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A Devotion for July 4th

This classic *Daily Guideposts* devotion captures the true meaning of this beautiful, bountiful holiday.

*Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you...
—Romans 15:7 (RSV)*

It was a cloudy, quiet July Fourth for us, that year of 1988. My husband worked. There were no parades. We'd decided not to spend the extra money on fireworks. You can barely see them, anyway, in Alaska's summer twilight. We didn't even have a picnic. Yet it's the Fourth of July that I remember and treasure the most.

The two-story log home where we were living was not our own. We were house-sitting for the summer for our friends Lou and Elsa, who were visiting their native Czechoslovakia for the first time in twenty years. As a young married couple, they had fled the streets of Prague in terror when Soviet tanks swept through the city in 1968. For days before, Elsa had hidden beneath the bed in their cramped apartment with her two little girls. When they left, they could say good-bye to no one. They simply disappeared.

Lou and Elsa found a welcome in the United States, eventually making their way to Alaska. They learned English and worked hard. Lou, a master craftsman, fitted each log in their home with mortar and hope. Elsa tended a fruitful vegetable garden and produced wonderful aromas from kettles simmering in her tidy kitchen.

I was alone in Lou and Elsa's living room in the afternoon on that Fourth of July, when I suddenly burst into tears. *This is it*, I thought. *This is the real Fourth of July. They came to America to find "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and here I am, standing in the middle of their dream.* I had a glimpse of how precious this beautiful, bountiful country of ours really is. And so I waved the only flag I had... my tears, genuine and proud.

She's Yours, Lord, but You've allowed us to call her ours. Thank You from sea to shining sea.

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July Activities

Fun Staying Fit Activity

Monday thru Wed./Friday 9:30 AM
Thursday 10:00 AM

Exercise with Austyn

Monday & Friday afternoons
3:00 PM

Bingo

Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
3:00 PM

Ken Wesley

Monday, July 3, 2023
3:00 PM

Relive the Memories with Wayne Busby

Wednesday, July 5 & 12, 2023
1:30 PM

Country Music with Bill Romano

Friday, July 7, 2023
2:00 PM

Music with Rodney Mayeaux

Friday, July 14, 2023
2:00 PM

Musical Performance by Ron Pennington

Monday, July 17, 2023
2:00 PM

Deware Walker

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
1:30 PM

Jake and the Oldies

Monday, July 24, 2023
1:30 PM

Resident Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
10:30 AM

Jim Walpole

Wednesday, July 26, 2023
1:30 PM

June Birthday Party

Thursday, July 27, 2023
2:00 PM

Fourth of July Fun Facts



We celebrate on the Fourth of July in honor of the nation's birthday, July 4, 1776. This date marks when 56 of our Founding Father's signed the Declaration of Independence.



The Fourth of July is also known as Independence Day

Almost **65%** of Americans plan to have a BBQ or picnic on July 4th



150M

hot dogs are consumed on the holiday



Fourth of July is America's #1 drinking holiday

190M

pounds of beef are bought in preparation to celebrate



A total of **\$6.77Billion** is spent on food just for our nation's birthday!

Although the Fourth of July has been celebrated for many years, it was not declared a federal holiday until 1870



Ever wondered how many Americans watch fireworks on July 4th? About

43%



There have been 27 different official U.S. flags throughout history



Garden View Assisted Living would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy 4th of July!

July Trivia



1. What is the July birthstone?
2. What are the two July flowers?
3. What are the two Zodiac signs for the month of July?
4. What is the color of July?
5. The month of July was named for what historical figure?
6. T/F: No month ends on the same day of the week as July unless it is a leap year, when January does so.
7. How many U.S. presidents have died in July?
8. What fruit is celebrated this month?
9. What does the July birthstone symbolise?
10. T/F: In all parts of the UK July is on average the coldest month of the year.



ANSWERS: (1) Ruby (2) Water Lily or Larkspur (3) Cancer & Leo (4) Red (5) Julius Caesar (6) True (7) Seven (8) July is National Blueberry Month (9) Contentment (10) False

June was Jam-Packed with Fun!

