

February is filled with special musical guests.

Feb.7 -WestRidge is hosting a piano recital for select students of Jennifer Markgraf. These students prepared these songs for the West Suburban Music Teachers Association Ribbon Festival at Ridgedale Center last month.

Feb. 13 - We welcome **Mary Hall** and her melodic style as she presents songs you know and love during our Birthday Celebration.

Feb. 27 brings the **See Change Treble Choir** to our Community Room. The ensemble consists of 32 amazing humans, all ages, all experiential levels, who are dedicated to celebrating and sharing the strength and creativity of women through song. Through their presence as creative, supportive, and intelligent women, they hope to serve as an example of what women can do when they work together and play together respectfully.



Super Bowl Word-Search

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- San Francisco Niners
- Kansas City Chiefs
- Lombardi Mahomes (QB)
- Kelce (TE)
- Purdy (QB)
- Kittle (TE)
- Touchdown
- Las Vegas
- Half Time
- Snacks
- Commercials
- Anthem



****Check the monthly calendar for dates, times, and location****

Hair Salon

Wed. & Fri.
9:00am to 3:00pm
By: Appointment only

Footcare by Optage

By Appointment only
Sign-up in the resident lounge

Schwan's Delivery

Every other Tuesday

Weekly Shopping

Sign-up
Every Tuesday and Thursday

Worship Service

Fridays at 1:00pm

Library

Exercise Room

LEAP YEAR!

Leap Year sneaks up on us every four years. Did you know Leap Year has been around since 46 BC?! Coincidentally, it almost always falls on US Presidential Election years. It seems like the universe wanted us to have one extra day of politics! *(This is a joke that will not age well in 5 months. I apologize in advance)*. Here are some Leap Year facts & traditions that you may or may not have known about!

1. In Fifth century Ireland, "Ladies' Privilege" was conceived. It was an opportunity for a woman to propose to her man if he had been too slow to do it! This was introduced to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how leap day balances the calendar.
2. Several countries adopted that tradition, but upped the ante - if a man declines the proposal, he receives a penalty! This may include gifting the woman silk fabric, clothing, accessories, or even a monetary fee!
3. Leap Day/Year is considered bad luck. Being married on February 29 will bring bad luck in the marriage, and there is untold suffering for those born on Leap Day. Leap Year in general is unlucky for farming, and in Germany a saying goes: "Schaltjahr gleich Kaltjahr" or "Leap Year will be a cold year."
4. In Taiwan, married daughters must return home during a leap year to bring their aging parents a special noodle dish. It is believed to bring good health, good fortune, and to promote longevity. (Before you call your daughter, just know it is Pig Feet Noodles. She can buy them on Amazon!)
5. There are two Guinness Book of World Records for Leap Day Births. One is a family that has 3 consecutive generations of Leap Day Births, and one is a Norwegian family who had 3 children born on February 29 (1960, 64 & 68).
6. There are special cocktails only served on Leap Day in England, and a Satirical newspaper in France published only on 2/29.



Barbara A. February 13
Ruby P. February 13
Barb O. February 24

Birthday Entertainment:
Tuesday, February 13th – 2:00pm
 Mary Hall returns to WestRidge to bring some of our favorite songs with her melodic voice and unique guitar skills.



Pizza Party!

Plan to join your neighbors every **2nd Saturday of the month** for some delicious pizza! **Sign up & pay \$5** to the office by Friday.



If you have any questions, please call Jack P. (Apt. 405).

Creative Times!

Please consider joining the **Watercolor class!** You do not need previous experience or talent – you are guided through the process and will be amazed with what you are able to create.

Tuesday, February 6 & 20
12:30 in the Community Room

Come Color with us!

A great social time to chat and be creative on paper. It is a great outlet to keep the winter-blues from creeping in!
Wednesdays at 1:15pm
Resident Lounge



We are looking for a team of volunteers who are willing to help out during our Saturday “Dimes” BINGO games! Without a **caller & a banker**, we may have to cancel! Sign up for one or multiple nights.

Do you understand it? I admit it is beyond understanding—God’s love for us—for me and for you!

‘Gods’ of wood and stone don’t love their worshipers let alone know who they are. But our Creator God values relationship with us and is vitally interested in each of us to the point He knows our names and the number of hairs on each head!

Approximately 100 years ago, Frederick M. Lehman heard a sermon about the love of God that so moved him, he wrote down the words of a poem quoted at the sermon’s conclusion. The words were laid aside and forgotten for some time. Then Mr. Lehman, a businessman, suffered financial reversals and was forced to do hard manual labor packing crates of produce.

During that time, he began writing about God’s great unexplained love for mankind and he remembered that poem he had scribbled long ago. He found it and inserted the words of that poem after the two verses he had already written. The meter fit perfectly, as if God had planned it. His song was complete. Later, he learned the poem was written nearly a thousand years earlier by a Jewish songwriter writing about God’s expansive love.

Now the rest of the story—this poem, included as the third verse of *The Love of God*, was actually found written on a cell wall. Why the prisoner was incarcerated we do not know, but after he passed the cell was being repainted and the painters discovered these words on the wall, so they jotted them down for posterity!

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
 were ev’ry stalk on earth a quill and ev’ry man a scribe by trade,
 To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
 nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. -

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
 It shall forevermore endure the saints’ and angels’ song!



God’s love surpasses our ability to describe it or understand it. His love remains sufficient to encourage the prisoner, sustain the laborer, and draw every nationality of people to Him. Ponder it and, yes, accept it.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1)

+ Campus Pastor Sherree Lane