

Get Engaged!



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Prince of Peace welcomes all people.

In this Church home are many ministries, groups, and opportunities for worship, fellowship and service. We gather to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and are sent out to serve. Our mission is to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace.

In addition to participating in worship and education offerings, this booklet lists the ways you are invited to

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Serve in Love (Social Ministry) locally & globally:

Helping others with a focus on feeding people both spiritually and physically in response to God's great love for us

Chaplain Partnership

Summary: Chaplain Partnership is a unique service agency providing comprehensive spiritual care services, primarily in hospitals and long-term care settings. Auxiliary members meet several times a year and craft such items as fleece lap blankets, pocket prayer clothes, bookmarks, IV pole decorations, holiday cards and activity bags for kids and adults for the chaplains to distribute.

Action and Support: Skilled sewers and quilt-makers

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Collections are made at Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Diane Fortuna
- Key: Skilled, ongoing

Christmas Bag and Wrap at Redeemer Crisis Center

Summary: Christmas Bag and Wrap at Redeemer Crisis Center - pack food bags and wrap gifts to be distributed to families for Christmas. Traditionally it begins with a light supper and then the bag packing and wrapping follows.

Action and Support: Wrapping Gifts

- Who: Members and Friends of Prince of Peace
- Where: Redeemer Crisis Center is located at 2970 W. 30th Street near the intersection of Clark and Pearl Rd. (W. 25th St.).
- When: Before Christmas
- Coordinator: Hilary Lucas

- Key: All, no skills, once a year

Comfort Quilters

Summary: Comfort Quilters group meets regularly (typically twice a month) to make quilts from donated cloth. 120 to 150 quilts per year continue to be produced and are donated to the Community West Foundation. They distribute those to the most in need in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

Action and Support: Quilters create quilts and lap quilts for Community West Foundation. Colored printed sheets or cotton fabrics are accepted.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Collections made at Prince of Peace Church. Quilting done at Prince of Peace
- When: Twice a month for quilting. Ongoing materials accepted
- Coordinator: Becky Wagoner
- Key: All ages, ongoing, skilled volunteers, in-kind items

Communion to Local Care Facilities

Summary: Trained volunteer Ministers visit care facilities to conduct a simple service that includes gospel readings, prayers, a brief sermon or talk and carry communion to the residents from Sunday worship. Services are held on various Sundays, following the 9:00AM service.

Action and Support: Ministers are trained and then sent out to serve at these facilities

- Who: PoP Adult Members
- Where: Brookdale, Arden Courts and Bickford of Rocky River
- When: Sundays

- Coordinator: Judy Kazak, Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Key: Skilled, adults, ongoing

ELCA – God’s Work, Our Hands

Summary: The ELCA “God’s Work, Our Hands” event (ELCA is Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) takes place in September. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities vary year to year; some are completed at Prince of Peace and some at Cleveland area sites.

Action and Support: Participate in the events as well as support the ministries through financial and in-kind offerings

- Who: Members and Friends of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace and the community
- When: September
- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Key: All ages, skilled and unskilled, in-kind and financial offerings, once a year

Habitat for Humanity

Summary: Habitat for Humanity is supported by a number of Prince of Peace members who help build homes for needy families in Cleveland. Prince of Peace volunteers participate as part of the construction crew, others help by catering a lunch for the crew or with financial support of the annual Habitat walk fundraiser.

Action and Support: Participation in building homes and supporting those on work crews. Financial support is also welcomed.

- Who: Members and Friends of Prince of Peace
- Where: Habitat worksites/Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Coordinator: Ron Kear

- Key: Skilled, unskilled, all ages, ongoing

Love Inc. Donations

Summary: Love Inc. of Cuyahoga County is a resource to help those seeking help coming to our church facility. Recipients must be attending a church. We support Love Inc. financially and they provide the support for food, bill payment and more.

Action and Support: Offer financial support as well as lightly used jackets in the spring and fall.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Tom Splawski
- Key: All ages, financial and in-kind offerings, ongoing

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries - LMM

2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter

Summary: LMM administers men without a home at 2100 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland. They serve up to 350 men per night. Prince of Peace collects donations of needed items on a continuing basis, coordinates a seasonal boot drive for Christmas, and cooks and serves dinner on site several times throughout the year.

Action and Support: Donations of in-kind items, meals, and monetary donations

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace and 2100 Lakeside
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Tom Splawski

- Key: Unskilled, all ages, monetary and in-kind donations, ongoing

Women In Transition

Summary: Women in Transition is supported by donations helping women re-entering the community after incarceration.

Action and Support: Provide requested items for the program, both in-kind and financial support

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Jan Filkill
- Key: All ages, in-kind and monetary donations, ongoing

One Step Up

Summary: One Step Up is supported by donations helping young adults ages 12-21 who are without a stable living environment or exiting the foster care system.

Action and Support: Provide requested items for the program both in kind and financial support.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Jan Fillkill
- Key: All ages, in-kind and monetary donations, ongoing

Orphan Medical Network International - OMNI

Summary: OMNI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to sustained improvements in the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable and impoverished children in the Copperbelt Province of Northern Zambia. Mission efforts help break the chain of poverty through education, feeding programs, community improvement projects and medical care.

Action and Support: Prince of Peace partners with OMNI with fundraising efforts, missionary support, medical care and child sponsorships. Old eyeglasses are repurposed for those in need.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing. OMNI Sunday is in October
- Coordinators: Jon Wilhelm, Judy Kazak
- Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, ongoing

OMNI Child Sponsor

Summary: OMNI Child Sponsor is a lifeline that provides the life changing basic necessities of a nutritious daily meal, clean water, a quality education, books, school supplies, and medical care. For many of the children, the meal at the OMNI School is the only one they receive each day; only half of the students at the OMNI School have a sponsor, and more sponsors are urgently needed.

Action and Support: Child sponsorship is only \$35 a month.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: On-going
- Coordinator: Judy Kazak

- Key: All ages, financial support, ongoing

Second Harvest Food Bank

Summary: Second Harvest Food Bank collects specific food item donations at Prince of Peace throughout the year and then several times a year volunteers go to the food bank to help the employees however we can.

Action and Support: Our goal is to supply 2500 lbs. annually to the Food Bank. We also provide opportunities to help sort and distribute food throughout the year

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace and Second Harvest, 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Charlie Koch
- Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, ongoing

Scranton School

Summary: Scranton School is a Title I school on the near west side of Cleveland with students ranging from Pre-K through 8th grade. Students come from very poor families with 100% receiving free breakfast and lunch. Demographics include 63% Hispanic, 19% Black and 18% White. A full 42.4% of Scranton students are English Language Learners, and 23% receive Special Education services. Our Scranton School Ministry includes both our School Supplies for Scranton and Christmas Mitten Tree.

Action and Support: The school supply drive supports both Scranton students and teachers with vital items needed specific to learning and personal care. Our Mitten Tree event provides a special opportunity to share the Gospel by fulfilling Christmas “wishes” for those with profound hardship who would likely not be

receiving gifts otherwise as well as providing valuable coats, mittens, gloves, hats, socks, etc. to comfort these students during the cold winter months.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Specific times of the year (fall and Christmas)
- Coordinator: Diane Merhaut
- Key: All ages, in-kind and financial donations, specific dates

Live in Peace (Outreach)

Inviting friends and members of Prince of Peace to engage in the POP community. These groups and events provide opportunities for **fellowship** and **service** as a community gathered to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

FELLOWSHIP Buds and Suds

Summary: Buds and Suds is a men's fellowship and social group that meets every other month. The goal of the group is to combine fellowship with fundraising for support of Youth and outreach.

Action and Support: Participate in events, support fundraising and activities.

- Who: Men who are Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Various locations
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Dave Covell and Dan Fronczak
- Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

Car Shows and Cruise-Ins

Summary: Car shows and Car Cruise-ins are parking lot events where classic cars, hot rods and specialty cars attend for viewing by

the general public. Car Shows also include voting and trophies for various categories.

Action and Support: Participate in coordinating, setting up and cleaning up. Invite friends and neighbors to come.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Usually held during summer months
- Coordinator: Phil Sprague
- Key: All ages, no skill, once a year

Coffee House and Open Mic

Summary: Coffee House & Open Mic is a free event open to the public and held monthly in the Fellowship Hall where local musicians are invited to perform up to three songs each. Coffee and baked goods are provided and the space is decorated in a “Coffee House” style.

Action and Support: Help set up, serve, clean up and provide baked goods. Participate! Invite your neighbors and friends.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall
- When: 2nd Saturdays each month except for June, July, and August
- Coordinator: Phil Sprague
- Key: All ages, no skills, ongoing, in-kind donations

Sisters in Spirits (SIS)

Summary: Sisters in Spirit is a women’s fellowship and social group that meets a few times a year holding events such as dinner out, movie night at Prince of Peace and more.

Action and Support: Participate and host events.

- Who: Female Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace and other locations
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Beth Connick, Laurel Covell, Joan Drobnak
- Key: Adults, women, ongoing, no skills

Tables for 8

Summary: Table of 8 is the opportunity to get to know your church family better in small group gatherings. Participants are randomly organized into groups of 8 to gather monthly for social and/or service events. Groups are “re-shuffled” every 4 months. Activities range from dinners, plays, shuffleboard, game nights, etc. to larger events that include all/many participants.

Action and Support: Individuals or couples may join in at any time of the year. Coordinators will introduce you.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Various locations
- When: Ongoing. Groups form three times a year for a four-month commitment.
- Coordinator: Jan and Dave Saunders:
jan.saunders.art@gmail.com /
- 440-570-9419
- Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

Travel Quest

Summary: Travel Quest provides an opportunity to socialize with church members and their friends. Local activities are attended, and transportation is often provided by carpooling and/or rented vans.

Action and Support: Participation

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Originating from Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Fran Wilhelm
- Key: All ages, ongoing

Young at Heart

Summary: Young at Heart is an adult social group that meets each month for lunch at local restaurants.

Action and Support: Join in!

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Local restaurants
- When: Once a month
- Coordinator: Kathy Kettler
- Key: Adults, no skills, ongoing

SERVICE

Blessing of the Pets

Summary: Blessing of the Pets is a service held outside at Prince of Peace where each pet attending is given a blessing by Pastor Charlie, a signed “Certificate of Blessing” and photos are taken. Donations are given to a local pet rescue/adoption agency.

Action and Support: Bring your pet to be blessed. Participate in helping with the event in setting up, taking pictures, filling out certificates, and clean-up. Invite friends and neighbors to come.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace or neighboring church
- When: Usually Early October
- Coordinator: Phil Sprague
- Key: All ages, no skills, helpers welcomed, once a year

Blood Pressure and Health Screening

Summary: Blood pressure screening is provided one Sunday a month by a Registered Nurse.

Action and Support: Registered Nurses serve in this capacity on a rotating schedule.

- Who: Registered Nurse
- Where: Prince of Peace West Office
- When: One Sunday Morning per month
- Coordinator: Christie Wiedt
- Key: Screening is provided for Adults, 18 and over

Blossom Hill Ministry

Summary: Blossom Hill is a home for approximately 15 severely mentally and physically challenged adults located in Westlake. On the third Sunday of the month, ministry team members share in leading a simple service consisting of songs, prayer requests and a lesson. Special services are also offered around All Saints Sunday and Christmas.

Action and Support: Participate in preparation and leading of the services each month.

- Who: All ages are welcomed. No training is needed, just a compassionate heart and a willingness to be present with the residents.
- Where: The corner of Schwartz and Center Ridge
- When: Every third Sunday, 12 noon to 2 pm
- Coordinator: Lauri Green
- Key: All ages, no skills, ongoing

Communion and Care to Homebound

Summary: Together with Pastor Charlie, trained volunteers provide the gift of Holy Communion to homebound members and friends of Prince of Peace every month.

Action and Support: Trained volunteers take communion to the homebound.

Volunteers are assigned to homebound members and friends of Prince of Peace. The volunteer takes communion and cookies to the care receivers each month, as well as a poinsettia plant at Christmas.

- Who: Members of POP
- Where: Homes of the Homebound
- When: Ongoing, fourth Thursday of each month
- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie and Judy Kazak
- Key: Adults, ongoing, skilled volunteers

New Member Mentors

Summary: New Member Mentors are matched to new members of Prince of Peace. The mentors attend the new member classes with the new member, worship together with them, and invite them into the ministry and mission of Prince of Peace.

Action and Support: Time spent with the new members assigned to the individual/couple/family. Orientation and information will be provided.

- Who: Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Whenever new member classes are held

- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie
- Key: All ages, ongoing, trained volunteers

Pastoral Partners

Summary: Pastoral Partners meet once a month on the fourth Thursday. The group provides a one-on-one personal and spiritual relationship with a Prince of Peace member who is experiencing a life crisis.

Action and Support: Training and support are offered to all the pastoral partners. A video and brochure describing the Pastoral Partner program to share with the congregation is available. Once trained, participants will be assigned to a care-receiver.

This group partners with the Communion and Care to the Homebound group listed above.

- Who: Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace, selected meeting places with care-receivers.
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie
- Key: Adults, skilled, ongoing

Prayer Chain Ministry

Summary: Prayer Chain Ministry is an email group that receives and prays for prayer requests that are submitted to the coordinators and distributed to the group.

Action and Support: Offer prayers

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Online
- When: Ongoing
- Coordinators/Contact People: Sue Hosler and Gail Pogue

- Key: All ages, ongoing

Special Event Flyers Distribution

Summary: Pass out flyers to advertise Prince of Peace events to the local community. Event flyers are placed in “door hanger bags” and hand delivered to each home in the outreach target area.

Action and Support: Create and copy flyers, coordinate distribution, walk the neighborhoods to distribute flyers.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Selected neighborhoods
- When: Various times throughout the year
- Coordinator: Phil Sprague
- Key: All ages, no skills, ongoing

Transportation for Homebound

Summary: Volunteers provide transportation to homebound members and friends to and from worship and other events at Prince of Peace on an as needed basis.

Action and Support: Volunteers use their own vehicles to provide transportation to the homebound.

- Who: Members of POP
- Where: Homes of the Homebound and Prince of Peace
- When: Ongoing ministry opportunity
- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Key: Adults, ongoing

Visitor Welcome Bag Ministry

Summary: Visitor Welcome Bag Ministry provides welcome bags (cookies and POP information) delivered to the homes of first-time visitors to Prince of Peace worship.

Action and Support: Volunteers provide cookies, gather items for the bags, fill and deliver the bags.

- **Who:** Members of POP
- **Where:** Prince of Peace and visitor homes
- **When:** Ongoing
- **Coordinator:** Tom Robinholt
- **Key:** All ages, ongoing, no skills

Youth Mentors

Summary: Youth Mentors are matched to Confirmation Class students to provide a faith-based mentor to walk with the student through the two-year program.

Action and Support: Mentors will be selected by the pastor and parents/students. The mentors will be given an orientation session and will be invited to quarterly events for mentoring. The mentor will also participate in the Confirmation Service and celebration at the end of the program.

- **Who:** Members of POP
- **Where:** Prince of Peace
- **When:** Usually once a quarter for two years
- **Coordinator:** Pastor Charlie Woodward
- **Key:** Adults, ongoing, skilled volunteers

Grow in Faith

DISCIPLESHIP/SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

Interact

Summary: Interact is an adult bible study that focuses on how the Word fits into our daily lives. It is an open, discussion based format for people of all ages and at different points in their faith journey.

Action and Support: Participation in discussions, lead discussions.

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace
- When: Sunday mornings 10:15 - 11:00
- Coordinator: Dave Covell
- Key: All ages, adult bible study, ongoing

Women's Discipleship

Summary: The Women's Discipleship Group is a gathering of Prince of Peace women as we discuss a few chapters in an assigned book that examines God's presence in our lives. We focus on the topics in the book and relate them to similar topics in the Bible and in our own lives. Our faith in God grows and our friendships with the women in our group also grow.

Action and Support: All women are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!

- Who: Women of POP and friends
- Where: Prince of Peace Charter Room

- When: 7 PM on the third Monday of each month (except for July and August)
- Coordinator: Gail Pogue
- Key: Adult women, all ages

Book and Bible Study

Summary: This group, led by Pastor Charlie, meets every week in person in the Charter Room to discuss the gospel for the coming Sunday, using materials provided by the ELCA called “Daily Discipleship.” In addition, several video series were used.

Action and Support: All adults are welcome.

- Who: Friends and member of POP
- Where: Charter Room at Prince of Peace
- When: Wednesdays at 2 pm (one hour)
- Coordinator: Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Key: Adults

Discovery Group

Summary: The Discovery Group provides an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. We discuss spiritual books that are Bible-based. Our current book is entitled, 16 Bible Studies For Your Small Group, which covers topics such as “Fellowship with God”, “Fellowship with Each Other” and “Love One Another”. A very special element of the class is the spiritual support that we provide one another.

Action and Support: All are welcome!

- Who: Friends and Members of POP
- Where: Prince of Peace Library
- When: 10 AM on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except July
- Coordinator: Joe Frantz

- Key: Adults, all ages

Sunday Bible Study

Summary: This group uses the weekly readings as used in the worship service for discussion and prayer, seeking historical context and present application. We meet in-person and also have a scheduled Zoom meeting for people to join remotely.

Action and Support: All adults and accompanied children are welcome. Email reminders are provided upon request.

- Who: Friends and members of POP, in person and Zoom
- Where: Prince of Peace Library
- When: Sunday between worship services 45-60 minutes.
 - Summer 2023: on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of June, July and August.
 - Weekly during the education year.
- Coordinator: Mark Givens
- Key: Adults and accompanied children

SOAP

Summary: This group uses the Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer (SOAP) method for Bible study and discussion. Readings will focus on specific books or themes from the Bible and weekly reading and journaling is encouraged. This method has brought good insight to people in their first Bible Study and renewed energy to even experienced students of the Bible. We meet in person and also have a scheduled Zoom meeting and many attend remotely.

Action and Support: All adults and accompanied children are welcome. Email reminders are provided.

- **Who:** Friends and members of POP, in person and Zoom. Visitors welcome
- **Where:** usually Prince of Peace Narthex
- **When:** Sunday between worship services 45-60 minute
 - Summer 2023 books: Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 - Weekly during education year
- **Coordinator:** Mark Givens, weekly leader rotates
- **Key:** Adults and accompanied children

Future Ministry Possibilities

Here is a list of ministries we have done in the past. If you are interested in restarting a ministry, please contact one of the Engagement Team members or Pastor Charlie for assistance.

If you have a NEW ministry suggestion and it fits our mission at Prince of Peace, let us help you get things started. Again, contact one of the Engagement Team members or Pastor Charlie for assistance.

Ministry Possibilities

Craft Show

Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Lunch

Parade Walkers

Pen Pals for College Students

Sunday & More Helpers (Worship)

Use of your time and talents to serve the church in one or more of these ministry opportunities

Altar Guild

Summary: Serve with others in preparing the altar and worship space, including communion, banners, and artwork, etc.

Contact Person: Dineen Terstage

Assisting Minister - 11 am Service

Summary: Assist the pastor in worship leadership for traditional worship. Training is required.

Contact Person: Marge Jaracz

Cookie Bakers

Summary: Provide cookies for homebound and special events and funerals.

Contact Person: Wendy Hansen, Office Administrator

Camera Operator

Summary: Operate the video cameras for worship for online members and visitors.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

Choir

Summary: Sing with the choir at the 11 am service.

Contact Person: Ian Faleer

Communion Server

Summary: Assist in the communion service as a server. Training required.

Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht
 11 am - Marge Jaracz

Financial Helper

Summary: Serve on the team to count weekly offerings, serve on the stewardship team or the endowment team, aid in internal audits.

Contact Person: Charlie Koch, Treasurer

Greeter

Summary: Welcome members and friends to worship.

Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht
11 am - Laurie Green

Lesson Reader

Summary: Read the lessons for worship.

Contact Person: 9 am - Anita Bauknecht
11 am - Marge Jaracz

Music - Vocal and/or Instrumental

Summary: Share your musical talents in worship as a soloist or member of the Praise Band.

Contact Person: 9 am - Chip DiFiore, Praise Band Leader
11 am - Ian Faleer, Choir Director

Nursery Attendant

Summary: Provide care for children during worship.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie

Pancake Breakfast Helper

Summary: Help cook, serve and clean up.

Contact Person: Bev Braun

Prayer Leader

Summary: Write and offer the weekly prayer for the 9 am service.

Contact Person: Anita Bauknecht

Prince of Peace Leadership Position

Summary: Use your time and talents to serve on church council.

Contact Person: Sally Balch

Property Upkeep

Summary: Utilize your skill and time in projects for the maintenance and upkeep of the church building and grounds.

Contact Person: James and Lisa Arrigo, Sextons

Setup/Teardown for Special Events

Summary: Help set up and tear down for various events both inside and out.

Contact Person: Wendy Hansen, Office Administrator

Teacher/Assistant for Bible Study

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie

Teacher/Helper Adult Sunday School

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others.

Contact Person: Pastor Charlie

Teacher/Helper Youth Sunday School

Summary: Use your gifts in teaching a class or assist others.

Contact Person: Beverly Braun, Christian Ed Director

Sound Board Operator

Summary: Operate the sound board for worship. Training is required.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

Usher

Summary: Distribute bulletins, collect the offering, provide direction to members for worship.

Contact Person: 9 am: Anita Bauknecht
 11 am: Gerry Wilhelm

Visual Display Operator

Summary: Operate the slides for worship. Training is required.

Contact Person: Brandon Bilek, AV Staff member

Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace.

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