



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

NOTE: This newsletter is a combined newsletter for May AND June.

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 a.m. Golden West, fellowship at 8 a.m.

10 a.m. Pondera Valley, fellowship afterward

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:10



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Kim will be out of the office the last 2 weeks of May.

May 3rd at Pondera Valley, we will hear from Robby Robertson of Echoz speak on a new Fatherhood program. Free-will offering at the door. (more info p. 6)



The 75th National Day of Prayer in 2026 will be observed on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Mission Church in Conrad. The theme for 2026 is "Glorify God Among the Nations – Seeking Him in All Generations"(1 Chronicles 16:24).



Sunday, June 7th is Community Worship in the Park at 10 a.m. Bring a chair! *If you could bring a dozen donuts (we need 3), please call the church office by May 14th* so we know how many we need, 406-271-3934. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move it to the H.S. Auditorium. **Golden West will worship at GW @ 10 a.m.**



Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors of:

May 3rd at 11 a.m. on KZIN, 96.7 FM: Marian Turk & Family *in loving memory of Wayne Turk* AND BY Cheryl & George Tornga & Paul Bellamy and families *in loving memory of Clayro, Hellen, Kurt, Douglas and Rodger Bellamy.*

May 31st at 11 a.m. on KZIN, 96.7 FM: Lyle, Patti, David, Lacey, Brody, Hadley & Jennifer Orcutt *in loving memory of George & Bernice Orcutt, George Ellingsen, Geraldine Barry, Greg Olson, and Bob Hermance.* **God bless the hearing of His word!**

From the Pastor

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

New life is poking up through the dormant flowerbeds at the parsonage. We’ve actually had a few days warm enough for me to wear shorts around town. Spring is springing and Summer is around the corner. Summer has a way of reminding us what it feels like to be alive. The long days stretch out before us, inviting rest, play, and renewal. We step outside more, breathe deeper, and perhaps feel a little lighter. Vacations, hikes, lakes, and backyard evening fire pits all whisper the same thing: slow down, enjoy, be refreshed. Yet, no matter how much we recreate, even the best summer day cannot truly make us new.

We often treat recreation as a kind of reset button. A few days off work, a trip out of town, or even just an afternoon in the sun can feel like starting over. And in a limited way, it helps. God gives us these good gifts—rest, laughter, and the beauty of creation—as a mercy for our weary bodies and minds. Scripture speaks of something deeper than refreshment. It speaks of re-creation. In Christ, you are not reset or improved—you are made new. This is not a project you complete through self-care or positive thinking. You can’t plan it, book it, or buy it. It is a gift given through His death and resurrection. Your old self—burdened by sin, guilt, and striving—was crucified with Him. And now, through faith, you live as a new creation.

This means your identity is not defined by how “put together” your life feels this summer. Whether your days are peaceful or chaotic, whether you finally accomplished that one

backpacking trip or plant the perfect garden, whether you feel rested or exhausted, the truth remains: you belong to Christ, and He has already made you new. Summer recreation points us to this reality, but it cannot replace it. The joy of a sunset, the stillness of a lake, or the laughter of friends are echoes of a greater renewal—the one God has already begun in you and will bring to fullness in Jesus Christ.

In the original creation, the ground was baked by the sun and washed by the rain. The dust didn’t become man until it was breathed upon by God. Remember that when you are recreating this summer. Out fishing? Notice the breeze, that breath of God. Notice the wonders of the stars at night through the eyes of Psalm 8 which sees in them the work of a God who created all this and yet cares for humans and the son of man even more than the wonders of the universe. Live as the new creation that you are, forever transformed by the breath, the Spirit of God. Live blown by that same Spirit. Seek out that Spirit where he is always found, blowing through the word of God. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17).

Enjoy the gifts of summer. Receive the grace of them with gratitude. Rest when you can. Delight in creation. But don’t look to these things to remake you. They cannot remake you because you are already a new creation. In Christ, the new has come.

— Pastor Jeff



PONDERA VALLEY

Sound: *In loving memory of Dick Maier - Betty Olson*

In loving memory of Dawne Stokes - Larry & Rose Banka, Jim & Joann

Adamson, Ryan & Elodie Armstrong, Ron & Juanita Prewett, Lynn Ostrom, Mike & Gail Klette, Keith & Helen Hruska, Debora Buckingham, Duane Halverson, Debbie Williams, Sandy & Terry Syvertson, Lavonne Gilcher, Chris & Judy Ellis, Tom & Kathy Robinson, Jerry & Vickie Naylor, John & Denese Calahan, Julie Wood, Wade & Janet Spears, Janet King, Lyn & Linda Carlson, Larry Martin, Hank & Roxy Zomer, Mitch & Cathy Kellogg, Del & Karla Styren, Don & Patty Grubb, Jerry & Myrna Christensen, Bradley & Cher Meuli

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♥ Thank you volunteers delivering Meals on Wheels in April: Sharon & Jesse Parks, Carol Woods & Kim Wiest, Karla Breeding & Flying S Title & Escrow, Wanda Bollinger & Betty Olson, and Gail & Mike Klette. If any one would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels, please call the office, 406-271-3934.

♥ Thank you to Stacy Eneboe for her taking on the challenge of cleaning up the material in the basement and for all those who helped organize and used Thrivent funds.

♥ **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**

APRIL Pastoral Acts: Funeral @ PV for Dawne Stokes 4/17; Baptisms @ PV for Cooper & Lucy Roderick 4/26
Pondera Valley Offering: **\$10,718.00**
PV Average Sunday Attendance: **60**
Maundy Thurs. 30; Good Fri. 42; Easter 118
GW Average Sunday Attendance: **14**
Easter 16



CONFIRMATION Class for 7th & 8th grades

6-7:30 p.m. Sundays through May with Pastor Driscoll in the Fellowship Hall and Summer classes will soon be scheduled!

⌘ Palm Sunday Bake Sale raised \$1,211 for VBS this Summer!
Thank you to all who participated!

⌘ \$1,000.00 Scholarships were awarded this year to:
Julia Salois, Tala Eneboe, and Amanda Moulton

⌘ Golden West will have a VBS for Preschool—6th grade June 3-5,
9 a.m.—Noon at Golden West

⌘ Pondera Valley will hold Day Camp (grades 1-6) on July 13-17 from 9-1:30
AND Preschool VBS July 13-15 from 9-11!

Get your registration forms: www.conradlutheran/inform
(choose Day Camp or VBS form)

FOR MEN — Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and Bible Study

FOR WOMEN — the Monday Noon Bible Study has their final day on May 4th.

The rest of the Women's studies at Pondera Valley have already started their summer break. See you next fall!

— 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. @ Golden West



Golden West Council had a meeting April 7th. It was decided to hold a VBS at Golden West for Preschool—6th grade June 3-5, 2026.

They will also have church June 7th at 10 a.m.

Pondera Valley Council had a meeting April 13th. We will worship in the City park with the community on June 7th at 10 a.m. The Stewardship materials in the church basement is being organized and put into stackable bins. We want to thank Stacy Eneboe and Carolyn Widhalm for their work in this thus far. More help will be needed soon. The Easter breakfast donations (\$254) will go to the Sr. Surrey. Buildings & Grounds have a few repairs to be done in the church. They will also need to find

someone to hire for snow removal for next winter. Minuteman Snow Removal isn't going to continue after this season. Work on the Sound and Video system is progressing. Alcoholics Anonymous have reduced their meetings for now to only Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Education Building Luther Room. When Kim Wiest goes on vacation this summer, she will get volunteers to do parts of her job but her office will be closed May 18-28. This will also be posted on the building door and in each bulletin during that time period. Pastor's regular office hours are Monday—Thursday, 9a.m. – Noon. Emergency numbers are always posted. **The next meeting for PV Council will be May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

New opportunities are blooming

Meals on Wheels — We can always use more volunteers, it only takes about an hour to do!

NEED: Ushers for December at PVLC!

For Day Camp, July 13-17, Need:

- 4 days of lunches for 2 counselors
- 4 evening meals for 2 counselors
- Cookies for 5 days for all participants

If you can volunteer or provide for any thing listed here, please call the church office: 406-271-3934. THANK YOU!

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God’s presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:18)



Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God’s faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God’s past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who

carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who He is.

A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.



Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed.

Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.



"At Echoz, we believe in strengthening the entire family, which means we are not just here for babies and moms. We are here for dads as well. This is why we created our RealDads program. We currently offer Parenting Classes, Men's Mentoring, and our Faith & Fatherhood Group. We are calling men to be RealDads because, being a dad is the most important job a man will ever do!

Robby Robertson leads RealDads for Echoz and **is going to be at Pondera Valley on Sunday May 3rd during worship time for a "Temple Talk"** to share more about this program. He will be available afterward during coffee hour to visit as well. *There will be a free – will donation in the back of the church that Sunday and the Echoz Baby Bottles will be available too that day and due back Father's Day, June 21st.* Please attend to hear more about this ministry!

Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always — and above all — the truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.
To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.
I am the Bible.

Special Dates for May & June 2026

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2026*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2026*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2026*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2026*
- Victoria Day [Canada], *May 18, 2026*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24, 2026*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2026*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2026*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2026*
- Juneteenth, *June 19, 2026*
- Father's Day, *June 21, 2026*
- First Day of Summer, *June 21, 2026*

Pondera Valley Women are selling RADA (Made in the USA kitchen tools) to raise money for benevolent projects! Check out the RADA catalog online:
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1818332.f1ff6>



www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker




What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write *Growing in God's Word*.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adult help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Puzzle!



In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	_____ C _____
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	_____ D _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ E _____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	_____ K _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ L _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ N _____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	_____ P _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R _____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ T _____
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	_____ U _____
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	_____ V _____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	_____ Y _____
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z _____

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Obed, Zipporah, Gomer, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, Isaac, Jesse, Mary, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Isaac, Jesse, Mary, Rebekah

PRAYER list

PLEASE UPLIFT IN PRAYER... **Illnesses or other concerns:**

Karen Sutton (*Ruth Erickson*), John Gray, Cindy Fuson, Kelly Johns Leisinger, Molly Donath Kavanagh, Lori Wetendorf, Tiller Judisch, Bob & Sue Kovatch, Roger Schlosser, Howard Bouma, Dave Bliss, Kathy Hodgson, George Wood, Christopher Burns, Chris Ketterling, (*Karla Breeding*), Jim Skipper, Kathy (*Linda O'Brien*), Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, Casey Kluver, (*Rona Matheson*), the Alicia

Wood Family, Mary, Cheryl, (*Carol Wood*), Sara McLean, Ann Glimm, Kaitlyn and John Russett (*Tom Russett*), Tristan West, David Larson, Rebekah Thaut, Kariann Thaut (*Pinky Thaut*), Butch Johns, Kailey Judisch, Brenda Rhone, Loretta (*Louise Glimm*), Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*Ruth Fladstol*), Poppy Dahl, Barb Brookhart (*Rose Banka*), 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 weather conditions, war and other issues, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

All those who mourn: Dawne Stokes, Diana Hoy, Virginia Bliss, Murlan "Dale" Copelan, and others...grief has no time table; please keep all who come to mind in your prayers...

Those deployed in the service abroad: Brett Christensen (*Central Republic of Africa*)

For an updated prayer list, or to update the list, call the church office, 406-271-3934.

Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ♥ Dear Lord: Enable me to prepare myself for communing with You. Quiet my spirit, direct my thoughts and enable me to grasp the Truth you have for me and my fellow worshipers today.
- ♥ [Mother's Day] Loving God, as we gather on this Mother's Day, quiet our hearts and prepare our spirits for worship. We thank you for mothers and mother figures, and for your steadfast love that surrounds and sustains us all.
- ♥ Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we belong to you. Touch us, heal us, bless us. Walk with us daily that we may have the courage and faith to meet all life's challenges. Amen.
- ♥ Lord, rest your Spirit upon us, we pray, so we may go from this worship to share your goodness and love with others. Amen.
- ♥ [Father's Day] For fathers and father-figures, I pray and give thanks. And, God, for all the ways you guide, direct, teach and protect us in love, I praise you.
- ♥ "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30, NRSV). May God bless you as you praise and thank him today.
- ♥ Jesus, for this time of worship, and with your gentle help, I lay the ups and downs of this week at your feet. When I depart, remind me to let you carry them.



"Christ wants a child's heart, but a grown-up's head. He wants us to be simple, single-minded, affectionate and teachable, as good children are; but he also wants every bit of intelligence we have to be alert at its job, and in first-class fighting trim." —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

MAY GOLDEN WEST SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m.

**Ushers: Bill & Elaine McLean; Reader: Elaine;
Communion Assistant: Bill; Communion Preparer: Elaine**

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. Instructions would be made available.

MAY PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Reader	Kim Wiest	Kim Wiest	Kim Hofstad	Dick Kinyon	Dick Kinyon
Communion Assistants		Ruth Erickson & Kim Wiest		Pat Lee & Linda Welch	
Usher & Greet	Betty Olson & Wanda Bollinger				
Communion Preparer	Linda Welch				
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson				
Offering Custodian	Lisa Judisch				



READ IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

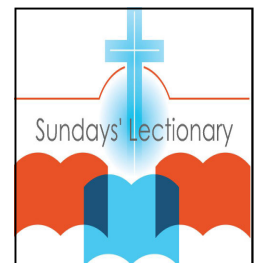
May 3 –Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 10 - Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 17 - Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 24 PENTECOST - Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

May 31 HOLY TRINITY - Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20



JUNE GOLDEN WEST SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m. (June 7th 10 a.m.)

**Ushers: Karen & Roy Hollandsworth; Reader: Karen;
Communion Assistant: Karen; Communion Preparer: Karen**

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. Instructions would be made available.

JUNE PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	June 7 10 am Worship in Park	June 14	June 21	June 28
Reader	---	Kim Wiest	Jim Adamson	Jim Adamson
Communion Assistants	---	Wanda Bandow & Ruth Erickson		Lyn & Linda Carlson
Usher & Greet	Jessily Seidler & Stephanie Haugstuen			
Communion Preparer	Betty Offerdal			
Sound Tech.	Tom Russett			
Offering Custodian	Linda Welch			



READ IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

June 7 - Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

June 14 - Exodus 19:2-8; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8-20

June 21 - Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June 28 - Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

