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Northern Pines News Letter

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Celebrating August

Read-a-Romance Novel Month

Happiness Happens Month

Happy Birthday Viola
August 3rd

Happy Birthday
Sandy 5th

Happy Birthday Roxie
August 11th

International Lefthander's Day
August 13th

Root Beer Float Day
August 6th

Elvis Week
August 9-17

International Geocaching Day
August 20th

Senior Citizens Day
August 21st

Women's Equality Day
August 26th

Thriving in God's Protection

Our focus for the month of August is Thriving in God's Protection. Isaiah 43.2 is the verse we will use to focus on God's protection. We read, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you". In Isaiah chapter 42, we see God reminding the Israelites they are his "chosen people in whom he delights" (v. 1) and in verse 6, he tells them he "will take you by the hand and keep you..". As chapter 42 continues, God also reminds Israel of their failure to hear and see what God is doing in their life. In chapter 43, God reminds Israel that in spite of their failure to hear and see, God has redeemed them and called them by name. He will not allow them to be overwhelmed or consumed by the waters and fires of life. We see examples of God's people thriving in his protection. Exodus 14 tells of how, at the Red Sea, God parted the waters for his people to pass through and then let them fall upon the Egyptians, drowning them. In Joshua 3, God held the waters of the Jordan River back while the priests stood there with the Ark of the Covenant until all the people had passed through the river. We see God's protection of Daniel and his friends from the heat of the fiery furnace in Daniel 3. All throughout scripture, God is protecting his people. I challenge you to ask yourself how you are thriving in God's protection this day, this week, this month. Are you feeling overwhelmed, consumed? If so, remember, God has called you and he is transforming you with the power of His redeeming grace. Rest in his grace,

Chaplain Val

The Gold Rush

On August 16, 1896, prospector George Carmack and his family were looking for gold along Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Canada's Yukon Territory. Gold was discovered in vast quantities, and Carmack immediately filed claims to mine the land. Word of the find quickly spread, and by the end of August, the length of the entire creek had been claimed

by gold miners. Not even winter could stop the miners, and prospectors raced by dog sled to the Klondike and the newly renamed Bonanza Creek.

It wasn't until July of 1897 that the first shipments of Klondike gold arrived in the cities of Seattle and San Francisco.

The gold shipments were valued at \$1.13 million. (That's over one billion of today's dollars!) Word of the gold spread like wildfire, and soon prospectors from all over the world were flooding the West Coast and preparing for the journey north. A great economic boom hit cities like Seattle and San Francisco, which birthed outfitting and supply industries for the prospectors.

It is estimated that 100,000 people attempted the trip into the Klondike between the summers of 1897 and 1898. Many gold-seekers had no experience whatsoever in mining or prospecting. Mass resignations occurred across the country as people left their livelihoods behind to search for riches. Even Seattle's mayor left his post to try his luck. Of the 100,000 aspiring gold miners, only 30,000 eventually made it to the Klondike.

Travel to the Yukon proved treacherous thanks to mountainous terrain and unpredictable weather. The Canadian government issued strict food and equipment requirements for prospectors in an attempt to prevent death from exposure and starvation. Of the 30,000 who made it to the Yukon, only 4,000 struck gold. And of these 4,000, only a few hundred became rich. By the summer of 1898, the word *Klondike* was spoken with scorn. As rumors of gold found in other northern locales spread, the Klondike was abandoned, and the gold rush was over.

August Birthdays

In astrology, those born from August 1–22 are Leo's Lions. As lions are kings of the animals, Leos are strong and charismatic leaders. Proud and confident, Leos enjoy performing and the attention it brings. Those born from August 23–31 are Virgo's Virgins. Often symbolized by the goddess of agriculture, Virgos are deeply connected to the material world. They are logical, practical, and aware of every detail.

P.D. James (writer) – August 3, 1920
 Meghan Markle (princess) – August 4, 1981
 Leslie Odom Jr. (actor) – August 6, 1981
 Whitney Houston (singer) – August 9, 1963
 Viola Davis (actress) – August 11, 1965
 Don Ho (singer) – August 13, 1930
 Halle Berry (actress) – August 14, 1966
 Angela Bassett (actress) – August 16, 1958
 Usain Bolt (sprinter) – August 21, 1986
 Kobe Bryant (athlete) – August 23, 1978
 Mother Teresa (nun) – August 26, 1910
 Richard Gere (actor) – August 31, 1949

Biking for Baruch

Registration for Biking for Baruch – “Moving for Miles” is NOW OPEN! This year apart from biking, you can walk, run, swim, skip, rollerblade, or do whatever you desire to physically move, to reach a goal in miles. You can do this individually, or as a team! Help us reach our goal as we get moving! Please reach out to our Life Enrichment Director for more information.

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