

## 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

April 

2025

## Hope for Holy Week



As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don’t lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can’t help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

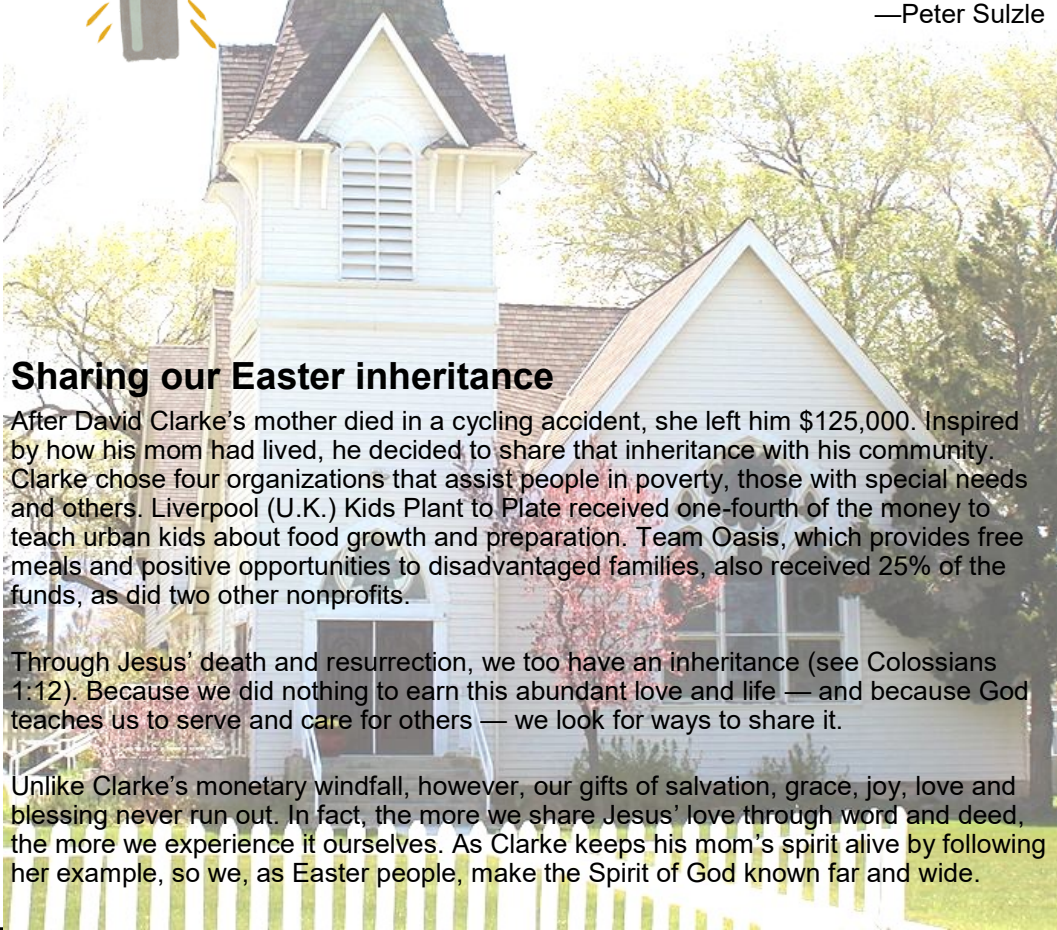
—Peter Sulzle

## Sharing our Easter inheritance

After David Clarke’s mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke’s monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus’ love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom’s spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.





# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



*We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Barb Palmer for stepping into role of elder. Your dedication and faithfulness as a deacon have been a blessing to our church. May God bless you in this new chapter of your ministry.*



Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, and auction, was held on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day this year. It was another wonderful event filled with great food, fellowship, and generosity. While attendance was slightly lower than last year, we were blessed to raise \$2,500-exceeding last year's total! Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our community, every dollar raised has been or will be donated to charitable organizations that make a difference in people's lives. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, helped, or contributed in any way. Your support continues to be a blessing to our church and those in need. We look forward to another great gathering next year!



Liberty Peak Elementary recently held its Business Fair sale, where students showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. Among them was our own Joe Land, who designed and sold a variety of stickers-including plenty of NFL and college basketball themed designs! His booth was a great success, drawing in customers with his unique creations!



## The blessing of fellowship



Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and

sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## Easter Blessings

### Know who (and whose) you are

Actor Kirk Douglas once picked up a hitchhiker. After the man got settled in Douglas's car, he turned to look more closely at the driver. Surprised to recognize the famous man at the wheel, the hitchhiker exclaimed, "Do you know who you are?!"

We would do well to ask ourselves and each other the same thing. Often, we seem to forget — or perhaps we never knew.

Through much of life, we behave as if our identity depends on our occupation, wealth, family line, daily accomplishments or good deeds. But none of these — not even the last one — determines the core of who we are. All that matters is our Creator's opinion, and God loves us with abundant, unconditional love.

Do you know who you are? You are God's beloved child! And so is everyone else. May we live out that knowledge, treating one another as such.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## Earth-shaking victory

On Ash Wednesday in 2001, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake shook the Seattle area. Charlie and Ann Lewis, co-pastors in Snohomish, Washington, reflected on the timing:

"While most years we prefer to think of Lent as a contemplative journey of faith as we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross, this year we are thinking of how God turned the world upside down at Calvary. From the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and his life was finished. Then the earth shook violently, the curtain in the temple was torn in two and rocks were split apart. The God who identified with us in our humanity in the incarnation of Jesus Christ demonstrated in that moment the depth of divine love for us — a love that leads God to choose the path of suffering and sacrifice.

"Three days later, the earth shook again — another violent earthquake, and the stone in front of the tomb was rolled away. Then the crucified Christ threw aside the burial cloths, emerging from the darkness of the tomb to walk in the dew of the grass as dawn was breaking across the sky. God had declared victory over sin and death itself. That victory was for us. ... God has given us a glorious life that extends into eternity."

## Easter insights

Did you know the word *Easter* never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. *Eostre* stems from the Proto-Germanic word for *dawn*, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.





## Clothed in compassion

In Colossians 3:12, Paul tells us to clothe ourselves in compassion. What does that look like? Consider these parallels to actual clothes:

Each morning, we select outfits depending on our activities and who we'll see. For example, clothing looks different for a day of chores than for worship on Easter Sunday. To maintain our wardrobe, we regularly clean, fold and repair items. Likewise, each day we choose how we'll treat others. Our approach to each activity or interaction might differ, as we seek to represent Christ well. And to maintain an effective witness, we often must renew and "mend" our attitude.

One more comparison: Look in your closet. Have you updated your clothes lately? Compassion looks different than it did decades ago. While staying grounded in biblical truth, let's adapt the care we wear — making it "fit" better for today's generations.

—Janna Fi



## Creation care

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts, asked troop members to "leave this world a little better than you found it." For Christians, that aim is rooted in Scripture.

Using a Bible-like parable, biology professor Michael Duncan writes: "Imagine you owned a property and rented it out to tenants for a period of time. Upon move-in, the tenants found the place clean and in perfect working order. As the owner of the property, it is your desire to see that the tenants regard the condition of the property and live in such a way that does not destroy the house. This is the mindset that we should adopt as tenants living on the earth."

Almost five centuries ago, John Calvin encouraged creation care too. "The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation," he wrote. "Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavor to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses."

## Fun and laughter

"Here cometh April again," said poet Charles Lamb (1775-1834). "And as far as I can see, the world hath more fools than ever."

That second observation may or may not be true, but April does indeed begin on a lighter note. April Fools' Day, which is filled with practical jokes, can also be a reminder to thank God for laughter, joy, funny stories, children's antics and other things that make us smile.

Then one week after Easter, on what's known as Holy Humor Sunday, some churches celebrate that God played the supreme joke on death. Jesus' resurrection is cause for joy, smiles and, yes, laughter. Even the Almighty joins in: "He who sits in the heavens laughs" (Psalm 2:4).

## Christian symbol



**PALM BRANCH** — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.

## "My Easter Dove"

There came a dove, an Easter dove,  
when morning stars grew dim;  
It fluttered round my lattice bars,  
to chant a matin hymn.

It brought a lily in its beak,  
aglow with dewy sheen;  
I caught the strain, the incense breathed,  
and uttered praise between.

It brought a shrine of holy thoughts  
to calm my soul that day;  
I caught the meaning of the note,  
why did it fly away?

Come peaceful dove, sweet Easter dove!  
Above earth's storm and strife,  
sing of the joy of Easter-tide,  
of light and hope and life.

—Henrietta Cordelia Ray (1849-1916)

- Holy Week, April 13-20, 2025

# April 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6	7 Joel Jund (B)	8	9	10 Matthew Thiel (B)	11	12	
13  PALM SUNDAY	14 Gerry Pennington (B)	15	16	17  MAUNDY THURSDAY	18  GOOD FRIDAY Julie Mann (B)	19 Becky Jaff (B) Kelly Mills (B)	
20  EASTER SUNDAY	21	22 Haven Kleck (B)	<i>Administrative PROFESSIONALS DAY</i>	24	25	26 Susan Lawrence (B)	
27 John Kendek (B)	28	29	30				

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**You Never Hear in Church**

Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.

Forget the denominational minimum salary: let's pay our pastor so s/he can live like we do.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!



**"What could I say? They are her most Easterly shoes."**