

# GEOCAM CONNECTION

Georgetown & Cambridge Assisted Living 141-151 Port Sheldon Rd. Grandville, MI 49418



## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Check your Life Enrichment calendar for all programming & activity times

### March 3

Music with Dan Bryson

### March 8

Daylight Savings

### March 17

St. Patrick's Day

### March 20

First Day of Spring

### March 25

Travelogue with Kyle Schippa

### March 27

Music with Stephen Forrester

### April 11

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

## JOY, A Meditation

Psalm 16 (in part):

*Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. I will praise the Lord, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; **You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.***

As chaplains, we are privileged to arrive at homes we visit knowing that God is there ahead of us. It is assuring to know we are stepping into work God is already doing; it is not about us. Each encounter is different and all of it is Holy Space.

In a visit, sometimes a resident will ask us to pray with them.

No matter what shape the conversation has taken to that point, pausing together with God changes the whole feel o the room; there is a palpable sense of mutual refreshment, a breath of peach and joy.

A blend of two quotes on Psalm 78's prayer of lament, says: "God's presence is our sanctuary. The view from here is very different from our circumstances. Battered reason, outraged sensitivity, and provoked faith are marched into God's sanctuary where they are clothed in robes of eternity. Our flesh and heart may fail but God is the strength of our life and confident hope for the future." (Praying the Psalms-Peterson and Freedom of Christ Study Bible)

God calls us over and over to come to Him exactly as we are. He knows us by name, knows everything we think, and loves us. God promises to draw us to him and to hold us close to his heart (Isiah 40). As we are honest with God our relationship grows and in His presence there is healing, wholeness, peace, and joy. God's mercy allows us to begin new every morning.

Prayer ushers us into God's presence. It is no coincidence that the prayer the Bible gives as an example begins with, 'Our Father, who art in heaven; **hallowed** be thy name.'

Psalm 100 reminds us that we enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Psalm 8 says praise is a gift to silence the foe and the avenger. The enemies of fear, pain, and hopelessness are transformed in God's presence and we experience life giving "un-burdening."

*"I will praise and rejoice! You make known to me the path of life and fill me with **joy** in your presence"....now and into eternity.*

Chaplain Sheri



## Happy Birthday!!

To our residents...

Ken Jeltema 3/3  
Ruth VerMerris 3/3  
Ethel Franks 3/8  
Carol Smits 3/11  
Onelia Dieppe 3/14  
Erika Margaritas 3/24  
Wilma Smith 3/26

To our staff.....

Marcia Poll 3/2

## We Welcome You!

Betty Coger to East

We're glad you're here with us!

## Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy & prayers to the families of residents we've recently lost...

Celeste Brown



Did you know??

If you are an Amazon shopper, our company has an Amazon

Smile Account:

Check us out: **'Baruch Senior Ministries'**. A donation will be made to help our residents.

## The Great Escape



On March 24, 1944, the British bomber pilot Leslie “Johnny” Bull poked his head out of the ground and took his first breath of freedom after suffering as a prisoner of war in the Nazi-controlled Stalag Luft III camp. The so-called “Great Escape” had begun, one of the most daring mass breakouts ever attempted during wartime.

In 1944, the camp housed over 10,000 Allied service members. The location of the camp was chosen in part due to its sandy soil, which made any attempts to tunnel out extremely difficult. This did not deter Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Roger Bushell from devising a grand tunneling scheme. His plan consisted of “three bloody deep, bloody long tunnels,” code-named Tom, Dick, and Harry. Previous escapes had been attempted, but none on the scale Bushell proposed. Not only did he oversee the excavation of three tunnels but he also devised a system of signals that allowed POWs to track prison guards and communicate their whereabouts. He also procured civilian clothes for escapees, forged travel documents, and equipment for the 600 digging inmates. As the plan’s mastermind, Bushell was given the code name “Big X.”

His plan proved ingenious. Powdered milk cans distributed by the Red Cross were fashioned into shovels, picks, and lanterns. Excavated dirt was smuggled to the surface inside inmates’ trouser legs and then scattered while the prisoners walked around. The tunnels were 30-feet deep and just 2-feet square, the walls shored up with pieces of wood scavenged from all over the camp, most notably the prisoners’ bunk beds. Many of the guards, who were openly anti-Nazi, assisted in the procuring of forged documents and materials. By the moonless night of March 24, 1944, the tunnel “Harry” was complete, and 76 men tunneled to freedom. Of the 76 escapees, 73 were captured, but the dramatic “Great Escape” became the stuff of legend and a Hollywood blockbuster.



## SAVE THE DATE

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 11 at 10am. We need your help! We are accepting donations of wrapped candy that will be put in the eggs that will be filled by our residents. You can drop off candy in the Community Room until the first week of April. Please check the bulletin boards by each entrance for more details.



Our first ever Soup Supper was a success! Thank you to all the families that came out to enjoy delicious food & wonderful fellowship! We look forward to making this a new tradition!!

Thank You!!



Attention Residents, Family & Friends & Employees

Do you have a favorite recipe or two that you'd like to share? If so, we are looking for you! For our fall craft sale we are working to put together a *Georgetown/Cambridge* Recipe book. So, stay tuned for more information as we go along these next few months. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with Rachel Rynbrandt- Life Enrichment Director



We are in need of someone who is willing to come and fill our birdfeeders for our residents. This is a weekly job. If you are interested; please contact Rachel Rynbrandt- Life Enrichment Director



### Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Each year, March 20 is celebrated as Won't You Be My Neighbor Day in honor of the birthday of Fred Rogers, everybody's favorite television neighbor. Rogers suffered a lonely childhood and was often taunted about being overweight. He overcame his shyness to become a Presbyterian minister but left the seminary to go into television. He hated TV and wanted to transform it into a means of nurturing those who would watch and listen. Rogers was a natural when it came to children's broadcasting, using his talents to develop puppets, music, and characters that appealed to kids' better natures. By the time the show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* aired in 1968, he had mastered his use of imaginative