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- * *encouragement for widows & caregivers;*
- * *awareness & action opportunities for the community.*

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Koinonia Senior Care Newsletter

April 2020

National Day of Prayer for Coronavirus: Christine's Daily Prayer

My Father in Heaven who cares deeply for His children and longs to hear from us throughout each day. Here I am again. Your child because of my faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your gift of Jesus who is available to anyone who accepts Your present and who then enters Your presence through prayer. (John 3:16, John 14:6)

Nothing surprises You. You are all-knowing. Nothing gets past You. You are everywhere. Nothing is too big for You. You are all-powerful. At this time, I come to You on behalf of my home country, the United States of America, and those living around the world.

You know all about this Coronavirus situation, Father. You know the fears. You know the facts. You know the faith needed in You to face this pandemic with assurance that You care and that we need to cast all our cares upon You. (1 Peter 5:7) You work - in Your ways - in Your timing. In You is my refuge and in You I put my trust. (Psalm 91:2).

I ask You to guide our Nation through these trials and period of uncertainty. I pray for our medical professionals and public health officials who are working tirelessly to protect all of us and treat patients who are infected. Grant them wisdom, protection, success and rest in You. May they feel and acknowledge Your presence leading and guiding their efforts.

I ask You to guide our courageous first responders, National Guard, and dedicated individuals who are working to ensure the health and safety of our communities. Grant them protection and their family's peace as their loved ones serve. May they feel and acknowledge Your presence leading and guiding their efforts.

I ask You to guide our Federal, State, and local leaders. Grant them wisdom to make difficult decisions and decisive actions to protect Americans everywhere. May they feel and acknowledge Your presence leading and guiding their efforts.

You are everywhere, Father. May Your presence and peace be felt with those who fear, with those who are sick, with those who are lonely, with those who endure chronic illness, with those who are frail, with those who are infected, with those who are mourning, and with those who are ministering. Sing over them and bring them comfort.

You are all-powerful, Father. You split the seas for Your people. You calmed the storms for Your disciples and I ask You to calm this coronavirus storm worldwide in the powerful name of Jesus! Lord, death could not hold You! The veil tore before You! You have no rival! You have no equal! You reign! I acknowledge You as the great "I AM." You get ALL the glory and praise and honor! My hope is in You! My future is in Your Kingdom to come, which will have no sickness. No tears. No death. Praise the Lord, Almighty! May we no longer be a slave to fear, but remember that we are Your children. In the beautiful, wonderful, powerful name of above all names, Jesus Christ my King, I pray, AMEN.



APRIL

GriefShare Support Group, Pathway— Tuesdays
10am when we can resume

4 KSC Training—Online

29 KSC Blessing Gift Make & Take

Thursdays @ 3:00 Bible study
at Oxford Grand

Other Days to Remember

1 One Cent Day, April Fools

4 Handmade Day

8 National ZOO Day

12 Easter

17 Clean medicine cabinet

19-25 Natl Volunteer Wk

25 National Phone Day

27 National Story Day

Thank you for
your patience while our
website has been down!

Widows & Widowers

April 1st is "One Cent Day." There is much history about the penny which I found quite interesting. Some famous quotes about the penny include "A penny for your thoughts" and "A penny saved is a penny earned."

It's also been said that when Mother Teresa was leaving her monastery to start Sisters of Charity, she had two pennies. She was asked by a head priest what she could possibly do with two pennies. She said, '**Nothing. But with two pennies and God, I can do anything!**' Now that's FAITH!

When I find a penny on the ground, my first thought is the reminder from which is on that penny, "In God We Trust." Inevitably, when I am concerned about something and I find a penny on the ground, I know it is God's way of telling me, "I've got this. Trust in Me."

During this time of COVID-19 or in seasons of grief and other times of concern, I challenge you to not live in fear and frustration, but faith and trust in God.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7



Opportunities

4 U held at

Tyler Road Baptist Church

571 S. Tyler Road

BLESSING GIFT

Make-&-Take

Wed. April 29

April TRAINING

Email April 1st

The Alzheimer's Association offers many informational resources online at www.alz.org. Click on "Alzheimers & Dementia" and choose your topic.

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Caregiver's Corner

April 8th is National Zoo Lover's Day! It's fascinating to observe the creativity of our God who created each of these zoo creatures! Unfortunately, the ZOO is closed right now, but here are some ways to celebrate with your loved one:

Google "Virtual Zoo Field Trip" and watch animals play and get fed!

KSC's Lending Library has the *Wildlife Explorer* series available for local check-out and delivery to your doorstep!

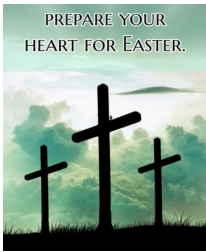
Sign up for KSC's ZOO Lover's Day drawing to our local ZOO. Call 316-209-9028 and tell Christine your favorite zoo animal to get your name in the drawing. KSC will take 3 local homebound seniors (who don't drive but are ambulatory) to the ZOO from 12-4 on a good-weather day in May or after the Coronavirus has cleared. We will have wheelchairs for you if you don't have one. We will take pictures and put them in our next newsletter to share with all our readers. The drawing is for homebound seniors, but if the winners have 24/7 family caregivers, they are invited to go with us or refresh away!

Thank you

Ways to \$ donate \$ to Koinonia Senior Care

- ⇒ [Online Website](#)
- ⇒ **Estate Planning**
- ⇒ **Dillons/Amazon**
- ⇒ **Memorials**

Giving isn't only about making a donation; it's about making a difference.



As Christians prepare their hearts for Easter, may you find renewed meaning in these verses and insights from [Billy Graham](#), March 23, 2016.

THURSDAY—Read: [1 Corinthians 15:35–43](#) As we approach the celebration of Good Friday, I’m reminded of **the seven sayings of Jesus** from the cross and the glory and the power in each saying.

Jesus was alone. He had come to His own, and His own did not receive Him. When He was being arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, we are told that “all the disciples deserted him and fled” (Matthew 26:56). The crowds who had so recently shouted, “Hosanna!” would soon shout, “Crucify him! ... Crucify him!” (Matthew 21:9,27:22–23).

Now even His loyal Twelve had left. And at last we hear Him cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34). Not only had He been forsaken by His human companions, but now in that desperate and lonely hour, He—because He was bearing our sins in His own body on the cross—had been forsaken by God. Jesus was enduring the suffering and judgment of Hell for you and for me. *How can you show your gratitude to God for allowing His Son to endure the shame and suffering of the cross?*

FRIDAY—Read: [1 Corinthians 15:44–49](#) Good Friday celebrates the day our Lord died for our sins on the cross. I have often sat by the hour and tried to imagine the agony and suffering He went through because of our sins. At one point He said from the cross, “It is finished” (John 19:30). He meant that God had accepted His work on the cross as the penalty for our sins.

Christ’s death on our behalf is the reason God can forgive us and still be just. And His death teaches us the depth and breadth that there should be in our forgiveness of one another.

While that holy Friday was tremendous, it was only a prelude to Sunday morning when He was raised from the dead. Godly women had come to see His tomb, but angels made the glorious announcement, “He has risen!” (Luke 24:6). His resurrection guaranteed that we, too, will be raised, if we are believers and obeyers of His Word. *As you celebrate the truth that Jesus came from Heaven to redeem you, are you reflecting His likeness to those around you?*

SATURDAY—Read: [1 Corinthians 15:50–54](#) From Genesis to Revelation, we are warned that “it is later than you think.” Paul writes to Christians in Romans 13:11–12: “The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

There are millions of people around the world who do not have peace at this moment because they have never found the secret of peace. Some of them may have riches today as a result of greed and covetousness; but their souls are lean, their hearts are cold toward God, their consciences are dulled, and their minds are blinded.

They need to know that there is a God of marvelous love who sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world. And as a demonstration of His mercy, Christ—who is the Prince of Peace—went to the cross to make a way for peace between God and mankind. *Are you living in the reality of Jesus’ victory over death? In what tangible ways can you share that victory with others so that they, too, can have life?*

EASTER SUNDAY Read: [1 Corinthians 15:55–58](#) Easter is a season of great gladness for those who know Christ. But for those who are without “the light of the knowledge of God’s glory” (2 Corinthians 4:6), there is nothing to rejoice over.

Jesus left us with the great hope and certainty that He is going to return to bring a new Heaven and a new earth where, we are told, there will be no more sorrow, trouble, or death for those who have believed and followed Him. There will be trouble, sorrow, and suffering for those who have neglected or rejected Him.

As Christians, our great task is to obey the command to tell the whole world about Christ crucified, buried, yet risen again. My prayer for you during this season of the year, when we meditate on our Savior’s great sacrifice for us on the cross, is that you will be filled with great peace and hope, because “He is risen!” That is the Good News. *As you follow Christ, are you obeying His command to tell others that He is risen indeed?* (For questions and prayer, call KSC.)

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK—APRIL 19-25

We could not exist without our volunteers giving their time, talents, and treasures to God's work here at KSC. Volunteers are priceless! They lead and assist with a weekly Bible study. They help put our monthly Blessing Gifts together and get our newsletters ready to mail. They provide transportation for seniors who need rides to their doctor appointments. They help in the office and with special events. They write cards to our homebound seniors. They share about our ministry in their home church. And they serve on our Board of Directors.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes! Some are professionals and some are retired from their profession. We've had college students, home-school families, business groups, home teams, and small groups. We've also had Sunday School classes and stay-at-home moms ministering to our seniors with their kids. They all have one thing in common: a compassionate heart for serving the Lord,. *Koinonia Senior Care* is blessed with the best volunteers! We thank you and ask God to bless your socks off in ways only He knows you need blessed!

April 25th is National Phone Day. Can you match the phone to when it was invented? Have you called a senior friend today? Perhaps you can set your alarm to go off at the same time each day to remind you to call a senior friend. And isn't it nice to know that God's phone line is never busy!

³ *'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'*

Jeremiah 33:3



1880, 1902, 1937, 1964, 1996

BONUS: Who is credited as the inventor of the phone and what year was he/she born?

Answers: 1964, 1880, 1937, 1902, 1996. BONUS: Alexander Graham Bell, 1847

April Touch Someone Challenge

Loneliness is high during this Coronavirus pandemic. Inundate the mailboxes of homebound seniors with cards and letters this month. Set your alarm at a certain time each day to call them, too! **April 23rd is National Picnic Day**—a red checkered tablecloth and fixins in a picnic basket will brighten any senior's day!

COVID-19 and KSC

Some news within *Koinonia Senior Care* during COVID-19:

- We went from “No or Low Contact Precautionary Mode” to No Visits until further notice on Sunday, March 22nd when the virus entered Sedgwick County. Many of our staff are in the high-risk category. We could also be unaware carriers of the virus before showing symptoms and don't want to risk spreading it to our more vulnerable senior.
- We have a “Contact Contest” going on to track and encourage our caregivers to send cards and letters and call. Stamps and cards will be the prizes awarded to our staff and volunteers.
- We call our seniors to make sure their groceries and toiletries are well-stocked. We also call their family caregivers during this time to encourage them.
- We had a senior call last week asking to be put on our monthly newsletter list as she needs some positive, encouraging, Christian reading material during this time when no visitors can come in. Someone else in her community had shared a previous newsletter with her. The newsletter reaches the homes of over 425 families by mail, 300 by email and delivered to several churches each month.
- Our part-time digital marketing director is creating channels on our RightNow Media @ Work page to encourage and invest in our incredible staff and volunteers.
- community for Bible study but our volunteers who lead this study are sending cards of encouragement.
- We are sending bookmarks of encouragement to the staff of several senior communities.
- We are not allowed into our assisted living community for Bible study but our volunteers who lead this study are sending cards of encouragement.

Your continued prayers for this ministry as we creatively minister and protect those most vulnerable are deeply appreciated. Your gifts are truly making a difference in the lives of others!

Be inspired. Love. Give. Share what is good. *Christine*

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*The moments we share today are the stories we tell tomorrow.*

**April 27th is National Story Day.** *Koinonia Senior Care* wants to hear your stories! Call us or write it down and send it to us. With your permission, we may even print it! Stories can be about anything that has shaped you and molded you into who you are today. Perhaps a childhood memory, a love story, a story of how God walked with you through difficult times, a story about a special game you used to play, or a story of gratitude. The possibilities are endless! Give me a call and I will write it down for you if you feel you can no longer write legibly. I sit by the phone...



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when my heart is over-  
whelmed, overwhelm me  
with Your peace.

More inspiration @ [www.kscare.org](http://www.kscare.org)

 [www.facebook.com/kscare](https://www.facebook.com/kscare)

***This newsletter has articles of encouragement for widows, homebound seniors, caregivers, and the local church/community who reach out to the needs of widows, caregivers & homebound seniors, wherever they call home.***

#### OUR MISSION

Christian Fellowship  
Assistance  
Respite  
Errands & transportation

Enriching the lives of  
homebound seniors and  
their caregivers, and  
inviting our community to  
join us.

Community Projects  
Action Opportunities  
Resources  
Education & awareness

#### OUR MOTTO

To captivate our community  
with the character of Christ  
through compassionate  
**CARE**

**KSC is a 501c3**

#### OUR VISION

To be a model com-  
munity of churches,  
neighbors and  
businesses who  
bring moments of  
joy, honor, help and  
hope to widows, the  
aging and their care-  
givers through per-  
sonally providing  
**CARE** for those God  
puts in their path.

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