

Welcome to Shepherd of Life www.bluelamb.org - 817-460-0631

We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who are sensitive to gluten.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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– GATHERING —

[The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God]

Call to Worship

Welcome

Invocation

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and

our joy.

People: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Congregation stands)

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

People: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given

ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us

by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made

us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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(Congregation may be seated)

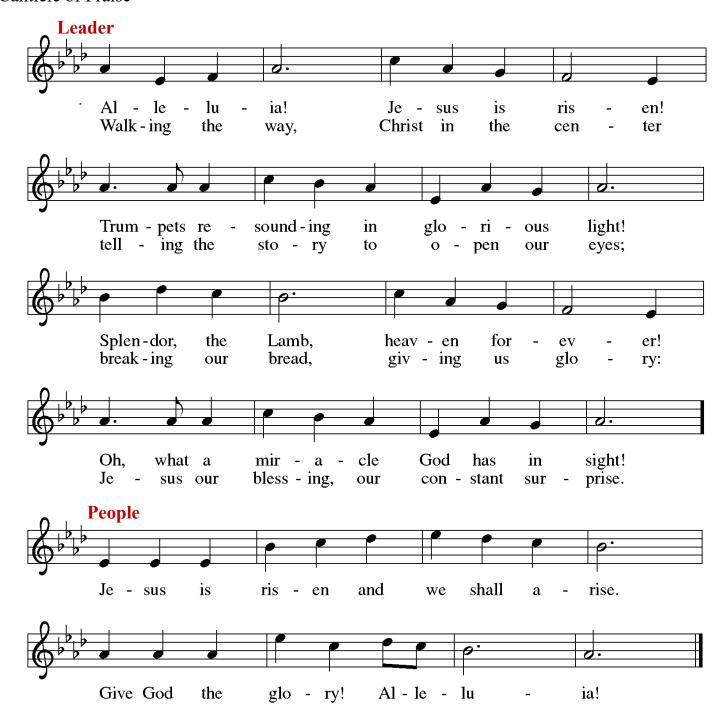
Apostolic Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of

the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

- MINISTRY OF THE WORD -

[God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song.]

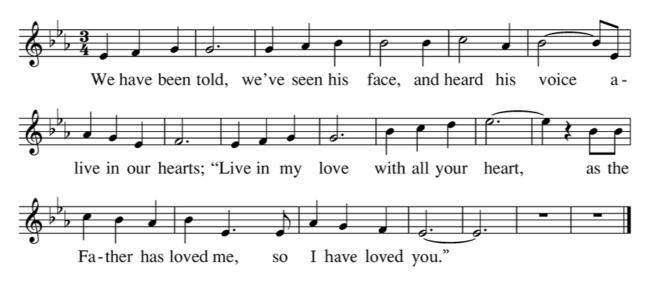
First Reading: Psalm 15

[The psalmist questions, and then answers, who is worthy of coming before God in God's holy places.]

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God!

Psalm of Praise



Second Reading: 1 John 4:13-21

[We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.]

By this we know that we abide in him [God] and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God!

Special Music

(Congregation stands and sings)



Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth chapter



Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

[On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.]

[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord



(Congregation may be seated)

Message THE DUDE ABIDES

Pastor Mark Hadley

Hymn of the Day

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

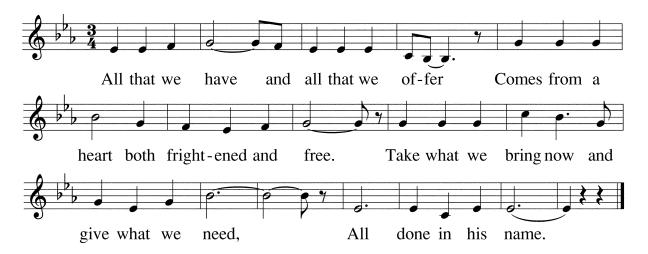
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Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

(Sung before and after the prayers)



Apostle's Creed (Congregation stands)

People:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

- MEAL -

[God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.]

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

[Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

*the true Christian Church at all times

Presider: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer

here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

People: Amen.

Pre-Communion Canticle



Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Consecration of the Elements

(Congregation stands)

The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom

come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

(Congregation may be seated)

Holy Communion

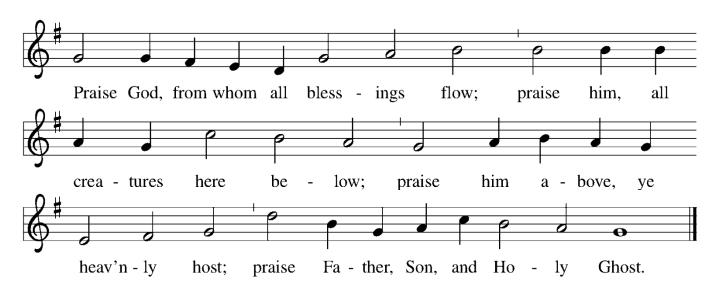
[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer gluten-free wafers mention that to the pastor or to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Communion Hymns

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(Congregation stands)

Doxology



- SENDING —

[God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.]

(Congregation stands)

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

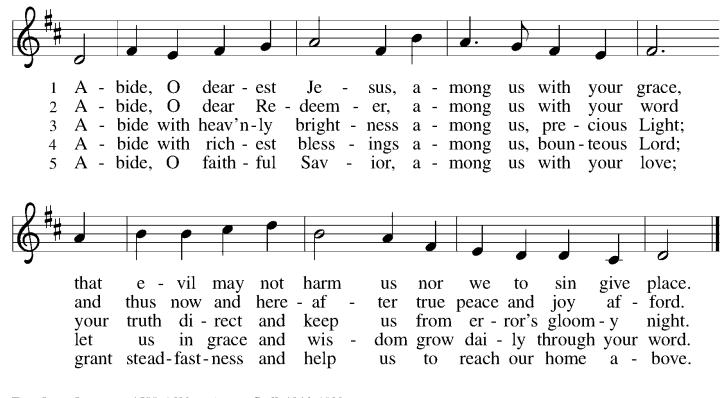
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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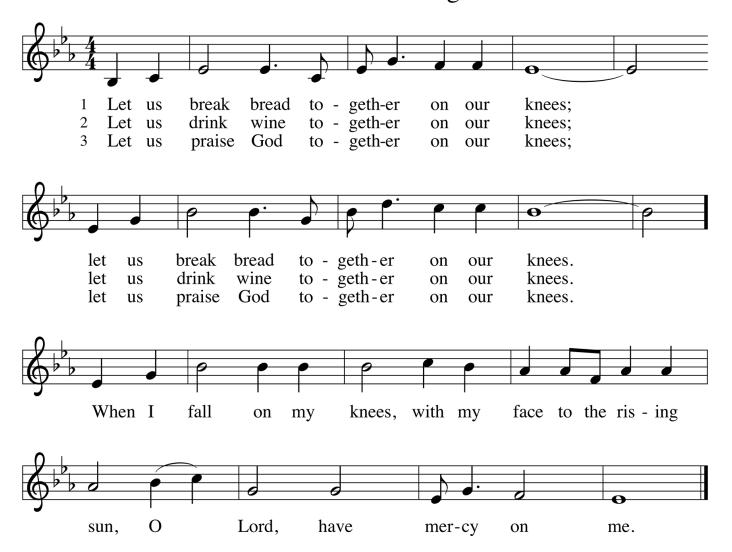
Abide, O Dearest Jesus



Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923

Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEIBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual

Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day!"
- 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
- 4 Lives a gain our glo rious king!

All on earth with an - gels say; fought the fight, the bat - tle won.

Christ has burst the gates of hell. Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply. Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more. Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Orientis partibus, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



- 1 Soul, a dorn your self with glad ness, leave the gloom y
- 2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea ger ly and
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon-der o ver this sur-
- 4 Je sus, source of last ing plea sure, tru est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in to the day - light's splen - dor, glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - v knock - ing; bread of life bound - less pass - ing won - der that the is dear - est be - yond all un - der stand - ing, trea - sure, peace



Bless there with joy your prais - es ren - der. the one whose grace un fast-closed quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing, 0 pen wide the the choic - est though the souls it feeds are count - less; with wine of in - to all life ex-pand - ing: hum - bly now, bow be -



bound-ed a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n-ly, this say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your por - tal, heav - en Christ's own blood to us giv - en. Oh, is most fore you, love a - dore you; in - car - nate, I wor - thi -



high, and ho deigns to dwell with ly, you most low - ly. heart for - ev loved one nev er; dwell with - in my pledge and con - so - la of tion, seal my sal - va - tion. fa - vored, nev - er re - ceive you, and, SO leave

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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4/28 - Jeff Nelson

4/30- Cheri Johnson Stephen Brooks Sherri Wade

5/2 - Jeanie Patty Kaden Hadawi

5/3 - John Gnann Kay Graham Jean Trimble

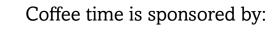
5/4 - Janet Neuman



5/1 - John and Andrea Wolz

5/4 - Roger and Sharon Johnson

COFFEE TIME



Chris Wade in celebration of Sherri's birthday

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

Minister Assistant

Altar Guild Bonnie & Joe

Greeter
Prayer of the Day
Reader
Ushers

Coffee Clean-up

Corey Rosenbaum
Bonnie & Joe Johnson

Laura Higginbotham

Jeff Hecht

Chuck Chambers

Derek Kretschmer &

Diana Osborn

10:00 AM

The Jorgensen family

Val Hicks & Queen Esther

Garlick

Scott & Lisa Mohon

Eric Moore

Susan Raven

Dennis Bashore & Carmen Puente

Maggie Lira

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

Upcoming ELCA Pre-Gathering Events



Sunday, May 12- Getting Ready, "DISRUPTIVE"

SUPER SUNDAY

Jr and Sr High Super Sunday has been moved to May 19th so you can spend time with your mothers on Mother's Day



Children

9:30 a.m. - Family Chime Choir rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

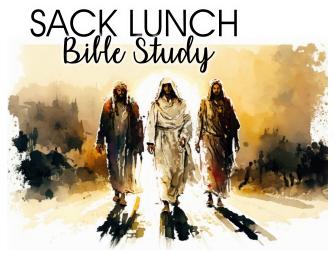
10:00 a.m. - "Choosing the Seven" with Mrs. Carol in the Orange Room

Confirmation

10:00 am - 8th grade Confirmands meet with Tina to discuss faith statements.

Jr & Sr. High School

Service learning Sunday— Food Pantry and diapers



THIS WEDNESDAY at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Mark for a discussion of the intriguing resurrection story in Luke 24 known as the Walk to Emmaus.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Today at 10:00 AM in the Admin Building

John 10— Jesus: The Good Shepherd



May 6 - May 10 at Little Shepherd Children's Center

If you would like to help by donating, please check out the list of refreshments that we would like to have available. Contact Rachel Adams at rna1976@yahoo.com.

Cases of Water
Cases of Dr. Pepper
Boxes of Variety Chips

Popcorn
Chocolate Bars- individually wrapped
Sour Candy - individually wrapped
Skittles- individually wrapped
Blow pops



Interfaith Opportunity May 11 at 10:00 am Beth Shalom - 1212 Thannisch Dr Arlington, Texas 76011

Pastor Mark has been meeting with the new Cantor at Congregation Beth Shalom, the Jewish temple just a mile from here. We have done interfaith events with them in the past, and Pastor Mark and Cantor Elisa have been exploring ways to restart these. In that spirit, our friends at Beth Shalom have invited us to attend a traditional Jewish sabbath service followed by a vegetarian potluck and fellowship. It will be Saturday, May 11th at 10am. Their address 1212 Thannisch Drive, Arlington, 76011. If you are interested in attending and experiencing worship in the Jewish tradition, please sign up in the Narthex.







Game Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY following the 10:00 AM service

Games for <u>all ages!</u> Pizza for lunch! Bring a game you enjoy or come learn a new one!



Mike Butler's ashes will be placed in the DFW National Cemetery tomorrow at 11:00 am

YOUTH & FAMILY THANKS YOU!!!

Thank you so much to all of those who braved the weather and attended the Jazz dinner fundraiser. The friends, families and congregation of Shepherd of Life are the best! Your generosity made this event so successful and the support for our youth means more than words can express. A huge shout out to the Becker, Boyse, Jorgensen, Marrs, Mishoe, Moore, Peruchi/Osborn, and Rosenbaum families for cooking, decorating, entertainment, serving and keeping a positive attitude during stressful times. Your hard work made this event happen!







College boxes were filled, sealed and sent off with our love, prayers and well wishes!

Thank you for supporting our young, college adults!



Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving...

For our dedicated volunteers who selflessly lead our ministries helping us all to grow

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- For Ruth Foster's sister, Doris who was diagnosed with tongue cancer
- For Katie Jorgensen who is recovering from a fractured vertebrae and pelvis
- For Katie Jorgensen's boyfriend, Drew who is recovering from a fractured wrist and surgery to repair compound fracture to his arm
- For Judi Christensen who is seeking answers for breathing issues
- For Theresa Jorgensen's friend Ted who is hospitalized with pneumonia and staph
- For Christen Ruemke's father, Tim Givens who is recovering from surgery for a broken leg
- For Grace Jorgensen who is recovering from a broken toe that resulted from being hit by a truck
- For John and Andrea Wolz' family friend, April who has ALS and has made the decision to receive no further interventions to extend her life
- For Sean Letts who will be having knee surgery
- For Jim Rogerson who is starting chemo
- For Delores Young who is hospitalized with pneumonia
- For Linda Martzall's sister, Myrna who begins treatment for a brain tumor far from home

The Lord has compassion for...

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

Claude Leis; Rollie Voise; Judy Bracho

- If you have a prayer request please contact Theresa Jorgensen at theresaajorgensen@gmail.com.
- There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.
- Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.



Sure, I gotcha.

DUDE

Yeah. Thanks, Gary...Well take care, man, gotta get back.

THE STRANGER Sure. Take it easy, Dude --

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DUDE

Oh yeah.

THE STRANGER

I know that you will.

THE DUDE, LEAVING, HOLDS UP HIS ARMS AND NODS:

DUDE

Yeah. Well, the Dude abides.

THE STRANGER

Heh heh.

The Dude leaves and walks back to the lanes and holds up the beers.

DUDE

Walter.

Gazing after him, The Stranger drawls, savoring the words:

THE STRANGER

The Dude abides...

He gives his head a shake of appreciation, then looks into the camera.

THE STRANGER (CONT'D)

I don't know about you, but I take comfort in that. It's good knowin' he's out there, the Dude, takin' her easy for all us sinners. Shoosh. I sure hope he makes The

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THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB



We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Here at Shepherd of Life we focus our attention on three important concepts found in the Bible: a calling given to us by Jesus, a recognition of the importance of community in our walk of faith, and an acknowledgement that we are a group of imperfect human beings who get it wrong sometimes. So, what are we about here at Shepherd of Life? Very simply this...



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GIVE ONE FOR MISSION

All one dollar bills put in the offering plate are going to Open Arm's Health Clinic this Quarter