



# CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

## LOGOS

### WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 a.m. Golden West

10 a.m. Pondera Valley

**Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour  
when you go to bed November 2nd!**

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A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

*“God, You are my God; I shall be watching for You;*

*My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,*

*In a dry and exhausted land where there is no water.”* Psalm 63:1



## COME to the 66th Annual Praise & Thanks Celebration at Golden West Lutheran Church



**23 miles East of Conrad on the Sollid Rd  
Sunday, November 10, 2024 ~ 2 p.m.**

Tyler Boyce who ministers to the students at Northern Montana College in Havre will be the featured speaker. The musical program will include vocal, piano, string quartet, harp and guitar selections. Pie and coffee will be served following the service. 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 to the radio broadcast sponsors on November 3rd  
on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am: Patty Larson in loving memory of her parents, John &  
Frances Larson and by: The Martin Family in loving memory of their parents,  
Cliff & Donna Martin, and brother Douglas Martin.**



## From the Pastor

Back in 1961, when I was a ten years old, and in the fourth grade at Applegate Elementary School in Crow, Oregon, my teacher noticed I had trouble reading things on the black board. She told me I was probably near-sighted and needed glasses and told me to tell my parents I needed an eye exam. I mentioned this to my parents at supper one evening and my father took off his glasses and told me to put them on. "Holy mackerel!" I exclaimed, as the world of fuzzy shapes suddenly came into focus. I was amazed. I had no idea that my perception of the world - its real quality - was so far from reality.

That incident has always been a lesson for me in how far off one can be with assumptions about reality. Not just physical reality but mental, social, and especially spiritual reality. The following is an imaginary encounter between a young lad and Jesus.

A ten-year-old boy comes to Jesus and asks to join his Kingdom of God movement. Jesus smiles at him and asks him, "Son, you are welcome, come and sit with us." The boy sits down next to Jesus and nervously looks around at the rough-looking men who make up Jesus' inner circle. He thinks he needs to prove himself to them and to Jesus. "Look at my report card," he says, "I've got an A- in Loving God above all things!" Jesus smiles at him and asks, "What are your other marks, young man?" The boy reads off the whole report card: "Loving neighbors as oneself: B+; Obeying and honoring my parents: C+," and

so on. Now all the men are smiling with Jesus and there seems to the boy to be an inside joke they all know but he doesn't. Jesus asks the boy, "Who made this report card?" "I did," the boy replies. "I see." Jesus replies, "There's a problem." "What problem?" inquires the boy. "Here," says Jesus, "these are my Father's glasses. Put them on and look at your record." The boy puts on the glasses and looks at the grades. He is appalled! After every category there is a big red "F". He has failed completely. "Do you see the problem, my son?" Jesus asks the boy. The boy looks at Jesus in confused apprehension. "You don't ... you *can't see* yourself as you really are," Jesus tells him. "O my God! What can I do?" exclaims the boy. Jesus responds with, "It's not a question of what *you* can do, but what I am doing and will do for you. I'm going to nail that report card, with all the F's on it, to my cross along with all your sins. I'm going to give you my report card - it's what you need to be in my kingdom and be a part of its life and ministry. See, it's all A's, a perfect 4.0! This is yours as my gift to you if you'll have it. Take it, and follow me."

The boy rips up his self-made report card and holds Jesus' report card to his chest. His joy is almost too much to bear.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Pastor Jeff Stoope

**PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:**

SOUND & TECHNOLOGY in memory of **Lucas Fowler** - Susan & Gale Gustafson, Keith & Leiha VandenBos

KIDS' PROGRAMS in memory of **Lucas Fowler** - Fred & Pat Ott

**THANK YOU!**

♥ Thank you again to **Erik & Stacy Eneboe** for your care and attention to our church grounds. You have spent many hours here and it shows. **THANK YOU!**

♥ Thank you to **Wanda Bandow and Pat Lee**. Wanda for taking care of the banners and getting them up at the appropriate times. And Pat for keeping the altar cloths and colors in their seasons. These keep our sanctuary festive and purposeful. Thank you!



**If You're a Thrivent Member, You Can Direct Dollars to the church....Here's How!**

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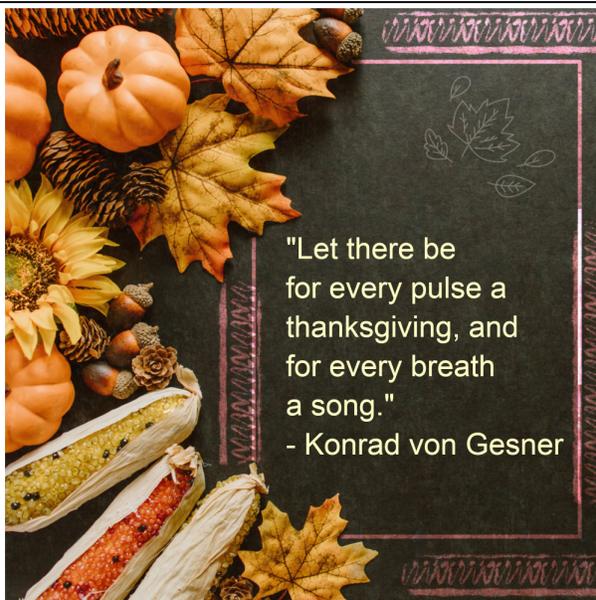
5. Search the catalog of organizations to find your choice, ex. "Pondera Valley Lutheran Church".
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♥ **THANK YOU** to all who give! Your offerings are much appreciated. You can use the enclosed blue envelope or mail them to: **PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.**

**OCTOBER**  
**Pastoral Acts**  
Pondera Valley Offering: **\$7,498**  
PV Average Sunday Attendance: **52**



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT EDUCATION**

**4-5 p.m. for 3 year olds - 6th grade in the Youth Room**

**We'll be taking a Thanksgiving break: Nov. 27th**

***Donna Fowler, Julene Peters, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter,***

***Amanda Lesnik, Faith Weber, Stacy Eneboe***



## **Join a Bible Study!**

**☞ Sundays, 9 a.m. for Women on Nov. 10th and 24th and Dec. 8th in the Youth Room**

**☞ Mondays at Noon for Women in the church library**

**☞ Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. for Men with Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**

**☞ Tuesdays at 9 a.m. for Women in the Fellowship Hall**

**☞ AT GOLDEN WEST, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**

**Women at PVLC: there will be a short benevolence and budget meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10th following 10 a.m. worship! Please attend!**



**Pondera Valley met on Oct. 23rd.** Committees met first, selected chairs and then reported during the council meeting. The

treasurer's report was accepted. The Pastor gave his report. It was discussed how many directories to order. The numbers will be looked at and the presidents from both councils will help with the decision. We want to have enough extra to be able to hand out to new people in the future. Both Education and Worship had written reports to include with the minutes. Education is in full gear with students aged 3 years through the 6th grade on Wednesday nights. The Christmas program will be Dec. 15th during the 10 a.m. worship service. Also, alternative ways of confirmation education are being researched.

The worship committee has made a few suggestions and with Pastor's consent we will begin to see a few new things implemented. One thing that will change is the cards in the pews will no long be used for communion but for address updates, prayer requests and if anyone desires to have a pastoral visit. Building & Grounds have several items they are working on to fix or improve. Stewardship will be adding some inspiring articles to the newsletter in the future. Pastor Jeff will do a Stewardship emphasis Sunday January 12th. Evangelism is getting ready to offer a new member class. The Call Committee is meeting later this month.

**The next meeting will be the Joint Council meeting at Golden West, Tuesday Nov. 12th at 6 p.m. for dinner and meeting following. PV will car pool at 5:30 p.m. from the church.**

### 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.

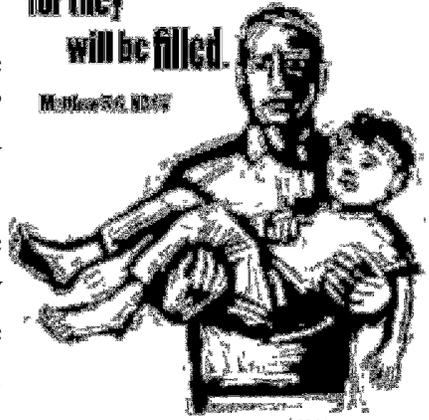
In her Magnificat, Mary proclaims, "He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:53, NIV). To be filled with Jesus, first we must empty ourselves and hunger for him. But what does that look like?

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!

**Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they  
will be filled.**

Matthew 5:6, NIV



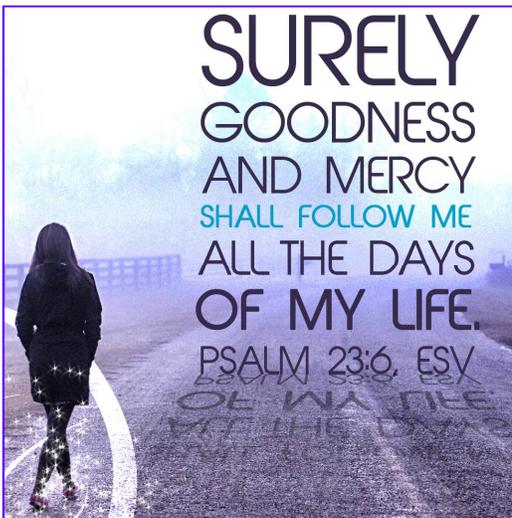
### JESUS LEADS THE WAY

As Jesus himself taught, denial of ourselves leads us to find ourselves (see, for example, Matthew 16:24-25). The crucifixion is the ultimate expression of such self-denial.

The all-powerful God of the universe submitting willingly to having all power stripped away. How could that be imaginable? Even more, how could that be true?

And yet it was. For Jesus, as for us, this is what it means to steward our power well. Jesus' death was not just a necessary price for humanity's failure and restoration. It was that, of course. But it was also the incomparable and ultimate demonstration of what God-like power looks like in its expression of self-restraint.

Uli Chi, *The Wise Leader*



### Surely Goodness and Mercy by Alice Berg 7/8/1995

Wondering as I wander still  
on Your tableland of grace,  
Dear God, will I leave behind  
contentment in this place?  
Has my life with You to guide  
brought blessing and joy to others  
As here and there my path would wend  
through fields of fragrant flowers?  
Lord, I would pray for those I love  
on their sometimes lonesome walk;  
May robins sing, butterflies dance,  
and peace find nest in their hearts!



**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.”



**PONDERA VALLEY! Conrad Food Pantry challenges us to donate 100 cans of Fruit Cocktail (15oz) by November 18th! Can we do it?! I KNOW WE CAN! (Pun Intentional!) Bring to the church!**



**Special Dates**  
 All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2024*  
 Daylight saving time ends, *November 3, 2024*  
 Veterans Day, *November 11, 2024*  
 Christ the King Sunday, *November 24, 2024*  
 Thanksgiving Day, *November 28, 2024*



# GOD Rocks!



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

### What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



[www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com) A great resource!

# PUZZLE

## BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Help me, Lord my \_\_\_od;  
save \_\_\_e \_\_\_ccording \_\_\_o  
your un\_\_\_ailing l\_\_\_ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV

Answers: gracious, mighty, everlasting, patient, faithful, holy; Help me, Lord my God, save me according to your unfailing love. Psalm 109:26, NIV



"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"



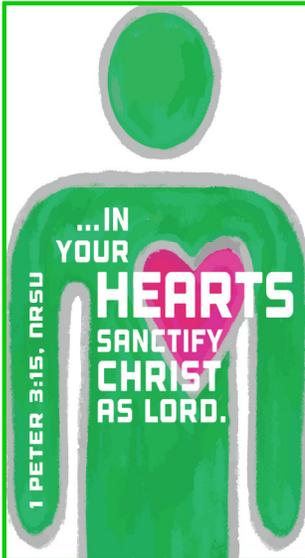
**Illnesses or other concerns:** *(denotes relation to)*

Lori Pocock Fletcher, Ron Iverson, Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, *(Rona Matheson)*, Karen Sutton *(Ruth Erickson)*, Rose Johns, Erik Dommer, Barbara *(Carol Wood)*, Aletta Green *(Carol Kaldor)*, Kathy Walter, Ruth Fladstol, Linda Van Tongeren, Denny Hepp *(Andrew Bishop)*, Christopher Burns, Tom Robinson, Ann Glimm, Sandy Carr *(Linda Van Tongeren)*, Roman Ketterling, Sandy Webb *(Joanne Unger)*, Kaitlyn and John Russett *(Tom Russett)*, Tristan West, David Larson, Don Bandow, Brenda Rhone, Brett Stanley, Loretta *(Louise Glimm)*, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch *(Ruth Fladstol)*, Rose Peterman, Poppy Dahl, Teri Ewell, Candy Balkenbusch *(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 weather conditions and other issues, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

**All those who mourn:** Meghan Rouns

**Those deployed in the service abroad:**

*For an updated prayer list, inquire at the church office.*



**Prayers to Prepare for Worship**

- ♥ “I love you, God, with all my heart and soul and might. Help me keep your words in my heart always.
- ♥ With the psalmist, I praise you, Lord: giver of justice, sustenance, freedom, vision, encouragement, care. (Psalm 146:7-9)
- ♥ Jesus, as you predicted, wars and disasters abound. Help us to not be led astray but to trust in your power and goodness. (Mark 13:5-8, 26)
- ♥ The busy holiday season is nearly upon us. During this service, God, help me focus on your goodness, peace and love, the heart of all the upcoming celebration.
- ♥ “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.” (Joel 2:26, NRSV)

*We always thank  
GOD for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*



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

**Ushers: Jim & Chris Bjelland; Reader: Chris Bjelland;**

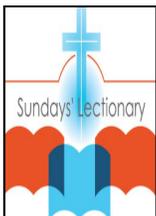
**Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Rona Matheson**

**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.

<b>PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.</b>	<b>November 3rd</b>	<b>November 10th</b>	<b>November 17th</b>	<b>November 24th</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Jim Morren</b>	<b>Kim Wiest</b>	<b>Jim Adamson</b>	<b>Jim Adamson</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Karla Breeding &amp; Kim Wiest</b>		<b>Lyn &amp; Linda Carlson</b>
<b>Usher &amp; Greet</b>	<b>Linda O'Brien</b>			
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	<b>Linda O'Brien</b>			
<b>Sound Tech.</b>	<b>Mike O'Brien</b>			
<b>Offering Custodian</b>	<b>Lisa Judisch</b>			



**READ IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS**



Nov. 3 ALL SAINTS - Revelation 7:2-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 10 - 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 17 - Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13

Nov. 24 CHRIST THE KING - Isaiah 51:4-6; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; Mark 13:24-37