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Life doesn't always have to be taken so seriously. Remember, every day is a gift. Sometimes the best moments are found in a good laugh, a shared smile, or a little bit of silliness. Inspiration isn't always grand or dramatic—it can be as simple as noticing a flower blooming, hearing a bird sing, or finding joy in your morning cup of coffee. Unwrap each day with gratitude, sprinkle it with laughter, and let your heart be light. You never know whose day you might brighten just by being you.

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Newsletter

Executive Director's Note . . .

A Labor Day Reflection

Labor Day is more than just a holiday—it is a time to honor the spirit of hard work, dedication, and perseverance that has built and sustained our nation. For those of us who follow Christ, it is also a reminder that our work is not only for ourselves, but ultimately “as unto the Lord” (Colossians 3:23).

Here at Sierra View Homes Retirement Community, we are deeply grateful for the many ways God has blessed us with people who are dedicated, compassionate, and faithful in their service. With 140 employees giving of themselves each day, Sierra View Homes is truly a place where love, care, and community are lived out.

Labor Day also points us to the importance of rest and renewal. From the very beginning, God modeled rest on the seventh day, showing us that just as there is dignity in work, there is holiness in pausing—enjoying fellowship, reflecting on blessings, and finding peace in Him. Within our community, we see daily how your lives embody both effort and grace, achievement and faith.

As we celebrate this holiday, may you feel a deep sense of gratitude for all God has done through your labors, and peace in knowing that your efforts have borne fruit in countless ways. Let this day remind us not only of work completed, but also of the joy of connection, the blessing of rest, and the eternal value of a life lived faithfully in service to others.

From our hearts to yours, we thank you, honor you, and lift prayers of gratitude for you this Labor Day.

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Reedley College Farmers Market

Mark your calendars! The Reedley College Farmers Market series kicks off Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 5:00–8:00 PM. Join us for 10 consecutive weeks of fresh produce, local goods, and community fun—running through Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Reminder: Watch Out for Scam Calls

Many scammers target seniors, and they can sound very convincing. They may pretend to be from Medicare, Social Security, or even say they are a family member in need. Please remember:

- Medicare will never call asking for your Social Security number, bank account, or to “confirm” your coverage.
- Never share personal or financial information over the phone.
- If you are unsure, hang up and call the official number on your Medicare card or bill.
- You can always ask a trusted family member or the office for help before giving out any information.

Your safety comes first! If you ever receive a call that doesn't feel right, it's okay to hang up and let us know.

Senior Prom & Dinner – September 19, 2025!

Join us for Reedley's 16th Annual Senior Prom & Dinner on September 19, 2025, at 4:30 PM at Sierra View Homes! Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the Reedley Community Center from August 1 to September 10.

Enjoy dinner, live entertainment by Thomas Hayes, and a free professional photo by Denny Mason. Raffle tickets will also be available for a chance to win great prizes!

Call (559) 637-4207 for more info. Don't miss out!

Spaghetti Fundraiser – October 4

The Sunrise Kiwanis of Reedley invites you to enjoy a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Sierra View Homes!

 Saturday, October 4, 2025

 Dine-In: 5:30–6:30 PM | Take-Out: 4:30–5:30 PM

 1155 E. Springfield Ave., Reedley

 Tickets: \$30 | \$25 for Sierra View Residents

Available at the Sierra View Homes Administration Office.

 Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle



Movie Matinee

Join us for a movie matinee! Monday, September 15 at 1:30 PM in the Kings Canyon Room. We'll be showing the 1998 classic romantic comedy *You've Got Mail*.

Come relax, enjoy some popcorn, and spend the afternoon with friends while watching this charming favorite starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.



Energy Relief

Sierra View Homes has applied to the California Treasury for a CHFFA Help 11-3% Loan in the amount of \$950,000, to develop a Solar System on our parking stalls thereby offsetting energy needs and cost in our care units and assisted living. We have requested assistance before from this state office. The founders Room in 2009 and the annex for our Kings Canyon Room in 2018 were financed in this way. The Treasury Department with its set aside funds facilitates a low cost interest, meanwhile Sierra View must use part of its own funds to start the project. We will be able to pass on the savings to our future and current residents by keeping our cost of services lower.

We will begin raising donations to offset the \$175,000 needed to complete the project. Thank you for considering this worthwhile cause.

By the Sierra View Homes Board of Directors

EXPECTING THE BEST, EVEN WHEN IT HURTS

In the book of Ezra, the Israelites return from captivity in Babylon, back to their homeland, and work to rebuild the temple. It is hard to imagine the emotions they must have felt. They had been in captivity so long that most of them had never known life in Israel. Those that did have memories of the temple would have remembered it in its splendor, when Israel was still a flourishing nation. When the new temple was finally dedicated, scripture says that “No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping” (3:13).

Scholars debate whether this weeping was on account of joy or sorrow. I think either one of these glorifies God in its own way. To weep on account of joy is to express gratitude, to acknowledge to God that you are aware of the good things that are happening in your life and that you are setting aside time to recognize this and give thanks. Weeping in sorrow is a bit more complex. It speaks of unmet expectations.

The other day I was speaking with an immigration attorney, seeking advice for how to help some of the families of our church. I asked him how it was that our immigrant families seemed to be handling the disappointments and frustrations of the immigration system better than I was. He explained to me that for vulnerable populations, it is a human protective reflex to lower our expectations when we go through hardship. “If you don’t expect as much, you don’t hurt as bad.”

To weep for sorrow sometimes is to express disappointment because you expected better. Cole Arthur Riley writes:

“In lament, our task is never to convince someone of the brokenness of this world; it is to convince them of the world’s worth in the first place. True lament is not born from trite sentiment that the world is bad but rather from a deep conviction that it is worthy of goodness.”

I have realized that sometimes my love will look like weeping over broken systems for people who are too vulnerable to fully grieve. Because I believe in God’s goodness and expect better for the world. Maybe the elders in Ezra’s day also wept because they expected better. The new temple was but an echo of what God deserved.

May we never settle for “this is just the way it is.” May we glorify God with our tears of joy and our tears of sorrow as well.

Caley Ortman



ACTIVITY CALENDAR September 2025

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

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Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility

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TURN YOUR TELEVISION TO CHANNEL 2 FOR A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 12:00pm- Labor Day BBQ Lunch (KC) 2:00pm-Homemade Ice Cream Social(SW) 	2 9:30am- Men's Coffee 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Mineral King Pantry Reopening Party(MK)	3 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Resident Council(MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC) 2:00pm-Exploring More Together (MK)	4 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW)	5 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	6 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30-Arm Chair Travel	
	7 9:00am- Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	8 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Pet Therapy 2:00pm- Residential Care Birthday Celebration (MK) 	9 9:30am- Men's Coffee 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo 	10 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Weekly Brew 2:00pm- Bible Study (KC) 2:00pm-Crafty Creations (MK)	11 Dr McLean Podiatrist (MK) 10:00am-Food Committee Meeting(KC) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW)	12 9:00am-Chats with Chaplain(Chapel) 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	13 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 1:30pm-Cinemat Saturday(MK)
14 9:00am- Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	15 10:15am-Spring Into Action(MK) 1:30pm- Movie Matinee Featuring "You've Got Mail"(1998)	16 9:30am- Men's Coffee 10:15am- Step it Up (MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 	17 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Weekly Brew 11:45am- Ron Surabian (KC) 2:00pm- Bible Study(KC) 2:00pm-Taste Test (MK)	18 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW)	19 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain (Chapel) 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bingo (MK) 4:30pm-Reedley Senior Services Senior Prom(KC)	20 10:00am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Table Top Cooking (MK)	
21 9:00am- Church Service 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	22 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Trivia 2:00pm-Memory Lane (MK) 	23 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am- Spring into Action (MK) 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	24 10:15am-Spring into Action(MK) 10:30am-Crafts with Kris 2:00pm- Bible Study (KC) 2:00pm-RCF Spa Day)	25 10:15am- Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW) 3:00pm- Communion Service(MK) 	26 9:00am-Chats with Chaplain 10:00am- Seated Yoga (MK) 2:00pm- Bingo (MK) 	27 10:00am-Spring into Action(MK) 2:00pm-Jingo (MK)	
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