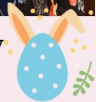




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Hello Family!

It's April and the trees are blooming as we speak! April is a special month in our household, with many, birthdays, weddings and anniversaries to remember and celebrate. Easter is upon us! Eggs are cheaper and more plentiful this time of year, so let's capitalize on that with this month's recipes! I hope you prioritize time around the family table with those you love.

Simple Egg or Pea Salad (6-8 servings)

DESCRIPTION:

EGG SALAD: In a large bowl, add your eggs, mayonnaise, mustard, relish, sugar and salt and pepper. Mix well. Transfer to serving container you want it to go in and if you want to add the optional ingredients, do so at this time, if not go on to sprinkle paprika over the top and put a lid on it and chill until ready to serve.



PEA SALAD: If you want to turn it into pea salad instead, before adding the paprika, add the peas and/or other optional suggestions, adjust the mayonnaise and relish amounts before mixing. Then, sprinkle with paprika and chill.

INGREDIENTS

- 8 boiled, large eggs (cooled, peeled & chopped)
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. yellow mustard
- 2 Tbsp. sweet relish or dill relish
- ¼ tsp. sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp. paprika for the top

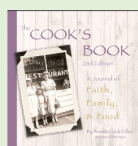


Optional: Add ¼ cup of finely diced celery or red onion for extra crunch. If you like spicy, add red pepper flakes.

For Pea Salad: Add 12 oz. bag of semi-thawed frozen peas and increase mayo to 2/3 cup. Decrease the relish to 1 Tbsp.

Optional: For added texture and flavor, add shredded cheese or cooked bacon crumbles.

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RESCUE AND REDEMPTION

As we enter into the Easter season, I would like to share a few thoughts with you that I am thinking about lately.

The Bible shares about a man named Lazarus (John 11) who was a friend of Jesus. Lazarus had died and his sisters were angry at Jesus and shouted, "If you had come quicker, he would not have died!" Jesus wept, showcasing his humanity and compassion. They did not understand that the delay was necessary. Why did Jesus resurrect him? 1. to reveal God's glory. 2. to strengthen the faith of his disciples. 3. to demonstrate his divine power over death.

There have been other stories in the Bible of resurrections as well and none of them did anything to 'specifically' deserve it, but it was so the works of God might be displayed in Christ, in doing so.

The death, burial and resurrection of Christ is the most amazing story of resurrection of all time that carries with it healing, redemption and an incredible story of how the keys to death, hell and the grave are now in his possession on our behalf!

In March, 1993, my sister, Georgetta, was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia, a rare aggressive subtype of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). She was given six weeks to live if not treated. She told the doctor, "Whatever could save my life, do it!" She underwent treatment, and was in the hospital for months. She trusted God and had on her wall scriptures and a boombox playing music to help her stay in a state of faith for her own healing 24/7. God did bring her back to us and she even bore children, after being told she would not be able to. Why did God heal her? For the very same reasons he healed Lazarus.

I cannot help but feel like there is responsibility that comes from a healing of this type to proclaim the marvelous works of the Lord. I know for Georgetta, it felt like a resurrection and her faith has soared since then, along with her work for the Lord. She remains faithful to Him for his faithfulness to her. Why would he resurrect you? For the same reasons as Lazarus and Georgetta.

My main thought I would like to leave with you this month is that in our lives, we all go through seasons that feel like death and we need help in those moments. If you find yourself there now, let God's resurrection power renew you so you can declare the works of the Lord in all the earth, too! The word, "Easter" is symbolic of rebirth and new beginnings, not just a single day, but a season. May the power of Easter operate in your life as you give it to God and cherish those around your own family table that God has brought into your life for you to nurture. Happy Easter!

"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."
Psalm 118:17 NKJV

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2 KJV