

**“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”**

## Lamoille, Nevada



# Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

**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 is to pursue  
this vision with commit-  
ment, character, and in  
community.**



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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Through the centuries [people] have displayed many different symbols to show that they are Christians. They have worn crosses in the lapels of their coats, hung chains about their necks, even had special haircuts. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of this, if one feels it is [one's] calling. But there is a much better sign, a universal mark that is to last through all the ages of the church until Jesus comes back. ...

Love — and the unity it attests to — is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the Father.

—Francis Schaeffer

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# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The Carson, and Land Family all together over the Christmas Holiday. Even Rylan was up from Reno and it was so good to see them all together during Christmas Eve service.

These young men have been busy with their winter sport of wrestling. Their practicing during the week has paid off as all 3 of them have done very well as you can see in these pictures. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them next time.



A very proud moment for Win Sarman who took 1st Place in this tournament.



Congratulations goes out to Joey Land, Win Sarman & Hank Land!  
**Bring Home the Trophy Boys...**



**TOURNAMENT  
TIME**





## Lenten signals



Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

## The river of life

The Red River of the North, in the north-central U.S. and central Canada, takes countless twists and turns. A close-up aerial photo or map shows its frequent sideswipes and U-turns. One could cross the river several times without changing direction while hiking or biking along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. You might wonder at points if it has completely turned back south — which raises another point: While most rivers flow south, the Red River flows north.

Sometimes life meanders, but that doesn't mean we're off course. Sometimes we seem to be going in the opposite direction of most people, but that doesn't mean we're not headed the right way. Sometimes it feels like it takes us a long time to make progress, but that doesn't mean we're not moving. We might just be taking in more of life's scenery! Follow your own unique trajectory, letting God, the creator of all rivers and all life, serve as the current that moves you ever onward.

## Love aces the test

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as "our 'open-book' test on love." How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-or-break factors: "Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others."

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine's timeless words: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like."

## Christian symbol

ECCE AGNUS DEI — Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist uses twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



# Love is

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is \_\_\_\_\_; love is \_\_\_\_\_. ... it keeps no record of \_\_\_\_\_."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs

Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)

## Going out of our way

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Just a Reminder that the Food Pantry or F.I.S.H. program in Elko, is still in need of food and other items. Not only during the holidays, but every day of the year people are in need. Think about it. God asks us to help out whenever, and with whatever we are able to.

FISH helps out with the following and then some: Emergency Food Assistance, Soup Kitchen Hot Lunches, Samaritan House Emergency Shelter, Showers & Hygiene Supplies, Aid for Chronically Homeless, Thrift Store.

There are boxes to be filled in the fellowship hall if you feel you can help out.

## A daily prayer

Since God will be my end  
Let him be my beginning,  
So that I may now fully live  
Instead of falling, straying, sinning.—Angelus Silesius

## Per Capita

It's that time of year again when our Per Capita is due. The cost per member remains at \$46 and if we pay before Feb. 15, we will get a 10% discount from Presbytery. The Church will pay this regardless if you are able to pay or not. If by chance you're not able to pay at this time, and there comes a time such as tax return or whatever, you may pay at that time also. Just please write "Per Capita" on your check so that our treasurer places the funds in the right account.

### What is per capita?

The official definition: "Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies [mid councils] to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians" (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

If you'd like more information on Per Capita, log into [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

## From death to new life


After the inventor of the Frisbee died in 2002, family members honored his final wish: to have some of his ashes molded into a flying disk! The point, according to toy legend "Steady Ed" Headrick, was for his loved ones to have fun playing with him even after he had passed. "He lived for Frisbee," said his widow, and now he lives on in one.

Thankfully, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday aren't cremains. But they do have special significance. They're often made by burning branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. By tying together seasons, the practice of receiving ashes reminds us of cycles: sin, repentance and forgiveness, plus life, death and resurrection — Jesus' as well as our own.

• African-American History Month

# February 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Brinley Sarman (B)
5 Rick Glass Caleb Jensen (B)	6	7	8	9	10 Allyson S (B)	11
12 Joel Jund	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 Lois Gustin (B)	16	17	18
19 Kevin D. Transfiguration Sunday,	20 Presidents Day	21 Bailey Powell (B)	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 Tom Finch 1st Sunday in Lent	27	28	The Bridge Church located at 836 Spring Valley Parkway , will hold it's monthly Night of Worship Service starting at 6 PM. They welcome all & it's a fun evening of Worshipping our Lord through singing.			

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**Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?**

**A: A hug and a quiche**

**Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?**

**A: "I find you very attractive."**

**Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?**

**A: "I dot my i's on you!"**

**Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?**

**A: He gave her a ring.**

**Q: What do you call a very small valentine?**

**A: A valentiny**



Moses misunderstands his doctor's orders.