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Week at a Glance

MONDAY 12/27

Whether you're a fan or not, all can appreciate the dessert that always makes an appearance around the holidays: fruitcake! Happy *Fruitcake Day* to all who enjoy this peculiar treat.

TUESDAY 12/28

Christmas is over and New Year's is on its way. But in the meantime, December 28 is *National Call a Friend Day*! Everyone enjoys an unexpected phone call from someone they love.

WEDNESDAY 12/29

National Pepper Pot Day commemorates a dish that earned the nickname "the soup that won the war." George Washington asked the army's chef to make a warm dish to boost morale and he fulfilled!

THURSDAY 12/30

Even if you're not a caterpillar, anyone can make a plan to turn over a new leaf ... *National Resolution Planning Day* is to make sure you have a head start on preparing for your new year goals.

FRIDAY 12/31

Let the countdown begin! Ring in 2022 with Carter Conlon's New Year's Eve Special: *2022: Crisis or Confidence?* Contact Rebecca for more info.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Yetis don't come cheap! Everybody's favorite abominable snowman shows up in **Expedition Everest**, which Disney World dished out \$100 million to build in 2006, following six years of construction, as the centerpiece of the fledgling Animal Kingdom. It is the first Disney coaster to propel riders both backward and forward.
- One of the earliest low-cost, no-frills carriers, **Southwest** declared itself the peanut airline: Fly for "peanuts," and enjoy some peanuts during the ride. Skipping the hassle of in-flight meals meant more savings for the customer. In 2018, Southwest halted their peanut pleasantries to limit potentially deadly allergy interactions, but devotees were able to purchase the nuts from their online store.
- Roughly 10 million Americans claim **Polish ancestry**, and that heritage is most pronounced in Illinois. After English and Spanish, the state's third most commonly spoken language at home is Polish. About 500,000 Americans speak Polish--about 185,000 residing in Chicago!

IN OTHER WORDS...

"So please, look on all those I love who are in pain, in fear for their future. Please. Draw near to them. As they become more focused on the reality of their stark situations, I ask You to balance their feelings of devastation and loss with the comfort of Your presence. Your peace. Your love. Wipe the tears from our eyes. Turn our faces to Yours. Cause us to choose to look up. To look to You. With trust."

—Anne Graham Lotz

Weekly Verse

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 61:10-11 (NIV)

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

Whether you celebrate January 16 or 23 this year, help celebrate the sanctity of human life by airing the "SAY 'YES' TO LIFE" special with "Life Issues" host/commentator, Brad Mattes.

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