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# April

Birthstone: Diamonds

Birthflower: Daisies &  
Sweet Peas

**Diamond:** A symbol of everlasting love, it also symbolizes courage.

**Sweet Pea:** Delicate and blissful pleasure, the flower also symbolizes departure.

**Daisy:** The daisy represents friendship and is the symbol of a shared secret.

# Updating Walls

By Pastor Jodiann

Nowadays, writing on your walls is totally acceptable, and becoming a popular trend in updating our homes. School rooms and home offices are in high demand sometimes requiring our living space to have dual purposes. Chalkboards help facilitate this kind of remodel.

Chalkboard paint is at the forefront of home decoration because it can be painted on anything and anywhere in any shape or size. Benjamin Moore paints offers chalkboard paint in any color.

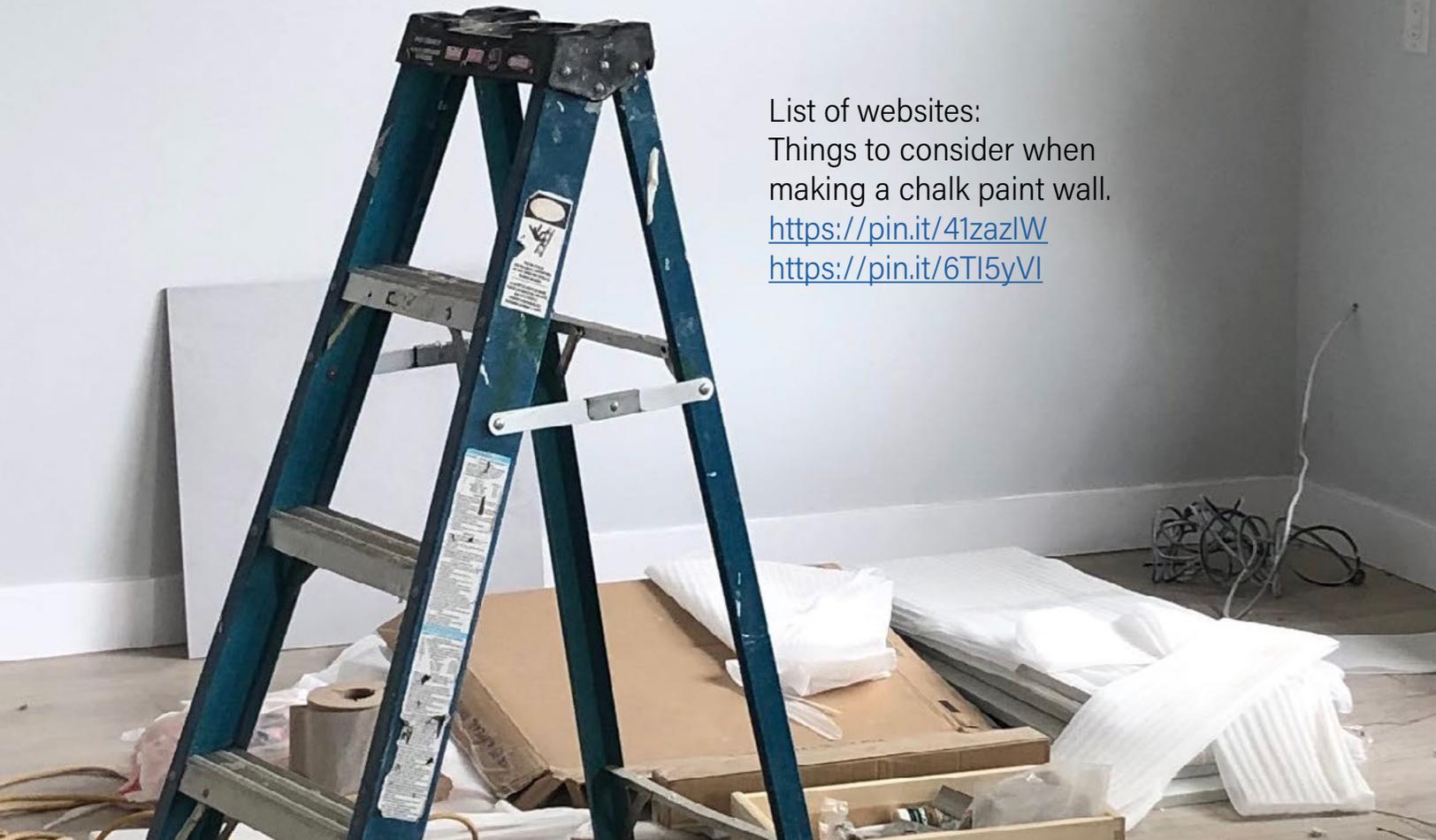
Another alternative to chalkboard paint is chalk peel and stick wallpaper. It is perfect for creating a stylish space without the commitment of paint. Easy to work with, peel and stick wallpaper installs in just two simple steps: peel off the backing and stick to any smooth, clean surface. Guaranteed removable, peel and stick wallpaper won't damage walls and leaves walls residue-free upon removal.

If you don't want chalk residue, white boards come in a paint application as well. We found some helpful and inspiring pins for your walls!

List of websites:  
Things to consider when  
making a chalk paint wall.

<https://pin.it/41zazlW>

<https://pin.it/6TI5yVI>



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# FRAMED CHALKBOARD WALL TUTORIAL

[www.ahostinghome.com](http://www.ahostinghome.com)



# Emotional Walls

Families are spending more time at home these days. We want to see each other and be together. Because of this the home layout is changing. The new popular trend is to take down the walls in our homes and create an "open concept". (Unless they are load-bearing). Maybe it is time, to take down some emotional walls as well. Walls of hurt, fear or resentment, intended for emotional protection, but usually isolating the family unit. Redesigning our emotions is especially important when we are talking about our loved ones.

Corrie Ten Boom once wrote, "Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill that love so that it stops hurting. (By putting up a wall) But then of course part of us dies, too. Or we can ask

God to open up another route for that love to travel."

Let's ask God to help us create an "open concept" in our hearts and let him be the contractor for restoration. We can pray and ask God to teach us how to demolish our defenses of bitterness and animosity and bring resolution and healing to the areas of hurt allowing us to bring those walls down. Flow patterns are important in home design but not as important as love flowing freely from our hearts.





Proverbs 31:16

She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.



# Pay Yourself

by Beulah Donison

## Tax Tips

It is that time of year again when we have to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's Mark 12:17

We are to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse Malachi 3:10. When we give a tenth of our earnings to the church where we are fed, then God not only multiplies the 90% we have left, but the government will allow a portion of our donations to be used as a non-refundable Federal and BC tax credits. This lessens the amount of taxes we must pay!

If you were born in 1955 or before you would be eligible to claim a maximum of \$7,637.00 on your Federal and a maximum of \$4,910.00 on your BC non-refundable tax credits!

If you are receiving a pension income, you can split the amount reported with your spouse and that will help with your not being in the next higher tax bracket! Then pay yourself second and open a RRSP and designate an amount you can put into your retirement plan annually. You will be surprised at how

your investment will grow and compound!

Open a TFSA and your savings will increase, and it will be tax free savings! If you have not applied for the BC Recovery Benefit, which is a one-time, tax-free payment of up to \$1,000 for eligible families and single parents, and up to \$500 for eligible individuals. You have until June 30, 2021 to apply.

...more Pay Yourself tips coming in May!



# Ezekiel 34:26

I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.

## Homemade Watering Can

Use old milk jugs. Make watering holes in the cap with a drill or a searing hot sewing needle. Fill up the jugs and shower those thirsty flowers!



# 16 Crops That Thrive in Cool Spring Weather

The following 16 crops tolerate nippy nights and, in some cases, even light freezes:



An affordable and environmentally friendly way to make newspaper seedling pots. <https://pin.it/5pPMgOI>

# Biblical Truth from Seed Germination

By Elaine Lum

## What does it take for a seed to sprout?

Have you ever wondered what happens to a seed before it sprouts? Take a look at the process of seed germination to learn this truth from God's creation.



### **Dormancy**

Without a period of darkness, a seed will not germinate. Have you ever felt that you were in darkness and there was no future for you? Remember that the time of darkness is preparation for life and fruitfulness. Job 11:17 says "Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning." Take hope that your time of darkness is a precursor to a time of productivity and growth.

### **Imbibition**

During this time of seed development, the seed takes in water and the tough seed coat softens and begins to split. Ephesians 5:26 says "washing with water through the word." In order for

us to grow, we need to absorb the Word of God and allow it to soften the hardness of our hearts.

### **Lag Period**

There is a lag period before germination where the seed is using its stored food to begin metabolic processes in preparation for sprouting. During this time, genes are turned on so that the seed will be able to make the structures necessary for germination. Isaiah 62:10 says, "Prepare the way for the people. Build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations." What are you doing to prepare for your time of fruitfulness? Are you using this time of rest to get ready for God to move?

### **Radicle Formation**

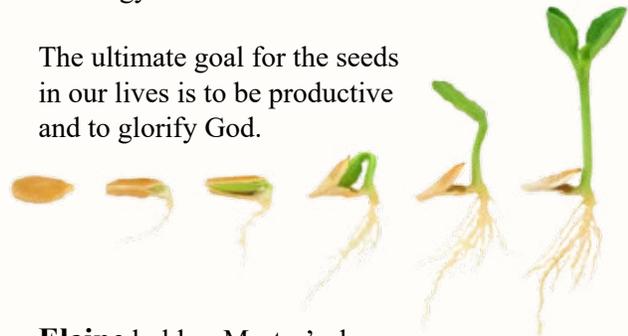
The radicle is the small root that emerges from the seed. It allows the seedling to be anchored in the soil and to absorb water and nutrients. Psalm 92:13 says "planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God." Are you planted in the house of God where you can receive the Word and be fed?

### **Leaf Emergence**

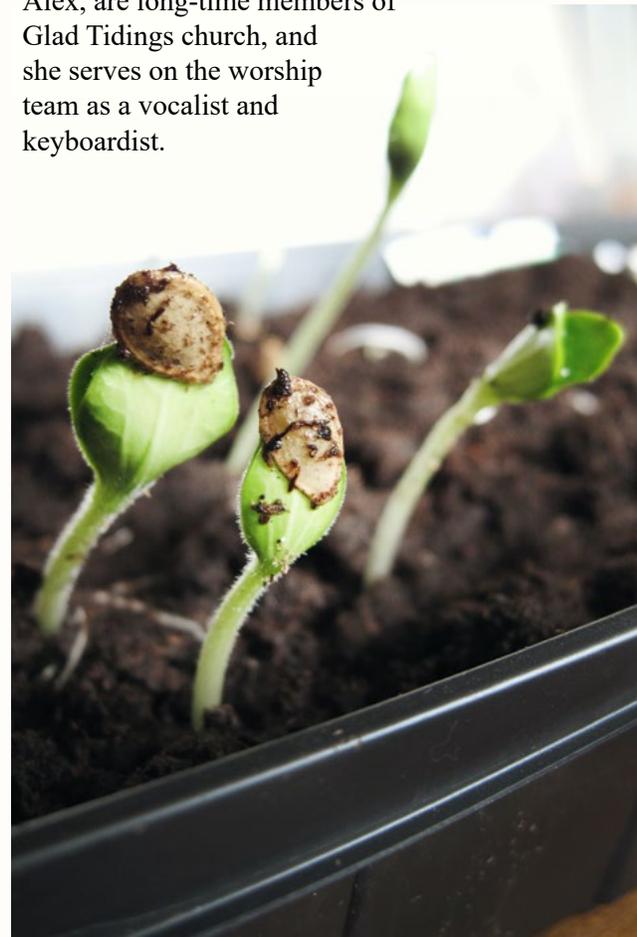
Eventually, young leaves emerge from the soil. The leaves allow the seedling to use the sun's energy to make food for itself. Isaiah 60:21 says "They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of My

splendor." Rejoice that you have been planted by God, the source of energy for all our endeavours.

The ultimate goal for the seeds in our lives is to be productive and to glorify God.



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# Instant Pot Pulled Pork

Preheat pot

Saute 2 inch cubed pork in 1-2 tbsp olive oil

Season with salt and pepper

Brown 3 minutes on each side and remove from the pot

Saute 3 cloves of smashed garlic

Add ½ cup chicken broth and scrape the pot to loosen the pork bits

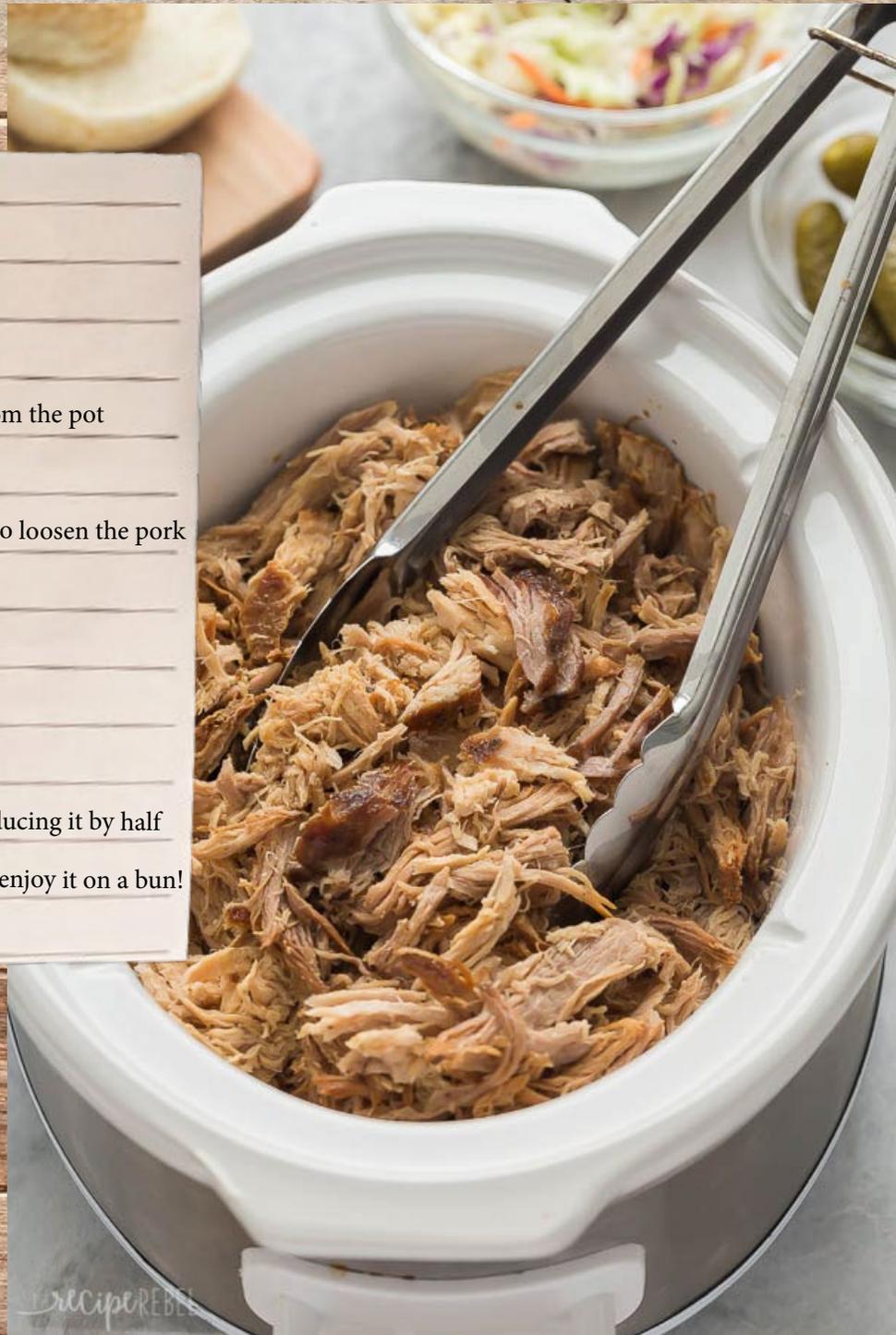
Add pork cubes in one layer

Add ½ jar of barbecue sauce

Pressure cook on high for 45 minutes

Remove the pork and thicken the sauce by reducing it by half

Pull the pork and moisten with the sauce and enjoy it on a bun!



# BIBLE CROSSWORD I

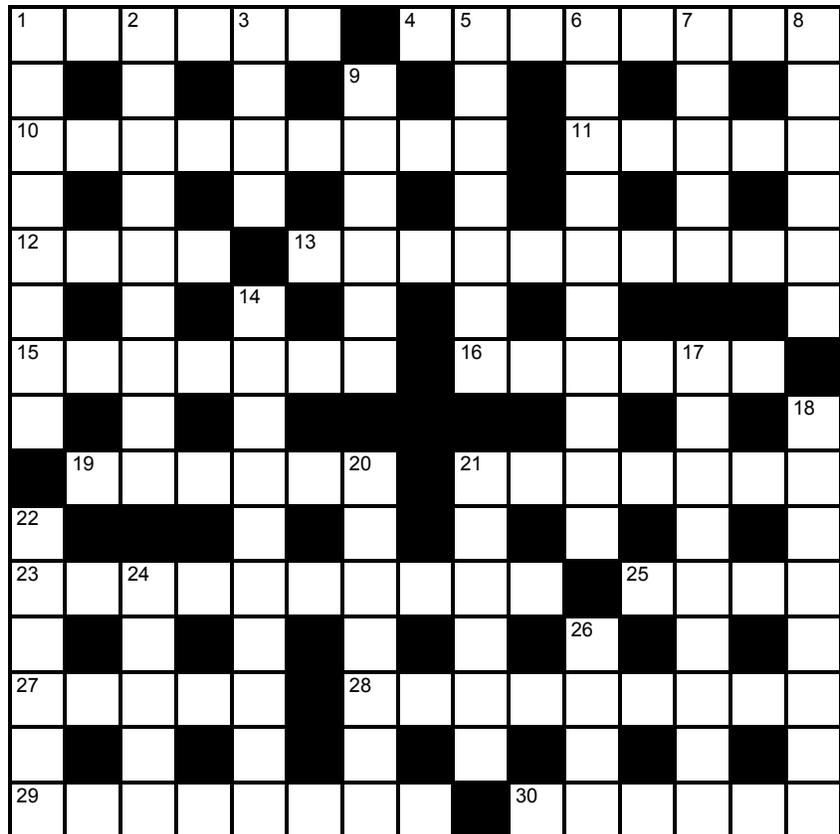
Answer key in next issue!

## Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a \_\_\_\_ thing  
the king requireth'  
(Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David  
with one hundred  
clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by  
this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

## Down

- 1 Skilled animal  
workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)



by *Philologus*

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6 The words of Jeremiah  
said not to listen to  
these (10)

7 Jewish leader (5)

8 'He is proud, knowing  
nothing, but \_\_\_\_\_  
about questions and  
strifes of words...'  
(1 Tim 6:4) (6)

9 Bread makers (6)

14 In this year of King  
Nebuchadrezzar's reign,  
Nebuzaradan arrived in  
Jerusalem (10)

17 Ancient city of Og, King  
of Bashan (9)

18 Stringed instrument (8)

20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)

21 Tiny amount (6)

22 Jesus did this with  
authority (6)

24 Last letter of the Greek  
alphabet (5)

26 Province of the Roman  
Empire (4)

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