



# INTO THE FOLD

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April 2019



## Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn....

*"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross;  
The emblem of suffering and shame.*

*And I love that old cross where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true;  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear,  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown."*

---George Bennard, 1913

Jesus did two things on the cross. Not only did He take upon His sacred shoulders every sin we've ever committed, as well as the sins of the entire world, but He also takes our pain too. His wounds on the cross mean healing for us, His followers. In that way, Jesus is our sin Bearer and our Pain Bearer.

Psalm 103: 12 reminds us: *as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.*

That's right, He takes our sin, bears the weight of it on the cross, then removes it as far as the east is from the west. But He also, by the nature of His sacrifice, empathizes with our pain.

The good news is that when someone sins against us, we can go to Jesus and ask Him to bear the sin the other person has committed. In addition, it means we can ask Him to bear the pain we endured as a result of that sin. What sometimes happens when we're sinned against is that we tend to harbor bitterness and revenge, which makes us sin.

The only way out is Jesus. He will take their sin, He will take our sin, and He will take the pain created by the situation.

Now I invite you to write the following scripture on your heart:

*He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.*

---1 Peter 2:24

Pray with me please:

Jesus, we thank you that you are the eternal bearer of sin and pain, not only for me, but for those who hurt me. I give you my sin, I give you their sin, and I give you all the pain that

falls in between. Take it please. Amen.

Praying you through this Easter and always,

Pastor JoEllyn

The Creative Hands Group,

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We have had a suggestion



of Port Pillows, which are designed to cover a porta Cath to protect it from the seatbelt when riding in a car. Seatbelts can irritate the site of a port if driving for a long period of time. They are designed to reduce irritation and relieve the discomfort. A possibility would be to give to New Day Foundation to distribute after these were made..

Pastor JoEllyn is still thinking about making dog & cat beds (for the small animal shelter.)

Any ideas let Pastor JoEllyn know. Creative Hands can meet Thursdays, @ 9 am in the Adult Sunday School Room with the Quilters or if there would be a better time for you please let us know. Come, fellowship, share some fun & laughter and join Creative Hands...

**Bette's Pen:**

I for one can't wait for the warm weather to finally arrive... Tired of the little teases here & there... Bring on that Warm Air... Hopefully our snowbirds will bring some back with them when they return soon.

In 1970, I was expecting my first and as it turned out, only Child.. The due date was around May 10<sup>th</sup>. Morning sickness lasted, for 7 months. Finally, mid-March, it subsided. March 31<sup>st</sup>, went to bed with low back pain. Woke up at 3 am, to water breaking.. Didn't have a phone let alone any cell phones, back then, so into the car we go over to Mom's.. I know I had a key to my parents house, but whatever the reason, I am pounding on the front door.. "Let Me In" "Let Me In".. My mom finally comes to door, and lets me in.. I told her "I think the baby is coming!" "No! are you sure, not due to May?", She says "Go Back home!!" No she really didn't say that, Remember it was now the early morning hours of April 1<sup>st</sup>... As it happens, my sister, Deb, had girls from other schools sleeping over, for some kind of school music event going on.. One bathroom, and 4 extra people all trying to get in to get ready for school, and me, in labor, throwing a real monkey wrench into the mix... OIVEY! Talk about Chaos!! That day was it... Mom on phone with doctor, "No Doctor this is not a April Fool's prank"!!! .... timing contractions... 8:30 a.m. time to make way to hospital.. We walk out door, to what??? Seriously, A Blizzard in full force... No JOKE!.. It seemed to take forever to get to LP hospital, 7 miles away. I prayed not to go in ditch.. Made it too hospital... with time to spare... at 12:04 p.m. April 1, Roseann made her grand & glorious appearance into our world. She was 6 weeks early, weighed 4 lbs 8 oz... I got to hold her for a brief moment and off to her incubator she went to spend the next 18 days.. Try calling

friends on April 1<sup>st</sup> to tell them you had the baby, when they all knew she wasn't due til May.. "No Really! I kid you not, I had the baby"... Sure you did they would respond... eventually they all knew it was no "April Fools. Two or three times a time a day I went to see her... It was a way different time than now a days.. Back then you couldn't hold them, all I could do was peer through the window.. After about 14 days they finally let me back inside the room and I was able to hold her.. I still couldn't feed her because she was being fed by tube, because they didn't want her to exert too much energy so she wouldn't lose the weight she was gaining back.. After birth, she lost the 8 oz.. The baby shower was planned for Sunday April 19, at the church. By Saturday April 18, she had gained back the 8 oz she lost and I brought her home, and with doctors ok, she was the Guest of Honor at that baby shower... Maybe a few of you came to the shower... I think that is the one and only time she has been early to anything... Must take after her mother.. LOL... Hope you have a wonderful & blessed Easter, remembering what Jesus, did because He loved us so much....

Do any of you have a story of a memorable moment, a funny thing that happened in your life you would like to share? Let me know, and we can put in the newsletter...

Blessings & Peace be yours,  
Bette

Be sure to call us if you have a prayer need that we can turn over to our Prayer Warriors. As you saw what can happen during Rose's Health issue when heaven is stormed with prayers...

Have lots of pictures in this months newsletter.. from Euchre night... Hope you can see them clearly..

### **EVENTS & MEETINGS 2019**

#### **Church Spring Cleaning Apr 13**

Cleaning starts outside 8 a.m.

Move to the inside around 11 a.m  
Girl Scouts have sleep over Fri night  
that's way start outside....

#### **UMW MEETING**

Tuesday April 9, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Best Years**

Wednesday April 17,  
Noon Black Smith Shoppe

#### **Maunder Thursday**

April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

#### **Good Friday**

April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunrise Service 7 am

Breakfast 8 am

**EGG HUNT** for the kiddo's after  
breakfast 8:30 ish

Easter Service 9 am

#### **Council/Board Meeting**

Wed May 15, 6:30 p.m.

#### **2019 Music Fest &**

#### **Pulled Pork Dinner**

Date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Music Fest  
has been set. Mark your Calendars.

Details to follow later.

May 18, 3:30 pm – 7 pm

#### **"YOUR TREASURES"**

#### **OPEN AIR MARKET**

SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019



#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We have finished the study "Walking  
through the Wardrobe..."

New study begins April 14...

#### **3-16 by Max Lucado...**

Digging deeper into the meaning of  
these 26 words. Unpacking these  
words of hope and what do they  
mean to us & for us...

Please come & join us. class meets at 10:30 right after fellowship hour.

**CHILDRENS CHURCH:**

The Children continues with the Spring Series of Deep Blue Connects, AT HOME with GOD... They will continue the adventure with Asia, Kat, Caleb, & Edgar.

They will meet Kat’s family. They will learn how Peter denied he knew Jesus, not once, twice, but three times, Jesus Enters Jerusalem, How Mary Magdalene finds an empty tomb, & sees Jesus Lives, and Jesus tells John to “Feed My Sheep”...



The March meeting of Best Years met at the Blacksmith Shoppe hosted by Pam Pask There were 24 in attendance. Iva said grace.

Birthdays for April are Peg Zolman, April 10, Jim Williamson April 17, Gail Dailey, April 21.. Jeff & Bobette Elkins celebrate 54 years April 3..

Prayers were asked for Mike Harris, who was having surgery.

Attendance prizes were won by: Ann Riedstra, Sharon Campos, Sue Syverson, Ben Rison, Rose Lenig, Shirley Kirkham.

Others present were: Steve & Linda Everingham, Harold Carlson, Joe & Susan Knowlton, Connie Galloway, Connie Reynolds, Jim Williamson, Deanie Ebanks, Myrna Everill, Pam Dixon, Evelin Hamilton, Karen Rison, Wayne Kirkham, Art Lenig, Peg Zolman, & guest Pam Pask’s mother, Barb Cable.

Connie Galloway will host the April meeting. Peg made a comment she hates to miss Best Years as it’s the one time she can visit with old friends & her home church family..



03 Jeff & Bobette Elkins  
20 Justin & Rita Chadwick



- 01 Robert Siford
- 01 Roseann Woolverton
- 04 Sherry Iwaszewski
- 07 Jenny Goodspeed
- 09 CJ Woolverton
- 10 Marilyn Alm
- 10 Peggy Zolman
- 15 Debbie Beason
- 15 Lynsey Daley
- 17 Abigail Chadwick
- 17 Ashley Chadwick
- 17 James Williamson
- 21 Gail Dailey
- 21 Richard Mrozinski Jr.
- 21 Mallory Porter
- 24 Malinda Lutz
- 25 Braydon Flagg
- 26 Doug Lenig
- 29 Lisa Tucker
- 30 Dottie Sue Davis
- 30 Diane Siford
- 30 Deborah Wordinger
- 30 Doris Burkus



If you have a need or you know someone that needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain.

**Pastor JoEllyn’s Cell phone # for After Hours Emergency & Prayer Chain Request (219)-363-5061**



**FOOD PANTRY Requests Always Need plastic bags**

**April:** Any kind of Soup, Any Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta (Ravioli etc)...



**Food Pantry Fundraiser Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Visit Culver’s of Laporte on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, and they will donate 10% of sales to our **Community Food Pantry**. Make sure cashier knows you are there for the Community Food Pantry kickback...

**20 Minutes with God**

Will have it’s last gathering of 2019 at Bethany Lutheran Church at 102 G St., La Porte.

• **April 10** — Dennis Meyer, Bethany Lutheran Church, will be this week’s speaker, with lunch provided by Bethany Lutheran.

**Fun facts about The Month of**



April is the fourth month of the year in our modern day Gregorian calendar.

The Naming of April - Aphrodite’s Month

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. Its name is derived from the latin word aperit, which means to open. It is considered that April is the month of the growing season and when trees and flowers begin to “open”.

Old English - April or Aprilis Latin name - Aprilis or Aperit - to open Greek - Aphro - short for Aphrodite

History of April

April was originally the second month of the year in early versions of the Roman calendar and consisted of

30 days. It became the fourth month consisting of only 29 days when January was designated the first month of the year around 450 BCE. The month became 30 days long again when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar.

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and consists of 30 days. It is commonly associated with the season of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and fall (autumn) in the Southern hemisphere.

April starts on the same day of the week as July and ends on the same day of the week as December in common years. During leap years, April starts on the same day of the week as January.

Birth Flower and Stone

April's birth flower is the daisy and sweet pea.

The birthstone for April is the diamond which symbolizes innocence.



The United Methodist Women would like to give a big

thanks, to Bruce, Harold, & Dave for giving of their time to help us take down & move out the needed tables for our Euchre Night FUNdraiser..



The United Methodist Women thank everyone who

came out in support of our "Cabin Fever" Euchre Night, Soup & Sandwich & Silent Auction Night... Because of you, our FUNdraiser was a **funtastic**, rousing success...

Thank you Jeff, for helping us, during the FUNdraiser evening...



Rolling Prairie U.M.C. Members,

Thank you for your time & talents at the VFW Chicken Noodle Dinner. The desserts were amazing (as usual!).

We appreciate you all for serving and working at the event to benefit Veterans. Couldn't have had the success without you...

Sincerely,

VFW & Aux 9423 Rolling Prairie



By Penny Derucki

On March 12, 2019, the United Methodist Women came together in fellowship and friendship. We opened our meeting with prayer and read together our Purpose. We shared a biblical meal of apples, cheese, flatbread, grapes, herring, honey, watermelon, figs, nuts, bananas and juice.

From our Prayer Calendar, Myrna Everill read the Mission Witness, given by Evelyn Erbele, Global Missionary from Oregon serving in Ketchikan Alaska; one does not have to look far to witness individuals in our local community and around the world who are responding to God's love. During the chaos of wars, natural disasters, politics and personal struggles people are bringing the message of God's hope, courage and joy. The Mission Focus takes us to Kansas City Mo., Russia, Antigua, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Chile and Dulac, La.

We received Thank-you notes from Bashor Home, Front Line Foundation and Prairie View Elementary for our

donations. Donna Cain delivered flowers from all of us to Rose Lenig while she was in the hospital. Rose writes; Thank-you, for all the prayers said for my recovery-God heard them and blessed me through you.

We are saddened by the loss of our long -time members and Sisters in Christ, Barbara Nickerson and Betty Corbin. The Corbin family writes; Thank-you for the gift to Mom's memorial. Mom cared deeply about her time in Methodist Women. Thank-you for sharing your love for her with her family. It was so appreciated. The Nickerson family writes; Thank-you so very much for the delicious food you prepared for the luncheon after Mom's Celebration of Life. Thank-you also for serving, attending the service and most of all for being Mom's best friends. She loved you all-and so do we!

Don't forget the Mother Daughter Banquet, Tuesday May 14, 6 p.m.

We would like to **THANK** everyone for the outpouring of support for our EUCHRE NIGHT FUNdraiser.



A huge shout out to our President

Barbara Parker for attempting to



keep us in line while planning this event and to our Vice-President and church secretary, Bette

Schaefer for making the flyer and running back and forth to the printer. We made \$1156.00 to help support our mission projects this year. There were delicious soups made by Barbara Parker, Bette Schaefer and Rose Lenig and sloppy joe's made by Cheryl Lenig. There were also cookies and snacks.



There were 28 card players with 1<sup>st</sup> place going to Oivia Obenchain, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Shirley Novak and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Rich Livinghouse. There were 58 items up for bid in the silent



auction from some very generous business' in our area. Many Thanks for your wonderful donations to help us support our many worthy projects.

**RP -**  
Carpenters' Daughters, Jennie Rae's, Infinity Tanning, Elkins Taxidermy & Deer



Processing, Yard Birds Metal Art, Becky Bacevicius, Family Style Salon, **N.C. -** Manny's Restaurant, Village Florist, Long Shot Bar & Grill, The Billy Goat 9 & Dine, Yarn & More, Healthy Vibes, **L.P -** Krogers, First Impressions, Cato's, Advance Auto, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Pet Supplies

Plus, Tractor Supply, Thodes, Kabers, Wana Pizza, as well as several donated



handcrafted & other items by our church family.

Many Thanks to Jeff and Bobette Elkins & Rose Lenig for securing many of the items up for bid, and to all those who made donations . They



were *sincerely appreciated!* The food was good, the conversation was lively, a good time was had by all! Any feed back for next year would be appreciated... **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!**

Our next meeting will be on April 9, 2019, 9:30 at the church. We invite you to come and be a part of our **Circle of Sisters in Christ!** Bobette Elkins will be our hostess and our Program will be given by Pastor JoEllyn. We hope you can join us, We'll be saving you a seat....



A Few More Pics from Euchre Night..... Go to website to view more [www.umcrp.org...](http://www.umcrp.org...)



Bunnies, eggs, baskets... Use a stuffed bunny or even a real one (if you are adventurous) to teach some of the characteristics of Jesus that we should all try to have. By adding a Bible verse to each quality, you will create a true Easter Bunny.

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/holidays/celebrating-the-easter-season/finding-easter>

**Real Easter bunnies:**

**are white as snow** because Jesus takes all sin away (Isaiah 1:18b).

**are gentle**, kind-hearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32).

**have big ears** that are quick to listen (James 1:19).

**have big eyes** to look carefully and choose what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

**have no voice** for complaining or arguing (Philippians 2:13).

**are quiet** in prayer, but hop with thanksgiving and rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-6).

**have big feet** to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter bunnies, too (Matthew 28:19-20).

**eat what is healthy** by filling up on God's word every day (Psalm 119:11).

**The Easter Story:  
Defining the Terms**

**Disciples** — Jesus' closest friends  
**Pharisees and religious leaders** — the people who were not teaching the truth about God

**Arrested** — Guards took Jesus and would not let him go.

**Sanhedrin or Court** — Leaders all got together and decided that Jesus should be punished for telling the people that He was God's Son.

**Righteous** — Jesus told only the truth and did everything God wanted Him to do.

**Condemned to death** — Rulers announced that Jesus would have to die.

**Crucified** — They nailed His hands and feet onto a big wooden cross and left Him hanging on it until He died.

**Tomb** — a special place, like a small cave, where Jesus' body was laid after He died

**Resurrection** — Even though Jesus had been dead for three days, God made Him come back alive so His friends would know that Jesus really is God's Son.

**Ascension** — After Jesus came back to life and spent time with His friends, He was lifted up from the ground and floated above the clouds so He could finally go to be with God in heaven.

**Second Coming** — When He left to go back to heaven, the angels promised Jesus' friends that He would be coming back one day to get all His friends



Joe Knowlton (hospital SB Memorial)  
Scott Thieme (recovering @home Heart & Lungs),  
Pam Dixon, (Chemo; ovarian cancer Surg Apr 26), Barbara Parker (health issues)) Phillip Heminger (cancer) Kathy Heminger (Health Issue, cousins Bobette & Jeff Elkins) Debbie Baughman (back surgery, Apr. 26, sister Bobette/Jeff Elkins) Betty Schimmel (cancer, sister Jeff/Bobette Elkins) Bette Elkins (Chemo, cousin Jeff/Bobette) Brad Nimtze (Health Concern: Sherry & Paul Iwaszewski (son-in-law) Mike Harris (colon cancer, Deb Harris Hubby), Bob Lenters (Cancer & Heart, Ann Riedstra brother) Alice Riedstra (cancer, daughter-in-law Ann Riedstra) Jim Williams (Shawna from BSS, father, Heart Surgery)

We have a few very special people in our church family that are struggling with various health concerns who wish to not be named. It seems, they

all say there is someone else that needs it more. We are all in need of prayer, sometimes a little more at times than others, Please keep their UNSPOKEN REQUESTS lifted in prayer, as God knows who each of them are and what it is they need. Give them strength Oh Lord, to deal with whatever their struggle... Let them feel your arms embracing them with your warm, wonderful, love.. Bless them with your Peace. Thank You, God....

**If you want someone to remain on or add please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910**



Jacob Adams US Army- States grandson Chris Adams  
Craig Carlson, (pilot) US Air Force son Harold & Carrie Carlson  
Matthew Chadwick US

Army - son  
Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick  
Michael Showalter Marines, grandson Wayne & Shirley Kirkham  
Matthew Rompca Air Force nephew Shirley & Wayne Kirkham  
Katelyn Williamson U S Marines Daughter of Al and granddaughter of Jim Williamson

If you have someone serving and would like on our prayer list please let Bette know...

Please lift all those serving our country, who are struggling, for whatever the reason; being alone, illness, divorce, loss of job, loss of loved ones, going through the firsts after death of loved one. Give thanks for everything.... Hear our Prayers, Oh Lord!





This month I had a question submitted to answer.

**Question:** Stevia is it better than Splenda? Are the sugar substitutes, Equal, Sweet Low, & such good or bad? What about Aspartame? I know I drink a lot of diet soda's that have aspartame. I've heard all about aspartame not being good for you. I've recently tried steering clear of the soda's but haven't made the clean break yet. Water, I know, is the best.

**Answer:** There has been a lot of discussion about sugar substitutes and their healthfulness. Currently Splenda, Stevia, Equal, Sweet & Low, and a few other sweeteners are on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) GRAS (generally recognized as safe) list. This means that there is no research suggesting that they are harmful as an ingredient in our food. However, the important thing to realize is that they should be consumed in moderation, as there could be risks if we overconsume these additives over long periods of time.

Water is generally the best drink that we can consume, but many people get bored with plain water. Infusing your water is one fun way to change things up a little bit and give it some flavor. Adding strawberries, lemons, limes, cucumber, mint leaves, oranges, or anything else your heart desires are just some suggestions to make water more palatable and tasty. If you are someone who enjoys soda, don't beat yourself up. Try to cut back if you drink a lot of it,

but don't feel like you have to totally give it up all at once.

Overall, moderation in all things is key. Sugar substitutes are not necessarily "bad" they are very useful for diabetics and others who need to limit their sugar/carbohydrate intake but still want to enjoy sweets. Sugar substitutes are also helpful in weight control and weight loss. If they are overconsumed though there can be some risk long term that has not been discovered as of yet. When choosing which sugar substitute to use, find one that you enjoy. They all taste different so finding one that works for your taste buds is best. If you like a variety of them, then changing them up can be helpful in limiting the use of one certain substance.

One other caution with soda or consumption of carbonated beverages is that it can expand your stomach size. Someone once asked me why their daughter-in-law never could lose weight even though she drank diet soda without calories. Not knowing the answer to the question I spoke to another Dietitian about it and was informed that carbonation can affect our stomach size, making us want to eat and drink more than we need to. So overall cutting back on sodas and other carbonated beverages can be beneficial to our overall health and wellbeing, but again don't deprive yourself if you enjoy having a soda every once in a while.

I would love to answer any other questions submitted, please give them to me or Bette.

Gretchen Krivak MS, RD, CGFI, EIM-1



For April Kids Corner here are some fun ideas to do with the kiddos or just yourself, to

help remember the Easter Story... Hope you enjoy!!



Pretzel rods  
Chocolate or White Almond Bark or Candy Melts.  
Microwave-safe container tall enough to dip pretzels...  
Waxed paper  
Spoon

Prepare two pretzel rods for each cross, breaking one, to make a shorter cross beam.  
Melt vanilla



flavored almond bark in the microwave, according to the directions on the package. Half the package, or six squares, is enough to make fourteen crosses.

Pour the melted almond bark into a tall enough mug, to dip the pretzels. Then, dip them, long ones first...  
...with the short pretzels going across on top...

tap on candy sprinkles before the candy



coating has a chance to harden. And you are done.

### Pretzel Nets Full of Fish

(To go with John 21:1-14)



Snyder's "Butter Snaps" Pretzels  
Hershey Kisses® or Candy Melts  
Fish Shaped Crackers

We had a great time making these, and they were so simple.

Just line up the pretzel "nets" on a

cookie sheet...  
...and top each one with a

Hershey Kiss®. Place the pan in a 350-degree Fahrenheit oven, for a minute or two, until the chocolate is shiny, indicating it's melted (don't overbake, or the chocolate will burn and turn hard and crumbly).

Then, press a fish cracker down into each melted chocolate, and place the



entire pan into the fridge for a few minutes to cool.

While you're waiting, read the passage from John 21:1-14 about Jesus appearing to the disciples,

while they were fishing, after the resurrection.

If using Candy melts can arrange the melts on top of the pretzels put in micro wave for 25 sec. intervals til melted... Must watch the melts so they & the pretzel don't burn.. Take my word for it, I have burned the pretzel by micro waving too long.



Excerpted from

<http://almostunschoolers.blogspot.com/2012/03/sunday-school-easter-snacks.html>

### **Did you know that the pretzel is a traditional food for lent?**

When early Christians would pray, they crossed their arms and touched each shoulder with the opposite

hand.

They also fasted (very strictly) during lent, making their bread

with only water, flour, and salt. A monk shaped this in the form of praying arms for children, and the pretzel was born!



The recipe below uses yeast, google yeast less soft pretzel recipes if prefer no yeast....

Soft Pretzel Recipe~ What you need:

- 1 package yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 4 cups flour
- 1 egg

Mix your yeast, water, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the flour, and knead until the dough is smooth. Shape into the form of arms crossed in prayer and place it on a baking sheet. Brush the dough with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish (I skipped the egg on mine). Sprinkle the top with salt, and bake in an oven preheated to 425 degrees for 15 minutes.

**Pretzel Flower Bites** – I make these quite a bit... These are fun & pretty .. Great for Easter, spring & summer.

Use Pastel M & M's. I buy extra during Easter so I have on hand to make when no longer in stores.. Usually ½ off after Easter.. Can use the darker M & M's for fall & the Christmas M & M's for Christmas.. Have Fun!!!

<https://www.twosisterscrafting.com/flower-pretzel-bites/>

### **Instructions**



- Arrange Snyder's Butter Snaps pretzels on a PAPER plate. Place a candy melt in the center of each pretzel.

Microwave until soft, but not runny. . Immediately place one M&M into the center, then six more M&M's around the center for the flower petals. ...

TIP: Keep the "M" side of the M&M's down for better looking flowers.

Have a blessed Easter!!

