

The Herald



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Pastor's Perspective by Pr. Doris

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ!

Worship is the most important thing we do as a community of faithful followers of Christ. It is in worship that we give glory to God, are nourished by word and sacrament, are reminded that we are forgiven and saved by Jesus, and are sent out to be God's people in the world.

Regular attendance at worship is an essential habit of the faithful; it uplifts and empowers us to be the people God intends us to be.

In our Lutheran tradition, worship follows an order that began in the early Christian Church. We **continued on page 3**

A Word From Your President



The council voted to move ahead with establishing a Spanish Church here at Christ Lutheran. Pastor Doris and the church plant committee will meet with the Pastor of the Spanish church to discuss the next steps in moving forward. We are still looking at a September start date.

We also voted to start a MOPS group in the

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Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power by Shannon Parkinson

It's that time of year again, VBS! This summer VBS will be the week of June 22 – 26 and the band, Captive Free, will be leading the worship service on Sunday, June 28. The theme of this year is Everest where kids learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. I'm excited about this year and **continued on page 20**



Men's Bible Study by *Ron Hanson*

The men's Bible Study is going on summer break. We feel we had a very successful study of the book of Acts. Lots of discussion, good input, many thoughts and opinions and over all a very good time together. The discussions were well thought out and inspirational. The current thought is to start up again in the fall. Not sure what the topic will be but everyone will be giving it some thought and input. If you have never experienced a "men's" Bible study, I would encourage you to give some thought to joining us.



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gather, encounter God's word, share a meal at the Lord's table and are blessed and sent into the world. This familiar order of worship that is repeated each Sunday in worship both brings us comfort and uplifts us.

Each Sunday our worship includes The Apostles Creed in which we confess our faith in the Triune God and the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught us. These prayers are so familiar to us; we know them by heart.

Happily, I was recently able to attend a baby shower for my daughter Margaret, and this time away gave me the opportunity to worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Encinitas. Before the confession of faith, the pastor announced that instead of the familiar words of the Apostles Creed, we would confess our faith with an alternate statement of faith in the Triune God which I experienced as inspirational and very moving. This creed began in this way:

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Our Finances by *Tom Riffel*

Treasurers Report for November, 2014

	March	Year-to-Date
Income	\$16,204.00	\$ 41,592.00
Expenses	<u>- 13,536.99</u>	<u>- 37,198.02</u>
Net income	\$ 2,667.01	\$ 4,393.98



Women's Retreat by *Judi Pirstill*

This year's Women's Retreat held in Three Rivers will be on Friday, September 25 thru Sunday, September 27. The cost is \$198 with a deposit of \$98 due at the time you send in your registration form. The balance of \$100 is due when you check-in.

Our speaker will be Linda Newton, an international speaker who engages her audiences with authentic transparency and down-home humor. As an empowerment Educator, she teaches folks how to find healing and strength for a better life. When she is counseling, writing, blogging, or speaking, she will help you:

- ◆ Turn heartbreak in your life into hope,
- ◆ Let go of stinkin' thinkin' and embrace abundant living, and,
- ◆ Connect you with the joy you can have in God's constant care.

You will laugh, learn, and leave closer to the Lord!

Registration sign-up forms are available in the narthex on the sign-up table.

See more at:

<http://www.lindanewtonspeaks.com/#sthash.VqFXbeTo.dpuf>

Lutheran Campus Ministry by *Pastor Paul Clark*



As another school year draws to a close, it's worth mentioning a few things. First, please hold students everywhere in your prayers as they begin the work of preparing for finals and crafting year end papers and projects. Second, LCM Fresno is now accepting applications for the Darcy Jensen scholarship (for high school seniors). Information and applications

were mailed to church offices in mid April. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Third, our spring semester newsletter will be sent out in late May. If you would like to receive it (and did not receive our last newsletter in December), please let me know! Fourth and finally, I'd like to share a reflection from one **continued on page 19**



Stewardship Corner by *Janet Adams*

From April 19 to July 19, during the announcements period before worship, a leader of a ministry team will discuss the significance of that ministry and its impact within the congregation and the community. With fourteen team leaders reporting, we will have an opportunity to discover the work being carried out beyond weekly worship. As we listen to our congregation members explaining the needs to be met and the faith that can grow from planning and managing their personal resources for the benefit of others, consider the contribution you may add.



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Throughout this publication are a few of the pictures Jennifer Lewis took of our church on Easter. She not only takes fantastic pictures, but she does an excellent job decorating our church. THANKS SO MUCH, Jennifer.

Photograph by Jennifer Lewis



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*In spite of many unanswered questions, I believe.
I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,
who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and
unseen,...*

As Lutherans we cherish the familiar elements of worship but we must also be open to new and different language to confess our faith. This new language will stretch us to think about God and experience God in new and beautiful ways.

Most Sundays at CLC, we will confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed. However, occasionally, we will confess our faith in the Father, Son and Spirit in new ways.

During our midweek Lenten services, we prayed the Lord's Prayer in a format different from our custom. We will also continue this occasionally in our Sunday services.

Please share with me your reaction to these new expressions of our faith as they occur in worship.

Easter blessings,

Pastor Doris

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fall. This group will reach out to mothers of preschoolers. MOPS has developed a Group Experience Kit to help make this experience a success. We will need mentors to help guide the moms. A guidebook is furnished with information on how to be a mentor. If you are interested in working with young moms, please let us know.

We have signed up to do a “Neighborhood Market” on Saturday, October 3, 2015. This is a food giveaway with Lutheran Hunger Network and the Fresno Food Bank. We will need help with the distribution on that day. We need someone to take leadership of this. It would involve advertising the event and getting volunteers. Anyone Interested?

Last, but not least, is our ministry teams. We are trying to get more members actively involved with the ministry of the church. Over the next few months, a leader of these teams will give a description of their team during the church announcements. Two teams, that really need help at this time, are Christian Education and Fellowship. Please seriously consider serving on a ministry team.

Blessings,

Martina



May Important Dates

May 12	9:45 am	Property Team Meeting, Fireside Room
May 14	2:30 pm	Fellowship Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall
May 18		Herald Deadline
May 19	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Thank You

A big, big thank you to:

- Our Deacons -- Jean Clemons, Nilene Lee and Lottie Mariscal – for their service during Holy Week services.
- Deacon Nilene Lee for organizing the prayer vigil on Good Friday.
- Jennifer Lewis for organizing, purchasing and arranging the flowers for Easter Sunday. The chancel looked beautiful!
- Margaret Johnson, Karin Taggart and Lela Folkers for organizing the LWR care kits mission project.
- Helen Boos for providing the palms for Palm Sunday, the donuts for after the Sunrise Service, sharing fellowship host duties on April 19th.
- Lottie Mariscal and the Fellowship Team for the wonderful treats for Fellowship on Easter Sunday; the hot cross buns were especially good!
- Adrienne Chakerian, Jean Clemons, Patsy Milton and Lottie Mariscal for folding the bulletins when we were without a secretary.
- Jennifer Lewis for sharing her beautiful photography that has been used on CLC social media, bulletins, power point and to decorate the narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- Greg Boyajian for getting wifi in all of our facilities.
- Shannon Parkinson and Laurie Suemoto for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.
- Bob Melgard for attending so faithfully to the lighting around the church facilities.
- Ron Hanson for handling some recent plumbing issues.
- And also the many others who have served the church in ways big and small. Your service to our congregation is so appreciated.



Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

CLC chose the Lutheran World Relief 'Baskets of Promises' as the Lenten mission project this year. During the five weeks of Lent, as a congregation, we collected soap, towels, tooth brushes, combs, and nail clippers to make the personal care kits. Following our worship service on April 19th, members joined together and assembled



80 personal care kits. These kits will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to people in need overseas.

Leftover items, primarily soap, combs and toothbrushes will be distributed to local charities that help the homeless in our community.

This project was a wonderful example of our congregational community working together to help those in need.



Planning meeting to brainstorm events this year to build Christian fellowship at CLC and also events to reach out to our community in welcome. Come and join the planning session on Thursday, May 14 at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

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Faithful stewardship requires that each of us works toward an ethic of responsibly building and expanding upon whatever resources we possess. I suspect we will find that through offering up our talents our spiritual lives will grow commensurately. From fellowship to education to missions to study groups to crafts to music and worship we have this opportunity to witness how an individual's service is interconnected with his or her Christian faith. What's more, you will have the opportunity to reflect upon your own resources and join a team of stewards who will be delighted to share the joy of service with you!



Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

This year's synod assembly will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento on Friday, May 29, Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31st. Pastor Doris, and Lela Folkers will be attending. Pastor Doris will not attend the assembly on Sunday so that she can be in worship at CLC.

Our New Secretary



“My name is Amanda Cherry. I’m a Sanger native (go Apaches!) but I live in Reedley now. I grew up riding horses in 4-H and showing lambs and pigs in Sanger FFA. When I graduated from high school, I met my boyfriend of 5 years now, who got me into riding quads at Pismo Beach and in the Desert.

When I’m not out riding, I love to spend time with my two rescued fur babies. Spur is a Red Border Collie who will be turning 5 this year on October 11th. My youngest is a Husky/German Shepherd who just turned 1 year old on March 7th. They go everywhere with me, including the beach and the desert. Another hobby of mine is watching sprint car racing with my family. You can catch us at Tulare or Hanford dirt tracks almost every weekend of the summer.

I graduated from Heald College in 2013 with my Associate in Applied Science Degree in Medical Office Administration. Since graduating, I worked at a medical facility for 16 different doctors where I learned the ins and outs of working in the medical field. I decided I needed to slow it down a bit and that’s how I ended up being your secretary.



Women of Faith will meet at the following homes in May:

- May 7 Nilene Lee’s 638-1013
- May 14 Grace Hill’s 305-8981 (home) or 305-8466 (cell)
- May 21 Terraces
- May 28 Kay Boyajian’s 638-4931 (home) or 859-6212 (cell)

Beginning in June we will meet at Starbucks for prayer requests and fellowship.

May

	SUN	MON	TUE
		28	29
3 10am Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship after service		4 1pm Stitch in Time Craft Group	5 9-1pm Pr. Doris’ office hours 9-1pm Secretary’s office hours
10 10am Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship after service Mother’s Day 	11	12 9-1pm Pr. Doris’ office hours 9-1pm Secretary’s office hours 9:45am Property Team mtg in Fireside Room	
17 10am Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship after service 11:30am VBS meeting	18 1pm Stitch in Time Craft Group Herald Deadline	19 9-1pm Pr. Doris’ office hours 9-1pm Secretary’s office hours 6pm Church Council meeting in Fireside Room	
24 10am Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship after service	25 MEMORIAL DAY Herald Printed	26 9-1pm Pr. Doris’ office hours 9-1pm Secretary’s office hours	
31 10am Worship with Holy Communion and Graduate Blessing Graduate Reception	1	2	

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WED	THU	FRI	
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6 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 1-5 pm Pr. Doris' Office hours 6:00pm Wednesday Night Women's Bible	7 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 9am Women of Faith at Nilene Lee's (638-1013)	8	9
13 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 1-5 pm Pr. Doris' Office hours 6:00pm Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study	14 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 9am Women of Faith at Grace Hill's (305-8466) 12:30 Rebecca Circle 2:30pm Fellowship Team Meeting	15	16
20 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 1-5 pm Pr. Doris' Office hours 6:00pm Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study	21 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 9am Women of Faith prayer requests 10am Devotions at The Terraces	22	23
27 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 1-5 pm Pr. Doris' Office hours 6:00pm Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study	28 9-1pm Secretary's office hours 9am Women of Faith at Boyajian's (638-4931)	29	30
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Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!!



Back to Basics Discipleship Training

(or what you learned in Confirmation but haven't talked about since)

One fun-filled element of Confirmation is the memorization of Scripture. By committing to memory a favorite verse from the Bible, we 'internalize' it in a way that deepens our faith because the Scripture becomes a part of us, sort of like knowing our address or phone number.

I thought it would be fun to do this together as a congregation. The Bible verse I would like us all to memorize this month is one of my favorites and it's short – so easy to memorize! I hope it will be empowering for us as individuals and as a congregation:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

And, just like when you went through Confirmation, you will be quizzed – so be prepared!



Office Hours

Amanda Cherry, Church Secretary
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:00 am–1:00 pm
Pastor Doris Nolan
Tuesdays.....9 :00 am-1:00 pm
Wednesdays..... 1:00–5:00 pm

Please contact Pastor Doris by phone (717-903-7070) or by email (pastordoris@gmail.com) if you would like to meet with her during her office hours; she is available to meet by appointment at other times during the week also.

Graduates!

In worship on May 31st we will be offering a special blessing to our graduates and their families. If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college or graduate school, or special training program this year, please let the church office know so they can be included. Also, join us for fellowship after worship to celebrate this important milestone.



Recognizing a Stroke

Considering the age of the members of our congregation, I thought it might be helpful for all of us to be able to recognize a stroke. There are three simple questions:

S Ask the individual to SMILE.

T Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE.

R Ask the person to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If the person has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 **immediately** and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NOTE: Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to ‘stick’ out their tongue. If the tongue is ‘crooked’, if it goes to one side or the, that is also an indication of a stroke.

CLC Intentional Year of Prayer

Date	Scripture
Friday, May 1	Isaiah 40:6-8
Saturday, May 2	Isaiah 40:9-11
Sunday, May 3	Isaiah 40:12-14
Monday, May 4	Isaiah 40:21-22
Tuesday, May 5	Isaiah 40:25-26
Wednesday, May 6	Isaiah 40:28-31
Thursday, May 7	Isaiah 41:6-10
Friday, May 8	Isaiah 41:13
Saturday, May 9	Isaiah 41:17-20
Sunday, May 10	Isaiah 42:1-9
Monday, May 11	Isaiah 42:10-12
Tuesday, May 12	Isaiah 43:1-4
Wednesday, May 13	Isaiah 43:5-13
Thursday, May 14	Isaiah 43:18-19
Friday, May 15	Isaiah 43:25
Saturday, May 16	Isaiah 44:1-5
Sunday, May 17	Isaiah 44:6-8
Monday, May 18	Isaiah 44:21-22
Tuesday, May 19	Isaiah 44:24-27
Wednesday, May 20	Isaiah 45:11-12
Thursday, May 21	Isaiah 45:18-19
Friday, May 22	Isaiah 45:22-25
Sunday, May 24	Isaiah 46:8-13
Monday, May 25	Isaiah 48:12-13
Tuesday, May 26	Isaiah 48:17-19
Wednesday, May 27	Isaiah 49:1-3
Thursday, May 28	Isaiah 49:5-6
Friday, May 29	Isaiah 49:8-13
Saturday, May 30	Isaiah 50:4-9
Sunday, May 31	Isaiah 50:10

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Prayer Petition

Date

Jean Clemons Dan Priest	Outreach to Children Outreach to Children	Friday, May 1 Saturday, May 2
Ingrid Fessler-Wellnitz Valerie Priest Lela Folkers Kenneth Peters Violet Fossen Jacquelyn Peters Daniel Frauenheim	Evangelism Evangelism Evangelism Evangelism Evangelism Evangelism Evangelism	Sunday, May 3 Monday, May 4 Tuesday, May 5 Wednesday, May 6 Thursday, May 7 Friday, May 8 Saturday, May 9
Nicholas Peters Joyce Frauenheim Christopher Peters Geoffrey Frauenheim Alina Peters Sara Frauenheim Betty Pedersen	Outreach to Families Outreach to Families Outreach to Families Outreach to Families Outreach to Families Outreach to Families Outreach to Families	Sunday, May 10 Monday, May 11 Tuesday, May 12 Wednesday, May 13 Thursday, May 14 Friday, May 15 Saturday, May 16
Hayden Frauenheim Kevin Parkinson Ronald Frauenheim Shannon Parkinson Nannette Frauenheim Clara Parkinson	Outreach to Young Adults Outreach to Young Adults Outreach to Young Adults Outreach to Young Adults Outreach to Young Adults Outreach to Young Adults	Sunday, May 17 Monday, May 18 Tuesday, May 19 Wednesday, May 20 Thursday, May 21 Friday, May 22
Helen Panttaja Jennifer Frauenheim Doris Nolan Stephen Frauenheim Evelyn Nelson Kerry Frauenheim Ray Musch	Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers Outreach to Teenagers	Sunday, May 24 Monday, May 25 Tuesday, May 26 Wednesday, May 27 Thursday, May 28 Friday, May 29 Saturday, May 30
Justin Frauenheim	Evangelism	Sunday, May 31

Sample Prayers:

(provided as an illustration; it is always wonderful to pray in your own words)

Prayer for CLC Ministries:

Gracious heavenly Father, I praise and thank you for our congregation and for the members who serve this church so faithfully, giving of their time and talent. I pray especially today for (*ministry*); bless this ministry; raise up leaders to develop and guide it and resources to allow it to flourish. Help us to find ways to meet the physical, spiritual and social needs of our community. May all that is attempted and all that is accomplished, be for your glory. We humbly pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Prayer for Individuals:

Gracious heavenly Father, we pray for your child of God (*name*) and ask that you bless and protect *him/her* from all harm. Increase *his/her* faith and draw them into the circle of your love and grace. May (*name*) see all the beauty that the world offers and may *his/her* relationship with you be strengthened each day. In areas of struggle, provide strength and peace; in broken places, bring healing and restoration. You know the desires of *her/his* heart and we pray that you will grant *her/him* what *she/he* needs to experience peace and joy in the midst of the challenges of daily living. We humbly pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



If you would like an announcement in the weekly bulletin, please email the announcement to Amanda at clcreedley@verizon.net by noon on Wednesday.

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of the young adults that participated in LCM’s spring break service trip to Eureka, California, where we worked at a neighborhood owned community center and helped remove invasive species from the Trinidad coastline.

Trust in God,
Pastor Paul Clark




“I wanted to go on the trip because it seemed different... Plus I thought going on the trip would help me get to know the people at LCM better... I expected to do some physical work, but I didn’t know exactly what we’d be doing. (On the first day) we helped fix up an old school in Eureka. People from the community worked alongside us. They were very kind- we talked, some of us played bocce ball- it was a good experience.” -Zach Gibbs

Rebecca Circle by Mary Riffel

Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 12:30 in the fireside room. Elsa Larson and Betty Pedersen are the hostesses. Pastor Doris will lead the Bible study, "The Church Transforming and Reforming". This is the last session of the Transforming Life and Faith series found in the WELCA *Gather* magazine. We will focus on Acts 15:16-17 - "I will set it up so that all other peoples may seek the Lord--even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called". Come explore how the Jewish and Gentile Christians became the Church when they learned to join together as one body by transforming themselves for the sake of the gospel. Material will be provided. All are welcome.

Saints in Service

	May 3	May 10
Altar Care	Grace Hill	Grace Hill
Communion Care	Dianne Huerta	Dianne Huerta
Deacon	Lottie Mariscal	Nilene Lee
Lock up	Jean Clemons	Jean Clemons
Refreshments	Nilene Lee	Donut Day Compliments of Janet Adams
Readers	Karin Taggart	Chuck Mariscal
Greeters	 →	

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hopeful that we will have a good turnout so that we can teach children about God and his love for them.

We are lucky to have Captive Free joining us again this year to lead the singing each day. The children really love them and I always enjoy getting to know them as well. We will need people to host the members for the week. They will be arriving June 21 in the evening and departing the 28th after lunch. This is a good way to get to know them better. If you are unable to host but would still like to spend time with the group, consider providing a dinner for them one night. This helps take pressure off the host families and gives other people an opportunity to get to know the band. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting or providing a dinner.

I will need a lot of assistance and plan to have a meeting after church on May 17, 2015 to discuss volunteer opportunities. As

May 17

Grace Hill

Dianne Huerta

Jean Clemons

Jean Clemons

May 24

Grace Hill

Dianne Huerta

Nilene Lee

Jean Clemons

Donut Day

May 31

Grace Hill

Dianne Huerta

Lottie Mariscal

Jean Clemons

Reception for graduates

Please call the church office and let Amanda know if you signed up to be reader or a greeter. Somewhere between church and my house I lost the signup sheet.



always we will need help decorating, craft leaders, games leaders, classroom helpers, and people to pass out/assemble snacks. And, of course, lots of snacks, both healthy and treats. As more and more children are developing food allergies, I would like to have some gluten and peanut free options as well, so nobody is left out. Please plan on attending the meeting on the 17th if you would like to help out in any way. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would still like to help out, please let me know:

(Shannon.parkinson.pchn@gmail.com or 559-908-4778).

I look forward to another fun filled VBS!!



Birthdays



- 5 Dan Frauenheim
- 7 Janet Adams-Crogran
- 11 Kathy Loeffler
- 20 Barbara Wobschall
LaVerne Youngberg
- 22 Al Boos
- 26 Robert Johnson
- 27 Cameron Amador



Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Cory & Randi Amador
- 10 Tom & Mary Riffel
- 21 Ron & Connie Adolph





Prayer Requests

Helen Panttaja, Lorraine Hansen, Bob & Veldonna Wyatt, Evelyn & Mick Brunswick, LaVerne & Ellard Youngberg, Betty Llewellyn, Fred & Kathy Loeffler, Sue Sorensen, Mary Ishida, Kate Hafey, Linda Peak, Colleen Kela, Vicky Anderson, Twiss Family, John Dooley, Mary Ames, Jerry Tarkanian, Emily Carptenter, Nicole Nolan, Melanie Fleming, Sandra Fish, Heinz & Carol Koop, and the family of Kenny Suemoto

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 Lorraine Hansen
- 5 Clara Parkinson
- 6 Florence Ketscher
- 10 Karen Anderson
Spenser Chakerian



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