Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Shepherd News

Welcome to fall programming. Well, not that all programming ceased over the summer, but a significant portion will be gearing back up shortly. We (staff) are excited as we anticipate getting back into the steady routine of Bible study, worship, fellowship, and service for Jesus-otherwise known as "Worship" "Serve" "Grow" and "Connect".

We have had those banners hanging from our ceilings for almost 10 years, although recently not much attention was given to them. This fall, we will be reemphasizing our goal as "fully devoted followers of Christ" (from our mission statement), by emphasizing these four key areas that we should all be involved in as fully devoted followers of Christ.

To make the point, we will be replacing the banners we have with new ones, which will also be coordinated with other efforts to put focus in these areas. When we promote a ministry or event, we will have signups on tables with tablecloths promoting the type of event (connect, grow, or serve). Our announcements in the bulletin are also designed to identify the nature of an event (connect, growth, or servanthood).

September, 2019



- **#Struggles** New Pastor-Led Study Begins 9/8 (p. 6)
- Sign up for the **Men's Retreat** (p. 6)
- Newsletter Naming Contest Winner (p.10)

We will also see (or you may have already seen) other changes throughout the church. A new screen (both front and back) necessitated by new video equipment in the media room. The old equipment was outdated and, in some cases, failing or soon to lose technical support. Curtains have been removed from the nursery to provide better transparency and safety (a smaller curtain is being installed in an area of the room to provide nursing moms with privacy). The Lifetree Café area has recently been simplified in its decorating to ease transitions when used for other purposes. We also have a new TV in that area. We will have a new, beefed up public Wifi that will work in the basement. Most of these changes were funded by a generous donation from Nancy Gilpin who went to be with the Lord last year.

Not only is our facility ready to go, so are our teachers and bible study leaders, and they eager to share the good news of Jesus Christ as told through the Scriptures. We will continue the creation theme (introduced by Dr. Rob Carter's visit in August), with a creation Bible study on Wednesday evenings. "Each Day Club" has had a makeover, and is now called "Kids for Christ". Changes have been made in the Sunday school area to create a more favorable environment to grow. We will continue to offer Pastor-led Bible studies on Sunday morning and men's and women's Bible studies on Monday evenings and Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

We have also been making a bigger mark in the world. Our support for mission work in Chile continued with a donation and trip in July. St. Andrews Family Shelter ministry is thriving and active as we serve people there. And we are beginning our Safe Family initiative to help provide temporary living arrangements for children in need. We will continue to have outreach programs like the amazing Jeffo (blind Christian magician). Details forthcoming. There is much more I could share if I had the space.

I would like to thank all who have walked through these changes with us. Change can be very difficult. But through



it all, our goal is to make this a wonderful place for people to come, worship and grow in their connection (to God and to each other), serve, and learn. Thank you to all who served and will continue to serve their Lord in this church community. We are making a difference.



LARGE TURN-OUT TO HEAR DR. ROB CARTER

On Sunday, August 18th, Good Shepherd hosted Dr Rob Carter from <u>Creation Ministries International</u> who spoke on *"The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge."* The audience was enlighted by Dr Carter as to the amount of evidence mounting that corroborates the Creation account in the book of Genesis.

Nearly 130 people of all ages attended. Rob also addresses questions from the audience and stayed afterward for more discussions. Rob brought with him numerous resources for purchase at the event.

Did you know? Pastor Ted and Jennifer welcomed Rob into their home for his entire stay in the Twin Cities. They provided him a place to stay and meals making this event free to Good Shepherd and their guests!

"God is the inventor of Physics." Dr. Rob Carter

WORSHIP SERVE GROW CONNECT

You will notice a renewed focus on these four words this Fall.

As a congregation we desire to be intentional as "people who desire to become more like Jesus" as we Worship, Serve, Grow and Connect..

Connect Chicken Lunch

Sunday, September 8th after second service.

Sign up in the lobby to donate salads & desserts.

Everyone welcome!

FALL KICK-OFF

Take a look throughout this publication for ways you can worship, serve, grow and connect this Fall.

Youth Study Opportunities

Register now in the Lobby or online for Sunday School and Sunday Middle School and High School Bible Studies.

Fresh New Look—**Kids for Christ** (formerly Each Day Club) will begin on Wednesday, September 11th for kids K-5th grade. Sign up in the Lobby. Bring your friends! See page 5

Adult Study Opportunities

- Pastor-led Bible Study will continue on Sundays at 9:45AM
- Keeping in the theme of what the Book of Genesis means to believers, Good Shepherd will be offering *The Genesis Academy*—a new study produced by Creation Ministries on Wednesday nights at 6:00PM beginning on September 11th. Please sign up in the Lobby, See page 6. Child care available.
- Men's Monday Night Bible Study begins Monday, September 9th at 6:30PM—sign up in the Lobby. See page 6.
- Women's Monday Night Bible Study begins Monday, September 9th at 6:30PM—sign up in the Lobby. See page 8.
- Tuesday Women's Bible Study—*Miracles*—see page 9.
- Wednesday Women's Study—First Place 4 Health—see page 9.



JOIN US FOR THE CONVERSATION

Lifetree Café is a weekly opportunity to meet with others in conversation over a cup of coffee. Current event topics and relative issues are presented in a welldone video presentation and provides the opportunity to have a conversation with others. Everyone is invited!

Join us any Tuesday at 7:00PM or Thursday at 10:30AM (same topic each time, different topic each week.)

- Week of 9/1 "True Beauty: Is it really only skin deep?"
- Week of 9/8 "10 Minutes to Live: Now what."
- Week of 9/15 "Dreams and Nighmares: Discoveries The science behind the stories of your mind."
- Week of 9/22 "Stem Cells: The miracle cure you may be missing out on."
- Week of 9/29- "A Reason to Live: A story of hope from Rwanda."

CONNECT / INVITE EVENT COMING SOON!



Sunday, September 22nd Jeff Smith The Amazing Jeffo - The Blind Magician

Mark your calendars!

The Amazing Jeffo will be performing at Good Shepherd on **September 22nd** at 2:00 PM. This event is open to EVERYONE! Invite your friends and neighbors! FREE!!!

His books and magic tricks will be available for purchase!

WHY DO WE?

Welcome to a new feature called "Why Do We?" Each month we will highlight different objects or traditions that are a part of Good



Shepherd Lutheran Church and explain more about them.

The dark red light near the altar is called the *Eternity Candle*. It has a candle that burns continuously as a reminder that God is always present. It also indicates the presence of Christ in the sanctuary, as well as a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Another reason to burn the lamp is to show that the light of Christ always burns in a sin-darkened world.

NEW EASY TO READ *PORTALS OF PRAYER* COMING IN OCTOBER!

Portals of Prayer is a quarterly devotional from Concordia Publishing House (LCMS publisher.) Good Shepherd has a limited supply of these devotionals available at no charge.

Starting with the next batch of *Portals of Prayer*, you can opt for a larger size version of the devotional with a larger font.

There will be 18 of the larger size available each quarter. *Portals of Prayer* are always available in the lobby. Look for the larger size versions on the *Connect Center*.

If you prefer your own subscription delivered to your home, you can subscribe at CPH.org. *Portals of Prayer* is an easy way to meet with your Savior each day. Try it!



FLOWERS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Beginning in October you will have the opportunity to beautify the Worship Center on a regular basis. Sign up at the Connect Center to purchase flowers for the altar area each week. These flowers will be ordered through the office and delivered to Good Shepherd.

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. Song of Solomon 2:12

SERVE BOARD

Take a look at the new Serve board that will be going up in the Lobby near the picture of the Last Supper. Each month another ministry will be the focus.



SERVE-ING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

At Good Shepherd we focus on serving others. We can be the hands and feet of Christ in many ways-two examples on this page.

We will also be focusing on one ministry per month as we offer the chance to serve through our time, talents and treasures.

In September we are highlight *Heiffer International*, the ministry that the Sunday School children are supporting with their offerings. They will be saving to purchase a *WATER BUFFALO* for a needy family.

Upcoming Efforts:

- October—LWML / Prison Ministry
- November—Feed My Starving Children I Operation Christmas Child
- December—Gift Card Collection

ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY SHELTER

A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers from Good Shepherd who supported our week of service in August at the Shelter. In July, the shelter celebrated its first anniversary of service to the community. Congratulations and many thanks to all the people that have donated time or other contributions to help get and keep the doors open!

Here are some facts from the past year:

- Housed 17 families
- Provided 730 meals
- Involved with 2 Eagle Scout Projects and One Gold Scout Project
- Over 1200 volunteers
- 1,248 volunteer hours for dinner shifts
- 4,745 volunteer hours for overnight shifts
- Poured 400 gallons of milk
- Fried 647 pounds of hamburger
- Gave 55 people warm beds to sleep in
- Provided 15 gallons of shampoo

Thanks to all the volunteers that made it happen and for showing the entire community what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ!

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

How can we support children who are in need in our community?

Good Shepherd is working with a nationwide organization that supports children of families in need. *Safe Families for Children* is a movement fueled by compassion to keep children safe and families intact. Through Host Families, Family Friends, and Family Coaches, we temporarily host children and provide a network of support to families in crisis while they get back on their feet.

We already have Good Shepherd families who are in the mode of becoming host families. You can help by becoming a "friend" or "coach" to walk alongside these families as they take this big step of being the hands and feet of Christ. **Stay tuned for more information**.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Children's Ministry: Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting on September 8th! Give your children the opportunity to meet other kids in our church and to learn more about Jesus Christ. This year the Sunday School kids will be raising money for purchase a water buffalo for Heifer International. Its going to be an amazing year! Please fill out your registration form!

Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month. This is a chance to bring in a mystery item and Pastor Ted will do a Children's Message using your item! If you would like to sign up please contact Melanie at <u>melanie@goodshepherdlink.org</u>.

Children's Ministry: Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ (formerly Each Day Club) is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him. Every part of Kids for Christ-Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation-all connect to teach life lessons to kids. Kids for Christ is for kids Kindergarden-5th grade on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. starting on September 11th. Meet in the Lower Level Sunday School area. If you have any questions contact Melanie at melanie@goodshepherdlink.org.



This year offerings collected at Sunday School will purchase a water buffalo through Heiffer International!



"Sign up to bring in the Mystery Box!" Melanie Appelquist, Director of Youth and Children

YOUTH-MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Youth Events

- September 15th will be a youth and parenting meeting Noon-1:00 PM in the Lifetree area. Lunch will be served. We will be going through the year long plan together.
- The youth will be selling Heggie's Pizzas September 15th -October 9th. Money raised will support the summer servant event and youth events.
- Starting September 11th Youth are invited to *Bible and Brew* (Bible study at Caribou Coffee) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Bible and Brew will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Update from Past Youth Events

On August 4th we welcomed the newest members of the youth group! We had a blast getting to know each other and working together! Youth! Mark your calendars for the **first Sunday of the month** at noon. An event will be planned each month especially for you. Join your friends for a fun afternoon!

MEN'S RETREAT

You still have a chance to join other men in our congregation for a weekend of fishing, golf, God's Word and fellowship. The retreat will be held from September 27-29 at Anderson's Horseshoe Bay Lodge. Cost is \$160/person. New this year - first time attendees are $\frac{1}{2}$ price! Sign up in the Lobby.

PASTOR-LED STUDY

Are you struggling with how to manage you media consumption or that of your kids? A new Pastor-Led study will begin on September 8th.

#<u>Struggles</u>:

Following Jesus in a Selfie-centered

World is a 5-session DVD program by Craig Groeschel. Each Sunday Pastor Ted will show a short video from the series and discuss! You can purchase the book and/or study guide on <u>Amazon</u>.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will begin again on Monday, September 11th. The study is held on various Monday Nights (at the same time a the Women's Monday night study).

The men meet in Conference Room B in the Lower Level.

They are continuing an interesting study of the parallel Gospels. They spend time understanding how the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John each have accounts of the same story and how they vary and how they connect.

THE GENESIS ACADEMY

Spiritual Growth Opportunity Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 Lifetree Café area beginning September 11th

Many believers are excited to learn

more in face of skeptical challenges, and to also aid in evangelism. This new 12-part course will make it easy to continue the teaching on origins in further depth. Click <u>here</u> to see more about this study.

All the presentations have high quality visuals and footage. Our hope is that this will become an essential staple for every church. Why? Because it is so important to get a correct understanding of the Bible's foundational chapters right—and this series achieves just that!

Scott Gillis Dr Jonathan Sarfati Gary Bates Keaton Halley Dr Jonathan Sarfati Dr Robert Carter Gary Bates Joel Tay Dr Jonathan Sarfati Dr Robert Carter Keaton Halley Dr Robert Carter Why Does Genesis Matter? Introduction to Genesis: Author, date, structure, genre Day 1: The creation of the world Days 2 and 3: The creation of dry land and plants Day 4: The creation of light-givers Days 5 & 6: The creation of air, sea, and land creatures Day 6: The creation of mankind The Fall: A cosmic catastrophe The Pre-Flood World Noah's Flood and Billions of Years Noah's Flood and the Ark he Post-Flood World

Sign up in the lobby and fill out an Enrollment Form if you would like Child Care.



Men's Bible Study begins September 11th at 6:30PM in Conference Room B. All men are welcome to join! Session Dates for 2019 September 9 & 23 October 14 & 28 November 11

December 9



ONGOING YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Don't throw Away Youth Ink Cartridges!

Our Youth has launched a fundraising project with the help of an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our group will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in.

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer?

Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school..

(Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled - they don't have a print head.)

Deposit them in the basket on top of the coatrack in the Lobby.

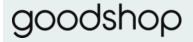


Heggie's Pizza Fundraiser begins on September 15th. Yum!

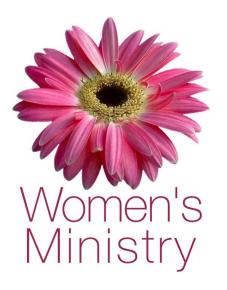
BUY ONLINE—DONATE TO OUR YOUTH

You can help support Good Shepherd Youth by signing up at **www.goodshop.com**. This website has some amazing deals and each time you use one of their sponsored retailers Good Shepherd's Youth Group receives a percentage of the amount you spent through **GoodShop**. Make sure you select Good Shepherd Youth when you setup your account.

Also, if you like to shop on Amazon, use **Amazon Smile**. Select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Each time you purchase something through Amazon Smile the youth group will receive a percentage from Amazon Smile! If you have any questions please contact Melanie Appelquist 763-784-8417







WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Good Shepherd has a number of opportunities for women to be in fellowship, to serve, and to study God's Word.

WINGS (Women in God's Service) meets monthly and completes multiple fundraising and service opportunities for Good Shepherd. See article on page 9.

Advent by Candlelight is a wonderful opportunity during Advent to meet with other women to prepare our hearts for Christmas and enjoy delicious desserts. December 15th. More information to follow.

The Quilting Group group meets 3-4 times per month. They make quilts to donate to ministries and pillows to donate to soldiers. See article on page 9.

"The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman." Elisabeth Elliot

Breakfast, Bibles, & Blessings

Join other women in a Saturday morning opportunity. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy a continental breakfast and study God's Word through the DVD Bible study intitled *The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament*.

The morning begins at 9:30AM and ends at 11:00AM. Please consider joining us for this time of fellowship and Bible study.

Saturday, October Saturday, January Saturday, March

WOMEN'S STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Evening

This Bible study will be tackling the Book of James using the DVD material from Beth Moore entitled *James: Mercy Triumphs.* Join us on the following Mondays from 6:30-8:00PM in the Lifetree Café area.

September 9 & 23
November 11

October 14 & 28 December 9

Tuesday Morning

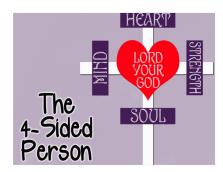
This Bible Study will be studying the book by Douglas Connelly entitled *Miracles: Signs of God's Glory.* Contact Charlene Behne if you are interested in joining. See article on page 9.

<u>Wednesday Morning</u>

This is a study using the program First Place 4 Health. It meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00AM. See the article on page 9.

Looking Ahead:

The Women's Retreat will again be held at Heartwood Retreat Center in Trego, WI, Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd. Mark your 2020 calendar.



FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

"Forever Changed" Bible Study starts Wednesday September 18 at 9:30 am. Come and experience true freedom as your mind aligns with God's truth. This study can be a significant stepping stone to the positive permanent change you desire. We will ask God to renew our minds and develop Godly thinking patterns.

First Place 4 Health is a Spiritual Health Bible Study group that focuses on putting Christ first in all areas of life. We work on balancing spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health. We meet weekly and alternate between bible study and light exercise. We have been meeting for about 6 years and would like to welcome new members to our group starting Wednesday September 18 at 9:30 a.m in the Lifetree Cafe area.

Come to learn about this study and meet our group. Any questions ask: Lisa Ost (651-484-9337), Cathy Netland, or Lissa Marcello.



WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE

WINGS will meet on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30PM in the Lifetree Café area. The program for the evening is *"Back to School."* Hostess for the evening is Melodee Belford. All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.

The kitchen has been cleaned in preparation for Fall programming. The WINGS group asks everyone who uses the kitchen to please clean up after themselves and to please take home the dirty linens and return them freshly laundered. This will help keep the kitchen clean for all the groups and indifviduals who use it.

Thank you for your help.

QUILTING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes, and to make pillows for our soldiers.

No experience is required. If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763 -783-3790 or just come on the designated Thursday evenings.

September Dates

5th, 12th, & 26th

Time: 6:30-8:00PM

Place: Lower Level—Sunday School area

LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Tuesday morning Bible study will resume on September 10th. We will meet from 9:30-11:00AM in the Lifetree Café area.

We will consider what God's word has to say about "Miracles: Signs of God's Glory by Douglas Connelly.

All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.

September Dates 10th, 17th & 24th

PRAYER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

THE WINNER IS!

A new name for Good Shepherd's newsletter was selected!

"Shepherd News" was suggested by Benay Flink and our distinguished panel of judges selected her entry from all of the ideas that were submitted. Congratulations to Benay! She will be receiving a \$25 Target gift card plus the honor of having named the newsletter.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.



Next Prayer Meeting— September 8th at 6:00PM in the Lobby. Join us!

MOMS IN PRAYER

Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?

Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or <u>MIPICentenni-al@gmail.com</u> for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit their <u>website</u>.

SUBMIT A PRAYER / BECOME A PRAYER WARRIER

Do you need prayer or know of someone who does?

1. On Sunday, fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering. OR

- 2. Go to the website and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR
- 3. Email or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

Would you like to be on the prayer team?

You will be added to the email list and receive prayer reminders through email. You can pray in your private prayer time. Send an <u>email</u> to the office indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others. Good Shepherd volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15. Thank you to everyone for their generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd is collecting monthly food items (September is peanut butter and there is a drop box for food donations located by the coat rack in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to: Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church 7330 Lake Dr Lino Lakes MN 55014

The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building). Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651 -484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.





September's "theme" food item is peanut butter-donate today!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Contributions made simple. Good Shepherd wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Are you going to your summer cabin or going to be gone some Sundays? Or maybe you'd like your offering automated. We have the solution for you. You can sign up for 'Simply Giving' and your offering will be electronically withdrawn with no hassle to you and you can still give your gifts to God when you're not able to attend church. You can also use the forms to increase or make changes if you already are doing 'Simply Giving'. Using Simply Giving gives more consistency to church's offerings. Simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the drop off box, both are located at the Welcome Center. A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow.

Fall Kick-Off

Remember:

- Register for Youth Bible Studies (in the lobby or on website)
- Sign up for Bible Studies (in the lobby)
- Sign up to bring a dessert or salad (in the lobby or call the office at 764-784-8417)
- Join us on 9/8/19 for kick -off of studies and for Chicken Lunch!

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Join us on **Sunday, September 8th**, during both services for both the **Blessing of the Backpacks** and **Teacher Blessing**.

Are you a student going back to school? Bring your backpack on that Sunday and you will have a chance to have your backpack blessed!

Are you teaching or leading a class or study at Good Shepherd this fall? You, too, will have a chance to be blessed as you go into the new school year!

Join us on **Sunday**, **September 15th** as Pastor Ted blesses the new pew Bibles and presents the 3rd graders with a gift of their own Bible from Good Shepherd.

What new pew Bibles? WINGS (Women in God's Service) through your generous support of their fundraising efforts has donated new ESV pew bibles! AND through an anonymous donation, the youth in confirmation will receive ESV Study Bibles and Creation Magazine subscriptions.

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