

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Few words from scripture are more familiar than these. Luke's gospel presents a lawyer who asks the question, which has been asked time and time again, "And who is my neighbor?"

In the late 1980s I rode my bicycle on a journey from Maine to Florida. Every day gave birth to a unique experience that contributed richness to the voyage. But a few were life changing.

Georgia and most of the southeast were in the midst of terrible drought conditions and scorching heat. The 100-plus degree temperature was dehydrating my body, causing exhaustion of my emotional and spiritual condition as well. How much further *could* I go?

Moments later I sensed being chased. My head turned to the right and running at full sprint was a large man, a black man. He was running straight at me. With all my energy being depleted, outrunning him was not a possibility. I knew then that life was about to change.

So, "who is my neighbor?" For two hours, James and his mother filled my body and soul with lemonade, mashed potatoes, ham, and . . . love. James loved me as he loved himself, but my initial fears and prejudice filled me with suspicion and negative thoughts. In order to love our neighbors, first we must love ourselves. As we learn to accept God's grace and mercy in the midst of our own brokenness, only then can we understand that our neighbor is whoever rides by.

—Todd Reish, chaplain  
Brethren Retirement Community  
Greenville, Ohio

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### Text for Today

Matthew 22:34-46 (39)

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS LIVING WORD BULLETIN 10408



**You shall love  
your neighbor  
as yourself**



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 October 26, 2008  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Rhelma - 24th

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* GATHERING HYMN #12 *Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing*

\*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN *Bringing In the Sheaves* (see insert)

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)  
*"Jacob's Deceit"*

FILL THE ARK - Gathering of quarters

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN *Who Is On the Lord's Side* (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Kingsley, IA Church

Praying For Us: Marshalltown, IA Iowa River Church

SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:6-10

MESSAGE "Opportunities To Share"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING #466 *Rescue the Perishing* (red hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, October 26:**

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Jill Dysktra
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Marcene Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, November 2:**

Message	Revs. Francis & Jean Hendricks
Worship Leader	Rev. Jean Hendricks
Communion	Rev. Tim Waits
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Jans & Millie Pepple
Music Ministry	To Be Announced
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	None
Children's Sunday School	Amanda Buse

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Ann Evans	Don & Joyce Adkins
Linda Beal	Rev. Don Lenderink
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Mary Fike (18 weeks chemo)
United Christians International	with Jean-Jean & Kristie
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Those Serving in the Military
Reaching Out to Our Community	

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for October

### *Anniversaries*

16 - Pat & Julie Dumar

11 - Devan Fox

23 - Brian Harder

24 - Rhelma Evans

Roma Keller

### *Birthdays*

03 - Jared Cox

Molly Rolfsmeier

Jessica Harder

06 - Cody Jans

Donna Jans

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Don Adkins this morning. Also, welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve! You've been given the Light, go now to let it shine!

### **Adult Sunday School**

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Kingdom Priorities" from Luke 14:15-24. We welcome your attendance and participation!

### **Devotional**

The November-December *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

### **Thanks**

Thank you to all who helped clean and set-up at the church yesterday!

### **Council Meeting**

The fall church council meeting will be held following the service on Dec. 7.

### **Church Trivia**

**Summer, 2004** - Pastor John and Dave Phillips laid the foundation and bricks for the new sign. The sign was set at the church corner diagonally, so it can be seen from 3 directions.

Visit <http://120.sheldonbrethren.org/mem/m-trivia.htm> to view the trivia that has already appeared in previous bulletins.

## Guest Speakers

Nov. 2 - 120th Anniversary (Communion)

Nov. 9 - Rev. David Loveall

Nov. 16 - Pete Aberson

Nov. 23 - Don Adkins

Nov. 30 - C.J. Wurpts (NWC student)

Dec. 7 - NWC Worship Team

Dec. 14 - Rev. David Loveall

Dec. 21 - Christmas Program

Dec. 28 -

Jan. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Jan. 11 -

Jan. 18 -

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, will mark the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.



## **Kinship**

The program is designed to match adults with children ages 5 to 18 to foster a mentoring atmosphere.

## 2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

### **Moderator**

Linda Adams

### **Farm Trustee**

Ross Cox

### **Parsonage Committee**

Ann Maggert

### **Deacon**

Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

### **Ministerial Committee**

Marcene Cox  
Ross Cox  
Rhelma Evans  
Jo Rolston

### **Sunday School Superintendent**

Jo Rolston

### **Church Facility Trustee**

Scott Maggert

Jo Rolston

Sandi Cox

### **Church Sign**

Alan Cox

### **Nominating Committee**

Linda Adams  
Ann Maggert

### **Ushers**

Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

### **Clerk**

Jo Rolston

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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[www.npcob.org](http://www.npcob.org)

The Church:

[www.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.sheldonbrethren.org)

Kinship Community, Inc:

[www.kcimentors.org](http://www.kcimentors.org)

# 463 Bringing in the Sheaves Used By Permission CCLI #2326921

*The sower soweth the word. Mark 4:14*

KNOWLES SHAW

GEORGE A. MINOR

1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, Sow - ing in the  
 2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows, Fear - ing nei - ther  
 3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, Tho' the loss sus -

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest,  
 clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest,  
 tained our spir - it oft - en grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver,

and the time of reap - ing, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 and the la - bor end - ed, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 He will bid us wel - come, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

*Chorus*

Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves, We shall come re - joic - ing,

bring - ing in the sheaves; Bring - ing in the sheaves, bring - ing in the sheaves,

We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

# 478 Who Is on the Lord's Side?

*Who is on the Lord's side? Exo. 32:26*

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

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C. LUISE REICHARDT  
 ARR. BY JOHN GOSS

1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Who will be His  
 2. Not for weight of glo - ry, Not for crown and palm, En - ter we the  
 3. Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Not with gold or gem, But with Thine own  
 4. Fierce may be the con - flict, Strong may be the foe, But the King's own

help - ers, Oth - er lives to bring? Who will leave the world's side?  
 ar - my, Raise the war - rior psalm; But for love that claim - eth  
 life - blood, For Thy di - a - dem. With Thy bless - ing fill - ing  
 ar - my None can o - ver - throw. Round His stand - ard rang - ing

Who will face the foe? Who is on the Lord's side? Who for  
 Lives for whom He died; He whom Je - sus nam - eth Must be  
 Each who comes to Thee, Thou hast made us will - ing, Thou hast  
 Vic - t'ry is se - cure; For His truth un - chang - ing Makes the

Him will go? By Thy call of mer - cy, By Thy grace di - vine,  
 on His side. By Thy love con - strain - ing, By Thy grace di - vine,  
 made us free. By Thy grand re - demp - tion, By Thy grace di - vine,  
 tri - umph sure. Joy - ful - ly en - list - ing By Thy grace di - vine,

We are on the Lord's side, Sav - ior, we are Thine. A - men.