

NEW WINE

Coping with Grief

Written by Pastor Tim Casey

We have all experienced loss. In the last couple of years, we've all lost friends, missed important events, and grieved nearly every day. There is no timeline for grief. Everyone processes loss differently. Even Jesus, the son of God, experienced grief.



On Sunday, June 5, 2022, our church is offering the class Coping with Grief. The class will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service, about 11:15 am and last for 90 minutes. The cost is \$10 and can be paid with cash or check at the event. Sign up for the class at the table in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office 630-257-5210 or email lemontumc@gmail.com

The group will be led by Nancy J. Nelson, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified Grief and Loss Specialist. Pastor Tim has known Nancy for 5 years and is impressed by her intelligence, sensitivity, wit and professionalism.



Nancy Nelson, LCSW and co-founder of Aspire-Center for Positive Change. Helping others who are experiencing mental health struggles is a passion of mine. I believe that everyone deserves to tell their story in a safe and understanding environment.

My focus is in the area of crisis intervention and grief and loss issues. I believe that through grief and loss recovery a person can find opportunity to grow.

I have been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 30 years. Those past 30 years have been devoted to helping children and adolescence who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities

I provide mental health services to all ages. I have extensive experience in grief and loss, anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges. I believe that everyone has a story, and that story needs to be told. Your Story Matters.

May

2022

Lemont UMC Upcoming Events



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| 1 10am Worship Service | 2 | 3 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 8am noon Parsonage Workday |
| 8 Mother's Day 10am Worship Service | 9 | 10 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 8am noon Church Workday 8am UM Men Breakfast |
| 15 Happy Hands Sunday 10am Worship Service | 16 | 17 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 12pm Primetimers |
| 22 10am Worship Service (Baptism) | 23 | 24 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Loose Change Service 10am Worship Service | 30 | 31 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship | | | | |
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2022 EASTER SERVICE



Liturgist: Tim Peraino



Special Music:
Jason Kehr

Good News for Kids by Becky Pastor: The Gospel According to a Tea Bag



The greatest good news ever told is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The story can be told using a tea bag.

Look at the tea bag. It has a label that tells you what kind of tea is in the bag. Jesus also was labeled with many titles and names. Christ, Messiah, Savior, Teacher, King of Kings, Man from Galilee, Carpenter, Son of God, Redeemer, Good Shepherd, Great Physician, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, The Ever-Lasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

Look at the string as it is attached from the label to the tea bag. Jesus set aside all the title and names, everything he was attached to, like the string is attached to the tea bag. He became a servant doing what God asked him to do.

The staple reminds us that Jesus was pierced for our sins. His hands and feet were nailed to a cross.

We can open the tea bag and pour out all the tea. Jesus emptied himself of all but love, crucified, died and laid his body in a tomb.

But that is not the end of the story! We light the tea bag and it burns and the ash rises into the air. That is because Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose again. He lives and reigns in our hearts today.





**"Celebrate the Savior"
Worship Choir**



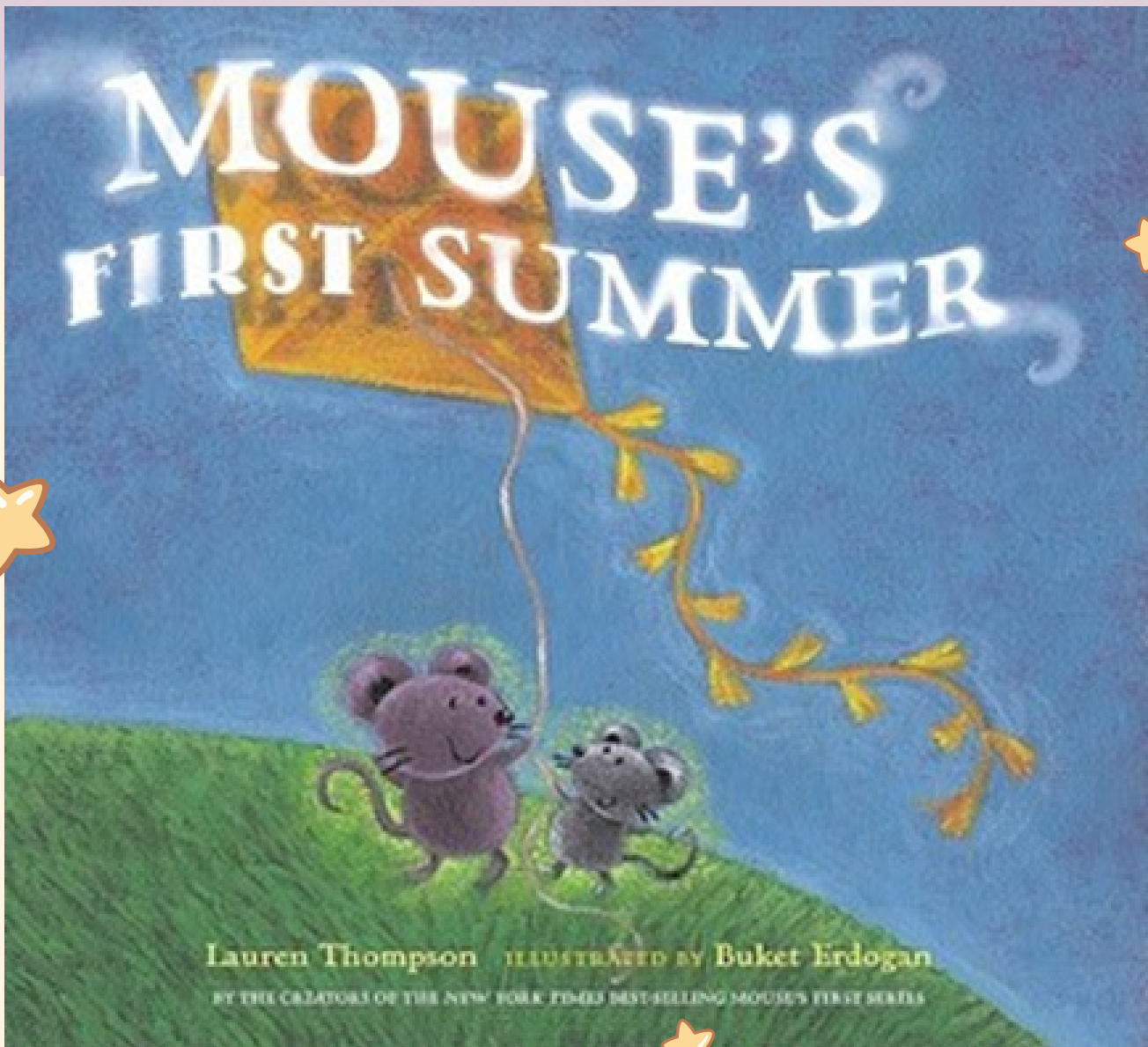
**"Roll the Stone Away!"
Pastor Tim Casey**



Holy Communion

Jesus and Me (J.A.M)

Happy Hands



OUR JAM BOOK FOR MAY IS MOUSE'S FIRST SUMMER BY LAUREN THOMPSON.

Happy Hands students will have JAM on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11. This is our last JAM for the school year.

For the book cover: "Mouse and Minka invite you to celebrate summer with a picnic in the park. Roll down the hill on tickly green grass. Fly kites fluttery high in the sky, and don't forget juicy watermelon! But before it's time to go home, a summer surprise sparkles in the sky.

Crackle! Pop! Boom!"

Watch for a take home paper recapping our time together.

Lemont United Methodist Church

COMIC VIEW

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

ACTS 5:27-32; PSALM 150; REVELATION 1:4-8; JOHN 20:19-31

JOHN 20:19-31

WORD IS THAT JESUS HAD PLANNED TO MAKE IT JUST MAKE A LONG WEEKEND.

I'M JUST SAYIN' IT'S A
GOOD THING THAT JESUS
STUCK AROUND
UNTIL THEY ALL GOT THEIR
ACT TOGETHER!



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

JOHN 20:19-31

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

ACTS 9:36-43; PSALM 23; REVELATION 7:9-17; JOHN 10:22-30

ACTS 9:1-20

FUNNY, HERE AT AGNUS DAY CENTRAL, WE HAD NO IDEA THAT YOGI BEAR EVER PLAYED BASEBALL.



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ACTS 9:1-20

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 3 - Cris Kerins

April 3 - Erin Cliff

April 5 - Margaret

April 6 - GleeAnn Kehr

April 13 - Antonio Lange

April 14 - Kyleigh Janovyak

April 16 - Bill Price

April 17 - Amy Cheehy

April 21 - Bob Nelson

April 23 - Sue Hicks

April 26 - Elizabeth Havemann

April 27 - Wendy Myers

April 28 - Emily Stood

ANNIVERSARIES

April 20 - Tom & Marge Fox

April 21 - Tony & Dawn Ferrazzi



LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BECOME A VOLUNTEER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8AM TO NOON

7
MAY

**PARSONAGE
WORKDAY**

For more information, contact Bill
Stelter at 630-254-8476.

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Lemont United Methodist Church

Call for Volunteers

for the
**Church
Workday**

When: May 14th
Time: 8am to noon

**Let's make a
difference!**



You can just show up!
or

For more information,
contact Bill Stelter at
630-254-8476.

www.lemontumc.org





When: Sunday, June 12, 2022 thru Thursday, June 16, 2022

Where: Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer Street

Lemont, IL 60439

Church Phone: 630-257-5210

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Cost: \$30 per child

Ages: 3 years old to entering Kindergarten (Preschool)

1st grade through entering 5th grade (Elementary)

REGISTRATION

Church members: Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Happy Hands families: April 19 – 21, 2022

Open registration: Thursday, April 26, 2022

We will be accepting donations for LUMC Open Party.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Jodi Stood at vacationbibleschoollumc@gmail.com or 630-863-3529.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
- Select your charity
- Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- Open the Amazon Shopping app
- Navigate to the main menu (=)
- Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
- Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
- Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.

LIBRARY

In the library there is a book "The Secret Supper" which is encompasses another slant on the Biblical. The author uses an interpretation using information on the Catharist movement. The Catharists were people in medieval France (13th -14th century.) They challenged the authority of the Catholic church.

Our version of "The Last Supper" is coming up on April 10th.

Kay Norfleet



AA Meetings with the Boondocks

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:
Bill at (708)653-2869

WE NEED YOU! VBS Volunteers

Contact Jodi Stood at vacationbibleschool@gmail.com or
630-863-3529



Tuesday Night Fellowship



Call Phil Ramos to join the meeting or click the link below:
<https://tuesfellowshipinfinityfreeappcom.webnode.com/>

ZOOM Methodist Men's Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month @ 8am

Please join the Lemont United Methodist Men (LUMM) Breakfast Zoom Meeting. This group is led by Tony Ferrazzi and is made available for the fellowship of all men of the church and all are welcome to attend. The meetings are about 45 minutes and include fellowship and a devotional with time to reflect and discuss. Hope to see" you at the next LUMM breakfast meeting.



Primetimers

Primetimers will be held, Saturday, at April 16, 2022. Please join us at Fork and Spoon at noon. Primetimers is a group of the Lemont Methodist Church. It's for people 50 years old or older (actually we really don't need to know the number of years you have blessed this planet with your being here)...we won't ask you specifically. While we are there besides ordering a meal, we have conversations that YOU choose, and Share things that you choose and hopefully, if needed , speak encouraging words to the others.

Oh, and we always celebrate birthdays.

The people who come are Alberta Harden, besides being a wonderful artist, who has interesting opinions; Priscilla Ludwig, a very determined lady; Mary Jane Nelson, so much fun; Dale Janssen, who tells us about the trustee council; Don Mueggenborg, canoeist and pickle ball player with such an knowledge of the history of Lemont; Joyce Koon, who keeps up with whatever is happening; Willetta and Bill Price, gracious and very knowledgeable; Joanne Goszczycki, who started the group and is so thoughtful in bringing cards for others in not such happy circumstances; and me, Kay Norfleet, I like to listen and contribute to conversations.

Kay Norfleet
630-257-6699
or call the church office.

****SCRIP CARDS****

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE 2 FOLDERS I RECENTLY PLACED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH MARKED: SCRIP BY CATEGORY AND SCRIP ALPHABETICAL. FEEL FREE TO TAKE THE LIST AND BROWSE THROUGH THE MANY MANY RETAILERS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

ALSO PLEASE KNOW THAT VISA CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN INCREMENTS OF \$50, \$100, AND \$250. THERE ARE MANY RETAILERS THAT OFFER "VISA FIVE BACK" WHICH MEANS IF YOU GO TO A PARTICIPATING RETAILER, THEY WILL PUT 5% OF YOUR PURCHASE BACK ON YOUR CARD.

RED LOBSTER, OUTBACK, PANERA, SEPHORA, RED ROBIN, OLD NAVY AND BAKERS SQUARE ARE JUST A FEW. FOR MANY MORE PLEASE VISIT WWW.FIVEBACKGIFT.COM FOR A COMPLETE LIST.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM!

MARGE FOX

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY & "MISSION LINKS"

WHAT IS MISSION LINKS? The Rainbow Covenant has been revamped to tie this second-mile giving to the beatitudes and is now called, "Mission Links." Each church is asked to pay an annual fee, called an apportionment, to help the United Methodist Church carry out our work in the world. Beyond that, each church is called to a second level of giving by contributing to specially approved charities that help "Advance" the work of Christ both locally and globally. These Advance charities are encompassed in the "Mission Links." Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all of the Advance giving categories is designated as a "Mission Links" Church. LUMC has proudly been contributing to this second-mile giving, for over 30 years! Let's keep the trend going.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Loose Change Sunday is designated as the FOURTH* Sunday of each month. All loose change collected in the offering on those days will be donated to our "Mission Links" Advance Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through "Mission Links," our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. 100% of the amount donated goes to the designated charity. Each month we will highlight one of these charities and general donations during Loose Change Sunday will be split between them at the year's end. If you would like to make a larger donation to any specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Look for more information on each of these important Advance ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the FOURTH* Sunday of each month. (*Please note that collections for Special Sundays will fall on their designated dates.) Thank you!

If you'd like to plan ahead, here are the charities that we will be highlighting this year:

- February 27th – Global Advance: Grace Children's Hospital
- March 27th – Missionaries: David Makobo
- April 24th – UMCOR: Global Refugee/Migration Response
- May—Bishop's Appeal
- June 26th – U.S. Based Projects: Tree of Life Ministries
- July 24th – District Projects: Housing Forward
- August 28th – Conference Projects: North Central College United
- September 25th – Conference Projects: Kids Above All
- October 23rd – UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief-Undesignated
- November 06, 2022* – Special Sundays: Accessibility Sunday
- December – recap of all charities



FYI, we may also do collections on Conference-Designated Special Sundays: Human Relations Day (1/16/22), Souper Bowl Sunday (2/13/22), UMCOR Sunday (3/13/22), Native American Ministries Sunday (5/01/22), Peace w/ Justice Sunday 6/12/22, World Communion Sunday (10/02/22), and UM Student Day (tba)



LUMC RETURN TEAM BRIDGE PLAN MARCH 2022

Ephesians 5:19, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."

We are entering a new Phase of our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic with a revised plan that follows CDC and State Guidelines which as we cross from Phase 4 to the final phase, Phase 5



1

New Features of this Bridge Plan include:

- Masks are optional
- Social distancing suggested
- In-person meetings MAY take place in the building

2

Procedures continued in this Bridge Plan:

- Attendance will be taken prior to the service.
- If you are sick stay home
- If you test positive for COVID-19 inform the church and we will look back on the attendance form and get word out to those who might have come into close contact.

3

Restrictions still in place in this Bridge Plan:

- No eating or drinking. (will be evaluated in April or May)
- Any use of the building is subject to approval by the Pastor or the Trustees.

4

Your LUMC ReTurn team will continue to monitor the pandemic and will revise the plan as appropriate. Please read the full LUMC ReTurn Bridge Plan.

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FOR INQUIRIES, CONTACT PASTOR TIM, GLEEANN KEHR OR ONE OF THE TRUSTEES IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

OPEN FOOD PANTRY

Open Pantry Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

from 9:45 AM to 11 AM

Office: 630-257-5210

In-Person contact: masks are optional.

Thank you!

**To to our volunteers,
Dale Janssen, Kristen Nelson,
Mary Englund, & Margaret!!!!**



**LUMC FOOD PANTRY IS NOW
OPEN FOR THE PATRONS TO
SHOP FOR THEMSELVES.**



**KRISTEN NELSON PREPARING
FOOD BAGS FOR THE PATRONS**



**THE OPEN PANTRY NEEDS
THESE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- CANNED DICED TOMATOES
- PASTA SAUCE
- GRAPE JELLY
- PEANUT BUTTER

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

***Bill Price – healing & recovery**

Tom (Don Mueggenborg's friend) hospice with heart & liver problems

Tabitha and Earl Groelle (Pastor Tim's sister & brother-in-law)

Earl has 2 broken legs from accident in January; home therapy

Mike (Paulette Fries' cousin) cancer

Shelley (Becky's cousin) blood clot and heart issues

Kathryn Jones (Charry's Aunt) active heart failure: prayers for strength, patience and positive outlook

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid; Healthcare workers; everyone in Ukraine.



***Church members**

Appeal For Peace In Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Posted: February 24 2022 at 12:57 PM

Author: Roland Fernandes

The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We join many Christian leaders and organizations worldwide in deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, and we ardently pray for a redirection of military action toward diplomatic measures to resolve grievances. United Methodists are people of peace.

The United Methodist Church has mission-founded congregations in both Ukraine and Russia, some from the pre-Soviet period and others dating from post-Soviet years. Both countries are geographically within the Eurasia Episcopal Area and relate to the United Methodist central conferences of Europe. Bishop Eduard Khegay, the resident episcopal leader in Eurasia, is based in Moscow.

We join with Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area and chair of our denomination's Connectional Table in the prayer that conflict involving political matters will not break the unity between United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia.

Ties broken by Communism between Methodist communities in the Soviet bloc and the United Methodist denomination were re-established in the 1990s through a number of mission initiatives related to Global Ministries. That work led to the inclusion of the whole of Eurasia into the organic structure of the church through the creation of the Eurasia Episcopal Area.

While Global Ministries has no administrative role in the affairs of annual conferences, districts or congregations in Russia or Ukraine, we are partners in mission with church units and projects in those countries. We have placed numerous missionaries and young adult Global Mission Fellows in the region over the years and accept applications for missionary and mission volunteer service from both countries. We currently have no mission personnel in Ukraine.


The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to **Advance #982450**.

We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

*Roland Fernandes is the general secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR. Your contribution to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) **Advance #982450**.

Give knowing that 100% of your gift will be used to help the program, ministry or missionary you designate. This is possible through The Advance, an official program of The United Methodist Church for voluntary, designated, second-mile giving. The Advance allows United Methodist annual conferences, districts, local churches and organizations, as well as individuals and families, to choose to support mission programs or mission personnel with their financial gifts. Each Advance project has been vetted and approved by Global Ministries and Advance staff to ensure that projects are aligned with the goals of The United Methodist Church in the local area, help develop partnerships that are mutually advantageous, tell the story of projects and missionaries, and report how giving is making an impact.

Your generosity makes a difference! You can either click on the link above or you can contribute through our church. Be sure to put the advance number on your check or envelope. Thank you.



By helping others...
...we help ourselves

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