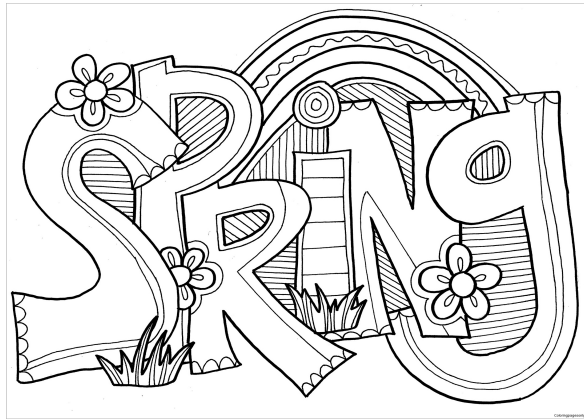


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## *Minister's Message*

The Easter season is upon us, and we are walking especially in the light of the Lord given the Good News that He is risen. When you stop and think about it, that good news should empower and direct and inform every single day of our lives, and every single experience that we go through. The eternal door that is opened by the empty tomb of that first Easter day should remind us on every single day of our lives that some things are way more important than we generally suppose them to be, and some things are way less important than we ordinarily suppose.

The Easter message that is before us should help us to see the potential for loving God's people that can come from the ministry of our church. The joy of this Easter message can and must also help us to see the potential for growth in our own personal journeys as well. We have heard the message that Jesus shared with Peter, "If you love me, feed my sheep." And that message presents a challenge for us as we encounter the risen Lord during the Easter season. We must ask ourselves this question each day, "What does it mean for us to say that we love the Lord?" And what does it look like in our own journeys when we make the decision to "Feed His Sheep"? We must ask ourselves the question, "What does that expression of God's love look like in our daily lives?" The good news that Christ is risen, should help us to see the importance of fanning the flames of the Holy Spirit, wherever we are, and no matter which of God's people we are surrounded by. Jesus asked Peter the question, "Do you really love me?" And then he challenged Peter to feed the flock of God. I believe those same questions challenge us today. So, if you truly love Him, and you truly love the sacrifice that He has made, by the blood that He shed. Then we must figure out what it means for us to "Feed His Sheep". We must figure out how to surrender our hearts to the Lord, and to love God's people in our world. Let us walk in the light of the Lord together that we might shine God's light for all the world to see.

*Pastor Tim*

May\*\*\*\*\* June

## *Holy Communion*

Our Communion for May will be Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Communion for June will be Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to use the disposable communion sets as we have done during the Covid-19 Pandemic until we use up our supply. We do this in remembrance of Him! Praise the Lord!



## **Blankets & Tools**

During the month of May we are having the “Blankets and Tools” drive. There are envelopes in the pews and information about this opportunity to give. This will give everybody the opportunity to share a warm blanket with someone who is in need in one of many poverty-stricken places all over the world. That blanket is a symbol of the warm love that we have received from within the hearts of our mothers, and so it is a way to honor your mother by giving a warm blanket or a useful tool in order to foster the love and care of family, even in the context of the difficulties of poverty. There will be more details coming to help you understand this ministry of Church World Service. Please allow the Holy Spirit to work within your heart to help bring the warmth of God’s love to every corner of God’s creation. The blankets and tools will help make lives just a little easier. The prayers that accompany those gifts will help those who receive them to know that the blankets and tools are an expression of God’s love.

## *Circles*

**Afternoon Circle** will meet on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm at Carole Bridgford’s home and Connie will lead the lesson. And on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** they will meet at Jan Gustafson’s at 1:00 pm and she will lead the lesson.

**Hope Circle** will meet on Tuesday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:30, at Happy Joes in Coal Valley. They will also meet on Tuesday, **June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30, tentatively at Happy Joe’s in Coal Valley.



### **Worship times:**

Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Worship.....10:30 am



**Graduates** The Deacons are requesting the names of any of our church members who are graduating this year, either from high school or college. We would like to recognize their accomplishments. Please contact the church office or your Deacon when you can. We don’t want to miss anyone, so please let us know! Thanks.

## *Camp Wyoming*



Camp Wyoming brochures are available either at the back of the church or from Pastor Tim. Please consider summer camp for your child or grandchild. It could be an experience that will change their lives





### A Mother's Prayer For You

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for your tenderhearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter, and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!  
~ Anon.



### My Number 1

By Kim Chase

Dad, when I was born you were  
there to hold me tight.  
My first smile, my first laugh  
you watched in pure delight.  
As I grew up bigger I watched  
everything you did.  
I learned how to throw a ball  
when I was a little kid.  
And when it came to my ABCs,  
you were there to help me learn.  
You always taught me how important  
it is to always take turns.  
I knew you were always there for me  
no matter what I did.  
Even when I didn't listen and broke  
mom's cookie jar lid.  
I know you love me because well,  
I am your SON.  
I will always love you,  
because you are my number 1

## Recipe Corner

### Rhubarb Crunch

#### TOPPING

1 C flour	1C brown sugar
½ C oatmeal	½ C margarine

#### FILLING

4 C rhubarb	¼ flour
1C white sugar	½ tsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 °

Make topping.

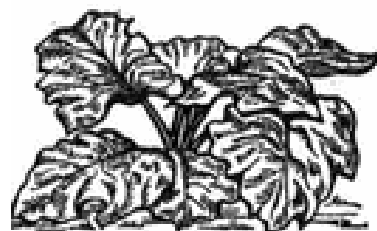
Mix the topping ingredients together  
with a fork until crumbly.

Combine filling ingredients and ½ C  
water. Stir to mix well. Pour into  
8x8x2" pan. Pan should be lightly  
greased.

Sprinkle topping over the filling.

Bake 35 minutes at 375°

\*Taken from our church cookbook  
"Favorite Dessert Recipes". Recipe was  
submitted by Norma Jean Palmer



Rhubarb



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Erin Morley	2 Carol Taube Carol Jean Duytschaever	3	4 Mark Wier Isabelle Spoljoric Jeanine Moore <i>Bruce &amp; Jodie White</i>	5 Alex Gustafson <i>Carolyn &amp; Jack Murphy</i>	6	7
8 Jentry Mock Todd Sandusky <i>Carl &amp; Jessica Spoljoric</i>	9 Hollie Kahley	10 Betty Welsh	11 Isabel Lawrence	12 Sam Lawrence	13 Ted McWhinney	14 Vicki Thomas Christian Villegas
15 <i>Laura &amp; Brent Hergert</i>	16 Rachel Manecke	17 Jack Murphy	18 Bob Lambert	19 Mackinna Liedtke <i>Steve &amp; Terrie Palmer Jim &amp; Debbie Quillin</i>	20 Barb Wiedenmann	21 <i>Larry &amp; Kay Manecke</i>
22 <i>Karl &amp; Teresa Bleyhl Doug &amp; Julia Martin Kevin &amp; Jodie Mortensen</i>	23 Carol McKinzie	24	25 Alex Gentry	26	27 Mary Gilmore	28 Heather Crouch Catherine Melear Agnes Moore
29 Myrissa Liedtke	30	31 Kevin Mortensen				



# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Mike Evans	3	4
5	6 Gabriella Lodico Jeannie Oldfather	7	8	9 Barb Belville	10	11 <i>Jim &amp; Leona Burnett</i>
12	13 David Jenkins	14 <i>Ken &amp; Carole Bridgford</i>	15	16	17 Kay Janecek Brittany Blanken- ship Katie Blankenship Carol Stogsdill	18 Jason Manecke Emma Manecke
19 <i>Brian &amp; Sarah Manecke</i>	20	21	22 Andy DeBaillie	23	24	25 <i>Pete &amp; Carol Jean Duytschaever</i>
26 Todd Kahley	27	28 Matt DeVooght <i>Scott &amp; Rebecca Moore</i>	29	30 <i>Mark &amp; Becky Catlett Josh &amp; Heather Harris</i>		