

A photograph of a person lying on their back in a grassy field. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket and a patterned shirt. Their arms are outstretched to the sides, and their legs are also outstretched. The background shows a large tree with a thick trunk and some foliage. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The word "Contentment" is written in a green, cursive font over the image.

Contentment

Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

**715 E. Lamar Blvd.
Arlington, TX 76011**

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.

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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*"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."
Romans 12:11*

September 25, 2022

Prelude

Children's Greeting and Prayer (10:00 am)

Welcome

Leader: "Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6) On this sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, may the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (*Congregation stands*)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

"All Are Welcome"

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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

Leader

People



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the

Leader



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and

People



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!

People



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Prayer of the Day

(Congregation may be seated)

Special Music

“Jubilate!”

Bell Choir

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[The Lutheran Church believes that the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written inspired Word of God. Shepherd of Life follows the lectionary, and the lessons may be found on the back of this worship bulletin.]

First Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Back Cover

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Praise

**"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you."**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Back Cover

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(Congregation stands)

**"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia."**

Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31 Back Cover

Before Reading: **"Glory to you, O Lord."**

After Reading: **"Praise to you, O Christ."**

(Congregation may be seated)

Message YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU *Intern Pastor Jonathan Lys*

Hymn of the Day **"Will You Come and Follow Me"** 798

Opportunities for Growth and Service

Joys and Concerns

(If you have a prayer concern or prayer of thanksgiving you would like included in the bulletin, please call the church office.)

Prayers of the Church

**“In you O Lord, I have found my peace.
I have found my peace.”**

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.)

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[By our tithes and offerings we say “Thank You” to God for all of our blessings. 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.]

Offering Prayer

Presider: Merciful Father

People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

[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 to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Pre-Communion Canticle

People



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Leader



As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

People



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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(Congregation may be seated after prayer)

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Doxology

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

Benediction

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Last Sunday's coffee time was brought to you by the Bernhart's in celebration of their anniversary!

Today's coffee time is brought to you by Linda Martzall in memory of Don and in celebration of her birthday



- 9/25 Kimberley Pustejovsky
9/27 Josh Jackson
Barrett Cobler
9/28 Roger Johnson
Henry Chipman
9/30 Koehler Dedmon
Lois Bashore
10/1 John Wolz



9/30
Don & Dana
Blevins
Happy 50th!!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Minister Assistant	Corey Rosenbaum	Candy Collins, Val Hicks, Lynn Evenson
Altar Guild	Meg & Derek Kretschmer	Maggie Lira, Dottie Johnson
Greeter	Scott Fields	Scott & Lisa Mohon
Prayer of the Day	Kim Doege	Susan Raven
Reader	Jim Rogerson	Jeff Nelson
Ushers	Jeff & Beth Clark	Joe & Midge Norris
Coffee Clean-up		Kay Glenn

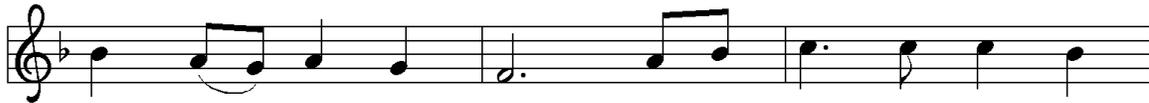
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

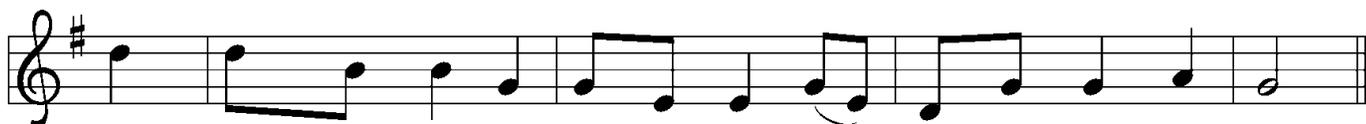
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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

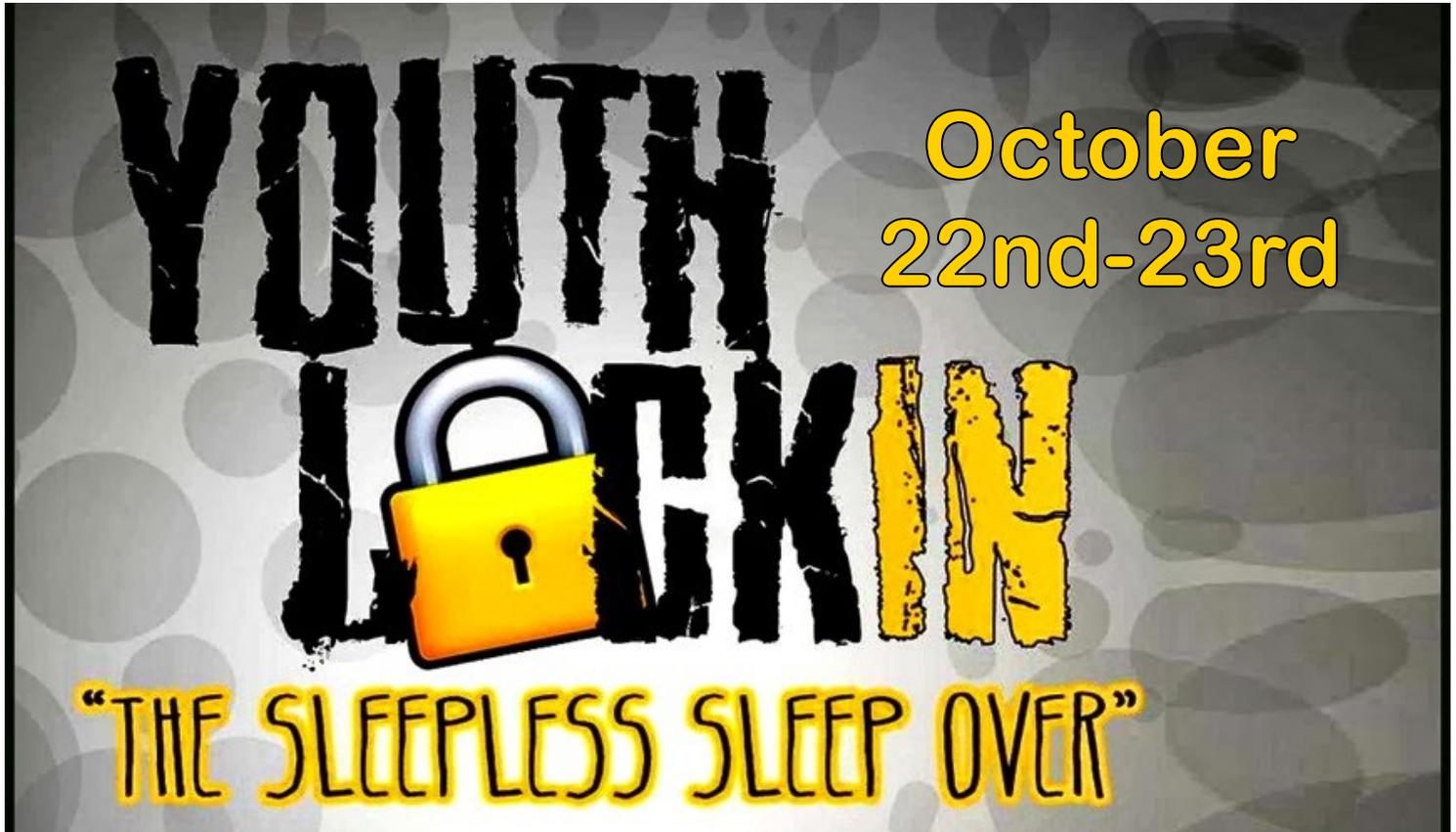
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

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Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page



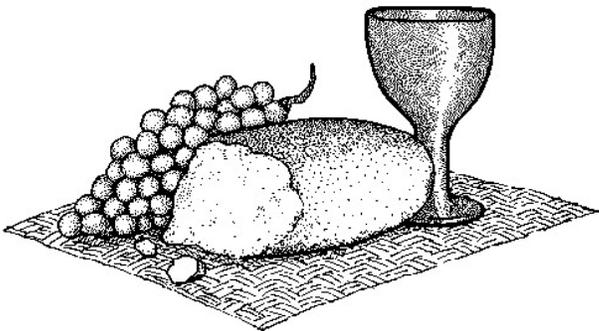
**YOUTH
LOCKDOWN**

**October
22nd-23rd**

"THE SLEEPLESS SLEEP OVER"

First Communion

Our first session will be
Sunday, October 2nd
at 11:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall



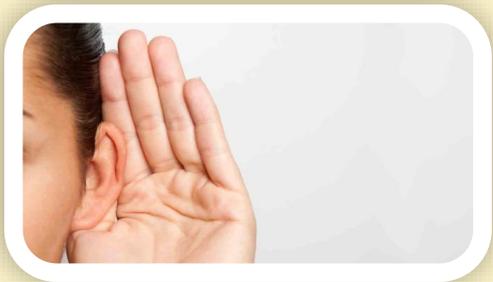
*It's
Fall
& Y'all*

*... And it's time to
begin planning our
Fall Family Event!*

Are you interested in helping with
the annual Fall Family Event?
Contact Jonathan! He is looking for
folks to help plan and implement.

Fall Bible Study Schedule~ October 2022

TODAY	<i>How the Bible Came to Be</i>	Pastor Mark Hadley
October 2	<i>Beyond the King of the Jews The Many Titles of Jesus Christ</i>	Kelly Campbell
October 9	<i>The Hebrew Names for God</i>	Dana Blevins
October 16	<i>The Baskin-Robbins Bible Study 31 Years. 31 Bible Passages. 31 SOL stories. 31 Flavors.</i>	Ruth Foster, Cathy Racette, Pastor John
October 23	<i>The Baskin-Robbins Bible Study (Part II)</i>	
October 30	<i>Luther's Legacy: Scripture to Song</i>	Jeff Mishoe



FINAL STEP!!

Listening Sessions: October 22 – October 23

**Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex on
Sunday, October 2nd**

We have asked God for guidance through our 40 days of devotion and prayers. We have provided our opinions in the HolyCow! Consulting survey over the last few weeks. **Now we need your final input through Listening Sessions planned for the weekend of October 22-23.** The Listening sessions will be with groups of 4, led by Dan Holloway, our consultant from Pinnacle Leadership Associates, accompanied by a member of the Future Directions team. They will all be held at the church and you can expect them to last about 45 minutes. Combined with the survey results, these listening sessions clarify visions/dreams from our congregants not possible on a written survey. Once this final effort is complete, the focus of our congregation's passion and energy for the future should be more clear. Beginning on Sunday, October 2, signup sheets on a table dedicated to that purpose will be available. Pick your time on Saturday, October 22 or Sunday after worship, October 23.

Hang in there with us! We are almost HOME!

Future Directions Team

Foster's Farewell Latest News...

Congregational Gift

As the date of Pastor John's retirement comes closer, we have begun to receive more requests from people wanting to contribute to a farewell gift for Pastor John and Ruth. If you would like to contribute to a gift from the congregation please mail or place in the offering basket your checks made payable to Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church. Mark the memo section of the check with the words "farewell gift". We will need these contributions no later than Sunday, October 30, 2022. The gift will be given at the Final Stop on the Foster Farewell Tour party in November.

If you have any questions or gift ideas, please contact Peggy Davidson at 817-313-4334 or p.davidson@att.net.

Memorial Booklet

Cathy Racette is creating a booklet filled with memories, stories, thank you notes and goodbye messages for Pastor John and Ruth and we need your help. If you have a treasured memory or story please send it to Cathy in whatever format works for you. Cathy's info is below.

Phone - 817-937-3502

Email - grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net

Address - 509 Pecan Acres Court, Arlington 76013

SAVE THE DATE! - FINAL STOP ON THE FOSTER FAREWELL TOUR

A casual evening of Fun and Reminiscing (and maybe some karaoke, too!)
November 12th - 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Bring your own Beverage and a snack to share!





Caring Ministries

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving...

For fall and the hope of cooler weather and time for family

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Christy Moore's sister who has been diagnosed with breast cancer*
- *For Susan Raven's mother who is on hospice*
- *For Judi Christensen's great-niece, Sydney who is recovering from multiple surgeries and the loss of a kidney*
- *For Tina Rosenbaum's friend, Ashley who has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is awaiting treatment options*
- *For Loretta Umbaugh who is recovering from a heart attack*
- *For Diana Osborn's sister-in-law, Teri who is awaiting PET scan results following a kidney cancer diagnosis*
- *For Mitzi Cimino, our financial director, who has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and is exploring treatment options*
- *For David Umbaugh who is hospitalized in hopes of discovering the cause of his sudden fluid retention*
- *For Bob Silver, friend of the Voise family, who is hospitalized with a low red blood cell count in addition to many health challenges*

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

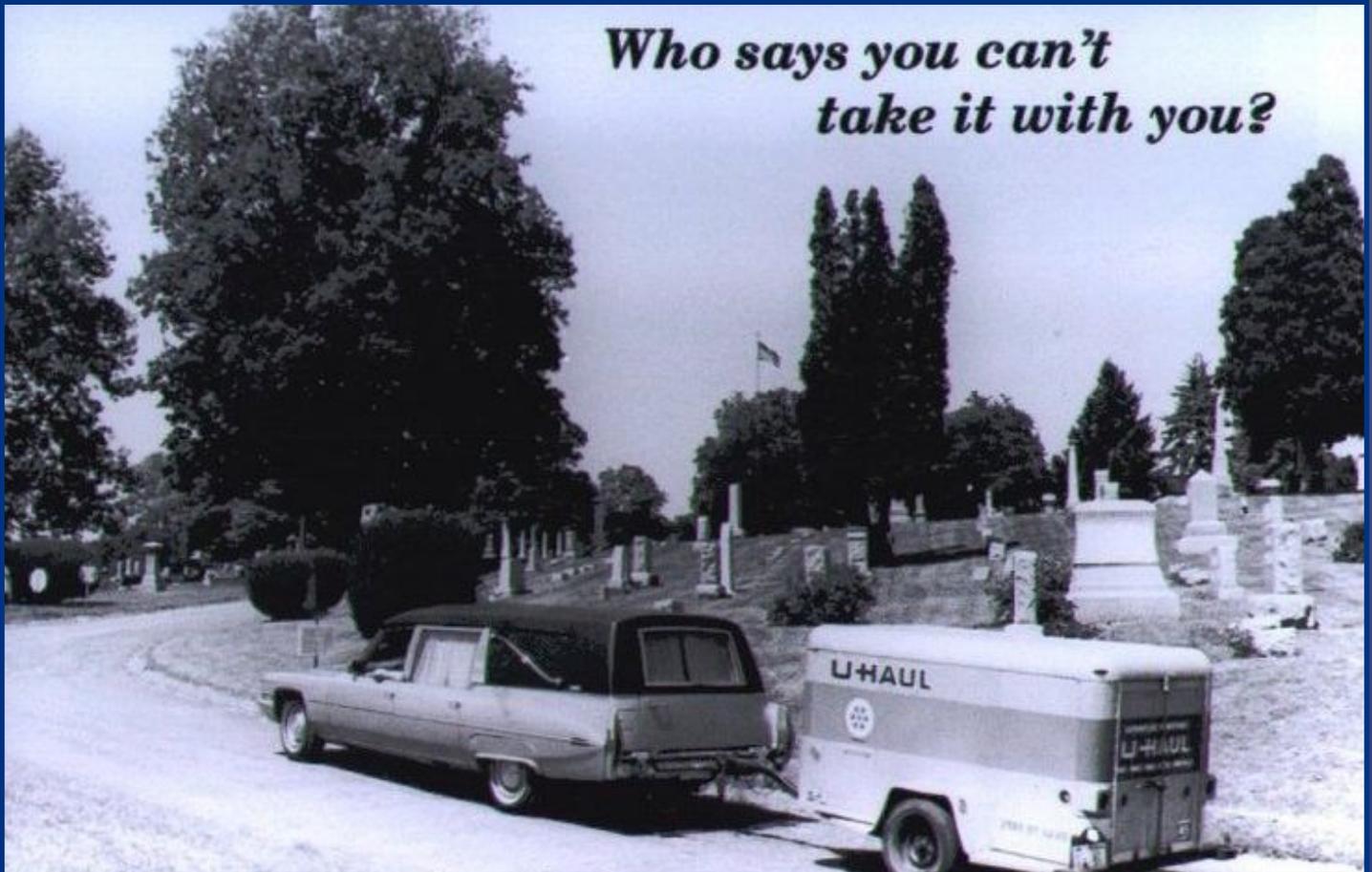
Val Hicks friend, Cheri; Kay Fox's brother, Travis; Norm Roberts; Carol Bernhart; Nancy Ruemke's friend, Julie; Michelle Blake; Val Hick's friend, Rob

The Lord is filled with compassion for...

The family of Pastor Mark Hadley following the passing of his mother, Norma.

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Judy Pfretzschner at judyp16@yahoo.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.*

*Who says you can't
take it with you?*



"Well, you don't bring nothing with you here and you can't
take nothing back
I ain't never seen a hearse with a luggage rack"

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.

Walking in paths of righteousness for His name's sake is a calling worthy of our best. As we seek to live out and share our Lord's joyful, life changing love through: *Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Spiritual Growth, Risk-Taking Service and Extravagant Generosity*, we invite you to join us and pray that you, too, will feel the comfort and peace of his loving arms upholding you.

Our Mission

To live out and share the joyful, life changing love of our Lord, Jesus Christ through....

Radical Hospitality ✝ Passionate Worship ✝ Spiritual Growth
Risk-Taking Service ✝ Extravagant Generosity

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First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”