**Love Feast Ideas:**

**Atmosphere:**
- Mix up table arrangement – allowing others to maybe sit beside someone else.
- Candle lit- no bulletin (3 to 4 candles per table give enough light) (represent Christ as the light of the world).
- Speaker speaks from their seat- takes the focus off the person and puts it on what is being said.
- Colored cloth placed down the center of the table– red for the blood of Christ, purple for royalty.

**Anointing / Prayer**
- have an anointing during love feast (maybe in the sanctuary at several stations done by deacons).

**During washing of feet:**
- Have recorded music
- Sing familiar hymns over and over - no instruments
- Special music – (harp, violin, organ, piano, singing etc…) people taking turns so they can have their feet washed too. (since you do not want the focus on a person they can play or sing behind a curtain on stage with a microphone)
- Song “Make me a Servant” can be done over and over – using one at a time- piano, singers, violinist, etc…
- A red rose could be purchased for each participant and this used as a symbol of Jesus. Each person is gets a rose, they reflect upon this as a beautiful symbol of love – and Jesus (Could be part of the message). Then, following prayer and time to reflect, all could be invited to stand, throw their rose on the floor and crush it (or pull peddles off with each sin they confess).

**Pass on a blessing** (after persons feet are washed say):
- You are loved by Christ
- Jesus Loves you and so do I.
- May God bless you and give you many opportunities to serve Him.

**During the meal**
- Guided conversation- What are you thankful for… How have you seen God… What does it mean to you to serve others….etc...

**During the Service:**
- Choir or individuals sing a special song- Jesus Took a Towel,
- Empty Chair (Jesus Chair)-purple cloth on chair and on the plate a barb wire crown. Empty chair can be at each table or one in the center of the room.
- If Jesus was sitting with you today what would you say to Him? (Silence) What would He say to you? (Silence).
- Reenact the scripture using actors, 12 disciples, Jesus done thought out the service.
- Love letter from God-put hearts with about 12 different messages on them in a basket and at a point in the service have each person take one. (allow for time to reflect on the letter). See below for scripture love letters that can be used.
Guided prayer through out the service – allowing time to meditate (comments made were we loved this and need to do it again sometime).
Scripture Jams- read one line by one person and another line by someone else, can even have 2nd person repeat what the first one said. Can have one person read and another one ask a simple question (does that mean I have to love everyone?). Have a child read- John 3:16.
A time to repent. Maybe a reminder of what sins are- greed, selfishness, gossip, failure to do what God wants you to do, forgetting to pray etc.…
PowerPoint Presentation (with music) could visually introduce the basin, water and towels- person serving?

**Bread:**
Deacons - pass a long stick of bread down the pew and each person breaks it for the person beside you or just for yourself- brought in a basket or tray.
Hold the bread and break with someone else.
power point of Jesus holding bread- voice from off stage “take this bread…” then power point of Jesus with wine –voice off stage “drink this cup….”.

**Good saying** - When the Lord rose from the table, He showed the supernatural expression of Love. He, who is Lord and Master, King of Kings, took off His Cloak and became a Servant. He washed the feet of those whom He had chosen to continue His work. He wants them to live lives of self emptying Love for the world. To bear the name "Christian" to walk in love in the midst of a broken world. We are no longer spectators in this Act of Love have become participants. We bear the name "Christian" we are to pick up the basin and towel, and carry our Cross and learn to live Christ’s Love in service.

**Love Letters ideas:**

**My Child,**

You may not know me, but I know everything about you.
Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up.
Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways.
Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered.
Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image.
Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being.
Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring.
Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation.

Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book.

Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live.

Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born.

Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.

John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love.

1 John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you.

1 John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father.

1 John 3:1

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could.

Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect father.

Matthew 5:48

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand.

James 1:17

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.

Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11
Because I love you with an everlasting love.
Jeremiah 31:3
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore.
Psalms 139:17-18
And I rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17
I will never stop doing good to you.
Jeremiah 32:40
For you are my treasured possession.
Exodus 19:5
I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul.
Jeremiah 32:41
And I want to show you great and marvelous things.
Jeremiah 33:3
If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.
Deuteronomy 4:29
Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4
For it is I who gave you those desires.
Philippians 2:13
I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine.
Ephesians 3:20
For I am your greatest encourager.
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4
When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you.
Psalm 34:18
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.
Isaiah 40:11
One day I will wipe away
every tear from your eyes.

Revelation 21:3-4
And I'll take away all the pain
you have suffered on this earth.

I am your Father, and I love you
even as I love my son, Jesus.
John 17:23
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed.
John 17:26
He is the exact representation of my being.
Hebrews 1:3
He came to demonstrate that I am for you,
not against you.
Romans 8:31
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins.
2 Corinthians 5:18-19
Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled.
2 Corinthians 5:18-19
His death was the ultimate expression
of my love for you.
1 John 4:10
I gave up everything I loved
that I might gain your love.
Romans 8:31-32
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus,
you receive me.
1 John 2:23
And nothing will ever separate you
from my love again.
Romans 8:38-39
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party
heaven has ever seen.
Luke 15:7
I have always been Father,
and will always be Father.
Ephesians 3:14-15
My question is...
Will you be my child?
John 1:12-13

I am waiting for you.
Luke 15:11-32

Love, Your Dad
Almighty God