

A scenic landscape painting of a mountain trail. In the foreground, two hikers are walking on a dirt path. One hiker is wearing a yellow shirt and a hat, and the other is wearing a dark jacket and a blue cap. The path is surrounded by lush green vegetation and tall evergreen trees. In the background, majestic mountains rise, some with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, creating a serene and inviting atmosphere.

# Welcome to Skykomish Community Church

a Word preaching,  
people loving community





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VBS

August 17-21 for an opportunity to serve children; tentative time 10-11:30 AM

Offering: place in box on the north wall in the rear of the sanctuary, use donate button on website, or mail to:

**Skykomish Community Church**

**PO Box 56**

**Skykomish, WA 98288**

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## Ways to demonstrate Love

- Wash your hands a lot
- Practice physical distancing
- Wear a face covering
- Monitor symptoms; stay home if sick
- Limit contacts (both number and length-of-time)



# Prayer Spotlight

Don & Gaylene Manning; La Pine, OR  
La Pine Community Church

La Pine sits 30 miles south of Bend, Oregon, close to the popular Sunriver Resort area. La Pine once had a thriving timber industry, but times change. It is now primarily a bedroom and retirement community that is growing rapidly.



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Three men in our congregation have had surgery for various cancers in the past 3 months. Two of them are now cancer free! One of them, Will, had to have bone marrow transplant at OHSU in Portland. His cancer returned and he is back at OHSU for a clinical trial of immunotherapy.





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Pray that we will discover innovative ways to minister to children, as our traditional large VBS has been canceled due to Covid-19. Also, pray that our YouTube channel will continue to reach people and help them grow.





Ephesians 5:17

Understand the Lord's Will

Today's Text: Ephesians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Text from past two weeks: Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.



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## Today's support passages (NIV)

- 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:11-17
- Proverbs 3:3-12
- Romans 12:1-2 (really 1-21)
- Colossians 1:9-14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.



1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 (NIV)

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 (NIV)

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 (NIV)

and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.



1 Peter 2:11-17 (NIV)

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:11-17 (NIV)

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the

1 Peter 2:11-17 (NIV)

ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Proverbs 3:3-12 (NIV)

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and Man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways

Proverbs 3:3-12 (NIV)

submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be



Proverbs 3:3-12 (NIV)

filled to overflowing, and your vats  
will brim over with new wine. My son,  
do not despise the LORD's  
discipline, and do not resent his  
rebuke, because the LORD  
disciplines those he loves, as a  
father the son he delights in.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please

Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)

him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has



Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)

qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (NIV)

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (NIV)

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (NIV)

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.  
(Ephesians 5:17)





Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.