



May 2024 Newsletter



Please join us as we pray for America

We will again be hosting a National Day of Prayer service here at Peace Free Lutheran Church. The service will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. As in years past, we have invited pastors and others from several Bible believing congregations to join us in leading prayer and special music. The theme this year is LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD. *“For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.”* (2 Samuel 22:29-31). As we daily face news and circumstances that challenge and even attack our faith, it is incredibly refreshing to join with brothers and sisters from other congregations to praise God, seek His grace and wisdom, and share His love. Please consider attending as you will be blessed by this service.

Following the service, we will be having light refreshments in the Peace Christian Center Fellowship Hall.

You may also join us via livestream by going to peacecw.org and clicking on “LIVE AND RECORDED SERVICES”.

Servant Saturday

May 18th



Spring is finally here, hallelujah! But with all the fun that spring brings, it also comes with that mounting to-do list which piled up over winter. The tasks can be very daunting for some in our congregation who need help with the bigger ones. So, please join together with the Stewardship Committee as we serve one another in love and tackle these projects on Servant Saturday which is on the morning of May 18th. We invite anyone who needs help with projects around the house to contact the church office at 614-837-6689 or email secretarypeacelutheran@gmail.com to sign up. We can do yard work, house work, weeding, and, yes, even windows. Anyone willing to serve by slipping on some work gloves should also contact the church office to sign up (We can really use some help from you younger folks!).





Tomb of the
Unknown Soldier
Arlington National
Cemetery

HERE RESTS IN
HONORED GLORY
AN AMERICAN
SOLDIER
KNOWN BUT TO GOD

The Story of the Poppies

Memorial Day is a holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. But what is the story behind the red crepe paper poppies we see being passed out around that day?

The advent of the red poppy as a symbol of war casualties was a poem written in 1915 during World War 1 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He noticed clusters of poppies covering parts of Flanders Field in Belgium where he was serving as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit. In the spring of that year, a huge battle took place, killing 87,000 allied soldiers, including one of Lieutenant Colonel McCrae's closest friends.

Heartbroken, he wrote the poem "*In Flanders Fields*". Told from the perspective of the fallen soldiers buried beneath the poppies, it honored the troops who lost their lives in that conflict

In 1918, after reading "*In Flanders Fields*", University of Georgia professor Moina Michael wrote a poem titled "*We Shall Keep Faith*" and started wearing a red poppy in honor of the troops. She then came up with the idea of making and selling red poppies to raise money for veterans.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

So now on Monday, May 27, when you see someone wearing a bright red poppy, you will know they do it as a sign of respect and to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms. - sources from Readers Digest and Good Housekeeping



In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*





Pastor Steven Carlson

Mother Church

“You cannot have God as your Father, if you have not the Church for your mother.”

– St. Cyprian of Carthage, North Africa. Martyred for his faith in Christ in 258 A.D.

May is a month that is full of celebrations, remembrances, and memorials. At Peace Lutheran, we will be celebrating **Confirmation** this Sunday as our Confirmands “confirm” their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In doing so, they will increase their commitment to the Church, the Body of Christ. Many years ago, a politician declared that ***“It takes a village to raise a child.”*** She had said this to undermine the importance of a child’s parents, and to increase the role of the government in raising children. For this she was severely criticized by many Christians, and rightly so. However, I always thought there was something about her statement that did ring true, but I did not know how to respond. Now I know! It does take more than parents to raise a child. ***It takes a church to raise a child!***

As a congregation we come alongside our families and children and help them growing in faith and in living out that faith in Christ. This is why we celebrate Confirmation! The children of our church are confirming the faith of their baptism. Even in our baptismal vows, we declare that ***“We believe that God gives the gift of faith in baptism, but that this gift will be lost unless the child is taught the Word of God, upheld by prayer and given a Christian example to follow. This is first the responsibility of the parents, then the sponsors, and then the entire congregation.”*** As St. Cyprian wrote, it is the Church that “mothers” us along in our new life of faith that has been given to us by God, our Father.

The following Sunday we will celebrate **Mothers’ Day** as we recognize the essential role that moms have, not only in bringing us into life, but also every day of our life. The role that moms (and dads) have is crucial to our wellbeing in life. In ***Deuteronomy 6:4-9***, God gave the “Great Shema” which the Jewish people repeat yet today. ***“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ...”*** Then it goes on to say that children are to be taught the Word, Will, and Ways of God at the beginning and ending of every day, and throughout the day. There are to be daily routines pointing our children (and parents!) to the Lord.

In ***Psalm 22:9,10*** we are told that infants can have saving faith from the moment of birth, because faith is a gift from God, and not a product of one’s intellect. In the Gospels, Jesus affirms that children can believe and receive salvation. ***Luke 18:15-17*** records that parents were bringing their ***“nursing infants”*** to Jesus. Jesus receives them and declares that the ***“kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*** Matthew writes about the seriousness of ***“causing one of these little ones who believe in Me [Jesus] to stumble...” (18:6)*** The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy reminding him that he had come to faith in Christ in infancy through the Holy Scriptures. (***II Tm.3:15***) I’m so glad that Peace Lutheran is a church that welcomes little children into the family of God!

On the third Sunday in May, we celebrate **Pentecost**, the ancient Jewish Feast during which the “first fruits of the harvest were offered to God.” This is on the 50th day of Resurrection (Easter Sunday) Day. This “first fruits harvest” was a promise of “more to come.” It was on Pentecost that the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit, who descended upon the Apostles and those gathered in Jerusalem who were waiting in prayer. This was the beginning of the Church; therefore, on Pentecost we celebrate the “birth” of the Church. Even as this occurred on Pentecost, we also have the promise that there is “more to come.” The spiritual harvest is just beginning! Billions more souls would be saved in the millennia to come.

On the fourth Sunday of May, we observe **Memorial Day**. In the U.S. we are thankful for our freedoms and we recognize that “freedom is not free.” It was secured through the sacrificial death of many. Even as we observe Memorial Day, we recognize the truth that spiritual freedom also was not free. Jesus sacrificially laid down His life upon the cross to save us for all eternity. Every Sunday we gather to celebrate Christ’s resurrection and the new life that we have in Him as He has set us free from the bondage of sin, death, and the devil. We gather as local congregations, part of the universal Church, as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

I look forward to being with you every Sunday as we hear God’s Word and Worship our Savior Jesus Christ! Grace & Peace, Pastor Carlson

FROM THE COUNCIL

1. Pastors report: He is currently teaching the book of Jude in the adult Sunday School class. Focus as far as visitations are the Confirmation student families, shut-ins, less attending members, those in need, and evangelism. In the area of preaching, there will likely be a need for some help from our former 5 leaders to cover moving/vacation. He is preparing to teach a 6 week new member class starting 4/24. Confirmation will be on May 5th.
2. The Education Committee reported on the plans for the Home Bible studies. Homes/teachers are committed and sign-ups ready. The topic is "Confessions—The Apostle's Creed". Confirmation will take place at the 10:30am service. VBS will start the week of July 7th and run from Sunday through Thursday. The theme is "The Great Jungle Journey". Pastor Carlson will teach the adult class. We will be looking for volunteers.
3. The Evangelism Committee reported that the prayer leaders are lined up for National Day of Prayer service on May 2nd at 7pm. Greg has been helping to line up the music for the service. There was also some information concerning online giving research discussed.
4. The Finance Committee reported that our income is good and expenses in line. The Rase Scholarship fund is up some.
5. The Parish Life Committee reported on plans for the Ladies Luncheon on May 4th at noon. There will be food and activities. The Men's cookout will be on June 8th. Bonnie Richardson and Tina Jones would like to chair the committee when Patty's term is up this fall. There was some discussion around this.
6. The Property Committee reported that light fixtures damaged by storms were fixed. There was some water in the church basement as well. The carpet in the Sunday School room and the carpets in the front of the church were cleaned. Mulch was laid around the parsonage and church. Some estimates were obtained for carpet. Approval was given to purchase a new sign for the front of the church.
7. The Youth Committee reported that an acolyte schedule has been created for both services. The youth helped with the Easter breakfast. Thank you to the men who fixed the food! The money collected there will go to the FLY fund. The Second Sunday youth program is going to start a service project to help the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus. A tentative date of May 19th is set for the youth bonfire. Some possible summer activities: Pool party at Haverfields, church-wide outing to the Living Word Drama near Cambridge.
8. The Stewardship Committee is making plans for Servant Saturday on May 18th. Information will be in the bulletins and Newsletter. There was also discussion on the Lent donation distributions.



May Lectors

May 5

8:00am—Doug Hertlein
10:30am—Confirmands

May 12

8:00am—Winnie Minor
10:30am—Debbie Rehl

May 19

8:00am—Paul Roepcke
10:30am—Lee Pinkerton

May 26

8:00am—Debbie Six
10:30am—Bill Carpenter



Peace Free Lutheran Church Financials Through March 2023

General Fund Income: \$69,561
General Fund Expenditures:
\$57,430

A copy of the council Minutes
and Finances are on the Bulletin
board in the back of the sanctuary.



Check out the new building project!

The Sunday School kids had a lot of fun building Solomon's temple with some pretty sweet (and tasty) construction materials!



The Service of Confirmation will be held on May 5th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Confirmands will meet with Pastor Carlson during the Sunday School hour in preparation for the service. A class picture will also be taken at that time. There will be a reception for the Confirmands in the PCC following the service. All are welcome to attend the reception to congratulate them and help celebrate this huge accomplishment in their spiritual lives.



Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th

We will be holding a Ladies Day Luncheon on Saturday May 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the PCC. Join us for an afternoon of food and fun as we celebrate the special women in our lives. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. with activities to follow. Please contact the church office if you would like to join us. Hope to see you there!





Recent property updates

We have replaced the flag pole that was destroyed during one of the wind storms. The flag is once again flying high!

We have also installed a new sign in front of the church building.



DIY Craft Class

Many thanks to Pam for all of her creativity and hard work to make this class a success. The consensus was, we want another one!





I greatly appreciate everyone's prayers for my surgery and recovery. The progress is very slow. The surgeon informed me that a full recovery can take up to 12 months because of how extensive the surgery was. My back may be bionic, but my legs are weak. Our friends at Peace are always in our prayers. God's blessings to everyone, Randy and Sieglinde Berry

I would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards we received during my recent shoulder surgery and Mark's recent eye surgery. We are blessed to have such a great Church family. God's blessings, Sonya and Mark Poff

Thank you to Pastor and to everyone for all the cards, prayers, and visits when I had my heart ablation in February. I went for my one month check-up and they told me the procedure was successful. Praise God! In Christ, Marsha Grey

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers we received upon the passing of my twin sister Jean Schleppe. We are also very grateful for Pastor Carlson's visit and prayers. God's Blessings, Jeanette Haynes

To my Peace family: Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support through my dad's end of life journey. It's such a heart wrenching experience to go through. Death is always so sad for all of us. Losing a loved one is hard, yet as Christians we rejoice for God's promises and hope to us. Thank you for the wonderful cards, phone calls, and flowers sent to Dwayne Spence, as well as the familiar faces among the visitors. Your presence meant everything to me! I'm so proud to be a member of Peace Lutheran. Blessings to all! Pam White

Worship in the Woods Begins May 26th

The 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service will be held at Chestnut Ridge Metro Park during the summer months, from May 26th through September 1st. Chestnut Ridge is a beautiful place to have a worship service. In the midst of God's Creation we are reminded of His nature, His power, and His glory. Please invite friends, neighbors and family members to join in worshipping and singing hymns to God. Chestnut Ridge Metro Park is located at 845 Winchester Road N.W. in Carroll, Ohio. Hope to see you there!



First service (8:00 a.m.)

May 12, 2024 Fred Voigt
May 19, 2024 Makenna Cassidy

May Acolyte Schedule

Second service (10:30 a.m.)

Eli Hess and Becky Mosher-Wheeler will alternate.



Spend the Year in Scripture

The One Story That Leads to Jesus reading plan will guide you through the entire Bible in one year. Each day, you'll read a few chapters—or occasionally skim through large genealogies or census sections—as you make your way from Genesis to Revelation.

Meditate on the Psalms

Each day's reading features a psalm for you to meditate on through quiet reflection and prayer. By the end of the year, you'll have read through this entire book of biblical poetry more than twice.

Videos for Learning

Before you dive into a new book of the Bible, we'll share an overview video that outlines the structure of the book and its central themes. In addition to these overview videos, we have also included many of our newest theme videos that explore topics found within each reading section. Follow the hyperlinks found in the readings for easy access to the videos.

Extra Reading Opportunities

Our team is working on a growing collection of articles, guides, and other resources to help you learn more about specific ideas introduced throughout the Bible. We've hyperlinked these resources throughout the reading plan to give you the option to dive deeper into a book or theme.

Overview Posters

Want to download or print a copy of each book's overview? Overview posters are available [here](#).

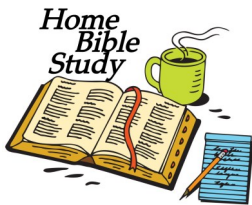
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No.	Month	Day	Book	Ch.	Psalm	Video	Book Guide	Article
The Prophets Before the Exile								
122	May	1		52-54	119.97-128	Gospel of the Kingdom		Isaiah and the Suffering King
123	May	2		55-57	119.129-152			
124	May	3		58-60	119.153-176			
125	May	4		61-64	120	Isaiah 61		
126	May	5		65-66	121	OT Overviews: Isaiah 40-66		
127	May	6	Hosea	1-5	122	OT Overviews: Hosea	Hosea	
128	May	7		6-10	123			
129	May	8		11-14	124			
130	May	9	Joel	1-3	125	OT Overviews: Joel	Joel	
131	May	10	Amos	1-5	126	OT Overviews: Amos	Amos	Hosea & Amos: Two Sides of Covenant Failure
132	May	11		6-9	127			
133	May	12	Obadiah	1	128	OT Overviews: Obadiah	Obadiah	
134	May	13	Jonah	1-4	129	OT Overviews: Jonah	Jonah	
135	May	14	Micah	1-4	130	OT Overviews: Micah	Micah	
136	May	15		5-7	131			
137	May	16	Nahum	1-3	132	OT Overviews: Nahum	Nahum	Nahum's Oracle and Habakkuk's Grievance
138	May	17	Habakkuk	1-3	133	OT Overviews: Habakkuk	Habakkuk	
139	May	18	Zephaniah	1-3	134	OT Overviews: Zephaniah	Zephaniah	
The Wisdom of Israel								
140	May	19	Job	1-3	135	Wisdom Series: Job	Job	The Story of Job: Discover How the Introduction Sets the Stage
141	May	20		4-7	136			
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148	May	27		32-34	143		
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150	May	29		38-39	145		
151	May	30		40-42	146	OT Overviews: Job	God's Response to Job's Questions About Suffering
152	May	31	Psalms	1-2	147	Tree of Life	

The time for our Home Bible Studies is here! This year, our study is "The Secret of the Lord: Confession of Faith" by Dale Mallgren. It's a continuation of last year's study of the confession of sin, again looking at confessions that we make weekly in our worship service.



The study times and locations are listed below. Please let the host know if you plan to come so that we can make sure you get a study book. The sign up sheets are available on the back table of the Sanctuary. We have studies in Canal Winchester and Pickerington this year. There is also one in the PCC during the day on Tuesdays. We hope everyone can come and enjoy this study!

Tim and Emily Haverfield
356 Colony Park Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147
Sundays at 6:00 p.m.
4/28, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26

Debbie Rehl
Peace Free Lutheran Church PCC
88 West Waterloo Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

Barb Jauert
6788 Eddleston Court
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

Pizza Burgers

From the kitchen of most public schools

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 & 1/2 lb of ground beef | 1/4 tsp sage |
| 1 cup grated Spam | 3/4 tsp oregano |
| 1 cup grated cheddar cheese | 1/4 tsp Italian seasoning |
| 3/4 tsp salt | 1 small can (8 oz) tomato sauce |

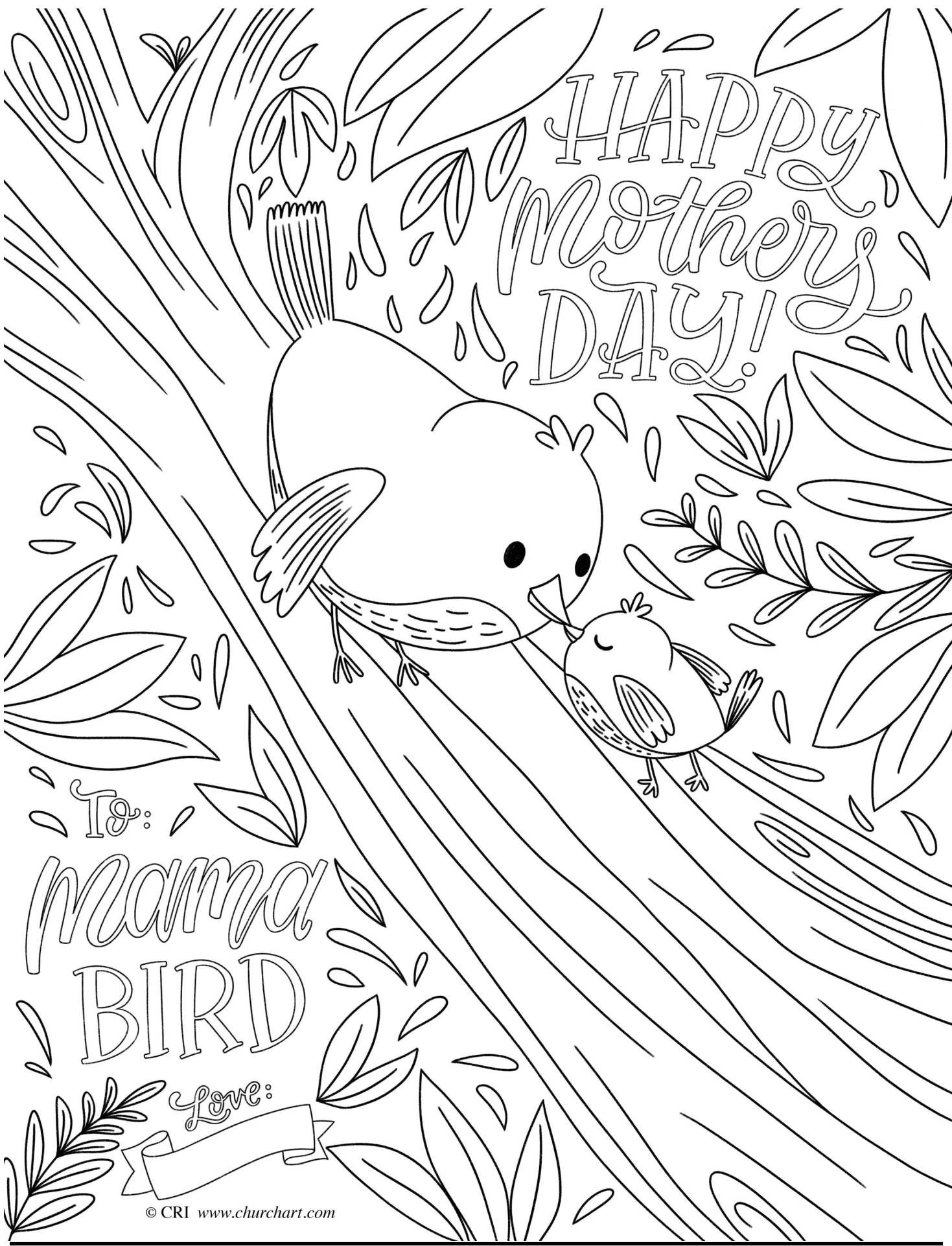


Brown the ground beef. Add Spam and stir. Add all remaining ingredients to the ground beef/Spam mixture except the cheese. Spread on open face hamburger buns. Sprinkle with cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Enjoy!



HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY!



To:
MAMA
BIRD

Love:





May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>New Member Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Prayer Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>National Day of Prayer Service and Reception 7pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ladies Luncheon 12:00pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am (Confirmation/ Reception)</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Home Bible Study—Jauert</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Women's Daytime Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am</p> <p>"Home" Bible Study in PCC-1:00pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>New Member Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Prayer Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am</p> <p>Deacons Meeting 10am</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Worship Services 8:00am and 10:30am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15am</p> <p>Youth Grp Sycamore Park 12:15pm</p> <p>Home Bible Study-Haverfied 6pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Home Bible Study—Jauert</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's Daytime Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am</p> <p>Bible "Home" Study in PCC-1:00pm</p> <p>Council 7:00pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due</p> <p>New Member Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Prayer Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00am</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship in the Woods 8:00am</p> <p>Worship Service 10:30am (Graduation Sunday)</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15am</p> <p>Home Bible Study-Haverfied 6pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Home Bible Study—Jauert 7pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Women's Daytime Bible Study Lunch at Senior Center- 11:30am</p> <p>"Home" Bible Study in PCC -1:00pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>New Member Class 6:00pm</p> <p>Prayer Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



**Peace Free
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Church**



- 1st Judy Sell**
- 10th Jim Van Sickle**
- 12th Calie Grey**
- 17th Teresa Rawlings**
- 20th Steve Dombrowski**
- 21st Andy Hall**
- 21st Ann Graves**
- 21st Rebecca Mosher**
- 25th Leslie Hall**
- 27th Cassie Binkley**
- 31st Sieglinde Berry**



- 5th Randy and Sieglinde Berry**
- 20th John and Cindy Muller**
- 21st Andy and Leslie Hall**

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