

This bachelor thesis is focused on the conception of hope in shepherd work. At first the reader is acquainted with the history of social work and with the beginning of shepherd work. Then the models of shepherd work are introduced and the idea of shepherd work is defined as a part of social work. In the second part, the idea of hopelessness is defined and the term of hope and its use in shepherd work. Hope is presented from the view of positive psychology and Christianity. Each theoretical part is supplied with quotations from questionnaires from shepherd workers. This quotations should support the theoretical statement and contribute to its validity. In the third part, the meaning of hope and the sense of life in shepherd work are compiled. The meaning of life is covered from the view of logotherapy and Victor E. Frankl. The aim of this work is to introduce hope as an important part of shepherd work and show how it can be efficiently worked with in shepherd work.