



Easter Greetings From Your YMCA Board and Staff!

This weekend the Christian world will celebrate Easter. Over the many years I have been involved with the YMCA as a volunteer and staff member I have thought often about how our Christian values, which guide our programming and work, might not only survive but thrive in an ever changing and complex world. I continue to believe that the need for the YMCA and our mission based, values driven programming has never been more needed and important than it is during the challenging times we face with the onset of the COVID - 19 virus.

The Easter season is a time of hope for a better tomorrow. Years ago someone suggested that the YMCA in our community is an island of hope in a sea of opportunities. I believe this is especially true during these difficult days. While our program centers are closed we continue to serve the community in any way we can. We are hosting blood drives, cooperating with others to provide dinners to about 800 individuals and families each weekday and are offering online videos of fitness programs and family activities so that we remain connected during the time our normal programming is interrupted.

While we are uncertain of the date we will be able to reopen our Y facilities and resume programming, I can share with you that we are now making plans on how we will phase in the opening of our program centers and begin to once again build the relationships which have become so important to so many of our Door County residents and friends. Please join me this weekend in the hope that the current challenges will pass sometime soon and we will welcome you back to the Y.

Until then, your Y Board of Directors and staff join you in looking forward to the coming Easter weekend, the arrival of warmer temperatures and an end to the challenges we face today. Best wishes to you and your family for a safe, healthy and blessed Easter weekend. We look forward to seeing you at the YMCA often once we are able to re-open our doors.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

Tom Beerntsen, CEO