

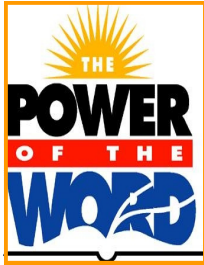


CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES
September - December
9 a.m. Golden West
11 a.m. Pondera Valley

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DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. Philippians 2:3-4



October 1 - Choir begins at Pondera Valley at 9:45 a.m. and then the following Sundays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join!

October 22 - 5 p.m. Potluck & Movie at Pondera Valley. Showing: "The Most Reluctant Convert, the untold story of C.S. Lewis".

November 3 - (Friday) Women's Fall Bazaar at Pondera Valley, contact Kim Hofstad for more info.

November 12 - 2 p.m. Golden West Praise & Thanks with musical talent, speaker Ray Larson, retired chaplain in Great Falls, pies and fellowship!



Thank you sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am on

October 1st: Nancy Herman Pringle in loving memory of her parents,

Robert & Evelyn Herman.

May God bless the hearing of His word!

Pastor's Letter

God is love (1 John 4:16), God is eternal (1 Timothy 1:17), therefore love is eternal. That is simple logic. But the reality of that assertion is a great mystery and its depth is unfathomable. All the great Christian theologians have weighed in on this topic and many have said or written helpful things. None has exhausted the profundity of the idea. As you and I try to understand God's self-revelation, recorded in the scriptures, we will be often overwhelmed. It's all too much for our meager minds to comprehend. But that does not make it any less *real* in an objective sense. So we press on to know our Creator as best we can under the circumstances.

The Christian church, from its inception, has preached the gospel as the good news of our loving Creator coming to us in the person of Jesus Christ to save us lost sinners. It is encapsulated in a straightforward text - John 3:16 - which states: "*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*"

Love here means self-giving for the real good of others at a cost to oneself. It is not a mere emotion, it is not a thing that can change or be corrupted, it is eternal -- timeless -- beyond the limits of the created order. Divine love is thus beyond creaturely powers. Humans can only love, St. John

asserted, "*Because He (God) first loved us*" (1 John 4:19). All our natural "loves" are mere after effects of God's endowment of human nature for fellowship with other creatures. That endowment has been severely degraded by our sinful rebellion against God. All our natural loves are tainted by self-interest.

C.S. Lewis tried to explain all this in his seminal work *The Four Loves*. At 180 pages it's not very long - but I have found it very helpful in understanding how natural and divine love differs and relates to each other. I highly recommend the book to all adult readers. In the final chapter, "Charity", Lewis writes, "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken." That is the sad reality we must all face in old creation.

But God, the Creator of new creation, is that ultimate reality from which love comes to transform us even now in our often painful journey in old creation. It is God's love that makes everything new. God can awake in us a love toward Himself, a supernatural appreciative love, that is the true center of our existence. All lesser loves are transformed by this one. It is an experience we can only have by grace. May God grant that grace to us all.

Pastor Jeff Stoores





PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

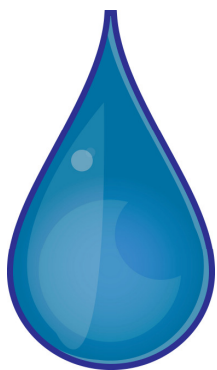
Technology Updates *in memory of* **Everett Snortland** - Matt & Donna Fowler, Jack Moritz, Shawn & LeAnn Appley, Neil & Jodie Weisgram, John & Denese Calahan, Janet & Wade Spears, Everett & Karla Breeding

General Fund *in memory of* **Norman Stordahl** - Marian Turk, Roman & Judy Ketterling, Matt & Donna Fowler, Pat Lee, Ron & Cathi Hemry,

Rona & Steve Matheson, Larry & Rose Banka, Art & Lorie Pearson, Janet & Wade Spears

GOLDEN WEST MEMORIAL FUND *in memory of* **Norman Stordahl** - Malvin & Marilyn Copenhaver, Phyllis Stordahl

THANK YOU!



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL: WATER — Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman’s leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

- ♥ Thank you to all who helped with summer weeding!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who has helped decorate the Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary with the banners and paraments. They really do make our church welcoming and festive. We notice! Thank you!



♥ **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.

SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS:
Funeral and interment for Norman Stordahl, 9/11
Pondera Valley September Offering: \$6,921
Average PV Sunday Attendance in September: 51
Average GW Sunday Attendance in September: 9



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

(Oct. 18th - no Education)

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

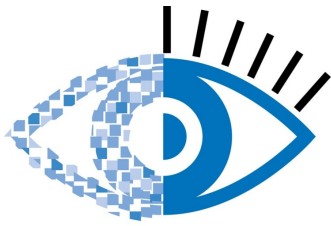
☞ **2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. at Golden West**



Pondera Valley Council met Sept. 12th. Pastor reported that he would be gone Sept. 19th - Oct. 4th. The latter part will be when he goes to the LCMC Annual Meeting in St. Charles, MO. The council voted to allow the pastor to choose someone to serve

Holy Communion at services when he is going to be gone. Education has a new time on Wednesday nights: 4-5 p.m. for Preschool - 5th grade and 6:30-7:30 for 6th grade and up. Buildings and Grounds have been looking into the lighting in the sanctuary. It was decided to increase the deductible for the church property insurance. The visionary meetings have been taking place.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



VISION Meetings Held

In September, four vision meetings were held at Pondera Valley Lutheran to get more information and opinions for the projects that have come out of Vision ideas from our congregation members. All the discussions will now be assimilated and go back to the October council meeting for them to prioritize. Please continue to pray for this process.

God’s providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, “But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?”

The boy replied, “God told someone, but [they] forgot.”—George Buttrick

WHAT IS LAMENT?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we’re raised to stay silent if we can’t say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn’t seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God’s perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. “Spit it out.” “Let

me have it.” “It’s not good for you to swallow that.”

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what’s troubling us. He knows that this world’s woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, “Spit it out.” “Let me have it.” “It’s not good for you to swallow that.”

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

—Janna Firestone



“I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: ‘Go down again — I dwell among the people.’”

—John Henry Newman

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.



—The Table Talk of Martin Luther

While on a red-eye flight from California to Philadelphia on a stormy night, evangelist Tony Campolo sat near someone who wanted to chat. Upon learning that Campolo was a Christian, the seatmate said, “I believe that going to heaven is like going to Philadelphia,” meaning you can get there by various modes of transportation. “We all end up at the same place.”

When Campolo woke from a nap and saw that the descending airplane was circling Philly in the fog, he told his neighbor, “I’m glad the pilot doesn’t agree with your theology.” Confused, the man asked what Campolo meant.

“The people in the control tower are giving instructions to the pilot: ‘Coming north by northwest, three degrees, you’re on beam, don’t deviate from the beam.’ I’m glad the pilot’s not saying, ‘There are many ways into the airport. There are many approaches we can take.’ I’m glad the pilot’s saying, ‘There’s only one way we can land this plane, and I’m going to stay with it.’”



October 29th

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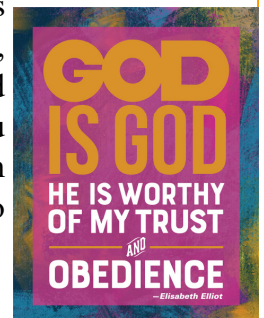
Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot says our sovereign God is worthy of unquestioning obedience in matters both large and small. Such trust yields mighty results, she adds, providing Christians with rest, peace and guidance.

“God is God,” says Elliot. “Because he is God, he is worthy of my trust and

obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in his holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to.”

About the role of obedience in prayer, Elliot asks, “Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many

momentous events in Scripture depended on one person’s seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next.”





www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.



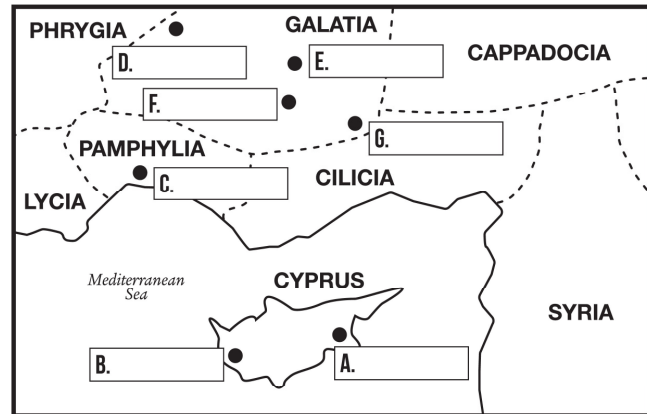
PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5) | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6) | F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6) |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13) | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6) |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe



Campbell

"What do you want? Quaker or interdenominational?"

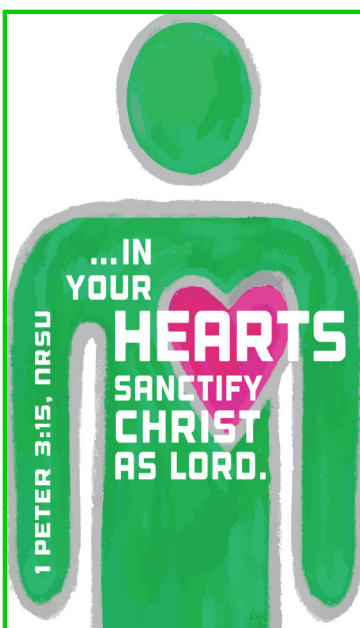


Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)*

Donna Combs, Tom Robinson, Ron Iverson, Bob Beck (*Karen Lee*), Art & Lori Pearson, Steve Matheson, Rolene, Dave Kluver (*2Rona Matheson*), Kenny Matheson, George Wood, Roman Ketterling, Sandy Webb (*Joanne Unger*), Kaitlyn and John Russett (*Tom Russett*), Brad Stuart (*Kenny Matheson*), Susan Stoo pes, Tom Stoo pes (*2Pastor Stoo pes*), 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: Carma Adamson, Chad Baker, Norman Stordahl

Those deployed in the service abroad:



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

✝ Living water, please quench my soul today with your truth, wisdom, comfort, love. Amen.

✝ We are tenants, not owners, of this “vineyard” — this earth, this life. God, as we live and work in your vineyard, teach us to cultivate love.

✝ Lord, you are the only true God, but I make and trust so many golden calves (Exodus 32:1-6). Help me place them at your feet and worship only you.

✝ “From the rising of the sun and from the west ... there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other” (Isaiah 45:6, NRSV). I praise you, Lord God!

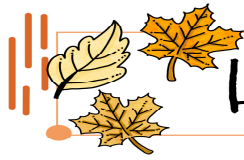
✝ Jesus, only in you do I find truth, and your truth sets me free (John 8:32). I thank and praise, bless and love you.

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



**Conrad Community Night of Prayer
will be October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the
Conrad Sr. Center
EVERYONE encouraged to attend!**



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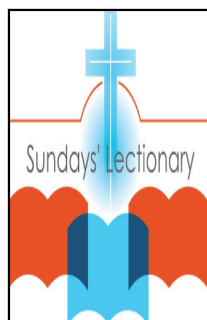


Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.

**Ushers: Sandy Seidler; Reader: Sandy; Communion Assistant: Elaine Gray;
Communion Preparer: Sandy**

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.	October 1st	October 8th	October 15th	October 22nd	October 29th
Reader	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Kim Wiest	Faith Weber
Communion Assistants		June Hovde & Ruth Erickson		Kim Wiest & Karla Breeding	
Ushers	Tom & Page Russett				
Communion Preparer	Tom & Page Russett				
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson				
Greeters	Linda O'Brien				
Offering Custodian	Susan Gustafson				



Oct. 1 - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32
 Oct. 8 - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
 Oct. 15 - Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14
 Oct. 22 - Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
 Oct. 29 **REFORMATION DAY** - Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36