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# In the Company of Friends

April 2023

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HE IS NOT HERE  
— He is Risen —



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## Executive Director's Note . . .

Mother Nature has been reminding us of God's messages through the ages. Dark Clouds, fierce winds, rainstorm upon rainstorm create anxiety and major damage and possible loss of life. Can you believe the amazing work of Mother Nature with the snow, the rain and the flooding? Here at Sierra View Homes Retirement Community we cleaned gutters and made sure all the drains were cleared of debris so the water would flow away from the buildings. We were able to keep the buildings free of floodwater. As March turns to April, we look for sunny days and warm temperatures. I hope and pray the snow pack does not melt too fast.

The rain and snow of March gave us pause. Our staff comes from all over. There are staff who live up in the foothills who were trapped by the rains and mudslides. I am thankful no one was hurt and everyone's house remained sturdy. My goodness we are living in interesting times.

I had a week off, not because I wanted to. COVID finally caught me. I did not get it until now. I am grateful that my symptoms were mild but it hung on for a long week. At least it was too long for my liking. I spent a lot of time resting and reflecting on these past three years. I really appreciate the staff who has stayed the course and our residents who have been so supportive. We have some very dedicated people working and living here. We also have had to deal with COVID at different intervals. The staff rose to each challenge in many amazing ways.

It is almost Easter. Easter is a very special time for all Christians. We are in awe that Jesus would die on the cross and rise again to give us new life. Spiritually, God shows us we triumph on Easter and salvation can be ours. We must hold on through the dark clouds as we await the coming of Easter.

April is a time to enjoy the outdoors, take a stroll, greet a friend, give thanks to God for Jesus and enjoy God's beautiful creation. I pray your April is filled with blessings.

*Ra Linscheid*

## Staff and friends at Sierra View Homes...

Thank you for the support, love shown to us, and the peace plant you sent to our family when our mother passed away.

We appreciate all the good care she received while she was there and the friends we all made.

Joleen Jones and Family

*Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow*

*Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of*

*Wilma Conner*



# Kiwanis®

Kiwanis "To build"

Thank you so much for hosting the Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley Spring Dinner. It was a successful evening of great food, fun and conversations. Archie again was extremely entertaining as he mastered the auction of many eclectic items. Some of the bidding became pretty competitive, but it was all in fun.


The skewer of beef kabob was tender and delicious, it was topped off with a tasty strawberry filled cake. We had 100 people who attended and some 35 who picked up a takeout. Chef Tony, the kitchen staff, and the wait staff were great. We kept the volunteers from the Reedley High School busy as well.

Thank you again,

Angel Rodriguez

President, Sunrise Kiwanis of Reedley

## Dear Sierra View Family,

"We would like to express our gratitude for the amazing care our Mom, Dianto Chomette, received over the last two years. We are very appreciative of the visits we were allowed even during COVID. She was always clean, well fed, and God bless Betty, the hairdresser, for making sure her hair looked beautiful! We feel we were always well informed of all situations involving mom, especially her health. We will miss her love and laughter, but we also feel we gained an additional two years with her because of the care she received from your amazing staff.  "

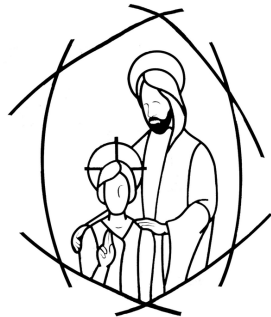
The family Dianto Chomette

P.S. Thank you for the beautiful plant in such a nice planter

## The Provider.....

The kitchen staff created an Italian style lunch to celebrate St. Joseph's Day. Spaghetti was topped with a bolognese tomato sauce with a garlic fennel sausage on the side. The cannoli was filled with a ricotta cheese cream filling. The celebration mimicked the many southern Italian practice of setting a table to honor St. Joseph-the provider of Jesus and his mother, Mary, and giving money to the poor.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) was here to present a discussion on the many tasks to improve the quality of life for the less fortunate around the world. \$900 was collected for MCC to continue their good work.



## Jesus Wept

In Sunday School, John 11:35 was a highly coveted verse for scripture memory games. All of us knew that it was the shortest verse in the Bible and a great way to jump ahead of the competition. Since that time this verse has become more profound for me for much different (and hopefully more noble) reasons.

Why does Jesus make time to grieve a man he is about to bring back to life? Jesus seems to understand the frailty of life and the pain and grief it caused his friends and disciples. Through Jesus, God enters into a world constrained by the power of death. Lazarus would eventually die again. So eventually would all who Jesus healed during his time on this earth.

Death is our greatest fear and our greatest source of anxiety and grief. And when we turn to God with these laments we know that God not only hears, he understands. Because Jesus entered into that darkness and lived it with us.

The second part of the story however, is that Jesus did not simply resign himself to the fallenness of this world. He proclaimed a time when death would no longer oppress. In some ways, Jesus' grief at the death of Lazarus anticipates the grief at his own impending suffering and death in the weeks to come. Like Lazarus, Jesus will rise again, but unlike Lazarus, Jesus' resurrection will point towards a new reality, as proclaimed in Revelation 21:4:

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

This Easter season lets us proclaim this hope in our words and in our actions. May the Christ who wept over the sorrows of this world wipe the tears from your eyes and give you reason to hope in the beautiful future our loving Creator has in store.

*Caley Ortman*

# SIERRA VIEW HOMES

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

# April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
(MK)=Mineral King Room (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room	Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility	TURN YOUR TELEVISION TO CHANNEL 2 FOR A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.				
						<b>1</b>  10:15am- Sittercise(MK) 1:30pm- Movie & Refreshments (MK)
<b>2</b>  9:00am-Church Service 10:15am-Sunday Surprise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>3</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel (MK)	<b>4</b>  9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>5</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am- Resident Council (MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC) 2:00pm-Easter Egg Decorating (MK)	<b>6</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>7</b>  9:00am- Good Friday Service (KC) 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 1:30pm-Movie & Refreshments (MK)	<b>8</b>  10:15am- Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)
<i>Easter</i> <b>9</b>  9:00am-Church Service 12:00pm-Easter Lunch (KC) 2:00pm-Strawberry Floats (MK)	<b>10</b>  10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm- Residential Care Birthday Celebration (MK)	<b>11</b>  9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>12</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am- Current Events Coffee Social 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC)	<b>13</b>  10:00am-Food Committee Meeting (KC) 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>14</b>  9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am- Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Sierra View Talent Series Featuring: Jim Krause- Photography(KC)	<b>15</b>  10:15am- Sittercise(MK) 1:30pm-Movie & Refreshments (MK)
<b>16</b>  9:00am-Church Service 10:15am-Sunday Surprise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>17</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel (MK)	<b>18</b>  9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 12:00pm-Spring Fling Salad Lunch (KC) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>19</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am- Current Events Coffee Social (MK) 11:45am-Ron Surabian (KC) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC)	<b>20</b>  *Dr. McLean* Podiatrist (MK)	<b>21</b>  9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am- Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm- Spring Refreshments(MK) 6:15pm-Night at the Movies (Movie to be announced) (KC)	<b>22</b>  A10:15am- Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)
<b>23</b>  9:00am-Church Service 10:15am-Sunday Surprise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>24</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm-Spring Refreshments (MK)	<b>25</b>  9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>26</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am- Current Events Coffee Social (MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC)	<b>27</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK)	<b>28</b>  9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Service of Remembrance (KC)	<b>29</b>  10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 1:30pm-Movie & Refreshments (MK)
<b>30</b>  9:00am-Church Service 10:15am-Sunday Surprise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails (MK)						