

# The Lord is my shepherd

By John Just

The Lord is my shepherd. If that isn't true, then the rest of it won't have much of a chance.

But let's hope for the best, shall we? The Lord is my shepherd!

I shall not want.

Yikes. I don't even know where to begin. But let's start with the obvious. It is poetry. It expresses the language of the heart, the language of emotion.

I don't think it means I won't want a meal or a place to lie my head tonight. I don't think it means I won't want a new car or even a boat. I don't think it means I won't want good things for my family and friends.

I think you get my drift.

I shall not want ... the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

I think it does mean that if the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. If the Lord is my shepherd, I can be at ease(?), have a sense of confidence(?), be in a position of peace(?), not be wanting.

The imagery is agriculture, livestock, sheep. A shepherd, extending care, is meeting the needs of the sheep.

But in this case, there seems to be in addition to the shepherd making a choice to care, that the sheep also make a choice to receive care. The sheep make a choice to be close to the shepherd. The sheep are comfortable with the care and custody of the shepherd.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is my choice, and I am the Lord's choice. And because I trust, because I want the care of custody of the shepherd, I have what I need.

I think it also expresses even when I am at the end of me, tired, frustrated, even unable to think the right way about things, unable to lift my head, unable to lift my thoughts, unable to speak or sing the right words, even at the end of my physical health

or my physical life: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

I have given myself to the care and custody of the shepherd and there is nothing more for me to do.

I think it means that I don't have to strive, I don't have to impress, I can be content, I can live freely, I can live in peace, I don't have to win: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

I think it means it will affect my thinking choices, my buying choices, my word choices, my recovery choices, my life: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

If we haven't made the Lord our shepherd, maybe start here:

Jesus, I want you to be my shepherd. I give myself to the care and custody of the Father, Son and Spirit. Save me from myself. Amen.

A second prayer:

Jesus, help me, I shall not want. Amen.

Peace.

John Just is a pastor at Timberwood Church in Nisswa.

# Jumpin' Jehosafats to perform July 21 at Pine River church

PINE RIVER — The Jumpin' Jehosafats will be back for another free outdoor jazz concert at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Pine River United Methodist Church.

The band will perform outside on Third Street (or in the sanctuary if the weather doesn't cooperate).

Free hot dogs, chips and root beer floats will be served just before and during the concert.

Bring a lawn chair.

A free will donation jar will be available to



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The Jumpin' Jehosafats performed an outdoor concert last year.

help support the Pine River-Backus grades K-12 Tiger Den food bank.

# Volunteer 'grandparents' sought for area schools

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota seeks volunteers for its Foster Grandparent program to offer guidance and encouragement to at-risk children and youth in area communities.

Locally, LSS is recruiting Foster Grandparents in the Pequot Lakes and Pine River-Backus school districts, as well as for Crosslake Community School and Nisswa Elementary School.

Foster Grandparent volunteers are older adults who traditionally offer one-to-one mentoring in the classroom and other settings to children and youth who may be experiencing academic or social challenges. Their presence and reassurance can help children and youth improve self-esteem, social and emotional development and literacy and math skills.

In Minnesota in 2021, 232 Foster Grandparents supported children and youth at 140 schools and other sites throughout the state. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the service was provided virtually over the past year.

LSS will resume in-person volunteering for the upcoming school year. However, there is still the opportunity to volunteer remotely with partner sites that offer remote learning.

LSS is currently seeking volunteers who are 55 or older and can commit to at least 10 hours per week.

The Foster Grandparent service offers volunteers a tax-free hourly stipend, a chance

## SENIOR MEALS

PINE RIVER — The Senior Nutrition Program offers a nutritionally balanced meal for all people and is open again for in-person dining. Masks are no longer mandatory.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at the Heartland Apartments, 445 Snell Ave., in Pine River.

The suggested voluntary donation is \$5 per meal for those over 60 and \$8.50 for those under 60.

To make a reservation, call 218-587-2921. Menus are subject to change. Meals are served with low-fat milk.

**July 18-22**

► **Monday:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll with margarine, dessert.

► **Tuesday:** Baked chicken, baked potato

## CARD GAMES

**500 SCORES**  
**1 p.m. Tuesdays**  
Pine River American Legion  
**Tuesday, July 5**  
► Leonard Blasing 4810, Edie Watson 3510, Ron Kriewald 3190. Mike Olson 2890, Don Kruta 2880. Cindy Miller won the door prize.

**BRIDGE SCORES**  
**6 p.m. Tuesdays**  
Ideal Town Hall  
**Tuesday, July 5**  
► Duplicate: Betty Moynagh and Kerry Holloway 69.0, Chris Brown and Diana Brown 67.5, Enga Wodziak and Pat Montgomery 58.5, Carol Lindahl and Greg Lindahl, 58.0.

**1 p.m. Thursdays**  
Ideal Town Hall  
**Thursday, July 7**  
► Duplicate: Sally Larson and Jane Kleinsasser 65.25, Mary Leland and Marlene McArthur 61.31, Donna Fleer and Larry Fleer 57.38, Shirley Rhinehart and Clare Fulton, 56.50.

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