

Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”

Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



Lamoille Community
Presbyterian Church

Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God's powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP



A Letter from Christ



Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

“And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as “a letter from Christ.”

Luther and the Bible



Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.

While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another.

Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Also attending the picnic was the Reverend Kate Freeman who is our Presbytery Pastor, and Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite who is the State Clerk for the Presbytery of Nevada and Northern CA.



Thanks to the Cook's (Cooke's) for BBQ'ing for the Congregational picnic that we had this past month. It was a joy to have Elko people join in for an afternoon of good food, fun, fellowship, and laughter. There was certainly no shortage of delicious food, and everyone left with a full stomach and, we hope, a full heart too! Thank you Kim Upton for being so thoughtful and bringing the bounce house out. Stay tuned for more exciting pictures next month.

Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.



Seeds of Victory

Months before the U.S. victory at the World War II Battle of Midway, important work was happening far from the ocean. Code analysts were quietly studying Japanese messages, using early tools that came long before the computers we know today. Their careful work helped crack a code and gave American forces the warning they needed to avoid an ambush.

It makes you wonder what those long days felt like. Did the analysts ever grow tired of searching for answers? Did they wonder whether their efforts mattered? Did they feel discouraged when the breakthrough had not yet come?

We can understand that feeling. Christians sometimes grow weary, too. We wonder whether teaching children about Jesus is making a difference. We wonder whether small acts of kindness, quiet prayers or faithful service will ever bear fruit. We see sin, sorrow and brokenness around us and wonder how victory will come.

But God sees what we cannot. No faithful work done for him is wasted. The Spirit who helps us plant seeds of truth and love is also able to bring the harvest. And because of Christ, the final victory is already secure.

A Peas-ful Departure

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Here lies the body of Solomon Peas,
Under the sod and under the trees.
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Charging Forward in Stewardship

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

Why Be a Missionary?



Cynthia Sundman, a missionary serving in a rural village in Peru, shared these words during a talk to a church group in Snohomish, Washington:

"I have struggled to learn Spanish and spent countless weeks sleeping on dirt floors surrounded by rats and bats. In an effort to assimilate into the Peruvian culture, I have learned to eat large amounts of rice, fried guinea pig and even roasted ants.

"I am often asked why I chose to become a missionary. I have only one answer: 'God called me to serve there, and I must obey.'"

—From her sermon, "Where Can I Serve You, Lord?"



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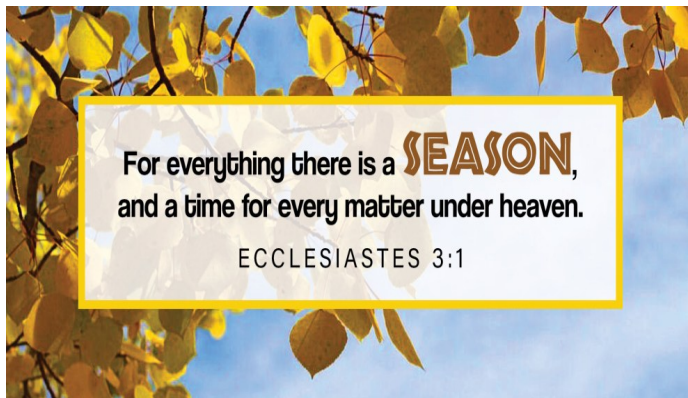


National Collection Week | Nov. 16–23, 2026

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for further information on our "Shoe Box Drive."

You may pickup your shoe boxes now. They're in the fellowship hall along with packing instructions, etc.



For everything there is a **SEASON**,
and a time for every matter under heaven.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

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ROAD CLEAN-UP

It's that time again for our road cleanup, Oct. 17th starting at 8:45 am. We're always happy to welcome anyone who would like to come lend a hand. The more people we have, the faster-and more fun-it goes! We're usually finished in about 2two hours.

Wear good walking shoes or boots and bring a pair of gloves. We'll provide the bags and everything else you need!

Come join us, enjoy some fellowship and help keep our part of the highway looking beautiful! Many hands make light work!



We are looking for volunteers to help with our children upstairs during church service. If you enjoy spending time with children and would be willing to teach, share a Bible lesson, or simply help care for our little ones, we would love to have you join us!

It's a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about God and feel loved by their church family. No special experience is needed-just a willing heart! A huge THANK YOU to our very own, Katie Smith for taking on the pay position of Child Care on Sundays.

October 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Kris Young (B)	2	3
4 Rick Glass	5	6	7 Joe Sasgen (B)	8	9	10 JoAnn Fracies (B)	
11 Tom Finch	12 	13	14	15 Sharon Mikel (B)	16 Jamie & John (A)	17	
18 Joel Jund Carter A. (B) Jeannie & Ed G. (A)	19	20	21 Bruce Carson (B)	22 Kim Upton (B)	23 Ed Gillins (B)	24	
25 Allen S.	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween NV Day	

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Do you know what BIBLE stands for?

Basic

Instruction

Before

Leaving

Earth

A saintly party

A priest told the children of his parish they could come trick-or-treating at the rectory, but only if they dressed up as a saint. So a group arrived on the eve of All Saints' Day: one dressed as St. Anthony, one as St. Joseph, another in a St. Clare costume — and then a child dressed as a dog.

"My boy," exclaimed the priest, "you were supposed to come as a saint."

"I did!" replied the child. "I'm St. Bernard."



"Trick or treat. I'm an usher."