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## From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Our sermon series and Bible study on Psalm 23 concludes this month, so I thought it might be helpful and interesting to share some random facts about this most famous Psalm with you.

- “The Lord is my shepherd” means that the Lord is my one, only, and ultimate protection. There’s nowhere else I turn to for help.
- There is a difference between the shepherd leading me versus driving me.
- Sheep will only drink from still water and avoid rushing water at all costs. The role of the shepherd is to lead the sheep to still waters.
- “I shall not want” means something very different depending on where you’re from geographically and financially.
- While the shepherd was responsible for watching over an entire flock, there is a continual focus on the individual sheep throughout this Psalm.
- Most English translations of verse 3 say something like, “he restores my soul.” A more literal translation of this verse is, “he brings me back.”
- Verse 4 is the climax of the Psalm. Notice how David switches from talking about God and instead talks directly to God:

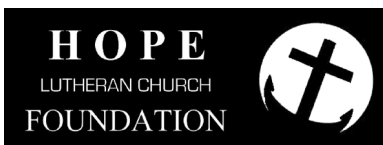
*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4 – ESV)*

- Throughout Psalm 23, the shepherd is doing the action, and the sheep are being acted upon. Notice the direction of the verbs: He makes me; He leads me; He brings me back; He is with me; He prepares a table before me; He anoints my head. As a result of the actions of the shepherd, the sheep follow.
- God is defined in relationship to us as our shepherd who cares for, protects, and guides us. In response to the grace of our shepherd, we follow.

May the Good Shepherd continue to bless and guide you!

*Pastor Richard*

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**It would not be possible to help any of these organizations doing God's**

**work without your help and the contributions you give to the Hope Foundation.**

One of the grant recipients in 2021 was Jimmy Williams & his family, who are becoming missionaries to Japan, through OMF. OMF was founded over 150 years ago as the China Inland Mission. It's goal was to bring hope to billions through knowledge of Christ using "incarnational" ministry. This means that they should live alongside the people, understand their customs, culture and language. This is important so they can share Biblical truth accurately.

Jimmy and his family are hoping to arrive on the Northern Island of Japan around November or December and will be staying for 4 years. The will be primarily in the capital city of Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido, which is home to approximately 2.5 million people.

Stephanie, Jimmy's wife, is an educator and will be working with mothers and children through youth centered Bible studies and teaching English.

Jimmy will be working with a people known as hikikomori. These people are shut-ins or hermits, consisting mainly of young adult males. They are at the highest risk in the country for suicide and their numbers are growing. Jimmy will be working to reach out to them and make connections, offer hope and strength to make changes in their lives through Jesus.

The four children will be attending school, the younger ones full-time Japanese public school and the older ones international school.

Please keep Jimmy and his family in your prayers. If you are not familiar with the Hope Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact our Chairman Ron Anderson for more information.

*Peace be with you-*

Susan Schwinn

Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

## **Bonita Senior Center Programs**

**NOVEMBER NEW TIME!!! 12:00PM**

### **FUNch Bunch**

Monday, November 7, 12:00-2:00pm  
Enjoy FREE lunch and Entertainment  
At Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center  
25999 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL, 34135

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### **Cards and Games**

Monday, November 14, 12:00-2:00pm  
At Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center  
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### **National Association of Mental Illness-NAMI**

November 21, 12:00-2:00pm  
25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
At Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center  
CALL TO REGISTER: Bonita Senior Center at  
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### **How to Know When to Move-SBB University**

Monday November 28, 12:00-2:00pm  
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At Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center  
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## BIRTHDAYS

Amy Maloney	Nov 1
Jackie Hall	Nov 2
George Nedved	Nov 2
James Sauder	Nov 2
William Terlecky	Nov 2
Ryker Cirou	Nov 4
Carmen Jones	Nov 4
Deborah Meyer	Nov 4
Sandra Stead	Nov 7
Elizabeth Murphy	Nov 8
John Taylor	Nov 8
Steve Coomer	Nov 10
Kevin Harstad	Nov 10
Georgann Shaffer	Nov 10
Susan Browning	Nov 11
Stephen Imbrock	Nov 12
Ronald Maassen	Nov 12



Sarah Brenner	Nov 13
Edward Hill	Nov 13
Maria Sternthal	Nov 13
Paul Eggebraaten	Nov 14
Lillian Neubauer	Nov 16
Anthony Pordon	Nov 17
Kathy Frech	Nov 19
Nancy Koch	Nov 19
Marlys Seleen	Nov 20
Patricia Steen	Nov 21
John Wilmer	Nov 24
Bruce Harvey	Nov 28
Jim Jonas	Nov 28
Edward Golob	Nov 29
Gloria Jones	Nov 29
Donna Benoit	Nov 30
Giacinto Sciallis	Nov 30

## ANNIVERSARIES

William and Carol Terlecky	Nov 4
William Murphy and Alexandria Newsome Murphy	Nov 10



Timothy and Joyce Hussey	Nov 16
Jim and Sandy Nelson	Nov 17

### In Loving Memory

*of*  
**Waldo Zehnder**

*Born: July 31<sup>st</sup> 1931*

*Died: October 12<sup>th</sup> 2022*

*We extended our sympathy  
to his family.*



### In Loving Memory

*of*  
**Charles Paavo**

*Born: February 15<sup>th</sup> 1941*

*Died: October 14<sup>th</sup> 2022*

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9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

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