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Celebrating April

Humor Month

Laugh at Work Week

April 1–7

National Volunteer Week

April 21–27

Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

April 2

Teflon Day

April 6

Happy Birthday Emmy

April 7

National Gardening Day

April 14

Take a Wild Guess Day

April 15

Earth Day

April 22

Happy Birthday Mary S.

April 25

International Jazz Day

April 30

I remember in days gone by, when our kids would have swimming lessons at the pool. The kids would swim and the parents would wait in the bleachers on the sides. Most of the times the kids were too involved with splashing and jumping and paddling to notice the loving audience of parents watching over them. But every now and then, each child would intentionally turn and look for that one face that mattered. When I would see one of ours look over, I would hold up my hand in the way that forms the “I Love You” in sign language. They would instantly smile, knowing what I was saying, even without spoken words, and then go back swimming but with a much more dedicated effort knowing that I was watching them. God too is a loving parent, watching over us and waiting for the chance to show us His love for us. However, just like my children had to look to me to get that message, we too need to turn and look for His face or we will miss those messages. In an age of constant distractions, and the splashing of life that are happening all around us, we can forget to seek out the face of God, forget to see the sign of His love for us in Jesus Christ, and miss out on feeling His love for us. We need to examine our lives and find those tiny moments where He has showered us with signs of His great love for us and then do our best to remain in that love in all we do. “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” Zeph. 3:17 “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:4-5

Chaplain David Price

For the Love of Birds



Many have heard of the Audubon Society and know it as an environmental organization dedicated to studying and preserving birds and their natural habitats. The organization is named after John James Audubon, the French American painter of birds who dedicated his

life to his unique art. His birthday, April 26, is now celebrated as Audubon Day.

Audubon showed an affinity for birds starting in childhood. He spent hours roaming the countryside, collecting birds' nests and eggs, and drawing them once he returned home. Audubon's father was a sailor and hoped his son would join the navy, so John James went to military school. However, he suffered from seasickness and so returned to the woods.

In 1803, the Napoleonic Wars broke out in France. Audubon's father obtained a fake passport and sent John James to America to avoid the war. It was at his family's farm in Pennsylvania that Audubon devoted himself full-time to the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and drawing birds.

Audubon was obsessed with birds. In an effort to study their habits, he tied string around their legs to see if they returned year after year. He learned the art of taxidermy and worked in natural museums. But his greatest contribution to ornithology was his brilliant book *Birds of America*. He dedicated his life to drawing every single bird in America. His style was new and different: a highly detailed drawing of each bird, more accurate than ever before. His drawings were life-sized, with some pages over three feet tall and two feet wide. After 14 years of traveling the entire country, Audubon drew over 700 species of birds. *Birds of America* is often considered the greatest picture book ever made, and original copies have sold for over \$10 million. How's that for a nest egg?

April Birthdays

If you were born between April 1–19, you are Aries, the Ram. These independent adventurers like to strike out on their own and are natural leaders. Their enthusiasm and confidence give them big, outgoing personalities. Those born between April 20–30 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls show a steady persistence in endeavors both professional and personal, and after working hard, they like to reward themselves for a job well done.

Emmylou Harris (musician) – April 2, 1947
 Marlon Brando (actor) – April 3, 1924
 James D. Watson (scientist) – April 6, 1928
 Jackie Chan (actor) – April 7, 1954
 Beverly Cleary (author) – April 12, 1916
 Queen Elizabeth II (royalty) – April 21, 1926
 Barbra Streisand (entertainer) – April 24, 1942
 Kelly Clarkson (singer) – April 24, 1982
 Jay Leno (comedian) – April 28, 1950
 Duke Ellington (pianist) – April 29, 1899

What are the Easter Bunny's Favorite Snacks?



We know the types of goodies that the Easter Bunny likes to bring us, but what does he himself like to snack on? We like to think that he enjoys some freshly baked banana bread and rootbeer floats! Emmy and Char baked up some yummy banana bread for dessert! Also pictured, is Butch and Helen enjoying a refreshing rootbeer float on a beautiful spring afternoon.

