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# Sierra View Homes Retirement Community

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 **December**  
2024  
Newsletter

## Executive Director's Note . . .

As I sit down to write this note my excitement is mounting because Christmas is coming soon! This year both of my sons are coming home for Christmas. My oldest is bringing his wife and 4 children! They are coming from Kansas. The big goal besides seeing Grandma and Grandpa is to see the ocean. My second son, an eligible bachelor, is coming from Idaho! We have not all been together since 2019. I am looking forward to family time enjoying games, conversation and love.

We are once again gearing up for the Christmas season here at Sierra View Homes Retirement Community. Right after Thanksgiving we get out the trees for the whole campus and fluff them up. We then proceed to have the reindeer hunt. Lots of laughter and excitement ends with hot chocolate and cookies.

I will host the third annual Christmas variety program early in December. Friends choose Christmas songs to sing or play. We end the program with a sing-a-long giving everyone the opportunity to participate in the Christmas season.

Most of all December is a time to remember the birth of the Messiah the Prince of Peace. For believers, the birth of Jesus is not just an event to remember, but also an invitation to live differently. Christmas is often a time to reflect on how we can embody the values of Jesus—humility, compassion, generosity, and love. It's an invitation to look beyond the material trappings of the season and focus on the deeper, transformative message of Christ's coming into the world.

May your holidays be filled with love, laughter, and joy. As we celebrate this season of Christmas, let's cherish the moments that truly matter—spending time with loved ones, creating memories, and spreading kindness wherever we go. Wishing you peace, happiness, and a bright New Year ahead!

*Ra Linscheid*



## Christmas Day Lunch

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Kings Canyon Room

Cost \$12.00

Sign up in the

Administration Office

Advance notice is necessary,  
please contact the office by December 20, 2024,  
if you plan to attend.

## Legacy and Support

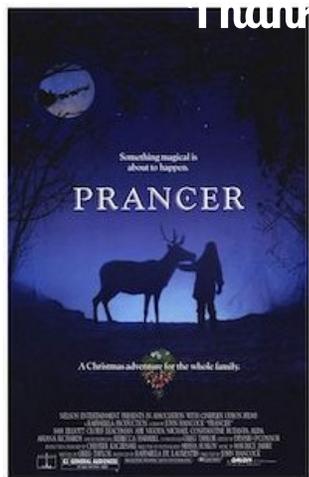
Many of you have responded to the Sierra View Homes Sustaining the Legacy of Care letter that was mailed out, and responses continue to come in. All donations will be deposited into our endowment fund, so that we can help cover the cost for those residents who can no longer afford to stay in their apartments. As we continue to build this endowment fund we will be able to assist current and future residents.

Thank you for your kind support.



The candy cane reminds us all of how much God cared. And like His Christmas gift to us It's meant to be broken and shared.

# CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE



JOIN US ON  
DECEMBER 16, 2024  
AT 2:00 P.M.  
IN THE  
KINGS CANYON ROOM

## Bake Sale

FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS  
SPONSORED BY THE  
SIERRA VIEW HOMES AUXILIARY

DECEMBER 11, 2024  
KINGS CANYON ROOM  
9:00 A.M.

DONATIONS WELCOME  
CALL JOANN AT (559) 246-2141

## Defying the Darkness

*"We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!"*

These words are the closing lines of Madeleine L'Engle's Advent poem "First Coming." I think there are many people entering the holiday seasons feeling the weight of the world's insanity, even though we do not all agree on the sources or causes.

We would certainly prefer more time to tidy up and get our affairs in order before welcoming the King of Kings into our midst. We may also simply not be in the mood for angels singing "Hosanna in the Highest!" If the light has come into the world, why does it feel so dark?

The truth is, the world was not a neat and tidy place when Jesus entered into it more than 2000 years ago. Living under the thumb of the Roman Empire, the Jewish people did not feel like "Hosanna in the Highest!" either. As much as we would like to put on a mask of self-assurance, God comes not to congratulate us on our merit, but to enter into our brokenness. We might not need the glitz and glamor of the consumerist holiday that vies for our attention and dollars, but we most definitely need the Jesus of the scriptures, born to a downtrodden people in the midst of uncertainty.

If you do not feel like "Joy to the World," take the time you need until you can feel it in your heart. But even if you carry the weight of the world this holiday season, light a candle in the darkness. A light has come into our dark world, and it does not need to wait until we get our house in order before it begins to do its work!

*Caley Ortman*



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR DECEMBER

(MK)=Mineral King Room (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room (SW)= Sequoia Welcoming 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> <b>9:00am-Chats with Chaplain</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>2</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) <b>10:00am-Reindeer Games(KC)</b> <b>2:00pm-Arts &amp; Crafts Christmas Ornaments</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9:30am-Men's Coffee</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	<b>4</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am-Resident Council (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b> 2:00pm- Tree Decorating & Hot Cocoa (MK)	<b>5</b> <b>Dr Mc Lean Podiatrist (MK)</b> <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9:00am-Chats with Chaplain</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) <b>Bingo</b> 10:30am-Christmas Cards <b>2:00pm-Bingo(MK)</b>	<b>7</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 1:30pm-Movie & Popcorn "Loves Christmas Journey" Pt 1 (MK)	
<b>8</b> <b>9:00am-Church Service (KC)</b> 1:30pm-Movie & Popcorn "Loves Christmas Journey" Pt 2 (MK)	<b>9</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Residential Care Birthday Celebration (MK)	<b>10</b> <b>9:30am-Men's Coffee</b> 10:15am-Sittercise <b>2:00pm-Bingo</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:00am-Sierra View Homes Auxiliary Bake Sale (SW)</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)	<b>12</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:00am-Chats with Chaplain</b> 10:15am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo <b>Bingo</b>	<b>14</b> 10:15am-Sittercise 2:00pm- Nails	
<b>15</b> <b>9:00am-Church Service (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>16</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger <b>1:30pm-Movie Matinee featuring: "Prancer" (KC)</b> 5:30pm-Christmas Light Drive	<b>17</b> 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Christmas Concert With Ro &amp; Friends</b>	<b>18</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am- Arts & Crafts <b>11:45am-Ron Surabian (KC)</b> <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:00am-Food Committee Meeting (KC)</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b> 3:00pm-Communion Service (Chapel)	<b>20</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>21</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 1:30pm- Movie & Popcorn First day of winter	
<b>22</b> <b>9:00am-Church Service (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>23</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 2:00pm-Magi Party (MK)	<b>24</b> <b>10:00am-Christmas Eve Service (KC)</b> <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>25</b> <b>12:00pm-Christmas Day Lunch (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Memory Lane Christmas Edition (MK) <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>26</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b>	<b>27</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo</b> <b>Bingo</b>	<b>28</b> 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails	
<b>29</b> <b>9:00am-Church Service (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<b>30</b> 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Winter Refreshments (MK)	<b>31</b> 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>					