

Lakeshore Homes

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God Is Love

“Dear friends, let us **love** one another, for **love** comes from God. Everyone who **loves** has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not **love** does not know God, because God is **love**. This is how God showed His **love** among us; He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is **love**; not that we **loved** God, but that He **loved** us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we **love** one another, God lives in us and His **love** is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:7-12

Looking at our passage, we see the word love bolded thirteen times! God does the **initiating** of His love by sending his one and only Son, Jesus, into the world (vs. 9) to die on the cross for the forgiveness of sins (vs. 10). God did not have to send Jesus. He could have left us in our sin. Yet, God’s love is so deep and so wide (Ephesians 3:18-19) He rescued us from our sin. He **initiated** our redemption through the blood of Jesus. In verses 8, 11 and 12, we see God’s love is not passive, rather it changes and transforms us. We cannot love if we do not know God because God is love. We are His creation, made in His image, and an extension of His love. God’s love drives us to care for a person in need, to offer empathy to a grieving friend, to rejoice with one who comes to know Christ.

Today, I offer you a challenge-how will you **initiate** God’s love to another person encountering a mental health crisis, a friend with differing political views, apologizing to your brother and sister, asking forgiveness for your mistakes or listening well to someone else’s feelings and concerns.

You and I do not love because we want to. We love because God first loved us. His love creates desire within us to be obedient to Him in giving His love to those around us. We love because God’s love transforms us.

The month of February is about LOVE. As Valentine’s Day approaches, take the **initiative** to love others as God loves you and watch it change and transform you and the person you shared it with.

Chaplain Val

Staff Birthdays:

India M.	2/2
Rameka H.	2/15
Jackie B.	2/17
Ke’Ajane	2/18



Trudy Abraham served as the Director of Resident Care at Lakeshore Homes for nearly 17 years. She will be greatly missed!

Thank you Trudy!



Lakeshore Highlights...



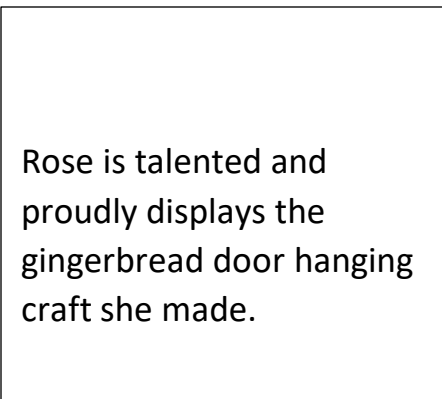
Notable Quotable

“February is the border between winter and spring.”

“During this season of love focus more on loving more than those close to you.
Love Everyone!”



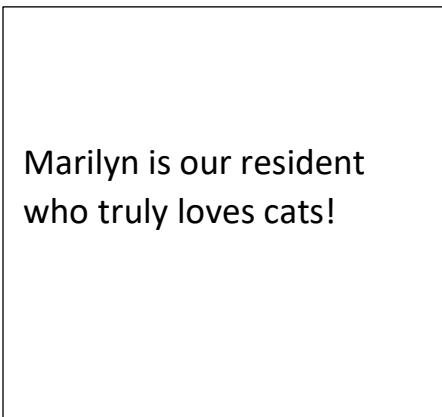
JoAnne and Sandy share a love for worship and Bible Study.



Rose is talented and proudly displays the gingerbread door hanging craft she made.



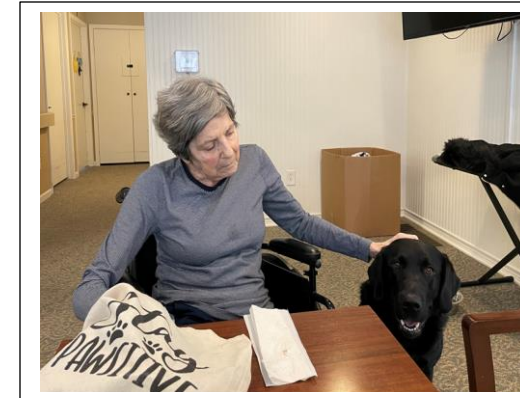
Gert, Bev and Judy love to get together every morning for activities after breakfast.



Marilyn is our resident who truly loves cats!



Resident Spotlight, Anne G.



Words of Wisdom:

“Do something Great!”

What Anne loves about Lakeshore Homes:

“The food is wonderful!”



Special Events in February...

- ~Visits with Pastor Jeff, 2/5, 2/19; All Homes
- ~History with Nancy Buchanan, 2/9; SM@1:00, SV@2:00
- ~Music with Lydia, 2/2; SI@9:30, SR@10:30
- ~Hemlock Crossing, 2/21; SI@12:15, SM@1:00, SV@2:30
- ~Valentine Concert with Ruthie, 2/13 SM@1:00, SV@2:00
- ~Valentine Bingo with Students. 2/8 SM/SV@1:30



Notable Quotable

“If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers. February is for doers.”
-Marc P.

