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PRAIRIE FAITH COMPANION

Come celebrate Pastor Jon and Laura as they embark on their well-deserved retirement journey! Pastor Jon will deliver his final sermon on Sunday, June 15 followed by a special time of lunch and fellowship. Details about the service and celebration are provided below. Please join us as we wish them well. Hope to see you there!

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Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Congregations
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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



Pastor Jon Anderson

SUN., JUNE 15, 2025
10:30 A.M.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
338 N. 7th Street, WaKeeney, KS

Catered Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Commercial Building
Trego County Fair Grounds, WaKeeney, KS

Please join us for lunch, even if you are unable to attend worship.

To help us plan for lunch, we kindly request your R.S.V.P. by Wed., June 4,
(though not required) by leaving a message at 785-743-2005,
e-mail blc1@ruraltel.net or call/text 785-656-2329.

We hope to see you there!

Heavenly Father, we gather together to express our gratitude for the abundant blessings Pastor Jon and Laura have bestowed upon us. As we bid them farewell, we ask for Your blessings to overflow in their life and ministry.

Pour out Your favor upon them, dear Lord, opening new doors of opportunity and granting them success in all their endeavors. May their impact continue to resonate with those they touch, and may Your love shine through their every action.

We thank You for their faithful service to our congregations and communities and pray that You will guide them in their future steps. Amen.

The mission of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry is to gather in God's name, share ideas & concerns, and actively shape the future of spiritual growth for our member congregations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through ordained and lay leadership, we offer this ministry to serve Christ in our communities.



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 Margaret Schmitt, Bethlehem.....
 Kathleen Fabrizio, Emanuel, Secretary.....

PFSM Council February Meeting

The February 25, 2025 meeting of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry Council was held at Bethlehem Church library in WaKeeney.

The following churches and representatives were in attendance: Bethlehem – Margaret Schmitt; St. John – Bob Schonthaler; Emanuel –Kathleen Fabrizio. Also in attendance was Pastor Jon Anderson.

Called to order by President Bob.
 Blessings were given by Pastor Jon.

An agenda, minutes and financial packet was given to all attendees.
 Minutes from the December 10th meeting were accepted as presented.
 The council reviewed the financial packet..

Pastor Jon shared his schedule for upcoming services. Lent is coming up. All Lenten services will be at 7:30 p.m. Working to get volunteers for the readings. Jon has put in for his social security and the last two weeks of June will be spent packing up and moving out. July 1st is the official retirement date. Nancy submitted a written report for the Parish Nurse to the council. Volunteers are needed to give people a ride to appointments when the bus is busy. Prayer Shawls are available to put in churches, if interested contact Nurse Nancy.

Communications: None
 Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion was held on a Reception/Party for Pastor Jon's retirement. We would like to open to the entire community. Pastor Jon was asked about a date that would work and he suggested June 15th. The plans are for a combined service and meal and reception at the Commercial Building at the Fairgrounds. Kathleen will secure the date for the building. PFSM will do the meat and everyone is encouraged to bring sides.

Short discussion was held on the call process.

Next meeting will be April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's and Richard will have devotions.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.
 Kathleen Fabrizio, Secretary

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Pastor Jon is available by appointment.

To get in touch with Pastor Jon, please call his cell phone or the church office.

A Prayer as we seek a new Pastor for the Congregations of Prairie Faith Shared Ministry

God of all ages, our times are in your hands. Keep us engaged & hopeful ~ ever mindful of our mission: to become like Christ by serving others, to proclaim God's love, & to grow in the spirit.

Now is the acceptable time for us to get engaged, to show up, to step up, & to forge strong bonds with you & with each other. Stand beside us, Lord, cheer us on, rededicate us to building up the Kingdom of God.

Amen



Bethlehem

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.
 Mid-Week School, Wed @ 6:00 p.m.
 (during public school year)
 Office: 743-2005
 (Please leave a message)

Volunteers for May

May 4—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Chris Trostad
 Lector—Janette Burbach
 Head Usher—Jeremiah Burbach

May 11—Pastor Jon Anderson
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
 Organist/Pianist—Laura Anderson
 Lector—Mary Cunningham
 Head Usher—Richard Jensen

May 18—Pastor Shelly Klingensmith
 Organist/Pianist—Mary Cunningham
 Lector—Linda Glaze
 Head Usher—Kelsey Kinderknecht

May 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
 Organist/Pianist—Cindy Level
 Lector—Paul Schieferecke
 Head Usher—Bridget Cook



Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship/Communion — 9:00 a.m.
 (Every 1st & 3rd Sundays)

May 4—Pastor Emer. Randy Gibbs

May 18—Pastor Jon Anderson

St. John

Volunteers for May

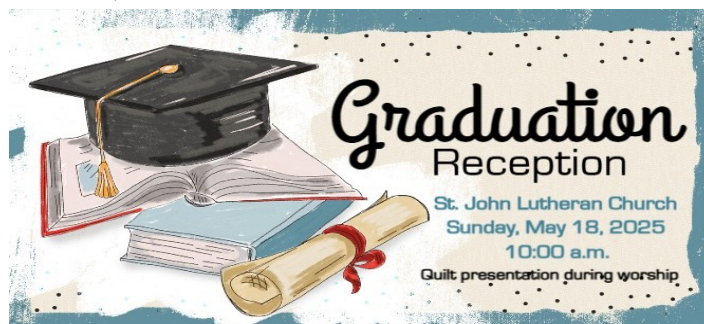
Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.
 Communion Every 1st & 3rd Sundays

May 4—Pastor Jon Anderson
BIBLE STUDY ~12:00 p.m.
 Greeter—Darrell Armbruster
 Lector—Sarah Windholz
 Communion—Bob & Sue Schonhaler
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

May 11—Pastor Jon Anderson
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 a.m. (Final for the School Year)
BIBLE STUDY ~ 12:00 p.m. (tentative)
 Greeter—Bee McElroy
 Lector—Dennis Keller
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

May 18—Pastor Jon Anderson
GRADUATION RECEPTION ~10:00 a.m.
Quilt Presentation during worship
 Greeter—Bob Schonhaler
 Lector—Sue Schonhaler
 Communion—Brenda Lucas & Rodger Fischer
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston

May 25—Pastor Jon Anderson
BIBLE STUDY ~12:00 p.m.
 Greeter—Bill Dietz
 Lector—Vonda Ackerman
 Organist—Katie Dreiling
 Sound—Lyle Johnston





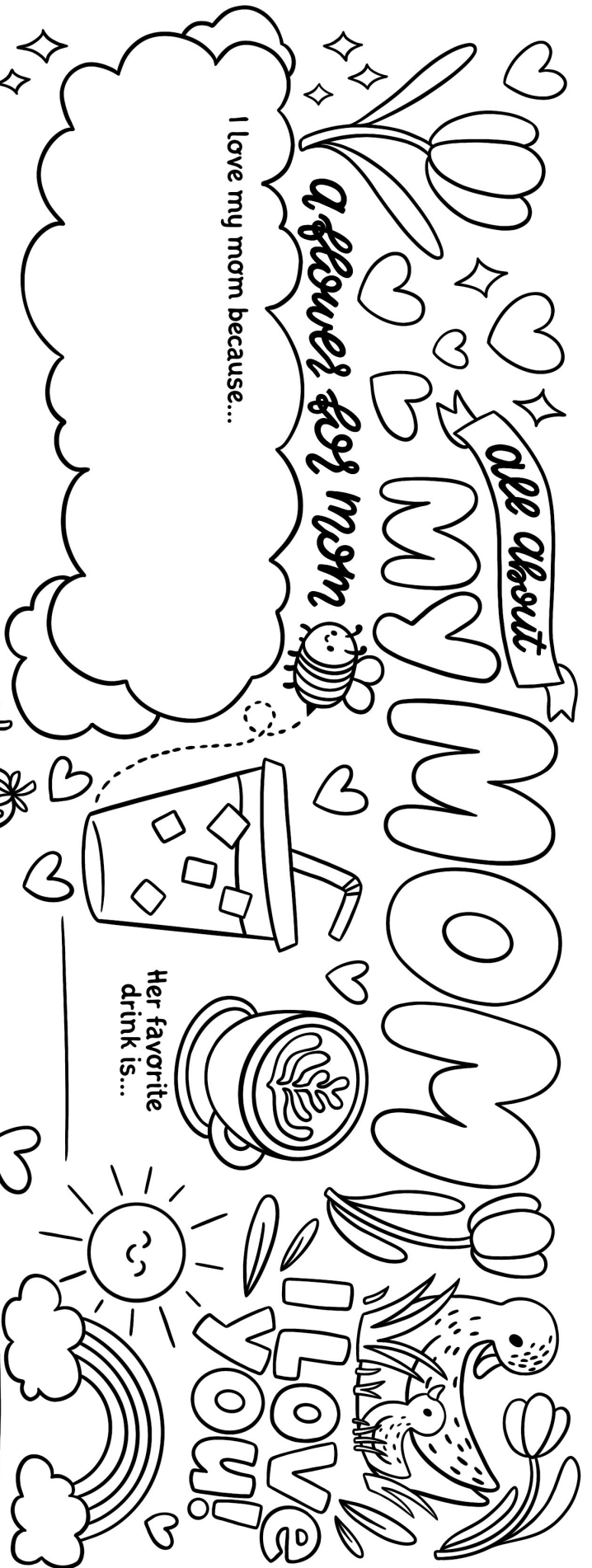
FROM THE PASTOR

Psalm 103, 1-2-"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits ."

The month of May has arrived, and that means that the end of the school year is quickly approaching-summer is nearly here. This is also the month for graduations-times when we remember the past and celebrate the future. May is also the month of Mother's Day, when we remember all that our mothers have done for us, and Memorial Day, when we remember the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on the field of battle. Some of us will be traveling-some will be harvesting-some attending camps or other special events-some taking on summer jobs-some, all of the above. As we take time for summer activities, and as we take time to remember special people in our lives, let us not forget the One who gives us life-God. If you are traveling this summer, consider taking time to visit a church in your travels, even if it's not a Lutheran church. If you're home, I know that summers can get very busy, but don't forget the One who makes everything possible. Services from Bethlehem and St. John will be streamed throughout the summer-if you can't make it to church, please join us online at your convenience. Also please remember that if you are traveling, the needs of your congregation continue. However you spend your summer, take time to remember what the Lord has done and continues to do for you. May you have a blessed summer, and may God's peace be with you.

Pastor Jon





I love my mom because...

My favorite thing to do with my mom is...

My mom's favorite food is:

I love it when she...

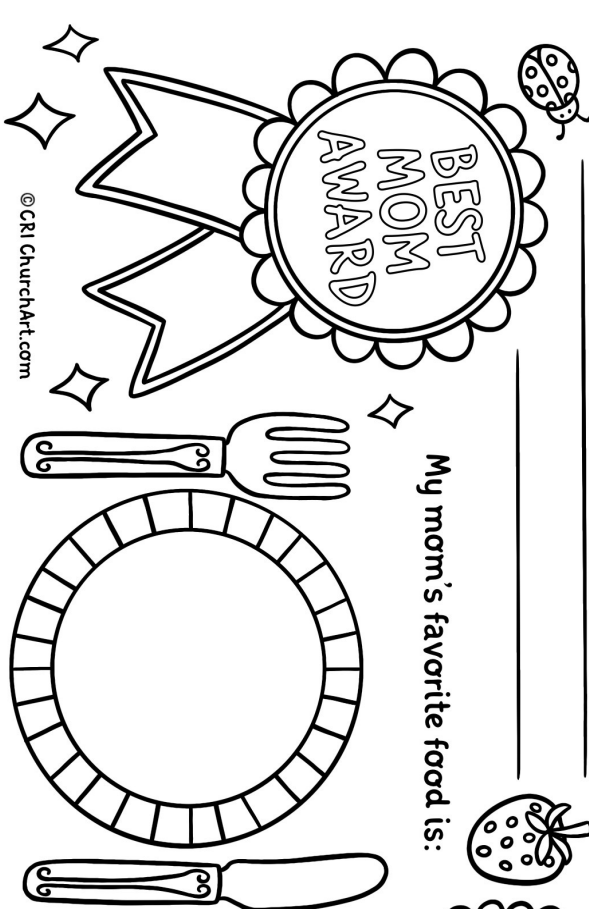
Her favorite drink is...

My mom's favorite color is:

Draw a picture of your mom and you!

MY MOM + ME


Love,



May





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>May Day</i> <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	2	3
4 <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Communion 12:00p Bible Study	5 2:00p BLC WELCA Bible Study 4:00p Yoga @ Library	6 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	7	8	9	10
11 <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <i>TCHS Graduation</i> 9:00a BLC Communion 10:00a SJ Sunday School Final SS of the School Year 11:00a SJ Worship No Communion 12:00p Bible Study (tentative)	12 4:00p Yoga @ Library 7:00p SJ Council Meeting	13 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	14 6:30p BLC Council Mtg.	15 1:00p WaKeeney LTC Communion <i>WaKeeney ~ Last Day of School</i>	16	17 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
18 <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 9:00a Em Communion 9:00a BLC Communion 10:00a SJ Graduation Reception 11:00a SJ Communion <i>SJ Presentation of Quilts During worship</i>	19 4:00p Yoga @ Library	20 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	21	22	23 	24
25 <u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> 9:00a BLC Communion 11:00a SJ Worship No Communion 12:00p Bible Study	26 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Services</u> <i>9:00a Brief Service at St. John Cemetery</i> <i>9:00a WaKeeney City Cemetery</i> <i>10:00a Veterans' Cemetery in WaKeeney</i>	27 6:30p PFSM Bible Study @ BLC	28	29 1:00p WaKeeney Senior Apt. Communion	30	31

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Heavenly Father

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. Watch over those who are currently serving in our armed forces and keep them safe. Grant their families peace and strength. May we also remember and cherish the memories of our friends and loved ones who have gone before us. We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Monday, May 26, 2025 ~ Area Services

CITY OF WAKEENEY: SERVICE AT CITY CEMETERY AT 9:00 A.M.

WAKEENEY VETERANS' CEMETERY : SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN CEMETERY : BRIEF SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.



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*May all your people from all the ends
 of Earth be gathered into one in you.*

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