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Dear Members and Friends,

This month, we continue our study through the Fruit of Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Fruit refers to the character, attitudes and actions that the Holy Spirit produces in the life of a believer. Consider PEACE, the third fruit of the Spirit. We all long for peace—whether personal peace or political peace.

Politically speaking, journalist Chris Hedges wrote, "War is defined as an active conflict that has claimed more than 1,000 lives. Has the world ever been at peace? Of the past 3,400 years, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them, or just 8 percent of recorded history." In the past 4,000 years there have been just over 1,000 recorded peace treaties. As one person said "Peace is the brief, glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading."

The Fruit of the Spirit "But the spiritual nature produces love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There are no laws against things like that."

Galatian 3:22-23 (GW)

Think of a peace sign. What words or images come to mind when you see a peace sign? Do you think most people ever find inner peace or peace in this world? Why do you think most people long for peace? We live in the most technologically advanced time in history. One would think that all this technology would help us have greater peace, but a USA Today article reported that high-tech gadgets boost not only productivity, but stress as well. Think about it; it is rare to see someone without a cell phone, laptop, iPod, hand-held video game, or some other gadget. Have you been to a movie, where you didn't hear a cell phone ring? As a society, we have become obsessed with speed and efficiency, and our schedules are almost impossible to follow.

Peace is an inward confidence that doesn't depend on the ever-changing circumstances of life. This confidence is rooted in the belief that God is in control of all circumstances.

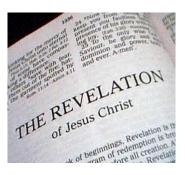
Peace is knowing that, though our circumstances constantly change, God doesn't. He is faithful and good all the time.

This is the peace that Jesus talked about saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" John 14:27, NIV. Note that Jesus is speaking in the present tense. He is fully aware of all the issues and troubles that try to creep in and dominate our hearts and minds, but He comes to us in the midst of the struggles of life with the gift of peace. The prophet Isaiah foresaw this struggle and encourages us by saying, "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! ⁴ Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock." Isaiah 26:3-4

This kind of peace is impossible without a relationship with Christ. The peace that Christ offers is peace with God. (*Continues on page 2*)

Tuesday Morning Bible Class resumes.

This class is open to all, and starts on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:30.



It meets in the conference room near the Wee Disciples entrance. Pastor Ehlers plans to respond to several requests to study the Book of Revelation. Classes will meet every Tuesday unless noted otherwise.



When we have peace with God, then it is possible to have peace with ourselves and peace with others. Let's think of peace as the tranquil state of being assured of your salvation through Christ. Fear nothing from God, for he is for you, not against you, in Christ. We have every reason to be content in all circumstances, whatever they may be. Though we daily

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Colossians 3:15-16 (NIV)

have to deal with stress, worry, discontent and dissatisfaction, we are called to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. How do we do this? Fill our minds with the good word of His promises that never fail, coupled with prayers of thanksgiving, and the expectation that God will prevail. The interesting paradox is that God's peace will prevail, and those who believe that in faith will live to see it.

Blessings in Jesus,

Pastor Shawn

Family Fun Night



September 11, 2016 at 4:00
PM
Old Orchard Links,
Route 45, Savoy
\$7.00 per person
No charge for Children
1-3 years of age

Share Christian fellowship and have a lot of fun! Pizza, pop and dessert at 4:00 P.M., followed by 18 holes of miniature golf. The cost is only \$7.00 per person and is payable that evening. If you have a Trinity Relay for Life shirt you are welcome to wear it to the party.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The deadline to sign-up is September 4th.

We hope you will join us, Board of Human Care



Women in Mission is continuing to collect school supplies for our meeting on September 13 when we will assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief missions.

We also thank the congregation for saving Box Tops for Education which supports St. John's school and Labels for Education which supports Bethesda Lutheran communities in Watertown, Wisconsin.



Our rummage sale will be held on:

September 29 and 30th from 8 AM to 4 PM. and on Saturday, October 1 from 8 AM until noon.

Set up for the rummage sale will be on:

September 25 following the worship service.

Donated items may be brought to the basement if the closet in the back of the fellow-ship hall is full. The support of the congregation is very much appreciated.



WEE DISCIPLES PRESCHOOL NEWS

The first weeks of the 2016-17 Wee Disciples Preschool year are progressing well. We begin the month of September learning all about balls, followed by a unit of study on healthy bodies. Our Bible Time focus for the beginning of the school year is the story of creation. The preschoolers will learn that God created everything and that God made each of us unique and special.

Wee Disciples observes Labor Day on September 5 with no school. Then on September 13, I will be attending the Trinity LWML meeting starting at 7:00 pm to talk about Wee Disciples Preschool and give a tour of the classroom. On Sunday, September 18, I would like to invite the entire Trinity family to a preschool Open House.



I will be in the Wee Disciples Preschool classroom from 9:35-10 am and again from 11:45 am until 12:30 pm. I hope that everyone will stop by to take a look at our preschool, and I will be available to answer any questions that you may have about our program.

I need to send a BIG THANK YOU to Dan Roney for helping me get the preschool ready for the start of school. Over the summer, Dan coordinated the installation of a new heating and cooling system, the cleaning of the preschool carpets, and the waxing of the tile floors. Dan also personally hung up two new preschool signs. Thank you to Shaun and Heather Noe for painting the preschool bathrooms and cleaning the classroom before school started. The bathrooms and classroom look great! Finally, I need to thank Sara Sullivan and the preschool board for the extra help moving furniture. What a blessing everyone is to our preschool program!

There are still openings in the preschool classes. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family about Trinity Lutheran's quality Christian-based preschool program. For more information do not hesitate to email me at <weedisciplespreschool@yahoo.com> or visit the church website at <www.trinity-urbana.org>

God's Blessings, Karen Rohrer, Director / Teacher



The Board of Human Care would like to thank everyone who participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life® on July 30 and for supporting Trinity's team, "*Praying For A Cure.*" Because of you we are creating more birthdays and the hope for a cancer-free future. We have received donations of \$3,683.38 as of today which included 69 Luminaria. Our goal this year was \$3000 and we are happy to say we exceed our goal!!

Thank you to everyone for coming out to support us. While we did not have as many walkers this year we had several of our member's participate in the Survivor/Caregiver walks. It turned out to be a beautiful evening and the new venue worked well. Our relay officially ended on August 31, 2016, but you can still make a donation. Make your check payable to the American Cancer Society and give to Ruth or make a donation online for our team at www.relayforlife.org/champaignil.

If you would like to volunteer for the American Cancer Society they have a number of opportunities. They are especially in need of drivers to take cancer patients to and from their doctor and/or treatment appointments. Please call the American Cancer Society at 217-356-9076 to volunteer.

Thanks again for your continued support over the last 17 years. Board of Human Care,

Mary Williams, Ruth Benton, Lavonne Schmidt, Audrey Bianco, Cheryl Nimz, Jean Sexton



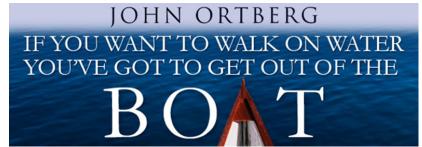
EVANGELIZE, SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS, SHARE THE GOSPEL. All terms we know and have heard many times. Though these expressions are commonly used among Christians, there are just a couple of little nagging questions attached to those terms. How do we do that? How should we do that? Will anyone listen or hear? Who should we tell? While that ever present little voice whispers in our ears, "I'm scared, I can't do that."

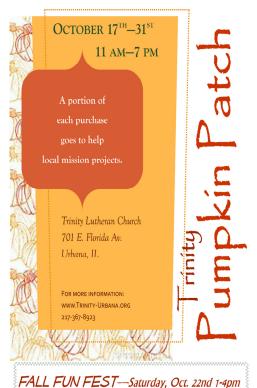
We know that as Christians, sharing our faith is not optional, it is commanded of us. Matthew 28 tells us "go therefore to all nations, telling the good news". Still this doesn't address the question of how do we personally do that? Being a part of a small group helped to solve many of those questions. We still have a long way to go, we always will, knowing Christ is a life-long journey, but the various small groups we have been in gave us the opportunity to learn from those who just seem to do this naturally, and it helped us to develop the confidence and boldness to share.

"If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat" is a book and small group program in six sessions. It highlights the passage from Matthew 14, where Peter walks on the water with Jesus. The author, John Ortberg, invites us to join in the adventure of a lifetime. This book/program is informative, challenging, encouraging and laughout-loud funny!

We plan to offer six sessions in book only groups and book/video groups. We encourage everyone to sign up for a group. We plan on starting the week of September 18th. More information will be coming make sure to watch for it, you don't want to miss this.

The couples small group leaders are, Langes', Neumans', Niemanns', Rouses', and Winkels'.





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Trinity Pumpkin Patch and Fall Fun Fest

Trinity is planning a community and neighborhood outreach October 17-31. We will have pumpkins for sale to benefit our youth, missions and local charities. Pumpkins with a purpose. There is no upfront charges or product to pay for. We are not responsible for any spoilage, breakage or theft. Trinity's delivery date is Sunday, October 16th at 4pm. We will need many hands to unload the pumpkins and for setup. Trinity's Pumpkin Patch will be open from 11am-7pm daily for sales for two weeks. We will be reporting sales daily and our profit will be a percentage of sales.

Saturday, October 22 from 1pm-4pm, we are planning a Fall Fun Fest. This is a family oriented activity featuring games, face painting, pumpkin decorating, story time and an inflatable. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event.

This is an exciting new adventure for Trinity. We need your help. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

If you have questions please contact Ruth Benton, Chair rabenton1@comcast.net or Shiloh Nelson, Co-chair shiloh.linsmeier@gmail.com





Operation Christmas Child at Trinity!

Each year, Operation Christmas Child coordinates the shipping of Christmas gift boxes to needy children around the

world. Many of these children have never received a gift before. Many of them have never heard about Jesus. Along with the gift box, the children also receive a Bible story book which shares the gospel message in their own language. They also receive the opportunity to attend a 12-lesson discipleship course for children at a local Christian church. Many children and their families become Christians through this outreach.

This year at Vacation Bible School, the children brought offerings to support Operation Christmas Child. They gave enough to ship seven boxes. Now we at Trinity have the opportunity and privilege of filling those seven boxes and more as well! We have set a goal of 40 boxes.

Here's the plan:

- Check-out the suggested gift items below
- Begin collecting gift items for the boxes. When you go shopping, look for items that are inexpensive, on sale, or cheaper in quantity (Remember we are planning to send 40 boxes). Right now the "Back-to-School" sales are beginning at the office supply stores and the big box stores.
- Bring your items to church and check them off on the master list, so that others will be able to see what we already have and what is still needed.
- In the first part of November, we will have a "packing party" to pack our gift boxes.
- Then we will deliver them to Meadowbrook Community
 Church where they are organizing the shipment of boxes
 from our area to the nearest processing site. From there,
 they will be shipped to many different countries. We will
 be able to track where our boxes are going, and of course,
 to pray for the children and their families.

Questions? See the information table in the Narthex, or talk to Jill Boylan.

Suggested Gift Items

School Supplies: crayons, pencils, small writing pads (to fit in a shoebox), glue sticks, tape, stickers, markers, child scissors, simple coloring and picture books, small chalk board and chalk, colored pencils, markers.

Toys: small cars and trucks, balls, stuffed animals, teddy bear, baby doll (best if light-brown skin and dark hair), yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, jigsaw puzzles, mini-games like travel-size checkers, toy animal figures, paddleball, kazoos, tambourine, harmonica, ball and jacks, inflatable balls, tennis balls, marbles, small Lego sets, kaleidoscope, small crafting kits for girls and boys, barrel of monkeys, slinky, lacing cards, mini Frisbee, spinning tops.

Grooming & Hygiene: toothbrush, mild bar soap (individually wrapped), comb, brush, dental floss, washcloth, band aids, tissues, nail clippers, solid lip balm, eating utensils, sippy cup/cup with a lid.

Other: T-shirts, socks, flip flops, ball caps, hat, bandanas, sunglasses, cloth drawstring bags, inexpensive jewelry items for children, hair ribbons, barrettes, small sewing or fishing or woodworking kits.

See the display table in the narthex for more ideas. Remember, the items have to be small so they can fit together in a shoebox. If you sew, or are crafty, home-made items are good for gifts also. Pinterest has ideas and patterns, and maybe you will have some other ideas of your own. We do not have to have all of these suggested items in each shoebox, but we will want to have a good collection so that each box will be full of fun gifts. **Do not include:** Used or damaged items, chocolate or food, candy, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.



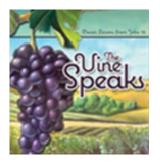












WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Vine Speaks
(sponsored by LWML CID)
Friday-Saturday, October 7-8
Camp CILCA Christian Growth
Center, **4124 Camp CILCA Road**,
Cantrall, IL **62625**

The retreat begins at 5:30 p.m. with registration followed by wiener roast and the programs at 7:00 p.m. Then on Saturday October 8 at 8:00 a.m., the retreat continues with registration and breakfast. Guest speaker, Cindy Steinbeck, is author of *The Vine Speaks, Grapes of Grace*, and *The Rock Speaks*. Cindy will lead studies on the Bible's vine and branches imagery as seen by a vineyard owner. Cindy is also the owner-president of Steinbeck Vineyards and Winery in Paso Robles, California, and served as a director of Christian Education for 13 years. For more information and to get registration forms go to www.lwmlcid.org

Benevolence is the thoughtful planning and implementation of charitable activities that result in both material and, more importantly, spiritual benefits to the recipients.



We are a loving and giving congregation; the Lord has

shaped us to be a blessing in benevolence ministry, so we should invest in learning to be even more effective at it.

This is an important new undertaking, so we are soliciting like-minded individuals to come together and study documents from Crown Financial and other sources that will help us design an effective and God-pleasing benevolence ministry for Trinity.

If you are interested in being part of this group please contact Pete Sauer (<u>psauer@illinois.edu</u>) or Pastor Shawn.



Youth News:

The September dates for youth group meetings are Sept.11th and Sept. 25th. Come with FUN in mind! Highlights for these meetings are Hashtag

Challenge #getyourhashtagready.

We are also planning to take a trip to the CORN Maze in Rantoul October 9, and paintball on November 6! Get your friends together and come on out for all this and more including great eats, fun games, and fellowship! Make sure to check Facebook for Jennifer's Posts!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On September 11th, Sunday School will be starting again for the new school year!

Join us each Sunday at 9:45am for a fun, musical, interesting, challenging, exciting exploration of Bible lessons and how they apply to today. Bring a friend if you really want to impress your teacher!

New Baby Bible Class is HERE!

Infant– 3 yrs. with Jill Boylan in the Nursery. 4 yrs -Grade 2 with Carol Niemann. Grade 3– Grade 6 with Allison Allender Confirmation Class with Nick Tsiakals

We could use substitute teacher for all the grades. If you are willing to substitute or aid in any class, let Jill Boylan or Sandy Burt know. Thanks, we'd really appreciate some help in this important 'very local' church mission!



Mark your calendars! Trinity on Saturday, September 10, 2016.



Dear Friends and Members of Trinity!

I am very excited about the upcoming LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) training that will be happening at Trinity this September 10th. I think it will be a great way to show the love and compassion of Christ by helping people in need. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to be a part of it. If you haven't had a chance to yet, it's not too late to sign up! The Synod Representatives have ordered some extra manuals, but we'd ask that you'd kindly contact that church office ASAP and we can email you a preregistration form.

The \$35 cost includes lunch, LERT vest, photo ID badge and manual. Some of you have paid ahead of time—that's great. You can also pay the day of the event.

For your planning, here's how the big day will play out:

Please plan to arrive by 8am, Registration and photos for badges begin in the Narthex.

The Synod/District leaders will start the training right after everyone gets registered and has their picture taken for their LERT badge.

During the registration time, we will have light refreshments available in the fellowship hall and encourage people to visit with each other.

At lunchtime, we will have a break and lunch is provided for all participants. (No additional cost)

Our LERT trainers expect to finish up between 3-4pm, depending on the questions.

We will have our normal 5:30 service that evening but people are welcome to visit in the fellowship hall as things wrap up. You could also attend service if you like!

We "remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (NLT)

Blessings in Jesus! Pastor Shawn

SHARING HEARTS MISSION CORNER



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center of Champaign Urbana UPDATE:

Thanks to Jim Rossow and his team at the News Gazette, the Blood Center will no longer need to collect newspapers. Jim and his team are donating their recycled papers to the blood center every week so the units of blood can be securely packed!

Thanks so much to Jim and The News Gazette and to our congregation for donating your newspapers!

JOY GROUP: The Joy Group (Just **O**lder Youth) will be meeting again on Wednesday, September 21st for fun and fellowship. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M for a nice lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Please join us for a great time!



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USHERS Fred Holhubner, John Steer

ELDERS Saturday: Larry Seggeburch

> Rick Winkel, 8:30 Sunday:

> > Dan Sauer, 10:45

Pastoral Care

Pastor Shawn Boylan cell: 217.379.7443

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Pastor Donald Ehlers cell: 703.472.3624 ddehlers@comcast.net

Ministry Team

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Patrick Murray, Choir Director

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

09/04	Sandy Burt	Bridget Kao, Secretary
,	Salidy Built	Office Hours: M-W, F: 9am-3:30pm
09/11	Rise Lange	Th: 11:30am-4:30pm
09/18	Dee Dee Williams	bridget@trinity-urbana.org
09/25	Jill Boylan, 8:30 & Carol Niemann ,10:45	Brenda Donoho, Organist

ALTAR GUILD Ken and Mary Jo Rott

CANTORS/READERS		Cell: 203.668.0294 pmurray3@illinois.edu
09/03	Steve Calhoun	1 / 2
09/04	Carl Wienke	Ruth Benton, Parish Nurse rabenton1@comcast.net
09/10	Kathy Mueller	Ç
09/11	Vernon Meier, 8:30 & Robert Radtke, 10:45	Sunday School Jill Boylan Carol Niemann
09/17	Steve Calhoun	Allison Allender Nick Tsiakals
09/18	Chuck Reifsteck ,8:30 & Randy Niemann ,10:45	
09/24	Kathy Mueller	Wee Disciples Preschool weedisciplespreschool@yahoo.com
09/25	Jhane Reifsteck, 8:30 & Chris Roegge ,10:45	Karen Rohrer, Director/Teacher office: 217.607.2096

cell: 217.778.5206 Sara Sullivan, Board Chairman

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August Attendance Report

Date	Weekly Totals	Date	Attendees	Communion
07/31/16	\$4,928	07/31/16	168	135
08/07/16	\$6,665	08/07/16	147	135
08/14/16	\$6,278	08/14/16	167	136
08/21/16	\$4,511	08/21/16	167	158
08/28/16	\$5,051	08/28/16	170	158
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$7,430			
YTD Budget Amount	\$260,058			
YTD Receipts	\$205,792			



Septem	ber Birthdays	9/23	Dana Earley
(T) T 1		0/07	Kylee Witte
	now the plans I have for you," declares the	9/25	Trent Nelson
	'plans to prosper you and not to harm you,	0.40.6	Sandy Strom
-	give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11,	9/26	Steven Kane
NIV		9/28	Lois Roney
9/01	Katherine Messmann	9/29	Karl Noe
	Les Reinert		Harry Rouse Jr.,
	Sara Sullivan		Philip Phelps
9/02	Jennifer Brooks		
	Betty Mathews		
	Margaret Seggebruch		
9/03	Donna Huxtable		
9/04	Richard Bianco	Septem	<u>ber Anniversaries</u>
	Carrie Kubetz		
9/05	Debesai Stifanos		patient and kind. Love is not jealous or
	Dee Dee Williams		or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its
9/06	Bridget Kao	,	v. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of
9/07	Misty Cook	_	onged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but
	Leonard Hester	,	whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never
9/08	Sam Sullivan	gives up,	never loses faith, is always hopeful, and en-
9/09	Robert Furtney		rough every circumstance." 1 Corinthians
	David Messman	13:4-7,	NLT
	Lyla Nofftz		
9/10	Jean Andersen	9/01	Robert and Cindy Furtney (31)
	Shaun Noe, Jr.		Dennis and Janet Kane (36)
9/11	Alison Allender		Keith and Esther Peregrine (30)
9/14	Jean Baker	9/03	Brent and Dawn Burr (21)
	Amber Cook	9/10	Jim and Wendy Doebel (27)
	Lori Leger	9/12	Dale & Heather Donoho (1)
9/15	Dominique Peratt	9/13	William and Mabel Clemens (68)
	Stephen Summers	9/20	Robert and Maribeth Floyd (1)
	Keith Wienke		Dennis and Mary Stremming (19)
9/16	Bill Waters	9/23	Bryan and Gayle Holderfield (26)
	Cody Wienke		Daryl and Barbara Witte (12)
9/17	Mike Strom	9/29	David and Marcia Messmann (31)
	Brittany Weeks		
9/18	Debra Jedele		
9/20	Richard Fitzgerald		birthday or anniversary has been omitted,
	Peter Sauer	_	accept our apologies, and call the church
	Ashlei Williams	office—	-217.367.8923—and we'll get it updated.
9/21	Cheryl Nimz		
9/22	Emily Willard		
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Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

		Sept	September 2016	16		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:30a Traditional Service	Church Offi	6 8a Circuit Meeting	,	8 6:30p Girl Scouts	n.	10 5:30p Traditional Service
9:45a Bible Class 9:45a Blood Pressure Screening 10:00a Trinity on WDWS 10:45a Contemporary Service 6:00p Venture Crew		9:30 Morning Bible Class 7:00p Women in Mission	6 p Choir Practice 7:30p Praise Practice			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30a Traditional Service 9:45a Bible Class/Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Service 12p Youth Group		9:30 Morning Bible Class 6:00p Church Council LWML Fall Rally (Immanuel, Charleston)	6 p Pieces of Love 6 p Choir Practice 7:30p Praise Practice	6:30a Breakfast Prayer Group 3:00p Human Care 6:30p Girl Scouts		5:30p Traditional Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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