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A threshold is a place of crossing—a moment to pause, to notice, to step into possibility. At the front door of SGLCC, and at the threshold of the year 2026, our Bible study group paused for a simple ritual. With chalk, we wrote 20 + C + M + B + 26 on the concrete.

The letters hold layers of meaning: the initials of the Magi, and a Latin prayer, *Christus mansionem benedicat*—"May Christ bless this dwelling." Fragile though the chalk was, the act carried weight. It was a blessing for the space and for all who pass through it, a prayer that our church continue to be shaped by welcome, compassion, and love.

Every day, we cross many thresholds—doors, rooms, beginnings, endings—often without noticing. Yet each crossing shapes us. When we pause, we invite awareness, gratitude, and intention into our lives.

We are invited to take chalk home and mark our own thresholds, extending the blessing into the spaces where we cook, rest, laugh, argue, and welcome others. Each doorway, each wall, each corner can become a threshold into prayer, safety, and belonging.

At home, we can offer the same prayer we offered at church: Holy Presence, bless this home and all who dwell within it. Bless the doors, that they may open to welcome and truth. Bless the walls, that they may hold joy, grief, and becoming. Bless the tables, that they may nourish bodies and relationships. Bless the quiet corners, that they may offer rest, healing, and renewal. May this threshold be a promise that grace lives here, mercy guides us, and love has room to grow.

The chalk will fade with weather and time, and the words may become faint in our memories. However, the blessing does not disappear. It lives on in memory, in practice, and in the way we choose to cross each threshold with intention — written not on doors, but on hearts and lives.



The New Year begins ...



- January 11 – Linger Longer for Godly Goulash
- January 17 – Executive Committee
- January 18 – General Board
- January 21 – Bible Study resumes
- January 25 – Elders' Monthly Prayer Gathering
- January 26 – Elders' Education Session

Next Linger Longer Luncheon – February 8th



While the teams are not yet decided, our plans are underway to celebrate "Souper Bowl" Sunday by sharing a variety of scrumptious soups in our monthly Linger Longer Luncheon. All are invited to wear fan gear celebrating your favorite football team, college or pro, whether they're in Super Bowl 2026 or not!





Your Life Changing Change

A long-standing tradition at SGLCC(DOC) is to donate the coins collected in the offering plate to local ministries. Our Trustees have the happy task of directing these funds to worthy causes.

This year's recipients were the Ketchum Senior Center and the Ketchum Warriors After School Program. We were delighted to welcome program director, Patty Davidson, to worship with us and to receive a check for \$500 from Trustees, Ron Middleton and Dave Momper.



Sharing a Little Jesus!

In 2025, we continued to live out our t-shirt slogan, "The Church Has Left the Building," as SGLCC volunteers worked in a variety of settings to benefit the lives of our neighbors. These efforts included supporting Red Cross Blood Drives, volunteering at the Blue House, working with children at the Langley Friends of the Library and

the Ketchum Warriors, lending a hand with Grand Nation food distribution, assisting with phone calls, hosting a memorial service, helping with office tasks, and visiting patients served by Compassus Hospice. This list is by no means exhausting as you are likely to find our members involved wherever there is a need in the Grand Lake Community.

Another Successful Community Thanksgiving!



Bible Study Has a Cozy Start to 2026

For our 1st class of the new year, we gathered in the warm glow of candlelight to share a meal in celebration of Epiphany and to learn about traditions from around the world that commemorate this holy season. We also introduced the Danish practice of hygge (coziness) which we will continue to explore in the days ahead. We concluded our time together with liturgies for the burning of the greens and chalking the church.



PRAYER list

Gayla & Danny Anderson, Janie Andrew, Ted Coombes, Cindy Glaggett, Roby French, Eva Handler, Karen Hendrix, Bill Hemm, Deborah Nold, Raymond Pattison, Kathy Piery, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by war, acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.



January

01 Wes A.
02 Bill W.
09 Beverly W.
18 Ella W.
19 Lynne K.
21 Clint C.
21 Rex W.
24 31 Curt G.

February

02 Susan M.
03 Tamara V.
05 Ronnie H.
13 Cordero V.
15 Trenton B.
17 Bob W.
19 Jennifer H.
19 Matt H.



GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS 2026

January 18 ~ April 19 ~ July 19 ~ October 18

CONGREGATION MEETING 2026 ~ November 22

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2026

January 17 ~ February 21 ~ March 21
April 18 ~ May 16 ~ June 20 ~ July 18
August 15 ~ September 19 ~ October 17
November 21 ~ December 19

Happy Anniversary



February

07 JB & Susan M. 28 Bob & Lois W.



End of Year Financial Report

Date		INCOME	EXPENSES	Profit/Loss
12/30/25	Budget	\$157,958.00	Budget \$157,961.00	Budget -\$3.00
12/30/25	Actual	\$175,060.38	Actual \$171,730.97	Actual \$3,329.41

Blessing Quarter Total for 2025 - \$866.65

December Attendance

Date	Members	Visitors	Total
12-07	23	3	26
12-14	25	7	32
12-21	21	3	24
12-28	23	2	25