

## 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



### Joy amid suffering



Only Matthew records the holy family's "flight into Egypt," linking Advent with Lent and Christmas with Good Friday. In an article titled "Joy to the World/Pain in the World," James I. Cook expresses gratitude that Matthew documents the slaughter of the innocents: "I turn to it again and again, when someone I know loses a loved one at the height of the Christmas season. It helps me — and I hope it helps them — to remember that theirs are not the first tears to fall on Christmas; to recall that there has never been a Christmas of pure peace and happiness; [to recognize] that 'joy to the world' has always been sung to the accompaniment of much 'pain in the world.'" —adapted from *Homiletics*

### If only ...

**LOVE**  
*YOUR neighbor*  
**AS YOURSELF.**  
*Mark 12:31*

There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: "If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!" Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.

~Martin Luther

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Left– Russell & his faithful buddy Gerry  
Middle– Russell enjoying his hamburger  
Right– JoAnn & Russell taking a stroll



Our favorite Veteran, Russell Strite, turned 98 on Nov., 11, 2021 . He was treated with several visits and his wishes came true when he had his favorite for lunch, a hamburger. JoAnn Francies, Gerry, and Russell all had a wonderful visit over lunch.

Jamie Kendek also surprised Russell with a visit, a Birthday cupcake, and a gift which Russell just loves.

You too can visit Russell by calling (775)753-5500 ext. #1 the day before your visit. Lets all try and squeeze in some time for a quick visit to Russell. Guaranteed to make his day and yours too.



Thank You goes out to our Christmas Tree Decorators, Lorén & Becky Jaff, Matt & Debbie Thiel, Jan Connelley, & last but not least, Barb LeBret. I'm sure there were more who stayed to help like the one taking the picture along with several others.

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## Christian symbol



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On November 22, Debbie Thiel took in a whopping 72.4 pound of food to FISH. There's a grocery basket in the fellowship hall to put your non-perishable food items in the basket and also a list of needs on one of the tables. If you have any questions just ask a Deacon.

Not only the food that was taken in, but Kim Garcia came up with a couple families that were in need of meals for Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Deacons have taken four names from the Sugar Plum tree at the county library and will shop for those names for Christmas. These are residents from the Highland Manor.

Our outreach has been phenomenal and may God Bless you all.

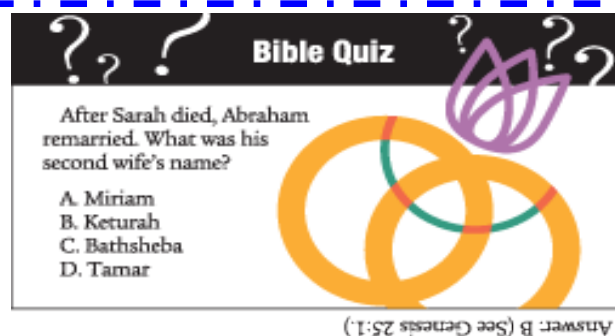


## Remember to reach out

For many people, the holidays bring sorrow, grief and stress. If you're hurting, turn to Jesus and his power. Learn from the woman who, desperate to be healed, reached out to touch the edge of Jesus' robe and was immediately cured.

Sometimes we think our healing process will be so exhaustive that we hesitate to take the first step. Or we doubt that Jesus still performs miracles. Amid your pain, have you reached out? Have you dared to touch Jesus' robe? He is there, waiting to say: "Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering" (Mark 5:34, NIV).

—Julie Lee



## A season of waiting

Our oven recently bit the dust, and the needed replacement part is no longer manufactured. Due to an appliance shortage, we had to wait eight weeks for a new oven! Yet even amid inconvenience, I see God's purpose. We were thankful to have a grill and slow cookers in the meantime. We creatively attempted to cook favorite meals in different ways. And though we craved anything baked in an oven — cookies, casseroles, even chicken nuggets — we realized that waiting eight weeks for an oven isn't truly a trying time.

Many of us wait for much greater milestones and miracles: physical healing, the return of a prodigal child, an end to financial struggles. Paul offers us hope as we wait: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had" (Romans 15:5, NIV).

When you're in a season of waiting — including Advent! — consider what you're thankful for and what you crave. Tell God how you're feeling and ask for endurance while you wait.

—Janna Firestone

### It's great being part of the 1% special Group!

This special group was born between 1930 & 1946 = 16 years.

In 2021, the age range is between 75 & 91.

Are you "still here?" Or do you know someone in the 1%?

Interesting Facts For You To Know You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into tin cans.

You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War. You saw the 'boys' home from the war build their little houses. You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio. With no TV until 1950's, you spent your childhood playing outside." There was no Little League, There was no city playground for kids.

The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was really like.

On Saturday mornings & afternoons, the movies gave you news reels sandwiched in between westerns & cartoons. Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines), & hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand cranked. Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing carriage & changing the ribbon. INTERNET & GOOGLE were words which did not exist.

Newspapers 7 magazines were written for adults & the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.

||As you grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The Government gave returning Veterans the means to get an education & spurred colleges to grow, G.I. Loans fanned a housing boom.

Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans opened many factories for work. New highways would bring jobs & mobility.

The Veterans joined civic clubs & became active in politics. The radio networks expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

Yours parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression & the war, they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all consuming family focus. They were glad you played with your friends by yourselves until the street lights came on. They were busy discovering the past war world.

You came of age in the 50's & 60's. You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.

The second world war was over & the cold war, terrorism, global warming, & perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.

Only your generation can remember a time of great war, & a time when our world was secure & full of bright promise & plenty.

You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better...

You are "The Last Ones".

More than 99% of you are either retired or deceased and you feel privileged to have "lived in the best times!" AMEN!



### The example of Mary

"We must look to Mary's example to know how to deal with the glorious impossibilities of God," writes Calvin Miller in *The Christ of Christmas*. "Look how she turned the world upside down by making one simple statement."

Jesus surely could have come to earth without Mary's aid. But God seems to prefer partnering with people to accomplish miracles such as salvation and healing. So God chooses Mary to carry the Savior. Later, Jesus often declares people's own faith crucial to their healing. And today, God works justice through us, not apart from us.

God doesn't force us into collaboration. Yet, notes Miller, "God needs only a little of our agreement in order to work mighty wonders." Like Mary's humble assent: "I am the Lord's servant. ... May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38, NIV). And like yours — for whatever partnership God invites you into. God will do the heavy lifting, for certain, but he hopes you'll say yes.

# December 2021

Christmas Eve Service starts at 7 PM however, refreshments start at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5 Rick Communion Sunday- #1 Live Music of Advent	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Joel Jund Group #2 SCHS This Choir of Advent	13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Eve	18 Griffin Muckel (B)
19 Kevin D Group #3 Children's Four Program of Advent	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 PM with Rick G Allen S (B)	25 Zeek J (B) Christmas Day
26 Tom Finch Group #4 Joey Land (B)	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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**Bible Animals**

\*Why don't leopards play hide & seek?  
They're always spotted...  
\*After Peter denied Jesus 3 times, an animal made a loud noise. What kind of animal was it?  
Cow, rooster, goat, or donkey  
\*When David was a little boy, what kind of animals did he take care of?  
Sheep, cows, horses or pigs  
\*When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a bird. What kind of bird was it?  
Dove, eagle, pigeon, or quail  
\*After spending all his money, the prodigal son found work feeding \_\_\_\_\_?  
Cows, goats, pigs, or sheep

\*"With every book, you go back to school. You become a student. You become an investigative reporter. You spend a little time learning what it's like to live in someone else's show." John Irving  
\*"I've always loved the first day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings." Jenny Han  
\*"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

Lily Tomlin  
\*"Belonging starts with self-acceptance... Believing that you're enough is what gives you the courage to be authentic, vulnerable, imperfect."

Brene Brown  
\*"You must do the things you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt  
\*"The greatest gift we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."  
Marie Montessori

