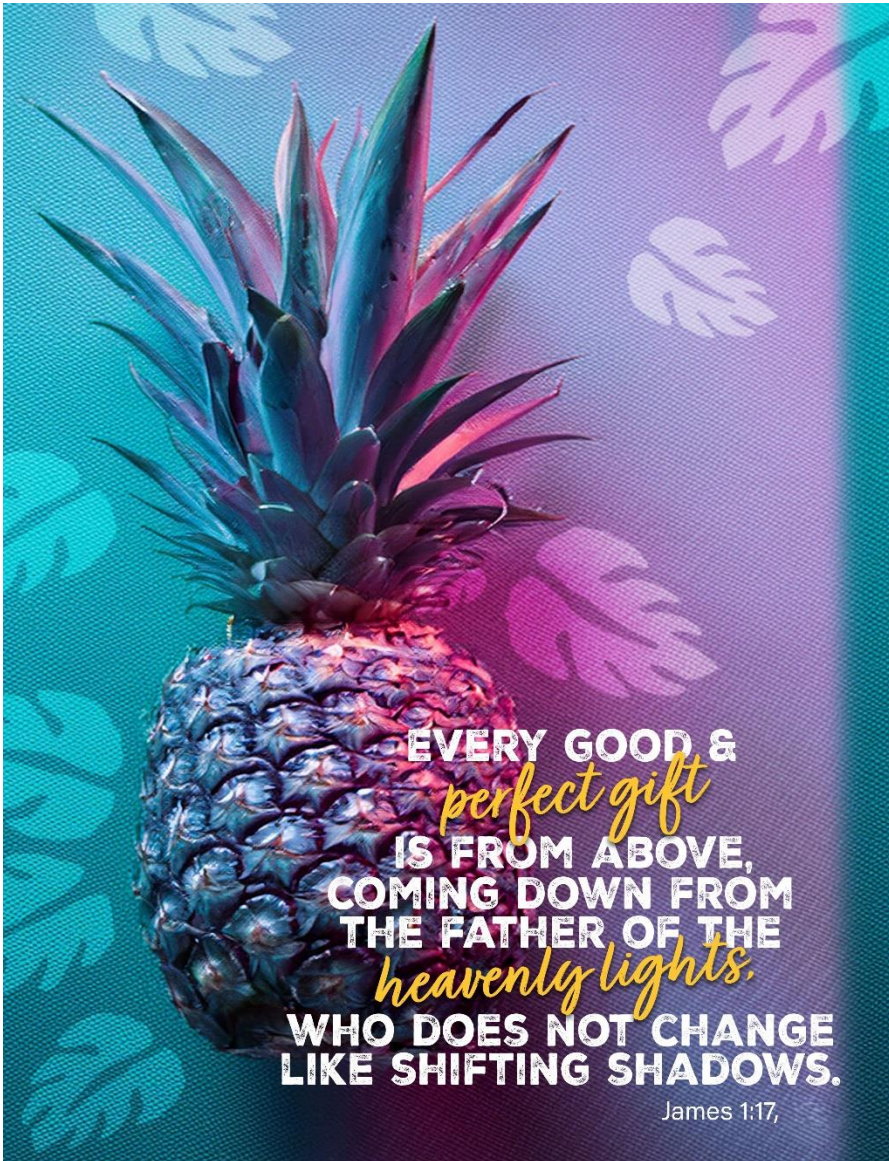


First English Lutheran Church

Wapakoneta, Ohio



Happy Father's Day!
Our June 2025 Newsletter

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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The mission of First English Lutheran Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to love one another as He loves us.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

On May 18, 2025, Council met for our monthly meeting.

A quorum was established, followed by a devotion by Darla Frame.

Cari Frame, our treasurer, came to the meeting to help discuss the financial reports. Several questions were cleared up, so council was able to approve February and March along with April reports.

Last month there were no official committee meetings, but Brenda did give Council an update on some property matters. Our roof leak in the back foyer has been repaired. We are waiting for a bid to paint the brown section on outside of Melching Hall and white trim along Mechanic and Blackhoof Streets. On June 12, Adam's Window Washing will be coming to clean our windows, especially the high ones. Our young man who is mowing the church this year also mulched and trimmed the bushes.

Brenda highly recommends him if anyone would like some lawn care help.

In old business discussion, council was informed that our church will be hosting our NALC district for a get together on Saturday September 6. Everyone at our church will be invited to come and meet others in our district. We will be providing a continental breakfast along with lunch. More details will be coming.

On May 5, Chris Coleman, a representative from High Voltage, came to speak to a few of us regarding a new contract for our gas supplier. Our contract had expired so we wanted to make sure we could get the best price. A new 3-year contract was signed locking in a \$ 1.99 transport price. We will reconvene in the fall to re-evaluate our commodity price.

Darla, Char and Brenda gave a report on the Spring Convocation that we attended in Springfield. We met other NALC churches and enjoyed attending some workshops.

In New Business, Council approved the motion to offer direct deposit for those receiving payroll checks.

The Kantner scholarship CD was also approved to reinvest.

It has become increasingly difficult for our financial team to offer the tithely giving, so Council voted to discontinue this way of offering.

Our next meeting will be June 22, 2025, following worship.

Church Council

I would like to personally thank all of our members here at First English for their patience and willingness to step up when asked to help serve in various ways.

As we approach summer with vacations and family get togethers, it's not always possible to attend Church and it's easy to forget that our church still needs to operate to maintain our property and to keep our church thriving. So, keeping this in mind, I am asking everyone to continue to help with serving in worship and to keep our offerings strong.

Blessings and be safe in your journeys,
 Brenda Shoffstall-Council President

FELC Committees, Chairpersons, Council Liaisons

Committee	Chairperson	Liaison
Building & Property	Brenda Shoffstall	Jeff Ritchie
Christian Education/Youth		Richard Yocum
Evangelism	Teresa Fisher	Denise Kantner
Finance	Cari Frame	Georgeann Stienecker
Life & Fellowship	Brenda Shoffstall	Darla Frame
Social Ministry	Teresa Fisher	Char Curry
Staff Support	Richard Yocum	Jon Schmidt
Stewardship	Meets with Finance	Brenda Shoffstall
Worship & Music	Darla Frame	Chris Nagel

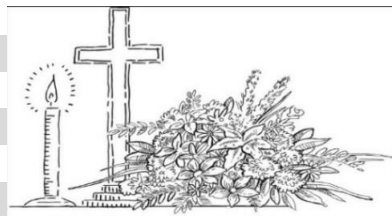
Weekly Attendance and Offerings

Date	Views	Attendance	Current Giving	Benevolence
05/04/2025	14	51	\$3,198.06	\$55.00
05/11/2025	11	69	\$1,977.50	\$30.00
05/18/2025	14	72	\$1,770.00	\$125.00
05/25/2025	10	60	\$1,415.00	\$10.00

Flowers and Candles

Altar Flowers for the month of June:

June 1 st	<i>Celebration of Class of 2025</i>
June 8 th	--Available--
June 15 th	--Available--
June 22 nd	--Available--
June 29 th	Mike Roeger



Altar Candles for the month of June:

The **Altar Candles** are given to the Glory of God
 by Sharon Veit in memory of her son, Michael and her sister, Connie.

2025 Noisy Offerings

Month	Recipient	Amount Collected
January	Wapak Women's Crisis Center	\$130.16
February	California Wildfires	\$750.10
March	Generations of Love	\$171.51
April	Family Life Center of Wapakoneta	\$272.00
May	Ethan Jeanneret, Double-Lung Trans.	\$1,081.38
June	NALC Disaster Relief	



OUR PRAYER CORNER

Those who would love a visit or a card...

The Gardens	Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz
Burton Ridge in Lima	Judy Kentner
Homebound	Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson

We especially remember in our prayers...

Betty Hague, Mary Ann Thomas, Betty Lietz, Marty Rostorfer, Eloise Katterhenry, Marsha Henderson, Ted Gibson, Bryan Katterhenry, Judy Kentner, Lauren Makuh, Sasha Maslov, Jenny Oliver, Pam Schulz, Alex Shirey, Hunter Smith, Seth Thuman, Norma Wachauf, Harold Wallace, Jim Zwiebel, JJ Truesdale, Sue Bartlett, Ike Schnell, Roman Schlegel, Sue Hughes, Dan Havens, Jason Schneider, Jenn Douglas & Baby Benette, Shirley Hollis, Joyce Brincefield, Judy Metz, Liam Kramer, Jean Thompson, Norma Jarrells, Doris Fisher, Austin Fisher, Janet Case and Wanda Nuss.

We remember in our prayers our military serving at home and abroad, underrepresented and oppressed people, EMTs, firefighters, police officers, healthcare workers, and our veterans.

If we are missing anyone in our prayer corner, please call or email the office and let us know. If there is anyone who wishes to be removed, please do the same.

Prayers from Call Committee for Pastor

Prayers throughout the month:

5-4-25

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for all you have done and will do for us. We continue to strive to do your will as we pray for a spiritual leader for our church. Please help us with the patience you require of us as we wait for your perfect timing. Our trust is in you, Lord. May we be worthy of your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.

5-11-25

Dear God, thank you for your abundant blessings you give us daily. Be with our congregation as we prayerfully consider our next pastor. Prepare our congregation's hearts and minds for a spiritual leader that will help us grow closer to you and that teaches your Word. Prepare our next pastor and their family for the call to come to our church and congregation. We pray that you give us strength where we are weak and give us hope and faith where we have doubts. And above all, help us to feel your love and presence always but especially throughout this call process. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

5-18-25

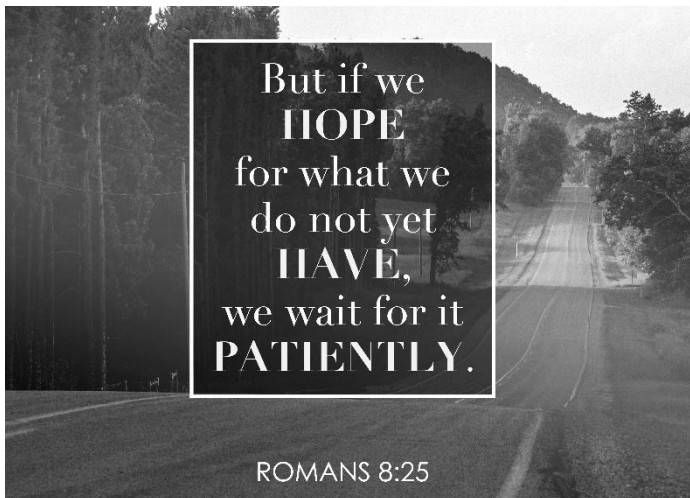
Dear Lord, You've heard our prayers and know our needs. Please continue to guide us in the direction as we continue to pray for our future pastor, their family and the future of our church. Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds to be able to clearly hear and receive Your will. As we continue through this transition. Lord, be with us and remind us that we are Your sheep, and this is all on Your time. Help us to keep Your Word in our hearts and be more like You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

5-25-25

Heavenly Father, we continue to ask for your guidance as we seek to call a pastoral leader. May we be ever diligent in our search, that we may find the leader that we know you have chosen for us. Bless our congregation during this process and keep us strong and faithful. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Call Committee Checklist for seeking a Pastor:

- × At the time of learned pastoral vacancy, the congregation council arranges for regular supply or interim, working with the Mission District dean.
 - × Form a call committee in accordance with congregational constitution – uneven # of persons with a cross-section of the congregation is helpful-elect Chair of the Committee.
 - × Call Committee downloads NALC Call Process Manual for call committee members.
 - × Call Committee chair contacts the NALC Call Process Coordinator to schedule a conference call for orientation/training.
Met on September 15th.
 - × Call Committee engages in Bible Study in the Call Process Manual.
Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
 - × Call Committee chair will contact Mission District dean to arrange and complete The Congregational Workshop in preparation for the Call Process.
 - × Chair contacts their Mission District dean to arrange and complete the Congregational Workshop – November 2, 9am-2:00/2:30pm.
 - × Call Committee completes the Congregational Profile and emails it to NALC Call Process.
 - × Call Committee completes the Congregational Profile and video to the NALC website.
 - × Call Committee develops list of ministry questions to be asked in full interviews.
- ... **Patiently waiting on God's timing for a Pastor to show interest in Profile.**



Ministries in Action

	June 1 st	June 8 th	June 15 th	June 22 nd	June 29 th
Lector	Richard Yocum	Makayla Frame	Connie Krites	Chris Nagel	Joyce Brincefield
Ushers	Ken Frame & Richard Yocum	Dave Krites & Needed	Ken Frame & Jon Schmidt	Luke Kline & Chad Sterner	Steve Stienecker & Jim Kantner
Worship Assistant	Makayla Frame	Deanna Ronan	Char Curry	Marsha Jackson	Jon Schmidt
Musician	Karen Luginbuhl	Recordings	Darla Frame	Greg Tabler	Recordings
Preacher	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Bill Schultz	Michelle Kouse	Pastor Mick Althausser	Pastor Bill Schultz
Greeter	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>

Altar Guild for June: **Carrie & Jon Schmidt**

Fellowship Cleanup for June: **Carrie & Jon Schmidt**

The Word of God

Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalms	2 nd Reading	Gospel
June 1 st	Acts 1: 12-26	Psalms 133	Rev 22: 1-6, 12-20	John 17: 20-26
June 8 th	Gen 11: 1-9	Ps 104: 24-34, 35b	Acts 2: 1-21	John 14: 8-17
June 15 th	Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31	Psalms 8	Acts 2: 14a, 22-36	John 8: 48-59
June 22 nd	Isa 65: 1-9	Ps 22: 19-28	Gal 3: 23-29	Luke 8: 26-39
June 29 th	1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21	Psalms 16	Gal 5: 1, 13-25	Luke 9: 51-62
July 6 th	Isa 66: 10-14	Psalms 66: 1-9	Gal 6: 7-16	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 13 th	Lev 19: 9-18	Psalms 41	Col 1: 1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
July 20 th	Gen 18: 1-10a	Psalms 27: 7-14	Col 1: 21-29	Luke 10: 38-42
July 27 th	Gen 18: 20-33	Psalms 138	Col 2: 6-15	Luke 11: 1-13

FELC News and Events...



Personal contact information...if there has been a change in your family's contact information, please contact the church office by email at wapakelc@bright.net or by calling the office at 419-738-3911.

Education/Worship Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship in person and online at www.myfelc.org

Quilting Group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the parlor. If you would like to join this group or have questions, please contact Darla Frame.

Noisy Offering for the month of JUNE: NALC DISASTER RELIEF Offering pans are located in the chapel and at the back of the church. Donations are accepted during the entire month.

Loaves and Fishes: Meals need to be reserved by calling 567-204-6708 and can be picked up in the alley behind the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

Collection for Auglaize County Crisis Center We are collecting food items each month for the Auglaize County Crisis Center based on a monthly dinner theme. June's theme is Baking Items. The crisis center is also in need of basic personal hygiene items. Please put donations on the counter in the library for us to deliver weekly or bi-weekly.

Egg Carton Ministry Asking for all sizes of clean empty egg cartons. Please put them in the boxes in the church library. They will be used to distribute eggs to those in need.

Plastic Bag Ministry FELC will be collecting clean empty plastic grocery bags for our Prison Ministry. Allen/Oakwood Correctional incarcerated persons are making mats for the homeless. There is a collection container located at the back door.

Altar Flower/Candles Signup calendar & Greeter Signup We still have many dates available. Please check your calendars and sign up for a date or two!

Men's Night is scheduled for 6:00pm on Thursday, June 12th at Inn Between.

Ladies' Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am on Tuesday, June 17th at Main Street in New Knoxville.

Miracle Meal Dear Area Churches, wanted any leftover garage sale items or from Spring clean-up that you would like to donate or give away at this year's Miracle Meal. Contact Rollie Kent, 419-905-9360 or rkent1@woh.rr.com for pick-up. Please no clothing except coats, sweaters, hats or gloves. Thank you, Rollie Kent & Miracle Meal Board

VBS Please see flier for NEW TIMES and DATES! We hope you can join us!!

Interest-free loans for college students the Pierstorf interest-free loans are open to students in all of Ohio. Eligibility: the applicant and/or one parent or guardian must be active members of a Lutheran church in Ohio. The applicant must be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at an accredited college or university. Applying: application becomes available online on April 15 of each year, with a deadline for complete application submission of June 30. Applications collected during this time period for loans for the upcoming school year (beginning august or September). Borrowers must apply each year to continue to receive their Pierstorf loan. If you need more information or if you have questions, Rebecca Van Meter may be able to help. Application and information can be found at pierstorf.org.

Christ Candle Explanation We follow the NALC guidelines with lighting the Christ Candle. These are the times the Christ Candle will be lit: Easter and the Sundays after through Pentecost; Christmas Eve and the weeks after through Epiphany; Baptism; Funerals; All Saints Sundays and Christ the King Sunday. The Christ Candle will be lit ½ hour before the service starts by an usher. The Christ Candle will be put out by the usher after the dismissal at the end of church. There is a schedule at the back of the sanctuary and in back room of sanctuary.

Congratulations to our First Communion Youth on May 18, 2025

Andrew Schlosser – Parents: Mark & Diane Schlosser; Siblings: Noah & Jacob Schlosser; Grandparents: Trell & Marisa Yocum and Jack & Peg Schlosser

Andrew attends Wapakoneta Elementary School and is finishing the 3rd grade. He loves wrestling, football, and baseball. He loves listening to ACDC, Metallica, BonJovi (thanks to Uncle Michael, lol). He loves going four wheeling with his daddy and Jacob. He loves playing with all his cousins! He loves hanging out with his grandparents or just family over all!! He is smart, witty and can definitely be sassy at times. They love you Andrew to the moon and back!

Frankie Yocum – Parents: Richard & Melanie Yocum; Sibling: Annie Yocum; Grandparents: Trell & Marisa Yocum and Joe & Diane Peterson

Frankie is homeschooled and is finishing the 2nd grade. He loves to play video games, build legos and play soccer. He is very intelligent and always has insight to share about life! He loves spending time with his cousins and Lela and going on adventures with homeschool. He also enjoys traveling to Florida to see Nana and PopPop and his family there.



Class of 2025 Recognition on June 1st. Please join us as we recognize, celebrate and pray for the graduating class as they start their next chapter.

Luke Kline

Parents: Jennie & Jason Grundey and the late Jason Kline

Siblings: Matthew Kline & Jack Grundey; Grandparents: Joe & Stephanie Mosler, Jim & Dianne Kline, Charlie & and the late Janet Grundey

Graduating from: Wapakoneta High School; Distinctions: Summa Cum Laude & Honors Diploma; Involvement: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Band President, Academic Team, National Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout (thanks to FELC members for their donations!) and Loaves & Fishes Volunteer. Luke will attend Bowling Green State University majoring in Social Studies Education for grades 7-12.

Ben Tabler

Parents: Greg & Mindy Tabler

Graduating from: Apollo Career Center & Wapakoneta High School; Distinctions: 1st year Academic Letter, NCERR HAVAC Certification, Universal EPA Certification, 10-hour OSHA Certification, 9th & 10th grade Band.

Ben will either work full time in the HVAC field or continue his education at a nearby college branch.

Eli Van Meter

Parents: Brian and Rebecca Van Meter; Sister: Bailey Van Meter

Grandparents: David and Landa Tomlinson and Jeff and Terri Van Meter

Graduating from: Wapakoneta High School; Distinction: Honor Diploma, a graduate of distinction, and earned a 4th year academic award, 4-year varsity team member for Golf and Bowling, member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Eli will be attending University of Northwest Ohio and majoring in Accounting, while also continuing his athletic bowling career at the collegiate level.



Vacation Bible School

Hosts: First English and St. Paul Churches
Held at: First English, 107 W. Mechanic St., WPK
Sunday, June 8 – 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Registration form (One per child/Volunteer)

Name _____
Home Church _____ **ALL ARE WELCOME** (no matter home church)
Allergies/Health Concerns _____

T-shirt size: Youth S M L Adult S M L XL 2XL Other: _____

For ALL Volunteers

Phone _____ Email _____
Where would you like to help? _____

**For Child registrations (Age 3 - completed 4th grade as of May 30th)
and Youth Volunteers (Completed 5th grade – 17 years old as of May 30th)**

Age _____ Birthday _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent/Guardian Info

Name _____ Name _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone numbers during VBS _____ Phone numbers during VBS _____

Email _____ Email _____

Who should we contact in an emergency? (only complete if different from above)

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____

I would like to be in the same group as _____

(We may not be able to fulfill this request but will try)

Person registering child _____

I give the church permission to use my child's photo Yes _____ No _____

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



DEADLINE to register & guarantee a shirt is May 30th

1st Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

For the Veterans of Auglaize County
Saturday June 14th, 11am-2pm

American Legion Annex, Wapakoneta

Free Lunch ☆ Door Prizes ☆ Giveaways
☆ Get Connected ☆ Food Pantry ☆

First 50 Veterans get a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card
Veterans are encouraged to bring a guest
For transportation, contact Ace at 419-954-0117
Please bring proof of Veteran status*

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1 7 th Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Michelle Kouse Class of 2025 Recognition	2 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	3	4 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	5 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	6 9-11:30 GSH	7 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
8 Day of Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz 5:30pm-7:30pm VBS	9 5:30pm- 7:30pm VBS	10 1:30pm Bingo at The Gardens 5:30pm- 7:30pm VBS	11 5:30pm-7:30pm VBS	12 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes 5:30pm-7:30pm VBS 6pm Men's Night at TBD	13 9-11:30 GSH	14 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH 11am Veterans Event @ American Legion- Wapakoneta
15 The Holy Trinity 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship-VBS Michelle Kouse ♥ Happy Father's Day! ♥	16 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	17 11:30am Ladies' Lunch at Main St. in New Knoxville	18 10am Quilting 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	19 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes	20 9-11:30 GSH	21 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
22 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Mick Althausen Council Meeting	23 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	24	25 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class	26 9-11:30 GSH 4:30pm Community Loaves & Fishes July info Newsletter DUE	27 9-11:30 GSH	28 8:15am Sprtl Mvmnt Class 9-11:30 GSH
29 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship Pastor Bill Schultz	30 5:15pm Sprtl Mvmnt Class July Newsletter available ♥					

~ July 2025 ~

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