

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kuldip G.	April 2	Ricardo G.	April 15
Mila C.	April 3	Amrit O.	April 18
Violet L.	April 8	Paul H.	April 23
Sohrab S.	April 13	Katherine F-H	April 27

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Birthday Tea

Thursday, April 25
1:45 pm
Camelia & Magnolia
with Alastair

Easter Message

GREAT LIGHT

By Toni Umbarger

Threatened by darkness
Our suffering Light
Submitted His power
Gave in to the night

Abandoned, forsaken
Dismayed, but not lost
He willingly gave up
His blood to the cross

Treasure of heaven
For a world stained with sin
The King's Son was ransom
Our lost souls to win

Soaring fire of His Spirit
By our sin brought low
Yet Love's burning ember
Continued to glow

Great Light faced great darkness
But Light overcame
The fuel for my heart fire
The cure for my shame

RESPECT

Take the time
to listen to
those who
can respond
but may not
be able to do
so quickly.



Find out what it

Buchanan Lodge Volunteer Enhancement & Support



Spiritual Care Series - *Caring for Seniors*

Workshops on 3 Saturdays:
May 11, 18, 25 2024 from 9 am - 4 pm

Buchanan has been granted free scholarships for up to 12 participants who would to help our Spiritual Health Team expand their visits and small group programs for our residents. Pick up a brochure on-site or email Robert.Buzza@salvationarmy.ca for more information. Website registration will also soon be available.

RESPECT suggestions are new each month. Check them out!

BUCHANAN LODGE



APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Mackenzie put a whoopie cushion on the teacher's chair. Makayla told the teacher that a bug was in her hair. Alyssa brought an apple with a purple gummy worm and gave it to the teacher just to see if she would squirm.

Elijah left a piece of plastic dog doo on the floor, and Vincent put some plastic vomit in the teacher's drawer. Amanda put a goldfish in the teacher's drinking glass. These April Fool's Day pranks are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go & try them, though, there's something I must mention: The teacher wasn't fooling when she put us in detention!

By Kenn Nesbitt
From the book: REVENGE OF THE LUNCH LADIES

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Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE. APRIL 2024

Precious Memories



Camelia staff are so coordinated!



Buchanan staff "get their green on" for St. Patrick's Day



The joy of folding laundry



Tasha & Tracy hop into action



Sit Ying loves her dog visits



Eva in her Easter bonnet



Lynda, with her Mardi Gras beads, leads the parade

Thought for April

It's really not about what we can do to impress God – His standards are too high. Instead, it's all about what God has already done for us in sending Jesus.



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

Martin Luther

That's what the pastor was trying to get Peter to understand. If he could begin there, there's the potential for a fresh start as a loving husband, as a trustworthy father, and maybe even as a reputable governor. I know I'm talking about a TV show and the story unfolded differently, but what Jesus did for us is really true and it really works. He said, *I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe?* (John 11:25-26). Well - do you?

~ Chaplain Rob Buzza

Spring Life

We transitioned from March to April by honouring Good Friday and celebrating Easter. Here at Buchanan these important occasions are much more than an excuse to take some time off and bust open a bag of chocolate mini eggs (my personal favorite)? There is a deeper reason for the season!

The symbols of Easter speak of new life. The name "Easter" likely comes from the ancient word for spring and the Germanic goddess of spring and fertility, "Eastre" (the root of the word "estrogen"). Her earthly symbol was the rabbit, for obvious reasons. Other symbols like eggs, chicks, and flowers also remind us of new life.

Does the promise of new life, illustrated by the arrival of Spring and the Easter celebration, apply to our lives? I still remember an episode of the TV show, "The Good Wife," which posed a similar question. Peter, the good wife's unfaithful husband, sought spiritual help from a pastor for purely political reasons. But the pastor suddenly made it personal when he asked, "Do you believe Jesus died for your sins?" Peter answered honestly, "I don't even know what that means!"

The truth is, it means everything. When Jesus died on the cross (Good Friday) and then came back to life (Easter), everything suddenly made sense. There is a God and He really did create life. You and I and all humanity are the reason for creation. Despite what others may say and what we may sometimes think, God really loves us and wants us to know Him personally. He explains all of that, the real meaning of life, in the Bible, His love letter to all of us. And at the very heart of that message is Jesus.

While others are trying to create ways to reach up to God (we call that religion) God has already reached down to us. It's really not about what we can do to impress God – His standards are too high. Instead, it's all about what God has already done for us in sending Jesus. Jesus took upon Himself the spiritual and physical consequences for our failures. He died in our place and then came back to life so that we can experience "new life" too.

April

Live Music

LIVE MUSIC

April 4 - Sat. 1:45 pm Rose - Alastair
April 13 - Sat. 1:30 pm Camelia - Dave
April 20 - Sat. 1:45 pm Willow - Alastair
April 25 - Thur., Birthday Tea, 1:45 pm
Camelia & Magnolia with Alastair
April 27 - Sat. 1:30 pm Camelia - Dave



Pizza Lunch Party

PIZZA LUNCH PARTY IN THE MPR
Thursday, April 11 at noon for Rose & Willow
Thursday, April 18 at noon for Camelia & Magnolia



Families Gardening Together

For any Family Members interested in planting in the garden this year - please contact Trish or the recreation staff to reserve a section in the house where your loved one lives.

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SPIRITUAL HEALTH Spring Schedule 2024

- Mondays**
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
- Tuesdays**
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am
- Wednesdays**
MASS - 1st Wednesday at 11 am
COMMUNION - 3rd Wednesday at 11 am
- Thursdays**
CHAPELS
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
- Sundays**
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am