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Lenten Greetings, Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

During the month of March, we have been observing the sacred season of Lent a time of reflection, repentance, and renewed devotion. In last month's newsletter, I shared the meaning of this season and how we are called to live it out in our daily lives. Some of the important practices highlighted were prayer, fasting, almsgiving, the act of generosity and service to others.

On March 1, we celebrated a meaningful milestone in the life and service of our church as we ordained one Ruling Elder and installed three new Session members. We give thanks for their willingness to serve and pray for God's guidance as they undertake their leadership responsibilities.

On March 8, we took time during worship to recognize the great service of the elders who had completed their term as session members and a trustee. We also welcomed a new trustee. We give thanks for our volunteers and their faithful service to the church. Our congregation truly embodied the spirit of Lent through its support of our mission church in Mexico, Jesús Pan de Vida. We were blessed to welcome Pastor Cesar Vasquez on March 15, who brought the message during worship. Following the service, we hosted a successful fundraising Potato Bash. Not only was significant support raised during the event, but many continued to give generously afterward. Thank you to everyone who contributed and served in making this effort a success. With the combined support of these funds and a grant from our presbytery, the mission church is now expected to complete its construction projects which started over 20 years ago. Thanks be to God!

On March 22, we welcomed The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe, Presbytery Executive and Pastor, who preached the Word, assisted in the joyful baptism of an adult believer, and led a congregational town hall following the service regarding the interim season at SVPC. The good attendance reflected strong engagement within our church family. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Brad again after Easter.

On March 28 we had a great SVPC work day. The scouts, their families, other friends and families helped a lot on this day and always. We appreciate them!

On March 29, we celebrated Palm Sunday, remembering Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us for these upcoming Holy Week observances:

- Maundy Thursday Service – April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Worship – April 5, as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Sandwich Sunday- April 12th, we plan to make over 400 sandwiches for our partner in Mission Crossroads Mission
- Cocopah Assembly of God Church- April 19th – Our partners in ministry Pastor Esteban and Claudia Escobar will bring the message and great music

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There are many meaningful opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church:

Discipleship Opportunities

Adult Sunday School — Led by Brian Claar, immediately following the 3C's (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation). We warmly encourage your participation.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study — Led by me Pastor Dan the man with a plan at 6:15 p.m., offered both in person and via Zoom. These gatherings provide thoughtful discussion, shared learning, and Christian fellowship centered on Scripture.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78157116453?pwd=EBQVzjgV35Kt34TEWclpHzYbmlTh4d.1>

Meeting ID: 781 5711 6453 | Passcode: 1sR5ZT

Pastoral Care

Home communion, hospital visitation, and prayer support are available. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office during office hours (Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.), or email us at any time.

Weekly and Monthly Highlights

- Sunday Brunch following Adult Sunday School
- Men's Breakfast every Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
- Dinner with the Scouts on the first Wednesday of each month. -The dinner for April will be moved to April 8 (second Wednesday) due to the first week of April is Fair Week in Yuma.
- Prayer Team meeting Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- Ongoing 24/7 Prayer Chain- call or email the office if you need prayers.
- Outdoor fellowship activities including biking, walking, swimming, and hiking, driving in the desert e.g. Valley of the names and other places.

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please let me know.

Help Us Grow Our Online Ministry

We invite you to encourage friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mBfmkEXHGo&t=311s>

Additional subscribers will help us qualify to livestream our services on YouTube, alongside Facebook Live.

It is always a joy to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with you all!
May the peace of the Lord be with you,

Pastor Dan

PRAYER LIST

Crystal Echols, Mary and Bob Schaal; Makyla Ruttle; Cindy Michels; Natalie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our country; Missionaries around the World, the unsaved; Our military and their families; Border Patrol; And all those affected by COVID-19;



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April

- 4 Judy Apple
- 5 John Plante
- 21 Harold Maxwell

Scouts

- 12 Atticus Perna
- 22 Ruby Regalado
- 22 Rylan Poor

May

- 3 Bob Anderton
- 9 Glenda Newcomer
- 14 Shelley Hawkins

Scouts

- 1 Nicholas Gallegos
- 4 Leander Jones
- 7 Silver Dillard
- 14 Leonor Pavlak
- 15 Alexander Gamez
- 15 Xavier Ulloa
- 15 Alexxa Guzman
- 21 Elijah Rivera
- 23 Isabella Castro
- 26 Henry Pavlak

Anniversaries

- 21 Myrle & Karen Marlatt
- 31 Bob & Marty Anderton

CLERK'S REPORT

Since our last newsletter, we have held a Session Meeting on March 17, plus Special Session Meetings on March 9 and March 22. The meetings were called to order by Pastor Dan per guidance from the Book of Order. The March 9 Special Meeting had the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee as guests. The results of that meeting was the calling of a Town Hall meeting to be held after the Worship Service on March 22. At the March 17 Regular Session Meeting routine business such as the approval of previous meeting minutes, recording of training for Elders-elect, the ordination of Jordan Hill during the worship service on March 1, and the installations of Jordan Hill, John Fletcher, and Glen Moss as Ruling Elders was noted. New members of the Session were welcomed and their assignments were set. Jordan Hill will co-serve with Brian Smith for Christian Education, John Fletcher will co-serve on the Worship Committee, and Glen Moss will continue as Clerk of Session.

The contracts for our outside users, Hand In Hand Christian Preschool and the Apostolic Church were presented and approved. The Mission Committee reported on the results of the Jesus Pan de Vida Baked Potato Bash on March 15 where over \$ 4,300 including a \$ 2,000 grant from Presbytery of Grand Canyon, was raised. These funds when added to funds from the Jesus Pan de Vida congregation and fund provided by the Presbytery of Sonora Mexico will go toward completing building projects for the facility located in San Luis Rio Colorado.

At the Special Session Meeting of March 22, Neal G. Applebee was received into membership of the congregation and his baptism was approved. The baptism and recognition of Neal's membership were celebrated during the Worship Service on March 22.

Dates for upcoming events were discussed. These are:

March 29 – Palm Sunday

April 2 – Maundy Thursday communion service

April 5 – Easter Sunday

April 12 – Sandwiches for Crossroads Mission will be made during Fellowship time

April 19 – Esteban Escobar from the Cocopah Assembly of God chapel will be the guest speaker



TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME

Total income received for February 2026 was \$ 26,685.67. This includes all income for the month and consists of donations in the offering plate, and on-line donations through Vanco Services (\$3,689.17). Income for February compared to January is up but is distorted by the receipt of a \$ 2,000 grant from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. This grant is designated for Jesus Pan de Vida and will be distributed in March. The Wednesday night dinner program in February brought in \$ 191.00. February donations to Special Funds (such as Care Portal, Skipper's Gift, Souper Bowl, and the PGC Grant) are included in income amounts but are transferred to the Restricted Accounts. Total donations to Special Funds totaled \$ 3,932.00.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for February totaled \$31,038.5 including \$ 852.00 identified as "Designated to Other Sources" expenses. This \$ 852.00 was for the Souper Bowl proceeds which went to Crossroads Mission Food Program. It should be noted that there were some additional donations to the Super Bowl after the \$ 852.00 check was issued. These funds were forwarded to the Crossroads Mission in March. The expense amount above does not include the \$ 2,000 grant payment to Jesus Pan de Vida which will be issued in March as "Designated to Other Sources".

NET INCOME

Net income is the income less the expenses. The net LOSS for the month of February was (\$ 4,352.87). That is the difference between income for the month and expenses for the month.

SUMMARY

Thus far through 2026, we have spent \$ 9,295.17 more than we have brought in. We are fortunate that we have the Investment Account for a back-up resource. This far in 2026, we have not withdrawn any funds from our Investments. This is primarily due to the fact that some givers paid their entire 2026 pledge in 2025.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



SCOUTS

OVERALL PROGRAM

All portions of the Sierra Vista Scout Program will be taking a break starting March 30 and will resume meeting on April 8.

GIRLS SCOUTS PROGRAM

The Girl Scouts have completed selling the delicious Girl Scout cookies. Our Troop 8054 girls sold over 12,000 boxes. Funds raised from cookie sales go toward the support of our Troop 8054 program.

CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scout Pack is continuing with achieving the various rank requirements. A Pack Meeting where achievements were recognized was held on March 18th. On March 21, the Cub Scouts enjoyed a Bike Ride from West Wetlands to Joe Henry Park. At the end of the trek, the scouts were treated to a hotdog feast. We are planning on a family camping adventure the weekend of April 24-26. This camp will be at the Scouting America Balboa Park Campground in San Diego. More information will be forthcoming. The deadline for registrations is April 15. Fees for the camp are \$ 8.00 per camper, \$10.00 per person for the optional meal plan, and \$ 5.00 for range fees for youth participating in archery and bb gun shooting.

BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Troop 8054 boys continue to work on merit badges and rank advancements. Campouts are scheduled during April. Several new scouts have joined the Troop. They now have 22 members in the Troop.

APRIL 2026

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1st Wednesday
Scouts Dinner

Bible Study

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Maundy
Thursday
Service -6:30 pm

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Good Friday

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Great Vigil
of Easter

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Resurrection
of the Lord

Easter
Communion Day

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Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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Sandwich
Making for
Crossroads
Mission

2nd Sunday
of Easter

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Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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3rd Sunday
of Easter

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Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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4th Sunday
of Easter

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Scouts 6pm

Bible Study
6:15pm

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MAY 2026

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Communion
Sunday

5th Sunday
of Easter

1st Wednesday
Scouts Family
Dinner 5 pm

Scouts 6pm

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6th Sunday
of Easter

Ascension
of the Lord

Scouts 6pm

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7th Sunday
of Easter

Scouts 6pm

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Day of
Pentecost

31

Trinity
Sunday

Memorial
Day

Office Closed