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Landis Communities Update **April 7, 2020**

It is Easter week. For many of us, this is one of the highlights of our year. It is a time for family meals, Easter egg hunts and sunrise services as we celebrate the resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ.

We read in the gospels about Easter morning, the ground shook, the grave opened and Jesus was alive again! It is interesting to note what he did next - He appeared to a woman, He spoke with his disciples, He engaged his friends along the Sea of Galilee. Jesus demonstrates our desire to have social connection. Finding ways to do that in a time of physical distancing is hard... we know that.

In 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 we read:

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

That is the message of Easter! We know it will be hard not to gather for worship, not to be with family, not to hug our kids or grandkids. Each of us shares in this sense of loss. Although we may want to go for just a quick visit or have a loved one meet us outside our residence, now is not the time. We need to stay vigilant, to stay safe and to stay home.

Church online, phone calls, video chats and photographs need to be the center of our Easter celebrations this year. It will break our hearts, but it will save lives. As Christians, we trust that this is but a season on life's journey and that God is in control of the things we can't control.

We are grateful to each of you that are walking this road with us. Residents, clients, families and team members, we will get through this, together.

For those on the Landis Homes campus Easter meals will be available for delivery from Dining Services, please order in advance. For those at Welsh Mountain Home, a special meal is being planned for you as well!



As we see the number of COVID-19 cases rise around us, we continue to offer thanks that at this time we do not have a positive case at any of our Landis Communities locations. The four tests mentioned yesterday for Landis Homes residents have all come back negative and no new tests have been needed at Landis Homes or Welsh Mountain Home. Your continued prayers are much appreciated!

Wishing you peace and comfort as we prepare for a new way to celebrate our risen savior!

Residents, clients and family members may contact Jenny Sheckells with questions or concerns at jsheckells@landis.org or 717.381.3573. You may find other communications and videos on our website: www.landiscommunities.org/COVID

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