

April 2020

GEOCCAM 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

April 5

Palm Sunday

April 7

Bible Study with Pastor Rick

April 10

Good Friday Service & Communion with Pastor Rick

April 12

Easter Sunday

April 17

Beltone Hearing Visit

April 19

National Volunteer Week

LIVING JOYFULLY

In my lifetime I have never lived in the time of a pandemic! The presence of COVID-19 has created a world filled with uncertainty and fear. Grocery stores have a shortage of toilet paper and canned goods. Schools & universities have moved classes to online only while postponing graduations. Assisted Living Homes have closed their doors to outside visitors and families. Hospitals are limiting visitors to one per patient. Travel to and from Europe has been postponed as have local forms of public transportation. The stock market has plunged creating financial instability. Churches have gone to online worship services. Social distancing has been highly encouraged. Our world is changing.

Yet, in the midst of uncertainty and fear how are we **living joyfully**? Hear Psalm 16:11- "You make known to me the path of life; your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore".

Living joyfully is not defined by what you don't have. Look at what you do have! You may have enough toilet paper and canned goods, an education and a place to work. You may have your health, a form of transportation and some financial stability. You may even have a church family. Most importantly, though, as a believer, you have joy in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. All this world has to offer will soon fade away, but the joy of the Lord is forever.

Psalm 16 brings us reassurance that all we need is found in the Lord. The Psalmist begins asking God to preserve him because God is all he needs. He then acknowledges there is delight among fellow believers, that he has been chosen by the Lord and in him are pleasant places. God is his beautiful inheritance. He will never be abandoned by the Lord. Because of these things, the psalmist's heart is joyful.

I encourage you to read Psalm 16. Not only one time, but over and over again. Ask yourself if you find joy in God as your safest refuge (v.1); is he your supreme treasure (v.6); what does it mean to you that God is the Sovereign Lord (v.5) and do you trust his counsel for your life (v.7-8) If so, then begin living joyfully as a believer filled with the Spirit of the living God in this uncertainty of COVID-19.

Go out **living joyfully** in the Lord!

Chaplain Val



Happy Birthday!

To our residents....

Wilma Vredevoogd 4/2
Joanne Magnuson 4/20
Henrietta VanderLaan 4/21
Roger Knot 4/25 (80th!)
Kay Peterson 4/25 (90th!)
John VanderWall 4/29

To our Staff.....

Makinzie Fairley 4/2
Shlanda Bowman 4/10
Tyra Atkinson 4/11
Densie Balding 4/11
Sharon Heath 4/14
Mary Masselink 4/19

We Welcome You!

Barb Brinks to West
Bernice Goodemoot to West
Steve Dietrich to East
Sandy Idema to North

We are happy you're here with us!

Our Sympathy

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

Wilma Smith
Irene Hathaway
Thelma VanderZouwen

OUR PRAYER

We are thinking of our families &
friends at this time... We love and
miss you and pray that you are all
being watched over by Gods almighty
& loving hands. These are unusual
times, but we know that the Lord God
is in control. We will not fear or be
anxious... he gives us great comfort in
knowing HE loves us & you!
Be joyful always, pray continually, give
thanks.

Love, the residents & staff

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” is a Christian hymn associated with Easter.

Most of the stanzas were written by Charles Wesley, and the hymn appeared under the title “Hymn for Easter Day” in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* by Charles and John Wesley in 1739. The hymn eventually became well known for the “Alleluia” sung as a melisma after each line, which was added by an unknown author, probably to fit commonly used hymn tune of “Easter hymn”. It remains a traditional processional hymn on Easter Sunday.

Charles Wesley, the co-founder of the Methodist Church. He based the hymn on an older anonymous Bohemian hymn titled “Jesus Christ in Risen Today”. The new hymn was first performed at the first service at The Foundery Meeting House after Wesley had adapted it into the first Methodist chapel. Following this, Wesley published it in the *Hymns and Sacred Poems* hymnal. It was initially written with eleven verses of four lines each. Which were later reduced to six and early in the 19th century “Alleluia” was added at the end of each line. This results in “Alleluia” appearing twenty-four times in the hymn. The hymn eventually became popular in the Church of England from around 1780. “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” has been considered by many Christian hymnologists as being the most definitive church anthem for Easter. Each verse features a focus on the Resurrection of Jesus. For the final verse, Wesley uses descriptive language to describe four requirements for Christians to enjoy eternal life with God.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Eggs are dyed to represent the blood of Jesus Christ
- Good Friday is only honored in some states
- Giving eggs is a symbol of “rebirth” in many cultures
- Americans will consume more than 16 million jelly beans
- Buying a new outfit for Easter stems from a superstition
- The world’s largest chocolate egg was made in Italy
- Easter is the second biggest candy-consuming holiday
- Most Americans bite off the ears of a chocolate bunny first
- 8.5 million pounds of whole hams were bought last Easter



Great “Bulldog”

On April 9, 1963, Winston Churchill was made an honorary citizen of the United States, which is why that day has ever since been celebrated as Winston Churchill Day.



Winston Churchill has been hailed as one of the greatest statesmen of the 20th century. He was born into an aristocratic family to a father descended of British politicians and a mother who was heiress to an American

fortune. Winston, though, did not want to live an easy life of luxury. After military school, he traveled throughout the British Empire as a soldier and journalist, finally returning to England to begin his career in politics in 1900. He started as a conservative but suddenly shifted to the liberals, championing progressive causes such as the eight-hour workday, a government-mandated minimum wage, and a system of public health insurance. Years later, however, in the face of the rise of German nationalism and the Nazis, Churchill returned to the conservatives. In May of 1940 after Hitler invaded Poland, Winston Churchill was elected prime minister of England and vowed to guide Britain through the war.

Victory in World War II was not easy. As the Nazis bombed London, Churchill convinced the Americans to support the Allied war effort. Churchill's efforts were not in vain, and Germany finally surrendered in 1945. Churchill had earned the nickname the “British Bulldog” for epitomizing the unrelenting courage and tenacity of Britain's favorite pet. After the war, Churchill still had work to finish. He was elected prime minister again in 1951, won a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1953, and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1963. While Winston Churchill was far from perfect—he suffered political and military defeats, struggled with mental illness, and made controversial remarks regarding race and class—he dedicated his life to his country, and for that he received the honor of a state funeral in 1965, despite not being a member of the royal family.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought to earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Flying Debutante



Ruth Rowland Nichols was a pioneer of aviation during the 1920s and '30s, setting world records for speed, altitude, and distance. She received her pilot's license in 1924 after graduating from Wellesley College, becoming the first woman to receive such a license in the state of New York. It was

on April 13, 1931, that Nichols established perhaps her most daring record of all. Flying a state-of-the-art 1928 Lockheed Model 5 Vega Special at a three-kilometer course in Carlton, Minnesota, she recorded a speed of 210.64 mph, a new world record. For her prowess in the cockpit, Nichols was dubbed “The Flying Debutante.” Her Lockheed Vega is on display today at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.