



# St James Episcopal Church

204 N. Lee Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
Phone (352) 787-1981

## OCTOBER MESSENGER 2025

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### *PARISH WIDE DINNER*

**DATE:** MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M. – 9:00PM  
**PLACE:** Venetian Gardens, (Harris Room )  
109 E. Dixie Ave, Leesburg, FL 34748

Join us on October 27th at 6:00 pm, as we begin our Fall Stewardship Program with a Parish Wide Dinner at the Venetian Center (next to the Leesburg Boat Club, off Dixie Ave).


We will enjoy an evening with great food provided by Debbie's Catering, and fellowship featuring our St. James Ukulele Group. We will also look into ways we can apply our lives to be stewards of the Gospel in our church and community.

There is no cost for the dinner, but we need you to reserve a spot so we can have an accurate head count. There will be RSVP cards in the Sunday bulletins, which you may place in the collection plate. Or, you can contact the church office at **352-787-1981, or [office@stjames-leesburg.org](mailto:office@stjames-leesburg.org)**. Please respond by Thursday, October 23rd.

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### **Our Mission**

Saint James seeks to be a community that grows more Christ like, expressing the love of Jesus Christ in our worship, our outreach, and our commitment to discipleship.



## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimers-Dementia Care Givers Group welcomes all who have a loved one or are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet to discuss the ways and means of expressing compassion and how to care for our loved ones in the midst of a difficult challenge. As a care giver, what is the best response to the many repetitive questions that are asked by your loved one? And what can be done when other uncontrolled behaviors arise? Also, we will look at some online resources that deal with this and a variety of other situations while caring for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

All discussions are kept in strict confidentiality. Please note that our meetings are for caregivers only (and not the one with A/D) to allow the freedom to share as needed. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall.**

We hope to see you then, Jeff Livesay



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## GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next Grief Support Gathering is this Thursday, October 02, 2025 at the St. James Episcopal Chapel (204 N. Lee Street in Leesburg) behind the church. Meet and Greet will start at 3:00 on the Veranda in front of the Parish Hall. Bottled water and a small snack (usually chocolate) are always provided.

Our conversation topic for October is "The Many Myths of Grief". Many times these myths make our grief so much more difficult. Friends and family have unrealistic expectation about what our grief should look like because of these myths. Join us as we share our thoughts and concerns. Our discussions are confidential and sharing is optional.

Hope to see you **Thursday, October 2nd at St. James Episcopal Church Chapel .**

Susan Cyrus, Grief Support Facilitator



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## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**All are welcome!**

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## ST. JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry holds a prayer breakfast on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Their next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15th.**

If you are interested in joining the Men's Ministry, please contact: **Ted Kermode**

**All are welcome!**



**2025  
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*Kitchen Mission*

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GOOD-HEARTED  
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THE JAMAICA  
MEDICAL MISSION

204 N Lee Street  
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**OCT | 3<sup>RD</sup> | 2025**

Tickets are \$25  
\$\$\$ Votes and Fun Raffles

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**DATE: Friday, October 3rd**

**TIME: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**PLACE: Parish Hall.**

**TICETS: \$25.00 a person**



## BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMALS



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## ECW OCTOBER UPDATE

\*ECW General Meeting October 7th

\*ECW Board Meeting takes place 9:00 a.m. in the St. Nicholas House

\*ECW General Meeting takes place at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Hosted by St. Cecilia's, the theme is Fall Harvest highlighting the Leesburg Food Bank. Church women, please bring nonperishable foods to donate to the food bank!

THE LEESBURG FOOD BANK is starting to "stock" for the Holiday Season.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Stuffing Mix, Boxed Cake Mix, Canned Icing, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Pineapple slices, Canned Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes,



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\*\*This will be a special program. The author of the award-winning book,

**Spires in the Sun:** The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida, will present his book which includes our beautiful St James and Holy Trinity churches. Mr. Rich will focus on the history and features of Carpenter Gothic churches.

The book may be purchased through Jody's Gift Shop for \$65.00 (cash or check only). If pre-purchased prior to the meeting or, at the October meeting, Mr. Rich will be available to sign your copy.

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## **ECW Chapter Meetings (Fellowship, Study and ECW Business) October 21th**

### CHAPTERS

### TIME

St Anne's Chapter - Study: Chosen series

10:00 a.m., Parish Hall

St Francis' Chapter - Study: A Walk In Love

10:00 a.m., Nicholas House

St Cecilia's Chapter - We will be taking a tour of

(To Be Announced)

\*\*Beacon College. Transportation will be provided.

St. Martha's Chapter - October 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Coffee Snob

\*\*This last option is St Martha's Chapter which meets in the evening and focuses on Christian Fellowship. Women of all ages are welcome, but this group is especially popular with busy working women and mothers of younger children. You are also welcome to attend both your regular day chapter and St Martha's 6p.m. meetings.

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Current and future opportunities to support our charitable fundraising efforts:

\*\***New - St. James' Stain Glass Christmas Ornament** - available for (pre purchase only.)

\*\***Thanksgiving Pie Sales**

\*\***Blessing's Bracelet** (Jody's Gifts) Future Date TBA:

\*\***Ladies movie night** in the Parish Hall (To Be Announced)





## KEEP FLIPPING THOSE TOPS



It's almost like a scavenger hunt! Where ever I go, I look for Flip Tops, or do we call them Pop Tops? While traveling this past week, I asked each flight attendant if they could save me the pull tabs from the drinks they served. When I told the McDonald story, they too were saving the tabs for the same reason. But I gathered nearly fifty tabs!

*Meg Bremer*



## LIBRARY CORNER



AUTUMN ARRIVED, SEPT.22nd, and now we at St. James are in for some special treats in October: not only the **TASTE OF ST. JAMES, OCT. 3rd** to benefit our Jamaica Medical Mission, but also on OCT. 7th, when Johnathan Rich joins us for **A BOOK SIGNING** at the E.C.W. General meeting. This is a daytime event, starting at 10 a.m. in our Parish Hall.

Mr. Rich and his friend, the photographer Phil Eschbach, recently published a beautiful book titled **SPIRES IN THE SUN**, which features the 30 or so carpenter gothic churches in Florida. Well, what is 'carpenter gothic'? A very good example is St. James, a place we know and love, your faith base. Its history with lovely color photos is recorded in this fabulous book.

Please come on Oct. 7th to this celebration, a chance to own a copy of Spires in the Sun, and to hear from its author how it all came about. This is your special invitation.

- St. Cecilia's ECW chapter, your hosts

Margaret Branham, St James Church Librarian

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## MINISTRY CATALOG

It is time to update our ministry catalog. To do this, we need each ministry to look at the current ministry description and contact information. Use this link to go to the catalog on our webpages. **Ministry Catalog.pdf**





Please send any updates to Marc Crouch at: **Crouch.marc@yahoo.com**



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



A prayer shawl ministry is a ministry of compassion and the love of knitting or crocheting. The shawls are a source of God's unconditional love, wrapped around a person for comfort and solace, for people going through a difficult time, as well as, times of celebration and joy. If you are interested in this Ministry, you may contact Joyce Walworth.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><h1>OCTOBER 2025</h1></div>			<div></div>			
<div>5 17th Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</div> <div>9:00 Inquirers Class</div> <div>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)</div> <div>11:30 Cantate</div>	<div>6</div> <div>6:00 Beginner Ukulele</div> <div>7:00 Advanced Ukulele</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:00 ECW Board Meeting</div> <div>10:00 General Meeting</div> <div>(Both in the Parish Hall)</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10:30 Caregiver Support Group (Parish Hall)</div> <div>12:00 Coffee &amp; Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>4:30 Jubilate 5:45 Bell Choir</div> <div>6:45 Adult Choir</div>	<div>2</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing &amp; Anointing Service</div> <div>3:00 Grief Support Group (Chapel)</div> <div>6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation (Chapel)</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>6:00 - 8:00</div> <div> TASTE OF ST. JAMES</div>	<div>4</div>
<div>12 18th Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</div> <div>9:00 Inquirers Class</div> <div>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)</div> <div>11:30 Cantate</div>	<div>13</div> <div>3:00 Stephen Ministry</div> <div>6:00 Beginner Ukulele</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>8</div> <div>12:00 Coffee &amp; Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>2:00 Daughters of the King (Parish Hall)</div> <div>6:00 Blessing of the Animals</div>	<div>9</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing &amp; Anointing Service</div> <div>6:00 HS Fall Concert (Leesburg High School)</div> <div>(St. James Jubilate Youth Choir will be singing at this event.)</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div>	<div>11</div> <div>ANNUAL VESTRY RETREAT</div>
<div>19 19th Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</div> <div>9:00 Inquirers Class</div> <div>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)</div> <div>11:30 Cantate</div> <div>3:00 Dulcimer Class</div>	<div>20</div> <div>3:00 Stephen Ministry</div> <div>6:00 Beginner Ukulele</div>	<div>21</div> <div>8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast</div> <div>9:00 - 12:00 Food Drop</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>12:00 Coffee &amp; Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>5:00 Finance Committee</div> <div>4:30 Jubilate 5:45 Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30 Adult Choir</div>	<div>16</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing &amp; Anointing Service</div> <div>6:30 Vestry Meeting</div> <div>6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation (Parish Hall)</div>	<div>17</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div>	<div>18</div>	
<div>26 20th Sunday After Pentecost</div> <div>8:00 Eucharist (RITE I)</div> <div>9:00 Inquirers Class</div> <div>9-12 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:15 Eucharist (RITE II)</div> <div>11:30 Cantate</div> <div>1-5 Men &amp; Boy's Steak-Out (Leesburg Boat Club)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Chapter Meetings</div> <div>10:00 St. Annes (Parish Hall)</div> <div>10:00 St. Francis (St. Nicholas House)</div> <div>3:00 St. Cecillas (Parish Hall)</div>	<div>22</div> <div>12:00 Coffee &amp; Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>4:30 Jubilate</div> <div>5:45 Bell Choir</div> <div>6:45 Adult Choir</div>	<div>23</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>Butterfly 8:00 Garden Weeding</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing &amp; Anointing Service</div> <div>6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation (Parish Hall)</div>	<div>24</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div>	<div>25</div>	
<div>27</div> <div>6:00-8:00 PARISH WIDE DINNER (Venetian Gardens)</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>12:00 Coffee &amp; Philosophy (Coffee Snob)</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>4:30 Jubilate 5:45 Bell Choir</div> <div>6:45 Adult Choir</div>	<div>30</div> <div>8:30-12 Library Open</div> <div>10:00 Healing &amp; Anointing Service</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div> <div>6:30 Bible Study-The Book of Revelation (Parish Hall)</div>	<div>31</div> <div>10-2 Jody's Gift Shop Open</div>	<div></div>	

# SEPTEMBER FOOD DROP

**When God's children are in need, you be the one to help them. ROMAN 12:13**

Nothing like a crisp day to help recognize the long days of summer are waning. However, your continuing support of our ST. JAMES FOOD DROP is continuing to build.

Volunteers, Terri and Van Galyon, Barbara Logan, Dick Singeltary, along with Bob and Rita Clements welcomed the donations while hoping for colors of autumn to come into play. Thank you St. James Community for your food and monetary support.

You all are Messengers filled with the HOLY SPIRIT.

## TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:

~ 752 POUNDS OF FOOD from St. James

~ 62 pounds of food from the Harris Chain Sail and

Power Squadron Club, \$325.00

You are appreciated with God's blessings for your continued "meeting at the church on the third Wednesday of each month with food and or monetary contributions. Looking forward to seeing you at the FOOD DROP, Wednesday, OCTOBER 15th from 9:00-12:00. The Food Bank is starting to stock for the Holiday Season Items Needed: **STUFFING MIX, BOXED CAKE MIX, CANNED ICING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, CANDIED YAMS, PINEAPPLE SLICES, CANNED GRAVY, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES.**

## TOTAL AMOUNT TO DATE:

~53,000 POUNDS

OF FOOD

~ \$60,474.00



**WE WANT TO**



**"SEE YOU"**



A new Picture Directory is being prepared. Many of you have turned in your "Member Information Sheet"; thank you. Many of you have provided a picture; thank you.

In order to be listed as a member of St. James, you will need to fill out a "Member Information Sheet". If you have not done so yet, they are available in the Narthex at church, and at the Church Office.

If you have not yet submitted a picture, there are several ways to do this:

1. Catch Bob Tindall before or after the **10:15 Service**, and he will take your picture.
2. Send Bob Tindall a photo via email or text: [walruselect@gmail.com](mailto:walruselect@gmail.com) (717) 575-3092
3. Respond to an email you will get from the Picture Directory company. This email will be personalized to have your name, and it will be signed by Bob Tindall.
4. Drop off a photo at the Church Office.



# MEN & BOY'S STEAK-OUT

**DATE:** Sunday, October 19th

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M. – 4:30PM

**COST:** \$25.00 and boys under 18 free.

**PLACE:** Leesburg Boat Club



Note: Reservations can also be made and checks taken in the Office. Please state your name and the names of any guests and/or boys attending. Ted Kermode

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## St. James ECW Thanksgiving Blessings and Pie Sale



The below pies are on sale and the order forms are in Jody's Gift shop and the church office.



**Apple Crumb \$10.00 each**

**Pumpkin Pies \$10.00 each**

**Pecan Pies \$11.00 each**

All orders must be submitted and paid by 11/16/25 cash or checks payable to St. James ECW with pies in memo line All orders can be picked up at church in the courtyard Saturday November 22nd, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Questions:

**Contact: Bernie Dodeci OR Rita Clements**

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## All Saints' Candlelight Service

On the evening of October 31st, we will hold an All Saints' candlelight service. All who wish to participate, we will gather in the Parish Hall at 11pm for a bit of fellowship, and to prepare for the service.

At 11:30 p.m., we will move up into the church, and we should finish up at midnight. This will be simple, but a beautiful time together. Please consider joining us as we remember and rejoice.

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## Ordination to the Diaconate

With joy and gratitude to Almighty God, the St. James community warmly invites you to celebrate the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of **Sebastiana G. Springmann** on

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**The Cathedral Church of St. Luke**

**130 N Magnolia Ave, Orlando, FL 32801**



# ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

## SHORT TERM

## 3 MONTHS

Patricia Bailey September 2nd  
Richard Herbert September 8th  
Doug Springmann September 10th  
Dot Hay September 23rd  
Earl Peck September 29th



Art Hollows August 3rd  
Amber Prescott August 12th  
Diana Reis August 14th  
Daniel Durst August 14th  
Fredrick Stevens August 14th  
Cynthia Kennedy August 26th  
Kurt Cessna August 26th  
Donna Shanosk September 2nd  
Kathy Shanosk September 2nd  
Nancy Ann Rishe September 2nd  
Dee Kermode September 3rd  
Luke Cain September 4th  
Isabel & Gabriella September 4th



### IN MEMORIAM:

**Dale Jandzinaski**



We offer our condolences for  
the family and loved ones  
who passed away.

## LONG TERM

Baby Autumn, Michael Baker, Patricia Bailey, Nathan Battle, Marion Belson, Peggy Berutich, Nina Bonney, Todd Boyd & Family, Joe Branham, Margaret Branham, Susan Burden, Mabel Burns Scott Butler, Judy Cable, Cregg Carreins Jr., Beverly Caswell, Leroy McClurg, Jim Christian, Jasmine Cleeton, Birdy Connelly, Kristin Conner, Corinne, Beth Crossley, Beverly Cox, Kurt Cessna, Paul Dallaire, Janet Davis, Randy Denk, Berni Dodeci, Jimmy Draime, David Dudley, Daniel Durst, Barbara & Don Fodor, Gaillardet, Art Hollows, Kami Hecker, Brook James, Ben Johnson, James Kevin, Kaley, Cynthia Kennedy, David Knowles, Sally Lawrence, Katie Leware, Elizabeth Linberger, Margaret Peggy Link, Linda Long, David Lossing, Bill Mann, Nadine Millett, Becky Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Brandon Morrison, Caroline Morrison, Belinda Morton-Rusk, Jared Mymudes, Curt Oestreich, Gail Ostrander,, Amber Prescott, Cindy Raczkowski, Diana Reis, Jack & Judy Rigby, Paul Rizzo, Bubba Robinson, Holly Rouse, Robert Sanchez, Steve Scharber, Donna Sharnosk, Jameson Small, Fredrick Stevens, Peggy Steeves, Ann Seagraves, Pat Thomas, Shelly Thomas, Danny Thompson, Dot Vedder, Julitta Velton, Kevin Watkins & Rob Yeager, Sue Roeglin, Jan West.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Babs Treiber  
Alexis Dunmire  
Collin York  
Wayne Griffin  
3rd David Knowles  
Kay Haddenham  
4th Charlotte Sanchez  
5th Paul Smigel  
Scott Dailey  
Nicole Rondello  
7th Ellen Christine Brooks  
8th Jorge Fernandez  
Jeff Brooke-Stewart  
Rev'd Thomas Trees  
9th Brynnan Curry  
Mike Cyrus  
Marie Gan  
Paula O'Connor  
12th Marvin Wilson  
13th Larry Block  
JoAnn Statts  
15th Judy Leavers  
Drew Logan



16th Ross Belson  
Bob Meade  
17th Sandy Bonofiglio  
Alexandra Graham  
Bella Meyer  
19th Jack Macintyre  
Caroline Oldham  
20th Stephanie Engel  
Angel Pearson  
21st Ken Herring  
23rd Cynthia Corley  
Katherine Geyer  
Chris Leware  
Herma Mowatt  
Ethan Williams  
Anika Trees  
25th John Hill  
26th Judy Baxter  
29th Nigel Bailey

# OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1st George & Margaret Bolton  
4th John & Becca Hill  
William & Carolyn Hoth  
5th David & Cheryl Dudley  
7th Bill & Katie Mann  
16th Charlie & Kathy Davidson



19th Russ & Gem Vance  
21st James & Angel Pearson  
23rd Marti Kay & Charles Doty  
24th Lyle & Kay Haddenham  
30th Jim & Dot Gustafson

# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. (Rite 1) & 10:15 a.m. (Rite II)

## Healing & Anointing Service:

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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Please visit our website at: [www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org)

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## CLERGY & STAFF

Rev'd Thomas Trees, Rector  
Cell & Email - (352)-643-118 / [frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org](mailto:frtrees@stjames-leesburg.org)

Rev'd Art Hollows,  
Sebastiana Springmann  
Victoria Mymudes  
John Wilson  
Elizabeth Williams  
Wylie Hill

Deacon  
Candidate  
Parish Secretary  
Parish Organist/Choir Director  
Youth Ministry & Choir Director  
Sexton

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## VESTRY

(Senior Warden) Terri Galyon, (Junior Warden) Bert Sofield,  
(Treasurer) Tom Grizzard

**Members:** Nigel Bailey, Bill Binneveld, Claire Meade, Rita Clements,  
Tony Cobb, Susan Cyrus, Linda Grizzard, Stuart Mowatt,  
Dan Robuck, Dick Singletary

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