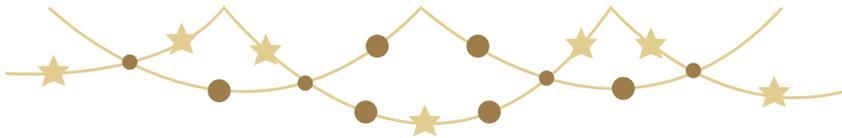




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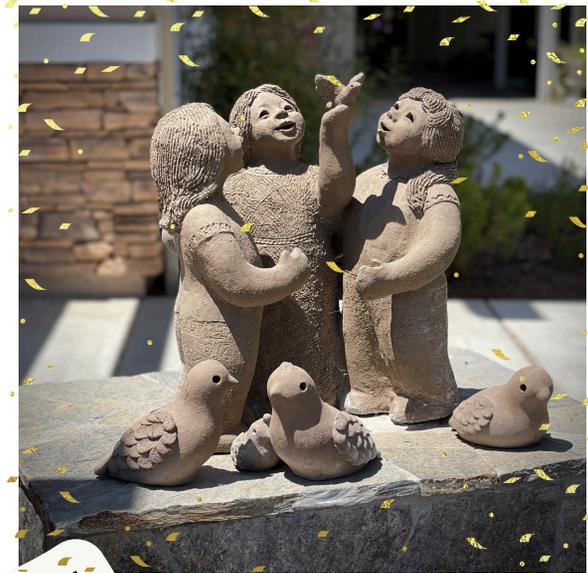
### How children perceive their Grandparents:

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the light off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, “It’s no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitos are coming after us with flashlights.”

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# January

## 2026

### Newsletter



## Executive Director's Note . . .

As we step into a new year, January reminds us that each day holds the promise of new beginnings. Often we make New Year's resolutions to improve our health, our mental wellbeing or maybe start a new project or hobby. Whatever you decide to do I wish you the best to succeed.

Sierra View Homes is working on a new project. We want to expand the solar energy systems on our campus. New carports with solar panels will be installed mostly in areas where there are currently no carports and some current carports will be replaced with more sturdy structures to hold the solar panels we need. We will have limited parking during the construction process so I ask for everyone's patience. The end result will be lower electricity cost for Sierra View Homes and we hope to have a couple of electric vehicle charging stations. The apartments that will be affected by the construction will get updates as we know more.

January is a time to start enjoying more daylight hours giving us the promise that spring will come. The fruit trees will bloom and gardens of all types will flourish. I am not looking forward to the weeds that come with the gardens but I love the flowers and the fresh vegetables.

Let's celebrate the small joys—a warm smile, a shared laugh, or a peaceful morning—knowing that each day is a gift. I pray that this month of January brings you peace, hope, and renewed energy into your hearts.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

– 2 Corinthians 5:17

May this month inspire you to live fully, laugh often, and continue making meaningful memories. Happy New Year

*Ra Linscheid*

## Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Sierra View Homes Retirement Community is sincerely grateful for the generous donations received during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Your support helps us care for our residents, especially those impacted by rising costs and fixed incomes, allowing them to maintain their residency at Sierra View.

In addition, your generosity has supported important campus initiatives such as the Solar Project and the Give & Take Pantry, helping strengthen our community and care for both residents and staff. Thank you for making a lasting difference.

### To Sierra View Staff..

"We could never put into words the gratitude we have for how you cared for our dad Abraham.

You treated him with dignity and respect who he was as a person.

Thank you for your grace and understanding in his difficult moments as well. We know it wasn't always easy. He is finally free!"

Forever grateful,

Johann Zapien, Jenny Reyes, and Abraham Zapien Jr.

## Portzelky



Have you experienced The Mennonite New Year's Cookie, also known as Portzelky? It is a beloved tradition that has been passed down through generations. This cookie is more than just a treat; it's a symbol of the Mennonite culture, celebrating both the start of the new year and the importance of family, community, and faith. Come and enjoy a Porzelke January 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Sequoia Welcoming Room.

## Service of Remembrance

January 30, 2026 at 2 p.m. Sierra View Homes Retirement Community will have a service to remember the residents who recently passed away. Family and friends of those who have passed away are welcome to come and share in a time of remembrance. We will have a time to share, sing some songs and our Chaplain, Caley Ortman, will bring a message. The service will take place in the Kings Canyon Room.

## Sierra View Homes Corporation Meeting...

The Sierra View Homes Corporation Meeting will be held on February 19, 2026, in the Sequoia Welcoming Room. The evening will begin with an Auxiliary Meeting at 5:30 p.m., followed by fellowship at 6:00 p.m., and the Annual Corporation Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All who are interested are invited to attend.

Sierra View Homes is a non-profit corporation whose members vote for the Board of Directors. Reports will be given by the Executive Director and Board Chair on the state of Sierra View Homes, along with a financial report. Additional information regarding potential new board members and discussion topics will be shared soon.

We extend our sincere thanks to outgoing board members Wilfred Derksen, Don Linscheid, and Joshua Milton, Vice Chair, for their faithful service. Members to be voted in include Calvin Macon and Ruth Enns, with a third position still to be determined.

Anyone may become a corporation member with a minimum \$100 donation, which provides one vote per \$100 donated. Auxiliary membership is available for \$10 dues. Questions may be directed to the Administration Office.

Happy  
New Year!

## WHEN LESS IS MORE



We love Christmas and all the traditions that come with it. But I think deep down inside we love January too, and the release it gives us from the intensity of the holiday month. There is so much pressure to do everything in December and to do it with a high level of energy and a smile on our face. Even when we do pull it off, we are aware that our bodies are not made for that level of intensity year-round.

Ironically, we also start off the new year by making commitments to be better and to do more. It is a good thing to strive to be our best selves, but more and faster is not always better. Take for example your scripture reading goals for 2026. It is a good thing to be called to read more, but with what time? What are you taking out of your schedule to make room for this extra time with scripture? If all you are doing is adding another task to a busy 2026 you might find that by February you are discouraged and not reading your Bible at all!

What if instead of more you committed to deeper? The ancient spiritual practice of *Lectio Divina* (Latin for “divine reading”) is a way of reading scripture that focuses on slowing down and taking smaller bites. *Lectio Divina* picks a short text, sometimes even just one verse, and works through four steps: reading, prayer, meditation and contemplation. As Ruth Haley Barton says:

*“When we engage the scriptures for spiritual transformation [as opposed to for information] we engage not only our mind but also our heart, our emotions, our body, our curiosity, our imagination and our will. We open ourselves to a deeper level of insight and understanding that grows out of and leads us deeper into our personal relationships with the One behind the text. And it is in the context of relational intimacy that real life change takes place.”*

It may be that the discipline of reading more will actually be the outcome of having committed to slower and deeper first! Let us commit to being more intentional and aware this year, even when it means going slower than the pace of the world around us.

*Caley Ortman*



# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## january

(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
	Happy New Year			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">1</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) <b>12:00pm- New Year's Day Lunch (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Bistro & Board Games (SW)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">2</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30-Arm Chair Travel <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">3</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 1:30pm-Cinema Saturday(MK)
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">18</div> <b>9:00am-Church Service (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Nails (MK)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">19</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30am- Trivia 2:00pm- Exploring More Together (MK)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">20</div> <b>9:30am-Men's Coffee</b> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30am-Pet Therapy <b>2:00pm-Bingo (MK)</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">21</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 10:30am-The Weekly Brew <b>11:45am-Ron Surabian (KC)</b> <b>2:00pm- New Year's Cookies(SW)</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">22</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) <b>2:00pm-Bistro &amp; Board Games (SW)</b> <b>3:00pm-Communion Service (Chapel)</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">23</div> 9:00am-Chats with Chaplain(Chapel) 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 2:00pm- Bingo (MK)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">24</div> 10:00am-Spring Into Action(MK) 1:30pm-Cinema Saturday(MK)
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