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Message from the chair of the congregation Jon West

I've been drawn to 2 different scriptures lately. Luke 15:1-7 the parable of the Lost Sheep and Psalm 23. Also, the song we sang last Sunday in church, *Thank You Jesus For The Blood*, by Charity Gayle. The chorus goes like this:

Thank You Jesus, for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

I was really touched by this song. I take Jesus for granted, don't say thank you to God enough for sending his son and for his sacrifice.

During the night I struggle, it's dark outside and the lost feelings overwhelm me-not sure what direction to turn, how to solve any of the problems going on in my life. THEN the SUN comes up and it's a bright beautiful day. Things don't seem so difficult, not perfect but at least better.

I don't have the answers to fix the "problems"-which is fine. God has the answers. And if one person can solve one problem, and someone else another one things begin to not look so bleak. And with God leading us we can solve at least a few things.

We hosted the warming shelter here last month. The shelter was opened more days than originally planned and was opened 24 hours. We didn't solve the homeless problem in our community but we did provide a warm place and warm food for over 120 people over the course of 5 days. Helped them get through a tough time.

Luke 15 and Psalm 23 shows us that God is a loving God. So often in the dark we feel so lost, the 23rd Psalm reminds us that the Lord is My Shepherd not only in good times but in the difficult times. In the parable of the lost sheep, the shepherd looks for the one lost sheep until he finds it.

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> Blessings, Ion



Birthdays

Joyce Dart 2 3 Bobbi Hardin Peg Vorderstrasse 7 Jeff Elliiott 13 Lara LeSeur 14 **KJ** Ullfers 16 Melissa Toquero 21 Jacob Sauls 28

Anniversaries

Joey & Patti Vogt 13



MARTHA MEETING

February 12 1:00



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Monday Donna 9:30-12:30 Wednesday Julie 11:00-2:00 Friday Myra 12:00-4:00