

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings in Jesus Christ,

How are you doing? Seriously, how are you doing during this uncharted walk during a pandemic? I myself admit that while I am reading more books, spending more time in prayer and devotion, there are many moments where I forget what day it is on the calendar or even after waking up from afternoon naps, not sure what time of day it is currently.

As I write this we are beginning week two of what we know as our new normal. While I appreciate that the house is getting a spring cleaning, I really miss seeing your faces in worship, Bible Study, stopping in to say hi in my office. I miss the sound of laughter from the church. There are many things I lament during this time. I bet you feel the same. This is no easy time for anyone and this is no easy time for Christians as we face the reality of no onsite worship during Holy Week and Easter. Who knows when we will be in the sanctuary again.

However, let us not lose hope. If you have computer access I invite you if you are not already doing such, to join us on Facebook Live on our page at Bay View United Methodist Church. Each day there is a daily devotion at 10AM, a Bible study on Thursdays at 5:30PM, and live streaming worship on Sundays at 10:45AM. In addition as we do prepare for Holy Week will you join me on Facebook Live on Maundy Thursday at 7PM; Good Friday at noon and at 7PM; and Easter Sunday at 10:45 AM. In addition, Maundy Thursday, there will be an opportunity of Holy Communion. Of course through your own participation in your homes. While it currently is against the guidance of our denomination, after spending time in prayer and reading additional articles on the topic of offering online Communion, I have decided that we will join our hearts in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy

Communion. Prior to the service I ask that you have ready small pieces of bread (1 per person) and a small cup of grape juice. The Liturgy will be offered and you will be asked to take, eat, and drink these offered gifts of physical and spiritual nourishment. How powerful to know that while we are miles apart, we are united by God's grace in this Sacrament.

Each day I am in communication with our church leaders, community leaders, fellow faith leaders, and have been on phone call conversations with Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor. Please know that each day it seems there is something new. However, I know God is involved in the details. While we learn what it means to be Christian community without gathering in our building of worship, I pray that we together see God continually at work during these challenging days. God does not abandon us because God is a God of promise, a God of action, a God of empowerment, and a God of life.

In just two weeks (as I write this now), we will celebrate Easter and we know it will be a different Easter. Yet we know that the message is always the same—Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Christ proves to us that he is the resurrection and the life. God in Jesus Christ is still in our midst and the sacred promise of presence and eternal life is also still among us as God's people.

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We look forward to the day when we are told that we may exit our homes to go back to normal. I can already imagine the celebration in our communities. I have already decided that the moment this pandemic is declared gone, I will ring the church bell for a few minutes to remind our community that the church is still here! God is still alive! Prepare for this great day of resurrection.

Glory be to God!  
Happy Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin

## Upcoming Events

### April 15th

Wednesday, 4/15 11am-1:30pm

Loving Start Preschool Kringle Fundraiser Pick-up

LL Dining Room

If you ordered a Kringle or Anodyne Tea to support Loving Start Preschool, your order will be available for pick-up between 11am and 1:30pm in the LL Dining Room by appointment only. Please e-mail LSP at [lovingstart@gmail.com](mailto:lovingstart@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

### Everyday

Everyday at 10am

Daily Devotional

[www.facebook.com/BVUMC](https://www.facebook.com/BVUMC)

Join Pastor Kevin on Facebook Live for a daily devotional based on Scripture.

### Thursdays

Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Weekly Bible Study

[www.facebook.com/BVUMC](https://www.facebook.com/BVUMC)

Study the Bible with us on Facebook Live every Thursday.

### Sundays

Sundays at 10:45am

Facebook Live Service of Worship

[www.facebook.com/BVUMC](https://www.facebook.com/BVUMC)

Join us on Facebook Live at 10:45am every Sunday for our service of worship! If you would like to be e-mailed the bulletin and hymns to follow along, please e-mail: [officeadmin@bayviewumc.org](mailto:officeadmin@bayviewumc.org) to be added to our weekly email list!

# Lucille Ott

**Celebrated her 104th Birthday April 2nd!**

Feel free to give Lucille a call: (414) 421-2219



## The SWEET Truth of Easter



These candies tell a story~  
the best news you'll ever hear.  
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross  
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...  
the "M" become a "W", an "E", and then a "3"

The "E" stands for: Easter  
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.  
It reminds us of the cross  
and the way God rescued sinful man.

The "3" represents the 3 days  
Jesus spent in the grave...  
By His death, His children He did save.

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah  
showed as He died in our place.  
And the miracle of the resurrection  
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... the He alone  
is worthy of our worship and praise,  
and calls us to be His witnesses  
around the world for all our days.



# the Laughing Circle

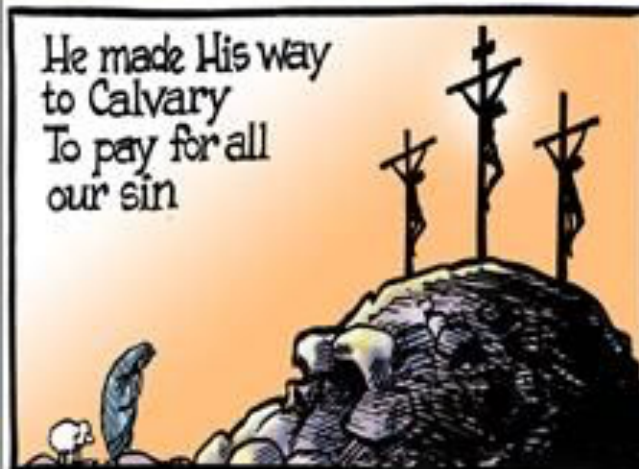
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(See John 20:1-18)

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I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,  
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS  
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"



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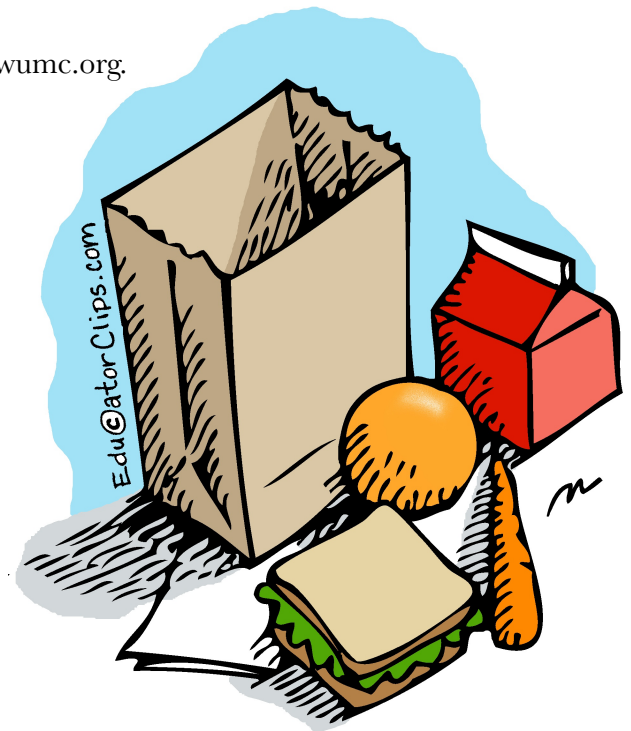
# Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who help and support the Bread & Jam Community Meal Program. We simply cannot run this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

During this global pandemic, we have been unable to serve weekly hot meals— but that hasn't stopped our ministry! We are still handing out bagged lunches every Sunday from 2:30pm-3:30pm at the Community Door!

We need volunteers to help assemble and pass out bagged lunches. Please don't hesitate to reach out for a date where we could use your help!

Talk to Jan Kosanke via e-mail at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).





So much has happened in a short span of time! In an effort to stop the spread of Covid-19, Governor Evers ordered the closure of non-essential businesses. Therefore, Loving Start Preschool is closed until further notice. We at LSP feel that we have made the best decision we can for the safety of our children, families and staff. Our staff will spend a few days thoroughly disinfecting the entire facility.

## LOVING START PRESCHOOL



Good news! We made \$492 profit from our Anodyne Coffee and \$858 from the Racine Kringle sale - - and we will gladly give 10% to the church. The fundraiser delivery will be on Wednesday, April 15. Pick up items after 11:00 am by appointment only. Thank you to all who were able to help us out!

If you know of a family with a child, who will be 3 by December 31st, have them contact us through email only at [lovingstart@gmail.com](mailto:lovingstart@gmail.com) for a tour. We also invite them to check our website, [www.lovingstartpreschool.org](http://www.lovingstartpreschool.org) and on our Facebook page.

-Ms. Annie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Mary & Ms. Karen

## April Birthdays

### **April 1**

Alexander Berry  
Hailey Petrie  
Dave Rosing

### **April 2**

Lucille Ott

### **April 4**

Susan Troyer

### **April 5**

Adam Haile  
Aurelia Schultz

### **April 7**

Linda Becker  
Jan Liebenstein  
Tim Schultz

### **April 11**

Katy Meyer

### **April 12**

William Felber

### **April 18**

Richard Kumbier

### **April 21**

Leo Cigale  
Sydney Haile

### **April 25**

Lucy Meyer

### **April 27**

John Liebenstein

### **April 28**

Linda Kreider

### **April 29**

Kevin Meyer

### **April 30**

Jeff Kallio



# April 2020

## KEY:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
ALB: Accountable Leadership Board  
FB Live: Facebook Live  
FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions  
LSP: Loving Start Preschool

MLCS: Main Level Concert Series  
NA: Narcotics Anonymous  
PEP: People Enjoying People  
SECA: South East Clergy  
SPR: Staff Parish Relations  
WBC: Wesleyan Bell Choir Rehearsal

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                                       | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                 | SATURDAY                                     |
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| <div> Join Us On<br/>Facebook Live:<br/> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/BVUMC">www.facebook.com/BVUMC</a> </div>          |                                              |                                              | 1<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                                                                          | 2<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>5:30pm Bible<br>Study on FB Live  | 3<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                            | 4<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live  |
| 5<br>10:45am Worship<br>Service on FB Live<br>2:30pm Bread and<br>Jam Bagged Lunch<br>Ministry                              | 6<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live  | 7<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live  | 8<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                                                                          | 9<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>5:30pm Bible<br>Study on FB Live  | 10<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br><br><b>Good Friday</b> | 11<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live |
| 12<br>10:45am Worship<br>Service on FB Live<br>2:30pm Bread and<br>Jam Bagged Lunch<br>Ministry<br><br><b>Easter Sunday</b> | 13<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 14<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 15<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>*11am - 1:30pm LSP<br>Fundraiser Pick-up<br>(by appointment<br>only) | 16<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>5:30pm Bible<br>Study on FB Live | 17<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                           | 18<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live |
| 19<br>10:45am Worship<br>Service on FB Live<br>2:30pm Bread and<br>Jam Bagged Lunch<br>Ministry                             | 20<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 21<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 22<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                                                                         | 23<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>5:30pm Bible<br>Study on FB Live | 24<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                           | 25<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live |
| 26<br>10:45am Worship<br>Service on FB Live<br>2:30pm Bread and<br>Jam Bagged Lunch<br>Ministry                             | 27<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 28<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live | 29<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live                                                                         | 30<br>10am Daily<br>Devotional on FB<br>Live<br>5:30pm Bible<br>Study on FB Live |                                                                        |                                              |

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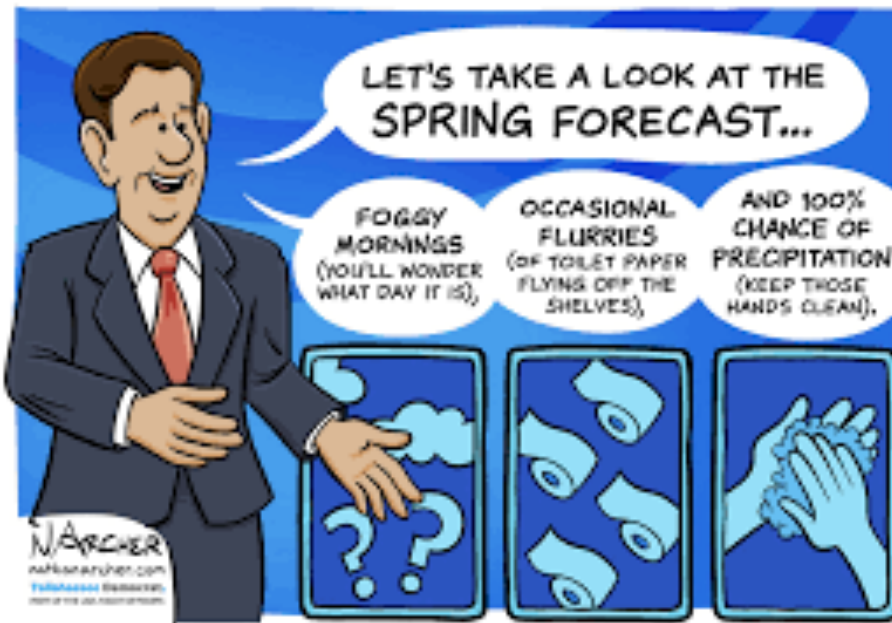
## Quote

"Children love to be alone because alone is where they know themselves, and where they dream.

—Roger Rosenblatt

*April*  
2020

We're on the web:  
[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)



== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♡ Family is here.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BVUMC](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BVUMC):

10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

OFFICE HOURS:

Fridays  
12pm - 4pm