



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS



WORSHIP TIMES
September - December
9 a.m. Golden West
11 a.m. Pondera Valley
November 4th *before you go to bed set*
your clocks back one hour!

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THE FEAR OF MAN LAYS A SNARE, BUT WHOEVER TRUSTS IN THE LORD IS SAFE. Proverbs 29:35

Pondera Valley Fall Bazaar

Friday, November 3rd 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

with Baked Potato Bar served 11:30 - 1:30

Raffle for a Beautiful Quilt, made by Joann Adamson, will be drawn that day. Make sure to buy your tickets soon! 1 ticket for \$20 or 6 for \$100



COME to the 65th Annual Praise & Thanks Celebration at Golden West Lutheran Church, 23 miles East of Conrad on the Sollid Rd
Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ 2 p.m.



Pastor Ray Larson, retired hospital chaplain of Great Falls will be the featured speaker. The musical program will include vocal, piano, harp and guitar selections. Pie and coffee will be served following the service of thanksgiving. Please join us for this special service of Thanksgiving. An offering will be taken to benefit the Golden West Women's benevolent programs.



Thank you sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am November 5th: The Martin Family in loving memory of their parents, **Cliff & Donna, and brother, Douglas Martin AND by Patty Larson in loving memory of her parents, John & Frances Larson. *God bless the hearing of His word!***

Pastor's Letter

The world was shocked by the horrific attacks by Hamas militants upon Israeli civilians on October 7th. The terrible brutality inflicted on women and children was nearly unbelievable. How could armed men claiming to be freedom fighters for a just cause descend into such barbaric behavior? Simply calling these people "terrorists" seems inadequate. What kind of motivation and emotions are at work to produce such manifestly evil behavior?

Since the attacks, the situation in the Middle East has become very worrying. Could a regional war break out with Iran in the mix? What should our elected leaders in the United States do or not do in this situation? One could go on asking tough questions that are difficult to answer. I certainly don't have a bag full of ready-made answers. But that doesn't mean I merely wring my hands or throw them up in despair or just try not to think about it. Somehow I must respond in a godly fashion. But how ... exactly?

The biblical witness is full of accounts of human beings being in desperate situations -- life and death situations. Often we read of God's

people with their backs to the wall. In the Old Testament we read of the Assyrian and Babylonian conquests of Israel and Judea. In the New Testament we read of the infant church in Jerusalem being set upon by the Jewish authorities to the point of Saul of Tarsus going door to door to drag Christians off and put them in prison (see Acts 8:1-3). The response of the faithful in the scriptures is always to cry out to God for rescue and restoration. In this case, also, we cry out to God for the cessation of violence and the curbing of evil by bad actors in the Middle East.

"O LORD, grant that your people will be empowered to bring your love and healing to those who are suffering from the violence now occurring in Israel and the Palestinian territories. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We pray for the end of the violence and destruction. We pray for a just peace among the nations of this world, in Christ's name we pray, AMEN."

Pastor Jeff Stoopes



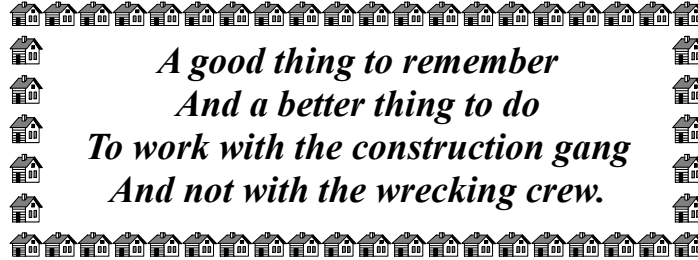


PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

General Fund in memory of **Norman Stordahl** - Jacqueline Bell, Jodie & Neil Weisgram; in memory of **Tom Eckstein** and **John V. Maki** - Marilyn Waite

Landscaping Fund in memory of **Douglas Martin** - Larry Martin

THANK YOU!



A good thing to remember

And a better thing to do

To work with the construction gang

And not with the wrecking crew.

- ♥ Thank you Shauna Ellefsen for your dedication to our kitchen and keeping the supplies ready! You are doing a fantastic job!
- ♥ Thank you Donna Fowler for rounding up a Kickball Team for our first ever tournament sponsored by the Catholic Church. I think everyone who participated had a great time! Thank you!
- ♥ Thank you to Eric & Stacy Eneboe for cleaning up the yard of the church. What a noticeable difference!
- ♥ Thank you to Roland & Karen Lee for leading the worship at PV on Sept. 24th. You did a very nice job!



♥ **THANK YOU** to all who give! Your offerings are much appreciated. You can use the enclosed blue envelope or mail them to: PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.

OCTOBER
Pastoral Acts at PV: Baptism for Kolsyn Fowler, son of Andrew & Chelsea on Oct. 8th
Pondera Valley Offering: \$7,787 (thru 23rd)
Average PV Sunday Attendance: 61



Wednesday Education

4-5 p.m. for ages Preschool – 5th grade in the Youth Room

6:30 p.m. for 6th grade and up in the Fellowship Hall

(No Education on Nov. 22nd - for Thanksgiving!)

COME! Be a part of a Bible Study!

at Pondera Valley:



☞ Men's 6:30 a.m. Bible Study with Breakfast on Tuesdays, in the Fellowship Hall.

☞ Women's Noon Bible Study on Mondays in the Library.

☞ Women's 9 a.m. Bible Study on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

at Golden West:

☞ 2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. at Golden West



Pondera Valley Council met Oct. 10th. Buildings & Grounds is still working on getting the lights fixed. The

council agreed to make the parsonage a priority for repairs and egress windows. The pictorial directory options were discussed and more info will be coming soon. It was agreed upon to take the challenge from the Conrad Food Pantry for Pondera Valley to

provide them with 125 cans of green beans for the Thanksgiving baskets. Joint Council will be at Pondera Valley on Tuesday, Nov. 14th beginning with a soup supper at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year so it was agreed to not have the morning service at PV but to have a service at 5 p.m. Thank yous for the newsletter were discussed. **The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 14th with the Joint Council. Beginning with a soup supper at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



In October, after reviewing the minutes of the Vision Meetings, the council voted to continue to proceed with improvements to technology and technical updates and make the parsonage the number one priority for congregational resources.



Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn “Now Thank We All Our god” in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years’ War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives. Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day -- including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including “Now Thank We All Our God.” Originally intended as a table prayer, it’s now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God’s “countless gifts of love” --even during hardships.



When Father Asked the Blessing

When Father asked the blessing
And in reverence bowed his head,
Our hearts were filled with gladness
And our spirits too, were fed.
The table spread before us
Was one of modest fare,
The food was always wholesome
And served with love and care.
The sharing of our problems
While at the noonday meal
Lightened our burdens somehow,
And joy seemed more real.
In telling to our family
Our future plans and schemes,
We furthered worthwhile ventures
And helped realize our dreams.
A home is such a happy place
Where loved ones share together
The brightness of the fireside
In times of chilly weather.
When Father asked the blessing
And in reverence bowed his head,
We thanked the Lord in unison
For this, our daily bread.

Inez Lemke

Let Us Smile

The thing that goes the farthest toward
 Making life worthwhile,
 That costs the least and does the most,
 Is just a pleasant smile.
 The smile that bubbles from a heart
 That loves its fellow men,
 Will drive away the clouds of gloom,
 And coax the sun again;
 It's full of worth and goodness, too,
 With manly kindness blent,
 It's worth a million dollars, and
 It doesn't cost a cent.
 There is no room for sadness
 When we see a cheery smile
 It always has the same good look --
 It's never out of style;
 It nerves us on to try again
 When failure makes us blue,
 The dimples of encouragement
 Are good for me and you;
 It pays a higher interest
 For it is merely lent,
 It's worth a million dollars and
 It doesn't cost a cent.



Pondera Valley has been challenged to give **125 cans of green beans** to the Pondera Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving

Baskets. We need to do this by Sunday, November 12th! Watch the cans grow in the Fellowship Hall!

Canned goods always appreciated. Please put them in the box beside the table in the Narthex. Also **especially needed** is: soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and laundry detergent.

Matching Funds with Town Pump continues through end of November. Make and mail checks to: Pondera Food Pantry, 220 S Front Street, Conrad MT 59425

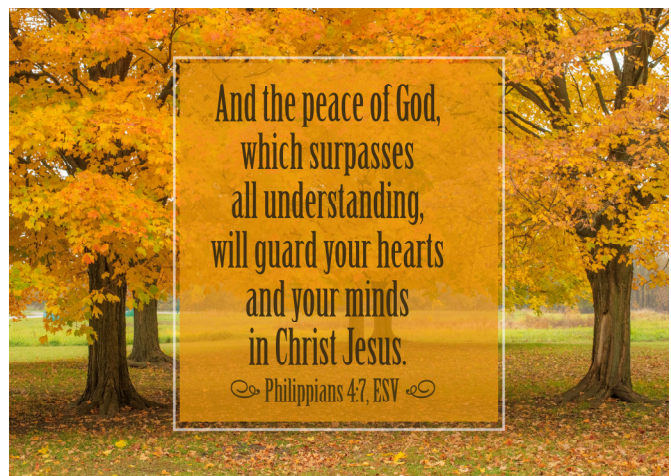


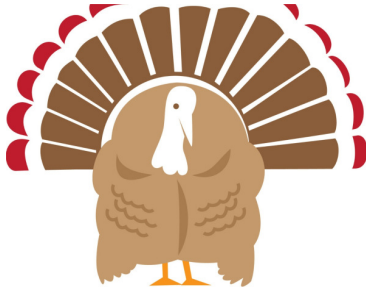
FORGIVE and LET GO

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was said to never hold grudges. One day someone reminded her of an offense that another person had committed against her. "Don't you remember?" the friend pressed. "No," Barton replied. "I distinctly remember forgetting that."

Forgiving and forgetting are not precisely the same. While God declares that he'll "remember [our] sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34), it's tough for humans to completely forget harm done to us, even when we want to forgive.

On the other hand, like Barton, we can consciously choose not to ruminate on an offense, as a cow does its cud. We can opt not to bring up past hurts during present disagreements, and we can intentionally not recount someone's sin to a third party, hoping they'll take our side. In the process of "choosing to forget" the wrong done to us, surely we'll also find it easier to forgive.





Woven WITH Gratitude

Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.


What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!


www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!


PUZZLE 


THANKS-FILLED GIVING


The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?


Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant  _____



 Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds  _____

 The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat  _____

Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____ of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be _____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV

Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

- ◆ Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.
- ◆ Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.
- ◆ What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
Your nose.
- ◆ Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.
- ◆ Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumsticks.
- ◆ Knock. Knock.
Who's there? Turkey. Turkey Who? YOU!



Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)*

Tom Robinson, Ron Iverson, Bob Beck (*Karen Lee*), Art & Lori Pearson, Steve Matheson, Rolene, Dave Kluver (*2Rona Matheson*), *Kenny Matheson*, George Wood, Roman Ketterling, Donna Combs, Sandy Webb (*Joanne Unger*), Kaitlyn and John Russett (*Tom Russett*), Brad Stuart (*Kenny Matheson*), Cheryl Stooopes Forest, Susan Stooopes, Tom Stooopes, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Tristan West, Alex (*Donna Fowler*), Julia (Judy) Haun, Michelle (*2Kim Wiest*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Ann Glimm, Brenda, Loretta (*Louise Glimm*), Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Rose Peterman, Marvin Baker, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Poppy Dahl, Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), all Logan Health Ext. Care, Bee Hive, and Horizon Lodge Residents, Missionaries and Christians all around the world who are being persecuted and their persecutors, All in crisis due to COVID 19, weather conditions, CASA-the kids and all who work with them;

All those who mourn:

Those deployed in the service abroad:



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ✝ Praise to you this autumn morning, Lord God! Thank you for claiming me as one of your children.
- ✝ Jesus, open our hearts to receive your word this day, and then to live it out in the days ahead. Amen.
- ✝ Some gather here with heavy hearts; others, with joyful spirits. Spirit of Love, help each of us feel your embrace.
- ✝ [Thanksgiving] “For the beauty of the earth, ... Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.” (F.S. Pierpoint)
- ✝ Jesus, help us see you in the face of anyone we meet who is in need today, and to serve as we are able.



Conrad Community Night of Prayer will be November 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Conrad Sr. Center **EVERYONE encouraged to attend!**

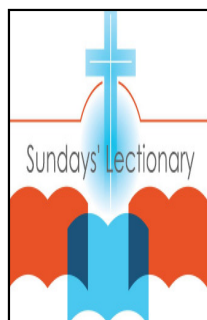


Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.

**Ushers: Jim & Chris Bjelland; Reader: Chris; Communion Assistant: Bill McLean;
Communion Preparer: Rona Matheson**

Pondera Valley: VOLUNTEER! to help with ushering, greeting, reading the scripture lessons, serving or helping with communion set-up, call the church office, 271-3934. Info /instructions would be made available.

PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m.	(REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOV. 4th) November 5th	November 12th	November 19th	November 26th
Reader	Dick Kinyon	Jim Morren	Jim Morren	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistants		Mike & Linda O'Brien		Betty Olson & Page Russett
Ushers	June Hovde and Kim Wiest			
Communion Preparer	Linda O'Brien			
Sound Tech.	5th: Tom Russett; the rest of the month: new trainees (thank you!)			
Greeters	Kim Wiest			
Offering Custodian	Mike O'Brien			



Nov. 5th **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** - Revelation 7:2-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
 Nov. 12th - Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
 Nov. 19th - Zephaniah 1:7-16; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
 Nov. 26th **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY** - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46