

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

Thankful thoughts



“The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has nobody to thank.” That quote from 19th-century painter Daniel Rossetti is often misattributed to Christian apologist G.K. Chesterton. In fact, Chesterton springboarded off Rossetti's statement to elaborate on thankfulness.

“The converse of this proposition is also true,” said Chesterton, “and it is certain that this gratitude produced ... the most purely joyful moments that have been known to man. [Rossetti] boasted that he mixed all his colors with brains, and the great saint may be said to mix all his thoughts with thanks.”

Hungry for Jesus

Many residents of first-world countries avoid true physical hunger, grazing at the slightest stomach rumble. Spiritually, the opposite is common. Many people run on empty, unaware of or rejecting Jesus' free gifts of grace, love and abundant life.

In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, “He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty” (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

At Bible.org, pastor Steven J. Cole writes, “Starving people aren't interested in new smart phones or computers, unless they can somehow sell them to buy food. Hungry people have one focus — where to find food. It consumes their whole existence. ... That's how we should hunger for God!”

Spiritual hunger leads to a feast of God's blessings. He generously gives us gifts that overflow into the lives of others. So let's share Jesus with people who are starving for him!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Joe has made the exciting transition from baseball to football! Little brother also plays football. Very exciting. Here's to a great football season!



It feels like yesterday that Henry was starting K, full of excitement & wonder. He's now embarked on a new adventure as a 1st grader!



Bruce & Suzann Carson



Several gathered to wish the Carson's a farewell as they have moved to Maryland.

Let us keep Bruce & Suzann in our prayers, asking God to guide & bless them as they settle into their new home.

It's hard to believe we're already into October, and autumn has arrived in full swing. The changing leaves remind us that time moves quickly. As the days grow shorter, let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings of this season & embrace the opportunities for growth & connection that each new day brings. May we continue to support one another & cherish the time we have with loved ones in this season of change.



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study from left to right: Mary, Nancy, Allyson, Judy, Tina, Jill, Diana, Sandy, Lisa, Jennifer, and Jamie.



Veterans Day salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.

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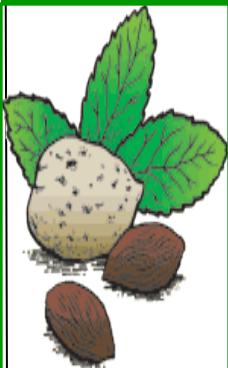
GOALS FOR OCTOBER

- 1. Put God first
- 2. Pray more
- 3. Thank God every day in the name of Jesus
- 4. Forgive those who have hurt me
- 5. Focus on Jesus more than this world ♡
- 6. Ask God for help more often
- 7. Trust God always

If God has been good to you,

Amen!

Christian symbol



ALMOND — In Numbers 17:1-8, God settles a dispute among the Israelites by directing Moses to obtain a staff from each of Israel's 12 tribes and to place the staffs in the Tent of Meeting. The one representing the tribe God chose would sprout. The next day, not only had the staff of Aaron, representing the tribe of Levi, sprouted; it had blossomed and borne ripe almonds. Thus, the almond came to symbolize God's approval. By extension, it also represents the Virgin Mary, who found divine favor and was chosen to bear God's Son.

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Pastors appreciate your prayers

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don’t publicize. It’s an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God’s people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they’d like or what they need, most would probably reply, “Pray for me.”

That’s what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, “Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company” (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you’re doing so!

With gladness and thanksgiving

... The long day of the year is almost done,
and nature in the sunset musing stands,
gray-robed, and violet-hooded like a nun,
looking abroad o’er yellow harvest lands: ...

Empty and folded are her busy hands;
her corn and wine and oil are safely stored,
as in the twilight of the year she stands,
and with her gladness seems to thank the Lord.

Thus let us rest awhile from toil and care,
in the sweet sabbath of this autumn calm,
and lift our hearts to heaven in grateful prayer,
and sing with nature our thanksgiving psalm.

—Kate Seymour Maclean (1829-1916)

Total immersion

In college, I took an American Sign Language class from a Deaf instructor who couldn’t speak. On the first day, another staff member explained that we’d be experiencing total immersion. She left, and the classroom remained silently engaged for the rest of the semester. Creatively, the instructor began by writing “same” and “different” on the whiteboard and demonstrating those signs. Then he took us through several examples where we were to use the signs to identify what was the same or different. That’s how he taught ASL, graciously guiding us without audible voices. We embraced a brand-new approach to communicating.

The church can do that too. We can use “all that is within” us to praise God’s holy name (Psalm 103:1). We can get creative and harness everything — all our senses — to worship.

This might mean removing distractions, learning a new style of music, using visual arts or engaging with a different culture — all while offering praise. Instead of feeling bound by what’s familiar and comfortable, try to be immersed and all-in while worshipping the Lord!

—Janna Firestone

In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you’ve heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.



In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude.

This simple practice reveals how profound the “ordinary” can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

October 2024

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

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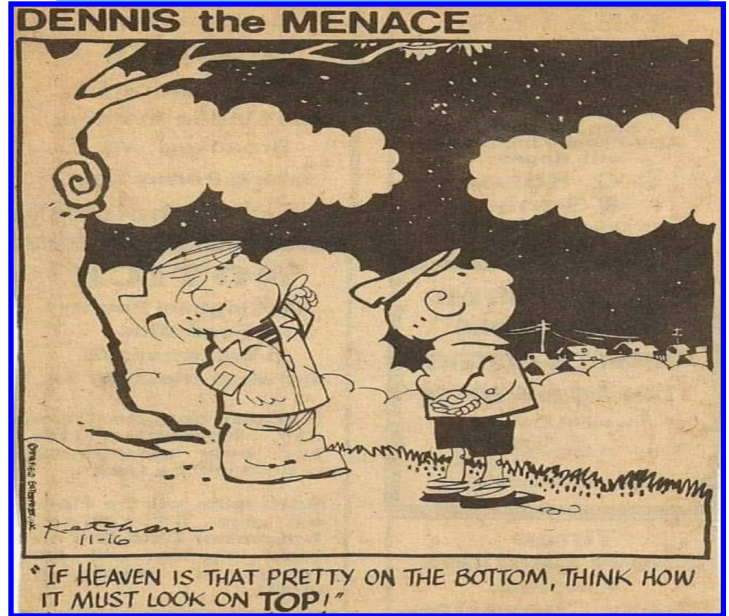
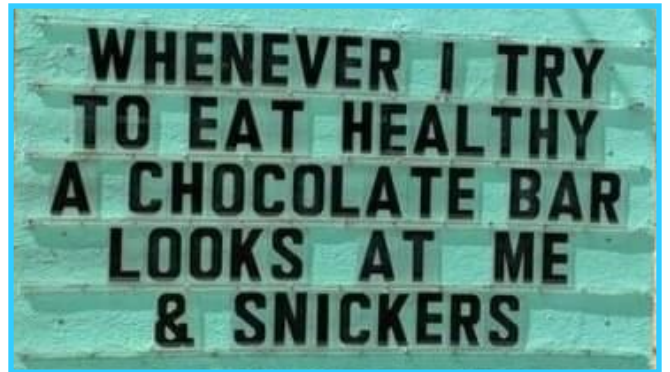
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