

HOW'S YOUR SOUL?

Dear Friend:

There once was a town high in the Alps that straddled the banks of a beautiful stream. The stream was fed by springs that were old as the earth and deep as the sea. The water was clear like crystal. Children laughed and played beside it; swans and geese swam in it. The stream was clear, Rainbow Trout swam in abundance.

High in the hills far beyond anyone's sight, lived an old man who served as the Keeper of the Stream. He had been hired so long ago that no one could remember a time when he wasn't there and the spring was pure as long as anyone could remember. One year the Town Council decided they had better things to do with their money than pay an old "Stream Keeper". They had roads to repair and services to offer and new buildings to build so the Keeper of the Stream was "let go".

So...high in the mountains the springs went unkept. It wasn't long before the stream started to turn an ugly brown. Twigs and branches began to collect, farm wastes turned parts of the stream into stagnant bogs. Worse, the birds flew away, the stream began to smell and some people in the town even began to get sick.

After months of this the Town Council called an emergency meeting and asked themselves, "What should we do? The life of the village depends on the stream and the life of the stream depends on the Keeper of the Stream". Many village residents attended the meeting, and thankfully spoke-up, "Bring back the Keeper of the Stream and pay him his worth!". Wisely, the Town Council agreed and the Keeper of the Stream returned with great joy. In short order the stream returned to a beautiful, life-giving body of water and everyone was healthier because of it.

The moral of the story: The life of the village depended on the health of the stream. The stream is your soul And you are the keeper. (Adopted from Soul Keeping, John Ortberg)

Prayer: Margaret Jewett family, Margie Kesse family, Trish Dolejs

Event: Margaret Jewett calling hours Thursday 4-7 Rutherford
Corbin. Funeral Sat.10:00 a.m. Luncheon at church to follow.
Food needed please call Mary Sanford to donate.

Reminder: NO church potluck Sunday