

# PASTOR'S LETTER

## FOR MAY 2021

Greetings Friends!

Jesus Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

It was wonderful to see all of you during Holy week and on Easter Sunday!

Now we continue to live into this Easter season this month until the day of Pentecost.

We have added hymns back to the worship service. Masks are still required while singing. It is good to be able to make a joyful noise to the Lord through song!

I would like to know what hymns you would like to sing in church. There are forms in the church office or you can email your hymn requests to me at [presbypastor@kmtel.com](mailto:presbypastor@kmtel.com).

The hymns are always picked based on the Scripture passage that is being preached that day. It is good to sing our favorite songs during worship, but it is also nice to learn new songs that glorify the Lord.

Please continue to register for the in-person worship service so we can reserve a spot for you. Our seats are filling up as more people are coming back to church. You can register by calling the church office or sign up on the website ([www.presbykasson.org](http://www.presbykasson.org)) or sign up on our Facebook page.

Our Zoom Bible Study on the Torah continues this month. The Torah, or the first five books of the Bible, is one epic storyline that starts with creation and ends with God's covenant with Israel. This month we are exploring God in the Hebrew Bible with Bible Study from The Bible Project.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Sue Alberts, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan Kaufeld. Thank you to Amy Borgstrom, Ally Holtz, and Al Riedel for teaching Sunday school. Thank you to Quinita Kase for providing us with beautiful music while Dan was out of town.

My verse for us this month comes from Romans 15:13 "3 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." May we have abundant hope in Christ this month. Remembering that the Holy Spirit is working in and through us every day.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda



# Celebrate May Birthdays



|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| May 3  | Steve Willert   |
| May 6  | Gayle Kaufeld   |
| May 8  | Jason Pedersen  |
| May 10 | Ava Holtz       |
| May 18 | Josh Boss       |
| May 23 | Joe Jones       |
| May 25 | Folmer Carlsen  |
|        | Caitlynn Wanous |
| May 27 | Marv Horsman    |
| May 28 | Niall Flynn     |
|        | Devin Meyer     |
| May 31 | Amy Borgstrom   |

*Happy Anniversary x and y, may God  
continue to bless your relationship,  
family and marriage for many years to  
come!*

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|--------|--------------------------|
| May 8  | Michael & Emily Brigham  |
| May 9  | Paul & Leah Leisen       |
| May 25 | Catherine & Dan Gruhn    |
| May 26 | Shannon & Heather Abbott |
| May 28 | David & Beth Gransee     |
| May 30 | Aaron & Amy Patterson    |
| May 31 | Jack & Dusty Heiserman   |

## PRAYER CHAIN



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

Please keep Bev Livingston and Jim Stucky in our prayers.



### SESSION MEETING

May Session Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, May 3 at 5:30 pm using Zoom.

Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in their email.



### Church Information

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| Pastor email:   | presbypastor@kmtel.com |
| Church email:   | presbykasson@kmtel.com |
| Church Phone:   | 634-7481               |
| Pastor Phone -  | 507-218-2267           |
| Pastor Office Hours Wednesday 9am-noon, and by appointment. |                        |
| Secretary office hours                                      |                        |
| Wednesday & Friday  | 9am—noon               |
| Worship   | 10:00 am               |

## PW CORNER

Greetings all PW,

YAY, spring is here at last!! The robins have been snowed on at least twice, so there is one more to come or I missed one, (hopefully I missed one). We could really use some "April showers" to bring on the "May flowers", so mother nature has a few days left to fulfill that premise. Hopefully everyone had a tolerable winter, and is now looking forward to a bright spring and getting out and about more.

Once again it is the time of year when we have our spring Salad Luncheon, but of course that is once again not possible; therefore, we would like to conduct another VIRTUAL SALAD LUNCHEON. We had good success with that last year so let's try it again. To make it a little more interesting, you could make your favorite salad or try a new one for your family to enjoy. Just add up the cost of the ingredients and make a donation to PW for that amount, or if you wish you may just make a donation to PW, but I would imagine your family would really enjoy eating whatever salad you would make. You can mail your donation to the PW at church at 101 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Kasson or you can bring your donation to church on Sunday and put it in the box marked for the salad luncheon on the table in the fellowship hall. Please make your check payable to PW. We will collect these donations during the month of May so you will have ample time to participate in this fundraiser. Thank you so much for your caring support of this project.

Our church is not scheduled for delivering Meals on Wheels in May, so we will have a little break until some time in June. Thank you so much to everyone who has been a loyal helper in delivering these meals.

As always our prayers are much needed for everyone who has lost a loved one recently. Our prayers go out to the family of Bev Stucky who passed away last week. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers during this time of sorrow. Prayers are also needed for all our government leaders, those in all branches of public safety, our educators, health care workers, religious leaders, and many more.

May is the month for Mother's Day and here are some items I found regarding that special day.

### Mother's Day Facts

May, 1990

The some 80 million mothers in the United States receive an average of 2.5 gifts each and close to 250 million cards each Mother's Day.

Children across the country call their mothers on Mother's Day; the holiday ranks second only to Christmas for number of calls in a single day.

According to the National Restaurant Association, only Thanksgiving brings more people to restaurants in the United States than does Mother's Day.

An estimated 20 million six-to-eleven year olds shop, with the help of their families, to find the perfect gifts for their mothers and grandmothers.



### **A MOTHER'S LOVE**

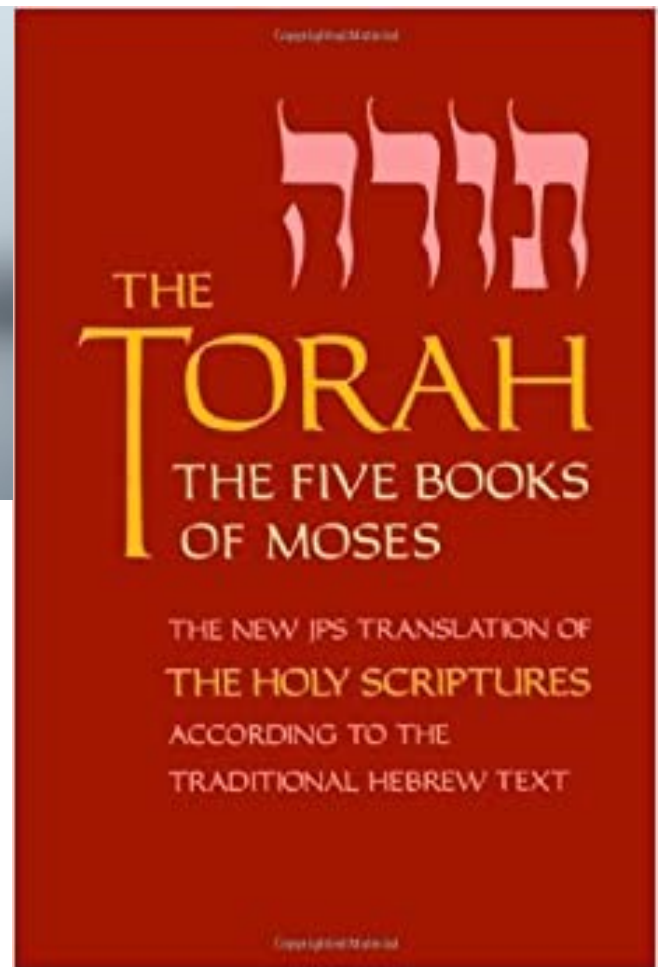
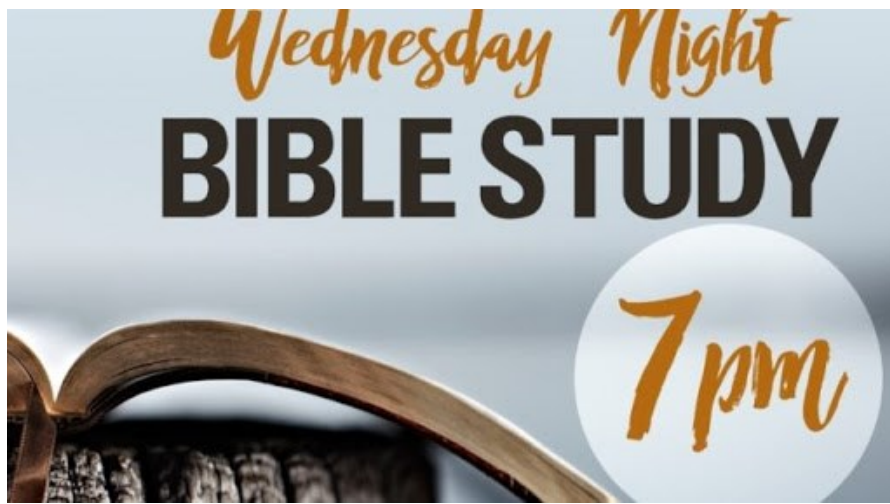
Evelyn Heinz

A mother stands alone in the sea of time, Her human heart modeled after God's own  
Holds grief and joy. The fire of love burns in it strong.  
In her eyes children do no wrong. Sometimes they cause pain, but, through it all her love remains.  
Gently, she makes way for a new generation, stepping aside silently  
Praising, caring, supporting her offspring.  
Her love does not wither, rather, it blooms on, forever.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers in our church family, may you have a joyful day and an enjoyable year ahead.

Blessings to all from  
Sue and Carol, PW co-moderators





## **Zoom Bible Study is Happening!**

The Zoom link will be sent out via email. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Invite a friend and join us!

The Torah, or the first five books of the Bible, is one epic storyline that starts with creation and ends with God's covenant with Israel. This month we are exploring God in the Hebrew Bible with Bible Study from The Bible Project.

### **Wednesday May 5 - Rescued for a purpose**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study Exodus chapters 19 through 40. Humanity rebels against God throughout the story of the Bible, but does God continue rescuing them just to get them out of trouble, or is there something larger going on? In this week's study, we'll explore this question and look at God's larger mission in the biblical story.

### **Wednesday May 12 at 7pm—No Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday May 19.

### **Wednesday May 19 at 7pm –Meaning of Sacrifice**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study Hebrews chapter 10. In today's Bible study, we are exploring the biblical theme of sacrifice and atonement and how it points to God's forgiving love for his people

### **Wednesday May 26 at 7pm—Gift of Rest**

For this week's Bible Project study we will study the book of Leviticus. For most of us, taking time to rest and reflect is a struggle. Join us for this Bible study as we look at the biblical significance of rest and what it means for us today as Jesus follower

## 2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

## Clerk of Session

# Randy Carlsen

# Christian Education Committee

Sheryl Scholer, Elder, Chairperson

Ally Holtz- Elder, Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom,  
Nicky Wilke, Diane Krejci and Al Riedel, Jennifer Mittlestadt

## Membership Committee

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson

Thelma Givan-Elder, Paul Riggs-Deacon, Ann Driver

## Mission Committee

Tami Hanson, Elder, Chairperson

Thelma Givan-Elder, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Nicky Wilke, Carol Prenzlów

## Nominating Committee

Steve Willert, Elder, Chairperson

Lisa Carlsen, Bill Kase, Catherine Gruhn

## Personnel Committee

Thelma Givan, Elder, Chairperson

Tami Hanson-Elder, Amy Borgstrom, Kristy Johnson

## Property Committee

Robert Gransee, Elder, Chairperson

Wayne Trom-Deacon, Jane Hesser, Michelle Willert-Deacon, Troy Andrisc

## Stewardship Committee

Ally Holtz, Elder, Chairperson

Paul Riggs-Deacon, Tami Hanson-Elder

## Worship Committee

Gayle Kaufeld, Elder, Chairperson

Dan Kaufeld-Organist, Quinita Kase-Organist, Sheryl Scholer-Elder, Sue Alberts-Deacon, Carol Prenzlów, Bob Tracy-Head Usher, Amy Borgstrom, Ann Driver-Church Secretary.

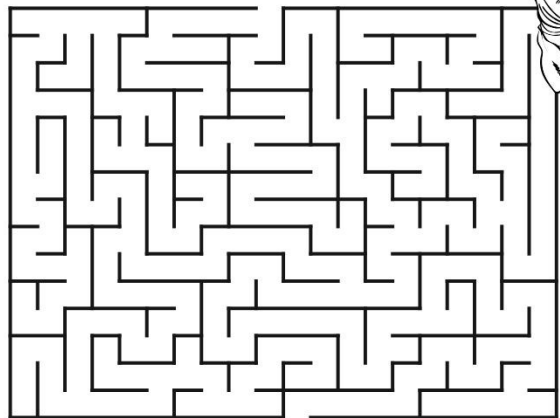
These people are to receive notification of their committee meetings. The Pastor is a member of committees. Any church member is welcome to attend a committee meeting.



# THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Guide the disciples to watch Jesus ascend to Heaven.

END



START



## Famous Biblical Mothers

Draw a line from the Mother's name to her child's name.



**MARY**

An angel told me that I would have a baby Who would be the Son of God.



**HANNAH**

I promised to give my son back to the Lord, which is why he grew up in the house of the Lord. (1 Sam. 1:20)



**JOCHEBED**

I put my baby in a basket. (Exodus 6:20)

**MOSES**

**JACOB & ESAU**

**ISAAC**

**CAIN & ABEL**

**JESUS**

**SAMUEL**

**SARAH**

I laughed when God promised me a child in my old age. (Gen. 18:9-14 & 21:1-3)



**REBEKKAH**

I used goat skins and a tasty meal to help my son trick his father. (Gen. 27:15-17)



**EVE**

I was called the mother of all living. (Gen. 3:20, 4:1)







| SUNDAY               | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY               |
|----------------------|--|---------|--|----------|--------|------------------------|
|                      |  |         |  |          |        | 1<br>May Day           |
| 2                    | 3<br>Worship Comm.<br>@ 5:30 PM by<br>Zoom | 4       | Bible Study<br>7PM-Zoom 5                                    | 6        | 7      | 8                      |
| 9<br>Mother's Day    | 10<br>Session Meeting<br>5:30pm            | 11      | NO BIBLE<br>STUDY 12   | 13       | 14     | 15<br>Armed Forces Day |
| 16                   | 17<br>Tax Day                              | 18      | Bible Study<br>7pm- Zoom 19                                  | 20       | 21     | 22                     |
| 23<br>Pentecost      | 24   | 25      | Bible Study<br>7PM-Zoom 26<br><br>Deadline for<br>Newsletter | 27       | 28     | 29                     |
| 30<br>Trinity Sunday | 31<br>Memorial Day                         |         |  |          |        |                        |