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LEAP DAY IS HERE!

For a day that is celebrated only once every 4 years, it sure seems to have a lot going on around it. It has beloved saints, partying towns, proposal popping Irish ladies, & let's not forget all the birthday babies! They have a lot to celebrate!

Egyptians were the first to have a leap year in their calendar. The early Roman calendar contained a leap *month* from time to time to keep the days in line with the astronomical year.

It was Julius Caesar who revamped the Roman calendar giving it 12 months with equally (almost) distributed days & adding a leap day every 4 years.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII adjusted the calendar again, but, quite frankly, it was so complicated (& didn't actually work), that it made my head hurt, so I just skipped ahead to the traditions.

In 5th century Ireland, the women were allowed to propose marriage to a man on leap day when, according to lore, Saint Brigid complained on behalf of young maids that their men were too shy to propose. To appease her, Saint Patrick declared that February 29th would be a day women could propose.

The Scot's took the tradition further and in 1288 Queen Margaret is rumored to have made it *law*, but the women had to wear red petticoats to alert their men to their romantic intentions. There was a fine charged to men who refused.

However interesting & strongly held the traditions may be, there is no evidence of the decree by Saint Patrick & there is no law on the books in Scotland.

Despite the lack of proof, the tradition has continued. The men in upper class European society who dared to refuse a proposal were obligated to protect the lady's honor by giving her a gift; gloves to cover her un-ringed hand.

In some countries, Leap Day is known as Bachelor Day to acknowledge the day.

Now you know, *the rest of the story*.

Now onto important stuff!

The Week of February 25-29 is:

- Telecommuter Appreciation Week
- International Energy Week
- Future Farmers of America Week
- National Engineers Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

25th-National Clam Chowder Day
Rubber Ducky Day
Chocolate Covered Nut Day

26th-Levi Strauss Day
National Tell a Fairy Tale Day
Cupcake Day in Canada
Set A Good Example Day
Play More Cards Day
National Pistachio Day

27th-International Polar Bear Day
National Kahlua Day
National Strawberry Day
National Retro Day

28th-Floral Design Day
Chocolate Souffle Day
National Public Sleeping Day
National Tooth Fairy Day
Pink Shirt Day

29th-International Toast Day
National Chili Day
Bachelor's Day

Daily Celebrations in March:

1st- Baby Sleep Day
National Dress in Blue Day
Employee Appreciation Day
Indie Music Day
National Fruit Compote Day
Peanut Butter Lover's Day
National Pig Day
Dadgum That's Good Day
World Compliment Day

2nd- Dr. Seuss Day
Read Across America Day
National Frozen Food Day
National Play Outside Day
Sock Monkey Day
Banana Cream Pie Day
National Old Stuff Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol 🥰

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Church Signs

- Jesus can wash away sins, but you're in charge of washing your hands.
- Almost everything will work again if unplugged for a few minutes—even you.
- Be transformed, not conformed.
- If everyone sings the same note, there's no harmony.
- Good times become good memories, and bad times become good lessons.
- Do you have a problem, or does your problem have you?
- GOSPEL: God's Only Son Provides Eternal Life
- Prayer doesn't make the morning come faster, but it sure makes the night seem shorter.
- If everything is always going against you, maybe you're facing the wrong way.
- Some people grin and bear it; others smile and do it.
- Make the rest of your life the best of your life!
- The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.
- Happiness is an inside job.
- The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.
- God creating penguins: "Put that chicken in formal wear!" 🙌🐔