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Worship Services
9:00 am, Sunday
There are no Wednesday
Services during vacancy
Sunday School (Sept - May)



10:30 am - 11:30 am

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Lutherans in Maui assist with fire response

August 18, 2023 / Reporter / By Cheryl Magness

On Aug. 8, a wildfire near the village of Lāhainā on the island of Maui, Hawaii, rapidly spread out of control, part of a larger series of wildfires plaguing the island. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but like other recent fires on the island, it was fed by extremely dry conditions and high winds. A week later, the lives lost number more than a hundred, with hundreds more still unaccounted for.

On Aug. 15, the Rev. Michael Lange, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) California-Nevada-Hawaii (CNH) District, sent an email update to the CNH District with the question: "What message do we bring to those so much in need of care and love?"

Lange answered that they need to hear that they have a God "who is Emmanuel (God with us)! He is with you and for you! We are the body of Christ, walking, loving, living, and sharing with those in need."

Lange reported that Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School in Kahului, Maui, was not directly impacted by the fire (one or two families from the school were minimally affected), but that Emmanuel members are serving "as God's hands and feet to the people of Maui. They are Christ's ambassadors and bear the presence of the Savior. Pray for their strength and care as they walk beside many in great need."

The congregation of Emmanuel is currently in a pastoral vacancy, but Lange said pastoral presence, care and leadership are being planned for and provided onsite. Emmanuel members are responding to the disaster by helping provide for the immediate needs of those affected and by assisting those who are providing housing for the displaced. In the near future, CNH First Vice-President Rev. Mitch Gowen, who lives on the island of Oahu, will visit Maui to meet with those leading the response and to lead worship at Emmanuel. At this writing, the Rev. Chris Singer, the Rev. Rodney Hall and the Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann are serving as organizational specialists and spiritual and counseling care providers for Emmanuel members, school families and the community.

In addition, Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training will be conducted on both Maui and Oahu in the next two weeks. The Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Response, reported that three boxes of LERT volunteer materials have already arrived at Emmanuel for the training sessions. In addition, \$5,000 worth of \$100 Visa gift cards, along with a box of devotional materials, have been shipped to Emmanuel for distribution. The devotional materials include 50 copies of the Concordia Publishing House children's book *I Will Not Be Afraid*.

In addition, the CNH District has applied for a grant from LCMS Disaster Response to fund additional counselors and spiritual care providers in addition to those mentioned above. Johnson said, "LCMS Disaster Response is committed to helping not only with the immediate needs of those affected by this fire but also with the long-term needs of the community as the island rebuilds from this historic disaster." Lange added that Emmanuel's presence for over 50 years on the island will serve the congregation well in responding to those in need. School families at Emmanuel have many relationships with those who were personally impacted.

Lange concluded his Aug. 15 email to the CNH District by asking for prayers for "those so horribly affected, those mourning, and strength for caregivers"; by inviting texts, cards and emails to let those in Maui "know you are remembering them and praying for them"; and by encouraging gifts "to support relief work and recovery."

Mark Hofman, executive director of LCMS Mission Advancement, said, "The generosity of God's people over the past two years has empowered — and continues to empower — the LCMS to respond appropriately and effectively in these situations. The gifts of God's people are an outward expression of the faith they place in Jesus Christ and of their desire to share the Gospel with those who are experiencing trauma, loss and tremendous anxiety."

Anyone wishing to bolster the disaster-response capacity of the LCMS may send a gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

Please make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. To restrict the use of your gift, write "Wildfire Relief" or "Disaster Response" on the memo line.

To give electronically, visit lcms.org/givenow/wildfires or lcms.org/givenow/disaster, or send the keyword LCMSWILDFIRES or LCMSDISASTERS to 41-444 on your text-enabled device.

To give by phone, or for more information, call 888-930-4438.

To directly strengthen the near-term localized disaster-response capacity of the CNH District, visit cnh-lcms.org.

Trinity's Fall Kick-off

September 10, 2023

JOIN US 10:30-11:30 am Sunday School Youth Bible Study Adult Bible Study

Picnic & Ball Games immediately following for ALL!

Please register your Sunday School age children using the back of this flyer!





Ladies Aid

Meets on Thursday, September 7th at 1:30 pm at the Church. (Ladies Aid Quilters meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 9:00am at the church)

Men of Trinity

Will meet on Monday, September 4th at 7:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Trinity Afternoon Guild

Meets on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:30 pm at the Church.

❖ M.O.P.S.

Will Meet on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm at the Church.

Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, September 14th at 1:30 pm.

* Active Christian Fellowship

Will meet on Monday, September 11th at 5:00 pm at the Church.

Altar Circle

Will Meet on Monday, September 18th at 1:00 pm at the church.

Eunice Circle

Will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 9:30 A.M. at Linda Domke's home at 23054 Treebark St. Members can meet at the church shortly before 9 to carpool .

Christian Singles

The Christian Singles will meet at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 24th at the church.

❖ Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by a service project.

ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER & FUNDRAISERS Sunday, October 8th, 11:00-2:00 PM.

The Meatball Dinner is back with all proceeds going to support the Preschool/ Childcare program.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the Annual meatball dinner & Fundraisers from 11am-2pm

There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for requested food donations and volunteers to help with the Meatball Supper.

Thank you and God Bless!





Growing

SEPTEMBER 2023

Tree Childcare and TLC Preschool Newsletter



Bible Verse of the Month:

Psalm 136:1 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Childcare and Preschool News

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024

Registration forms are available in the Preschool office. Please see Danielle for Preschool forms and/or questions regarding preschool.

Important Dates:

September 5.....First day of GTLC September 11.....First day of Preschool

MEATBALL DINNER & FUNDRAISERS

The Meatball Dinner is back!

All proceeds will go towards the Preschool/ Childcare program.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy. The dinner and fundraisers are scheduled for Sunday, October 8th from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

The sign -up sheets for various items to be donated and times to work will be up in the social hall. Please make every effort to do whatever you can to make this a success.

Thank you and God Bless!

I.C.Y.M.I.

(IN.CASE.YOU.MISSED.IT.)

CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP



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WHO ARE THESE "GOLDEN GIRLS"?



This year when the four ladies pictured made their annual trip to the Twins game, something extra appended. During the time the home viewers are seeing commercials, various things are happening at the game.

They were showing pictures of people in their seats and comparing them to celebrities. Well, they showed the four of us and then a picture of the golden Girls!! It was on the JumboTron for a short time but it was amazing how many people greeted us when we were walking out of Target Field and to the car.

The final touch was the next day when we were walking down the hall to check out, and employee of the hotel said, "The Golden Girls are leaving." How did he know? Was he at the game? So Trinity has their own Golden Girls. Guess s how is who?

ACTIVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP PONTOON RIDE







Some of Trinity's groups have stopped their ongoing fundraisers. Please note the following fundraisers that are no longer in effect:

- Lutheran Island Camp is no longer collecting Campbell's Soup Labels.
- The Youth Groups are no longer collecting proof of purchase (bar codes) for the Our Family Brand at Lueken's Village Foods.
- The Afternoon Guild is no longer collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- TLC Preschool is no longer collecting ink cartridges or small electronics for recycling.

Annual Meatball Dinner Sunday, October 8th, 2023 Meatball Supper & Fundraisers from 11 am - 2pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Trinity's Sunday School Fall Kick-off Sunday, September 10th 10:30 - 11:30 am

Sunday School , Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study Picnic & Ball Games immediately following for ALL!

Sunday School Registration Flyers are on the table under the mailboxes

Growing Tree Learning Center Begins Tuesday, September 5th TLC Preschool Begins Monday, September 11th

WELCOME BACK
STUDENTS & TEACHERS



Lutheran Island Camp UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER 6-7

Elders Training

The Wadena Pastor's Circuit is holding an elders training at Lutheran Island Camp! This event is for those who are interested in learning about being an elder or those are elders now and would like more training.

NOVEMBER 1-5 Quilt & Crafting Retreat

Quilters and crafters, do you need a place to get away and get some crafting done? Then look no further than our Quilt Retreat! Food, lodging, and evening devotions are provided by the LIC staff.

NOVEMBER 17-18

Confirmation Weekend

Register your Confirmands for a weekend of fun and instruction at LIC! Our first Confirmation Weekend is always a special one because the Confirmands get to experience classic camp activities such as archery, canoeing, and hatchet throwing. The cost is \$90/person which includes food, lodging, and activities. To register, contact Olivia at licprogram@islandcamp.org.

<u>Thrivent Financial® Choice Dollars must be</u> <u>directed every year</u>. Trinity has 2 areas that Choice Dollars can be directed:

1. Trinity Lutheran Church

2. TLC Preschool/Growing Tree Childcare

All Choice Dollars directed to Trinity Lutheran Church go into the General Fund. *Please contact Financial Secretary if you have questions.*



All Choice Dollars directed to TLC Preschool and/or to Growing Tree Childcare go into their Scholarship Fund. *Please contact a member of the School Board if you have questions.*

To direct your Choice Dollars, go online to Thrivent.com and log in (you'll need your Member ID to register), or call 1-800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice" (you'll need your Member ID). Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?



Trinity Lutheran Church
123 29th Street NE, Bemidji

Please contact the church office

444-4441

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Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

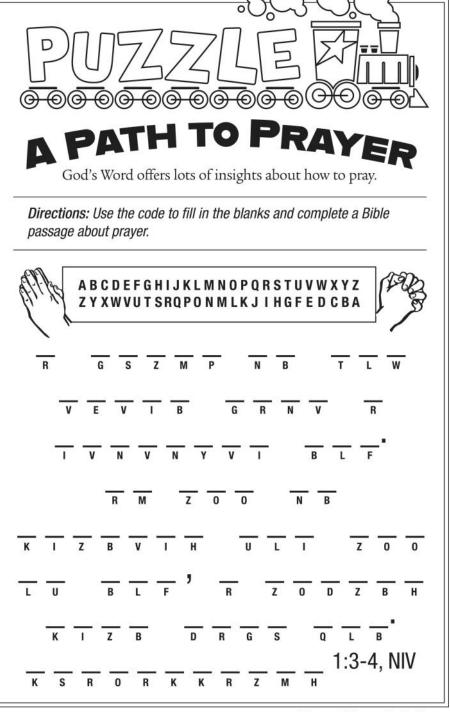
What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

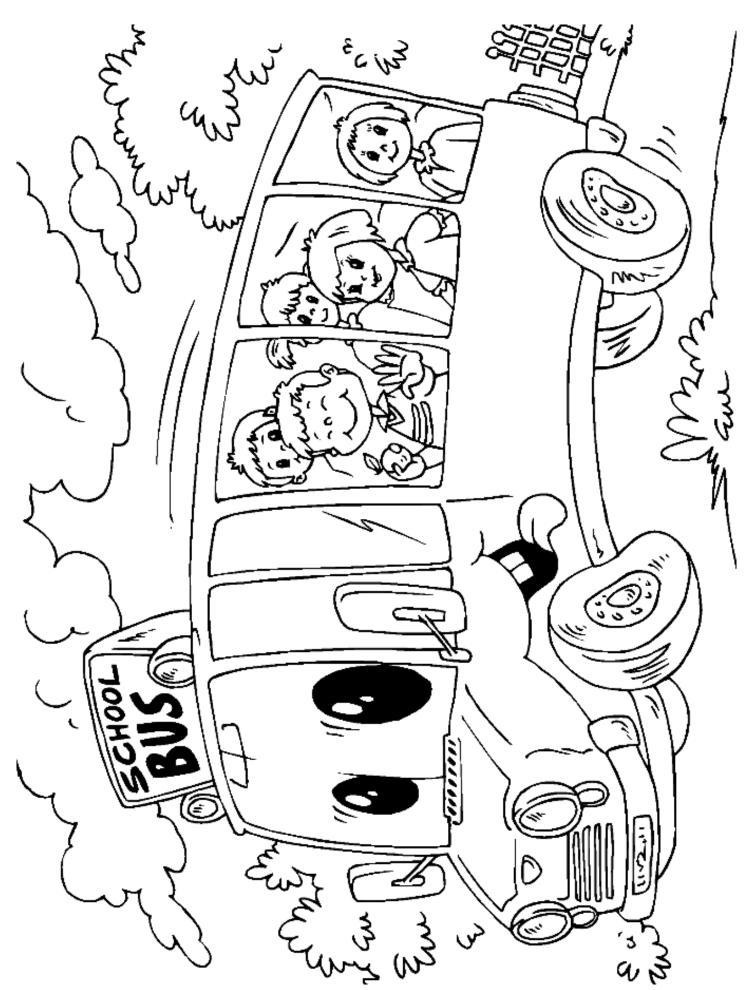
What you do:

- 1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
- 2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
- 3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
- 4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
- 5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

Activity Page



Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewar- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Monthly Receipts/Expenses	July 2023	
General Fund Receipts	\$30,196.41	
PS/CC Receipts	\$1,305.00	
Interest Receipts	\$224.62	
Adjustments_		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$31,726.03	

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES \$39,674.13

Monthly +/OVERAGE/SHORTAGE (- \$7,948.10)



YOU CAN NOW GIVE YOUR TITHE OR OFFERING ONLINE?!

It's Easy, just follow these steps...

- 1. Visit Trinity's Website at www.trinitybemidji.org.
- 2. Click on "Donate" at the top right of the Home Page.
- 3. Fill out the form on the Donation Page and click "DONATE" when you are finished.
- 4. You will now be directed to our PayPal page. Once there, you can either Log In to your existing PayPal account <u>OR</u> if you don't have an account just click "Continue" under the heading "Don't Have A PayPal Account?
- 5. From here you just complete using your credit or debit card information and submit.

The Benefits Of Online Giving

STEWARDSHIP

You have the option of giving a one time gift, or having your tithe post monthly.

CONVENIENT

You can continue to support Trinity even if you are away on vacation or gone for the winter.

FLEXIBILITY

You can give to the General Fund or choose to give to a specific Ministry of the church.

If you would like help in learning how make your donation or tithe to Trinity online, just stop in to the office, we are happy to help.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2 Kermit Anderson

3 Kevin Ellis, Cheryl Frederikson, Maxine Simonson, Guy Wold

Tom Smith, Wayne Thorson

5 Craig \mathcal{E}_{t} Jill Walter (19)

Ryan Otting, Linda Wold

Revin & Amy Muller (11)

Katie Lang

 $10^{
m Paul}$ Hoks, Whitney Lundeen Teegan Reierson

1 1 Lee & Wendy Potratz (24)

13 Jeff & Jill Korbel (26)

15 Karen Hanson

16 Gary Krueger

17 Kevin & Heather Ellis (29)

18 Arlene Smith

Roberta Otting

 $20^{\text{Carolyn Eichstadt, Nathaniel Krueger}}$ Faith Lundin, Doris Tibbetts

7 1 Gretchen Wentzel

22 Bauer Walter
Tim & Amy Freye (16)

23 Levi Eichstadt

24 Scott & Ginny Kurtzweg (29)

25 Tom Dressen, Mason Molitor, Karsha Reierson Andy & Sarah Branham (24) Larry & Pam Eichstadt (41)

 $28^{
m Matt\ Peske}$

30 Kay Olson, Tanner Olson, Jill Walter





"Where's the hers?"

ALTAR FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



Please sign up to tend the Altar Flowers. We still need volunteers for 2023!



Address/Phone

If your address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know, so your information will be correct in the church database. Thank you!





PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

Greeting Cards Available!



Individual Cards are \$1.00 each. Boxed cards are priced on bottom. Checks are preferred. Please make your checks out to Trinity Ladies Aid and put your

payment in the container provided. Thank you.

Check out the "RESOURCE TABLE" in the Fellowship Hall for FREE Books, Periodicals, Devotionals, and More.



Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.



after Pentecost The season begins with Holy Trinity Sunday and continues through the last Sunday of the church year in

ALTAR CIRCLE November. The paraments are green, the color of life, refreshment and regeneration. Throughout this season, the focus is on the Lord's teaching and how it is applied in the life of the Church.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, speak with Pastor or Elders.

BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteer the 1st Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. The first shift is from9am-12pm and the second shift is from 12-3:30pm. Both Food Shelf shifts need 6-7 volunteers.



Update on the Food Shelf in the last year.

- 1. Persons served up 40%
- 2. Homes served up 30%
- 3. Food costs up 20%.

The Food Shelf would not function without all the volunteers who give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~June Roxstrom



Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Church Entrance Hall for posted Letters, Community Events, Concerts,

Meals, Fundraisers, local activities and news.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - SEPTEMBER

- 1 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Job 31-33
- 2 Psalm 86
- Job 34-36
- 3 Psalm 87 Job 37-39
- 4 Psalm 88 Job 40-42
- 5 Psalm 89 Proverbs 1-3
- 6 Psalm 90 Proverbs 4-7
- 7 Psalm 91 Proverbs 8-10
- 8 Psalm 92 Proverbs 11-13

- 9 Psalm 93 Proverbs 14-16
- 10 Psalm 94 Proverbs 17-19
- 11 Psalm 95 Proverbs 20-22
- 12 Psalm 96 Proverbs 23-25
- 13 Psalm 97 Proverbs 26-28
- 14 Psalm 98 Proverbs 29-31
- 15 Psalm 99 Ecclesiastes 1-3
- 16 Psalm 100 Ecclesiastes 4-6

- 17 Psalm 101 Ecclesiastes 7-9
- 18 Psalm 102 Ecclesiastes 10-12
- 19 Psalm 103 Song of Solomon 1-4
- 20 Psalm 104 Song of Solomon 5-8
- 21 Psalm 105 Jeremiah 1-3
- 22 Psalm 106 Jeremiah 4-6
- 23 Psalm 107 Jeremiah 7-9
- 24 Psalm 108 Jeremiah 10-12

- 25 Psalm 109 Jeremiah 13-15
- 26 Psalm 110 Jeremiah 16-18
- 27 Psalm 111 Jeremiah 19-22
- 28 Psalm 112 Jeremiah 23-25
- 29 Psalm 113 Jeremiah 26-28
- 30 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Jeremiah 29-31

September 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church - 444-4441

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SER	TEMBI			1	2
9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM Men of Trinity LABOR Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 1:30 PM Trinity Afternoon Guild	6 5:30 PM Confirmation Meeting & Acolyte Training	7 1:30 PM Ladies Aid 5:30 PM Board of Elders	8	9
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