



# SONGS OF SUMMER

August 18-19, 2018



# THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

## ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of August 19, 2018

### WORSHIP CELEBRATION



#### SONGS OF SUMMER SERIES

Like marshmallows and milk chocolate melted between graham crackers, music and summer simply pair well together. Whether it be driving down the highway with the windows rolled down and the radio turned up, relaxing on the patio with friends and family to the beat of a favorite oldies sound track, or the background sounds of top forty tunes blaring at the municipal pool accompanied by giggling children, what would the hot

days of summer be like without music? Of course, this is nothing new. Our amazing God also recognizes the need for a good song in the midst of life's moments. In fact he's dedicated an entire book (called the Book of Psalms) filled with inspired songs that form a perfect background track for real life circumstances. Join us for the remaining weeks of our summer worship series called *Songs of Summer*...and get ready to pump up the volume on your relationship with Jesus!



**NEXT WEEKEND** (August 25-26), please note that there will be only **one combined worship celebration**. We will worship together at Family Praise and Picnic in the Park on Sunday, August 26 at 11:00 AM at Rochester Municipal Park. See related articles elsewhere in the Connection.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE UPDATE** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."—Hebrews 10:24-25

Attendance for the weekend of August 11-12..... 701

### BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

**SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** welcomes you TODAY to the second part of a two-part presentation on the origin and relevance of the Apostles' Creed. The presentation traces the origin of the Creed, placing it in its historical context. Each phase of the Creed is explained and made relevant to our lives today. Join us at 9:30 AM in Concordia Hall on the lower level.

**NO SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** will be held on the next two Sundays, August 26 and September 2. New Bible classes will begin on Sunday, September 9. Watch for the new edition of *Get Into the Word*

All articles submitted to *The Weekly Connection* will be subject to approval and editing by the staff. Articles may be sent via email to [connection@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:connection@stjohnrochester.org) and must be received no later than Wednesday at noon the week of publication.

coming soon, where you will find a complete listing of Sunday Bible Class selections, as well as those held during the week.

## SHARED LIFE



**GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND INVITE A NEW FRIEND.** Following all our Sunday morning services, coffee and refreshments are served in Luther Hall. What a wonderful opportunity it is to get to know someone in worship with us. What a great way to be the church by encouraging each other in Jesus' name!

**FAMILY PRAISE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26!** St. John's annual outdoor worship service and picnic will be held next Sunday, August 26 beginning at **11:00 AM** in beautiful Rochester Municipal Park.

- This is the only worship service next weekend as we are all one, praising Jesus and reaching many!
- Come dressed casually and bring your blanket and/or lawn chairs!
- Convenient parking and shuttles available for those needing assistance!
- Invite your family, friends and neighbors!
- Sign-up forms available in narthex and Luther Hall, including sign-up for the Wheels Parade. (Registration for the Wheels Parade may also be done at the Parade Booth by 11:00 AM next Sunday. For more information, contact Mackenzie Hill at 248-891-1833 or [mlhill@oakland.edu](mailto:mlhill@oakland.edu).)
- If you would like to help at this year's event and have not yet signed up as a volunteer, please check the Volunteer Board in Luther Hall for current volunteer openings.
- In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on the St. John campus.



Please use the Pine St. park entrance north of University Drive, one block west of Rochester Road (Main Street). Hope to see you there!



**STARTING SEPTEMBER 17!** Have you or someone you know been searching for an opportunity to learn or rediscover what real faith in Jesus is all about in a non-threatening environment where your real questions can be answered? Maybe you're new to St. John School or maybe you have been worshiping as a guest and finally feel led to make St. John in Rochester your official church home. Whether transferring from another church or brand new to the Christian faith, The ONE Class is for you...and now is the time! Come join Pastor Marc and Pastor Steve

on a nine week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! They'll also introduce you to our St. John mission and vision! (Plus, you'll get a chance to meet other amazing people like you who also want to grow in relationship with Jesus!) The class will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall (near the church sanctuary), starting September 17. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Upon completion of the classes, participants will be welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family. For more information or to enroll, please register online via our St. John website, or contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or [church@stjohnrochester.org](http://church@stjohnrochester.org). We hope to see you there!





**STAFFING UPDATE** - A special thank you to Angie Abraham for serving as our Nursery Coordinator for the last few years. Angie has done an amazing job coordinating our Sunday morning Nursery ministry, arranging for groups in need of Nursery care, and serving as a loving caregiver to many children. She has been a tremendous blessing while serving the many families who entrusted their children to our care here at St. John. Angie will soon be moving on to new opportunities to serve children. Happily we will still see her smiling face around St.

John as she and her family continue to be active members of the St. John family. God's blessings, Angie!

**NURSERY COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN:** We are now in need of a new Nursery coordinator. This is a part time non-benefit eligible position. If you are interested in what the position entails, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or 248-402-8006 for a job description and more information, no later than TODAY, Sunday, August 19.

**ADDITIONAL STAFFING UPDATES** - The Lord continues to bless us abundantly by raising up talented staff members to help us continue to grow in mission and ministry here at St. John and throughout the area. We are excited to announce some new staff members, as well as some returning staff members who are stepping into different roles. Please join in welcoming them and thanking them for their service among us!



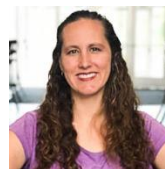
**Pastor Jon Trinklein** is our new Director of Mission Mobilization, in addition to his part-time role as interim pastor at St. Paul in Pontiac. Pastor Jon brings many years of leadership experience and passion for equipping people to serve with their God-given gifts in mission for Jesus. He and his wife Sue have two grown children and four grandchildren.

**Mrs. Jennie Eller** is beginning a new role as Mission and Ministry Coordinator, while continuing to serve as our School Nutrition Specialist. She is well known to many at St. John, having served for a number of years as our School Nutrition Specialist and Kitchen Manager. Jennie and her husband Randy have three children and six grandchildren.



**Mrs. Katie Gentner** has been a frequent substitute teacher and active volunteer at St. John, and will now serve as one of our Kindergarten teachers for this school year. She and her husband Kevin have three children – one who attends LHNW and two who are students at St. John.

**Mrs. Melissa Dominick** joins our faculty as Physical Education teacher. Melissa brings 16 years of P.E. teaching experience in St. Clair Shores to her new role here. She and her husband Jeff are residents of Rochester and have four children, two of which will be in our Preschool.



**Mrs. Kristin Stauch** will now serve as our Kitchen Manager, having served for a number of years as one of our Kitchen Assistants and an active parent volunteer. She and her husband Chris have two children – one at LHNW and one at St. John.



**EXCITING ONE LEGACY UPDATE! GROUNDBREAKING IS SCHEDULED!** Praise the Lord! In follow-up to congregation approval back in May and after several months of meeting with the City of Rochester Planning Commission and receiving provisional approval earlier this year, the Planning Commission gave final approval on July 16, as anticipated, for us to move forward with our \$8.5 million ONE Legacy Campus Master Plan project! Following extensive conversation with our architect on the possibility of breaking ground already this fall in order to leverage lower labor rates this winter and avoid rising material costs, we are excited to announce that groundbreaking will indeed be happening this fall and construction will begin! **Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 6 for a very special Groundbreaking event!** Watch for important new details soon. Truly these are exciting times! Many, many thanks to all of you who have served to lead this project forward with your ongoing financial gifts and prayers. May the Lord continue to bless these efforts for the future! Please keep praying for the Lord's guidance and provision for all that is ahead!



**THANK YOU!** After nine months of treatment for my recurrent breast cancer, our family would like to thank all the St. John friends who have made this journey more bearable. St. John supported us through their prayers, cards, notes, visits, and delicious meals. The LORD has used His people to help our family, and we will always be grateful for life, family, and friends. We praise the LORD for His goodness. ~In Christ, Marilyn and Roger Miller, Andrew, and Paul.

**WALK, RUN OR BIKE WITH THE ST. JOHN RUNNERS GROUP** – This group is for all new and accomplished runners and bikers looking for fellowship, fitness and fun. Lace up your running shoes or grab your bike and join us every Saturday at 7:30 AM. We meet and start with prayer at Rochester Park off Ludlow St. before heading to the Paint Creek Trail. Hope to see you there! Please contact Julie Schmidt at 586-864-4768 or [salyer1ja@gmail.com](mailto:salyer1ja@gmail.com) or Nicole Buday at 248-520-3383 or [quadlevel@gmail.com](mailto:quadlevel@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**ST. JOHN BRIDGE CLUB** is getting underway for September. Ladies Bridge (contact bridge) plays once a month. Couples or Partner Bridge plays once a month in the evening. Any couples or individuals who are interested in playing once a month between September and June or being a sub, please contact Nancy Mueller at 248-651-3347.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - On September 9, Sunday School will begin for the 2018-2019 session. We are excited to share the love of Jesus with the children of St. John and look forward to an exciting year. If you have

a passion for teaching children about Jesus, please consider joining our team. We are currently in need of 2 teachers and 2 assistants for the preschool 3-year-olds and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Dawne Gazal [dmherzog@msn.com](mailto:dmherzog@msn.com), 248-421-4651 or Steve Wilson [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).



**ST. JOHN SPIRITWEAR:** For a limited time only, a variety of St. John spirit wear items are available for purchase at wholesale prices. To view the items available and to order online, visit <https://sjr18.itemorder.com/sale>. Go Eagles!

### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS | BACK TO SCHOOL!

**School starts Monday, August 20!** Welcome to returning and new students as the school year starts this week. This school year's theme is INCREDIBLE, based on 1 John 4:11, and God's incredible love.

**Preschool sessions start next week**, on Monday, August 27 for the 3's and Tuesday, August 28 for the 4's. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended the K – 8 Registration Day this past Tuesday and Preschool on the Playground this past Thursday.

**Applications are still being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year**, with limited enrollment time remaining. For more information or to schedule a personal tour, visit [stjohnrochester.org/school](http://stjohnrochester.org/school) or contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, [bdameron@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:bdameron@stjohnrochester.org).



**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE AND BLESSING** - As a way to partner with parents, we offer any 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who is a member of St. John or attends our day school the opportunity for a fun and engaging night learning to use their Bible. All students who attend will receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade appropriate Bible. We will have class time to talk about how to use it, including teaching time with parent(s) and student, and fun Bible games. This year we are meeting **Wednesday, September 5, 6:00-7:15 PM** in Luther Hall. All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and parents who attend are invited for a special blessing on Sunday, September 9 at the 11:00 AM Traditional Praise service. Please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) for more information.

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY** - All students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade starting their first year of confirmation need to register online via our St. John website. Click on Discover/Middle School. The cost is \$50 for the two year program. Confirmation is a program designed for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade where we at St. John are here to partner with parents as their middle schoolers begin the process of taking faith on for themselves. For more information on the Confirmation program, visit our website and click on Discover/Middle School, or contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).

**CAMP ARCADIA CONFIRMATION RETREAT** is coming up on September 28-30. The cost is \$140, and the registration deadline is September 1. This retreat is for all students entering grades 6-8 this fall. (6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend even though it is called a Confirmation Retreat). This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith through great teaching and fun activities hosted by Camp Arcadia. Please register today at [camp-arcadia.com](http://camp-arcadia.com).

**LIGHTHOUSE** is underway again! This is our Middle School ministry for students in grades 6-8 and meets most Sundays, 6:00-8:00 PM. Look online or check out our Facebook page for dates and times. For questions about Middle School ministry, contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).



### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

House Hop last Sunday was a blast! Thank you to all of our hosts who invited us into their homes for food and fellowship. We had a great night, all in Jesus' name!

**TONIGHT** we will meet at St. John at 6:00 PM. We will be walking to Taco Bell for dinner and then having a devotion in the park. Pick-up will be at St. John at 8:00 PM.

**Detroit Mission on Saturday, August 25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM!** Join as a family to serve with 4

other churches to clean up homes in Detroit. It is a morning filled with joy for the Lord and hard work! We will meet downtown (contact Mrs. Hammett for exact address). This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year working in the community and we are seeing a rebirth after we leave! Praise you, Father!

**Arts & Apples September 7-9!** We have been asked to serve as the main gate greeters at Arts & Apples this September. This is a really cool event that brings people from all over the world to our own community. We will be looking to fill 39 time slots with our High School families over the weekend of September 7-9. With a few families put together for the weekend, we will be able to serve as welcoming faces in the community and earn over \$2,000.00 for our ministry at the same time! What a privilege!

**Save the Dates for the 2019 National Youth Gathering on July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis!** The theme is "Real. Present. God." Registration will be this fall.

For more information, contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

## **SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY**

**WE CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED!** HOPE (Helping Oakland's People Everyday) in Pontiac, one of our mission partners, is in need of the following items for their Adult Shelter and Recuperative Care Center:

- For Men: Undershirts, underwear, white socks
- For Women: New or gently used pajama bottoms, bras, t-shirts, socks
- \*No other clothing items are needed at this time
- Necessity Items: laundry soap, toilet paper, paper & styrofoam cups, disposable razors
- Trial or Hotel Size Items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, mouthwash, shaving cream

All items can be dropped off in Room 100 in our lower level through August. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with those in need in our community!

**LHNW GOLF OUTING** – Lutheran High Northwest is having its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Crusader Golf Outing on Saturday, September 8. Golfers will be provided with lunch, dinner, and of course an 18-hole round of golf! Sponsorship opportunities are also available. To register, please go to [lutherannorthwest.com/events](http://lutherannorthwest.com/events).



**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God!” - 2 Corinthians 9:11. Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity that allows us to make an eternal impact in Jesus’ name!

**GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY** Offerings for August 11-12.....\$39,780.35  
Special Contributions for August 11-12... ..\$100.00

As of 8/12/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 260,025.78
As of 8/12/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	\$ 279,998.53
As of 8/12/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$ 19,972.75
As of 8/12/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$920	
(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)	

**ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE**

As of 8/12/18 Amount pledged.....	\$3,455,994.79
As of 8/12/18 Amount received.....	\$927,523.01

**COMPASSIONATE SERVICE**

**COMING THIS FALL: THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!**

As an important part of our St. John campus renovation and expansion groundbreaking celebration scheduled for Saturday, October 6, we will immediately that same morning be going out into our community to serve as the church with the love of Jesus! Imagine the impact of hundreds of people of all ages going out to multiple sites to serve those in need with compassion in Jesus' name. We are in process of working with our area mission partners to secure multiple sites in Rochester, Pontiac and Detroit. If you would like to be part of the planning for this important compassionate service event please contact our new Director of Mission Mobilization, Pastor Jon Trinklein at [jtrinklein@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:jtrinklein@stjohnrochester.org) and mark your calendar for an important planning meeting coming up on Monday, August 27 at 7:00 PM in the Church Library.

**CALLING ALL GREETERS, USHERS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (AND THOSE WHO WANT TO BECOME ONE!)** Please set your calendar to attend a very important training session that will be offered on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 PM and repeated on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM. If you currently serve in this way, please make one of these sessions a priority as we will be going over important new procedures as well as continuing to work together on what it means to be a welcoming church in Jesus’ name. Also if you have been seeking a way as an individual or as a family to get more involved in serving at St. John, there isn’t a better time! Come and learn more!

**OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** - Did you know that every week people from countries across the globe come through our doors in search of connection? Would you like to be part of a team that helps students of English navigate this part of the world we live in and communicate more effectively with people like you? The International Friendship Center here at St. John (which offers the English as a Second Language classes) is looking for some friendly new faces to meet the growing need that is right here in our own backyard. Anyone interested is invited to contact Peter Harris at 248-651-7532 or Jennifer Evanson at 248-619-5146 or [jenevanson@gmail.com](mailto:jenevanson@gmail.com). Open to all, prior teaching experience not required.



## RELATIONAL WITNESS



**BE SURE TO INVITE** your neighbors, coworkers and friends who aren't connected in a growing relationship with Jesus to join you at Family Praise and Picnic in the Park! There are a few simple tools available to assist you, including invite cards, outreach email recently sent from St. John designed to be forwarded to others, as well as sharing the event through your personal Facebook page. **You never know how the Lord may make a lasting impact through**

**these simple efforts!**

## CONSTANT PRAYER

**WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART.** To submit a prayer request, please text or email it to [prayer@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:prayer@stjohnrochester.org) at any time or fill out a Prayer Request Card and hand to an usher during worship. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along when requested to be included in the weekly prayer list that is sent out to our prayer warriors and included in weekend worship.



### **THIS WEEK:**

**Thanksgiving:** *Opal Rafdal's (Mark's mother) 90th birthday, Diana and Arnold Sell's 60th wedding anniversary (married here at St. John), Birth of Alyssa Jeanette Olsen to Elizabeth & Chris, Ruth Schlecht's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Elsie McGorman's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday*

**Guidance & Strength:** *Rafdal family as they travel for Mark's mom's birthday*

**Hope & Healing:** *Steve Krystoff – healing from back surgery, Eileen Kaiser - thanksgiving for successful eye surgery, Dave Parker – COPD complications, Marlys Koch (mother of Bev Koch & Marian Grothaus) – shoulder replacement surgery*

### **LAST WEEK:**

**Guidance & Strength:** *One Legacy Initiative plans – going forward toward fall groundbreaking, Outreach & invitation for Family Praise & Picnic in the Park, Adrienne & Joshua's marriage*

**Hope & Healing:** *Barb Roy – healing from recent strokes, Russ Schmidt – thanksgiving for recovering from pacemaker surgery, Sharon Hudson – recovery from recent stroke, Sarah Leinberger – continued healing from past stroke, Jim Boldt – back healing, Linda Glisman – beginning chemo, Eileen Kaiser – difficult cataract surgery, Charles Bartley – wisdom for heart complications preventing brain tumor surgery, Steve Krystoff – back surgery on Tuesday, Judy Evans – healing from back surgery, Chris Turnage – healing from auto accident, Sue Wilson (sister-in-law of Steve Wilson) – liver problems, Marian Kuntz (sister of Lois Timm) - Hodgkin's lymphoma...Continued healing for: Jerry Bantin, Al Lucas, Marilyn Miller, Hailey Noonan, Helen Wiley and Linda Madson*

**Bereavement:** (Family of...) *Tracy Smith (52y)*

### **PRIOR WEEK:**

**Thanksgiving:** *Dave & Marlene Leinberger's 50th wedding anniversary, Baptism of Abigail Kimberly Churchill, daughter of Michael and Elise (Smith), Elsie McGorman – 98<sup>th</sup> birthday Aug 14*

**Guidance & Strength:** *One Legacy Initiative plans – going forward toward possible fall groundbreaking, Paola – for God to bring believers into her life, St. John teachers returning this week*

**Hope & Healing:** *Marlys (mother of Bev Koch & Marian Grothaus) - broken shoulder, Ionel Apostol (father of Michelle Stefan) - recovering from hip replacement, Jackie Sherouse (sister of Janelle Wilson) – hospitalized for seizures, Allen & Linda*

**Bereavement:** (Family of...) *Carole Renshaw (Chris Judd’s mother), Kurt Herman (Hugo’s brother), Gary Gould (Gary Kwapis’ brother-in-law)*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	FACILITY HOURS THIS WEEK
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
	Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
* The facility may be closed on Saturdays when no daytime events are scheduled.	

<b>Sunday</b>	
9:30 AM	Adult Bible Study (Apostles’ Creed) – Concordia Hall
6:00 PM	Lighthouse (Middle School) – Room 101
6:00 PM	High School Youth – Meet at SJ, then offsite
<b>Monday</b>	<b>FIRST HALF DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
7:00 AM	Men’s Small Group (McCallum) – Church Library
8:15 AM	Morning Perk – Atrium
9:00 AM	Gleaners Quilting – Concordia Hall
9:00 AM	School Opening Chapel – Church Sanctuary
7:00 PM	St. John Foundation Meeting – Church Library
7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting – Catherine Luther Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	
11:30 AM	International Bible Class – Room 128
1:00 PM	ESL Class – Concordia Hall
7:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study (Living So That) – Church Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	
7:00 PM	Men’s Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall
<b>Friday</b>	
8:00 AM	LCEF Savings Stamp Sales – Atrium
9:00 AM	ESL Class – Concordia Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>NO MODERN PRAISE WORSHIP – FPIIP Sunday @ 11:00 AM</b>
9:00 AM	High School Youth Detroit Mission Event

**\*\*THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE COMBINED WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 @ 11:00 AM IN ROCHESTER MUNICIPAL PARK.**



**Worship Celebration Schedule**

Traditional Praise: Sundays @ 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

Modern Praise: Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM

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