



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES
8:30 a.m. Golden West
10 a.m. Pondera Valley

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This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.
Isaiah 48:17



⌘ Pastor Jeff will be on vacation October 9 -15.

⌘ October 27, 2024 is Reformation Sunday
 - Wear RED if you like!

A Look into November...

⌘ Golden West’s 66th Annual Praise & Thanks will be Sunday, November 10th at 2 p.m.
 Watch for more info and mark your calendars!



Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on October 6th on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am: Nancy Herman Pringle in loving memory of her parents, Robert & Evelyn Herman.
God bless the hearing of His word!



PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

SOUND & TECHNOLOGY *in memory* of **Lucas Fowler** - Roy & Paula Baumann, Laurel & Larry McBride, Larry & Rose Banka, Brad & Nancy Bruner, Harold & Betty Olson, Keith & Helen Hruska, Timothy & Nancy Shumway, John & Denese Calahan, Paul & Mary Peterman, Ray & Kim Hofstad, Janet King, Everett & Karla Breeding, Neil & Jodie Weisgram, Laurie Philipps, Joe & Anna Fretheim, Pat Lee, Scott & Pam Arvidson, Bob & Alice Copenhaver, Ruth Fladstol, Klayton Lohr, Hank & Roxy Zomer, Merle Raph, Greg & Della Kellogg, Dale White, Ernestine Olson, Peggy Lowery, Jeff & Janice Farkell, Jack & Barb Judisch, James & Brooke Donovan, Monroe Brothers, Dave & Marsha Stokes, Brenda Fretheim, Lyn & Linda Carlson, Roberta Rohrer, Gary & Becky Gollehon, John Hadcock, Rhonda McClure, Carolyn Donath, Bill & Tommy Vanden Bos, Bruce & Kelly Martin, Ramsey & Betty Offerdal, Debbie Bishop Kaphammer, Jim & Cheryl Judisch, Lori Durnell, Terri & Roy Vanden Bos, Ken & Lisa Judisch, Cheryl & Pat Laisnez, Erik & Stacy Eneboe, Hannah Melin, David & Lacey Orcutt, Callie Hanson, Taylor Atchison, Donna Warwick, Brad & Suzanne Baumann, Frontline Ag Solutions, LLC

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- ♥ Thank you to Tala Eneboe who has been our Education building janitor for the last several years! Tala recently left us for college so had to resign. We'll miss you Tala! Thank you for your work!
- ♥ Thank you to the Eneboes. Erik, Stacy & Tala who have been seen multiple times mowing the lawn, weeding the flower beds, spraying ... all to care and nurture the church grounds. They look beautiful. Thank you.
- ♥ Thank you to Cassie & Mac Andrews and Terry & Julene Peters who have worked hard to make the Youth Room ready for Wednesday night education. It looks great!
- ♥ Thank you to Kim Hofstad for procuring for us the dividers being used in the Youth Room. 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 @ PV for Orinne Werhan 9/17
Pondera Valley Offering (thru 9/23):
\$8,853
PV Average Sunday Attendance (thru 9/23): **53**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT EDUCATION

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

Would you be able to help? Contact a board member!

*Donna Fowler, Julene Peters, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter,
Amanda Lesnik, Faith Weber, Stacy Eneboe*



Join a Bible Study!

☞ Every other Sunday, beginning Sept. 29th at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room for Women, ending Dec. 8th

☞ 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.



Pursue
righteousness, godliness,
FAITH, love, *steadfastness,*
gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11 ESV



Pondera Valley met on September 9th. Pastor Jeff

will be on vacation Oct. 9 - 15. The lack of Pastors

available for call was discussed. The audio and visual needs of the church will be addressed. It is hoped that special music for worship will be looked into, utilizing the talents of those we have locally. Building & Grounds will get a bid for adding air conditioning to the church and Fellowship Hall to see if it is in any way feasible. The Joint Council meeting will be at

Golden West in November. President Susan Gustafson will visit with GW President Elaine McLean. Committees are asked to review their needs in preparation for the budget. **The next council meeting will be Monday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Committees will meet for the first 15 minutes. (Date might change due to scheduling conflict.)**

After note: The Joint Council meeting will be Nov. 12th (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. at Golden West with dinner first.

It's That Time of Year Again for the Pumpkin Prayer

In *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs uses kid-friendly analogies for the Christian life. Many parents now use a Pumpkin Prayer while carving jack-o-lanterns in October. What a great reminder about everything God has done for us! While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)

While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)

While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)

While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)

While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



Parable of the Puffins

As summer ends on a remote island off Iceland, parent puffins — black and white seabirds with rainbow beaks — stop bringing fish to their chicks. These "pufflings," whose first few weeks were lived in burrows in cliffs, now must launch into a wind current to glide out over the sea and find their own food. Some babies, however, mistake a lit-up house or gas station for moonlight on the water and, as locals say, "fall out of the sky." Because pufflings can't yet take off from land and fly, if left alone they starve.

So for generations, during "puffling season" people on this island have stayed up late to rescue baby birds. On his *Animal* podcast, reporter Sam Anderson tells how, with an islander's help, he picks up a puffling one night, placing it in a box for morning release over the ocean. As the frightened, confused bird squeals and scratches to get free, Anderson supposes it thinks this is the worst

night of its life. In fact, it is the best: It's being saved.

We humans often get confused, pulled in wrong directions. We're misled and land in trouble from which we cannot save ourselves. Scared and confused, we believe we're irredeemably trapped in the worst of circumstances. We can't perceive that, even now, we are being protected and rescued, that God is working to give back to us the fullness of life we cannot attain for ourselves.

Hang on, beloved one. Though you can't sense it at this moment, you are held in God's care, soon to be lifted on the wind of the Holy Spirit, who will carry



you into better days. —Heidi Hyland Mann

PASTORS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me." That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To

the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV). As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!



That's a fitting reminder as The New Testament is clear we observe World Communion Sunday in Christian. We are members of October. Christians don't take Christ's body (Ephesians Holy Communion alone; the 5:30) and "belong to the very name of this sacrament family of believers" refers to unity with God and (Galatians 6:10, NIV). As you

"Christianity was never others. We don't baptize gather for worship and receive intended to be a solo walk ourselves. We don't learn Holy Communion, thank God with God," says pastor Scripture or Christian for "our common salvation" Jeremy Basset. "A conversion theology and history alone. (Jude 3, ESV) granted to all to Christianity is also We can't have Christian followers of Jesus. incorporation in the body of fellowship by ourselves. Christ, the church."

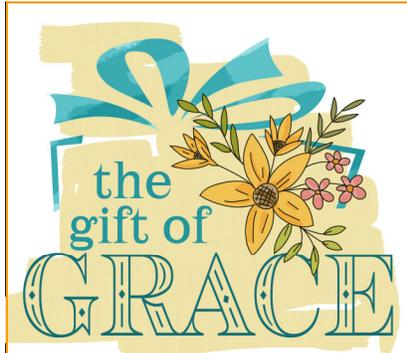
Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 6, 2024*
- Columbus Day, *October 14, 2024*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 14, 2024*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 27, 2024*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2024*

"Not seeing results?
 Feel like giving up?
 Consider this: The last thing to
 grow on a fruit tree ... is the
 fruit." —Unknown



www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.

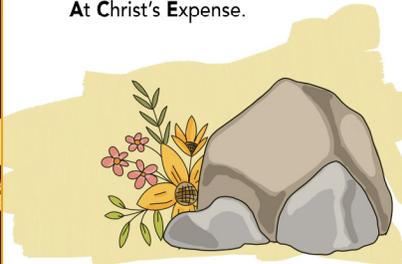


What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone.
For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

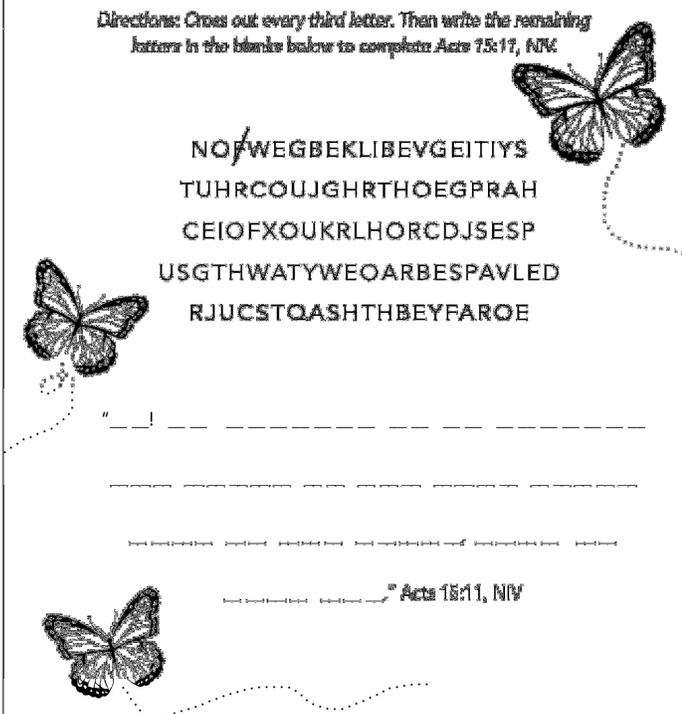


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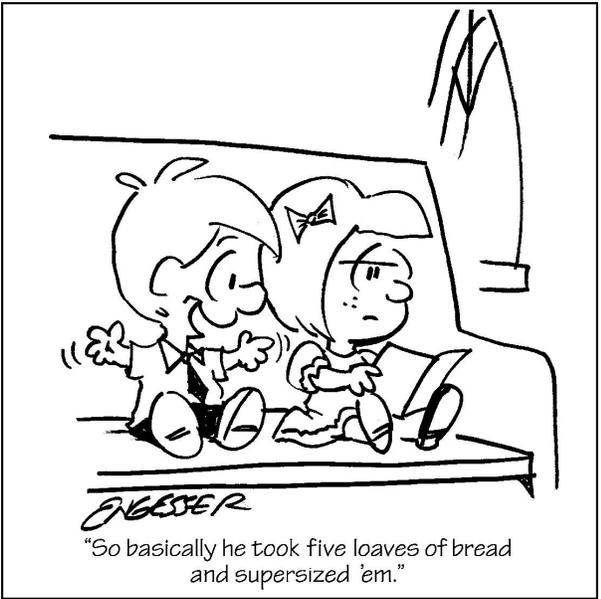
Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV

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 R J U C S T Q A S H T H B E Y F A R O E



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV



"So basically he took five loaves of bread and supersized 'em."



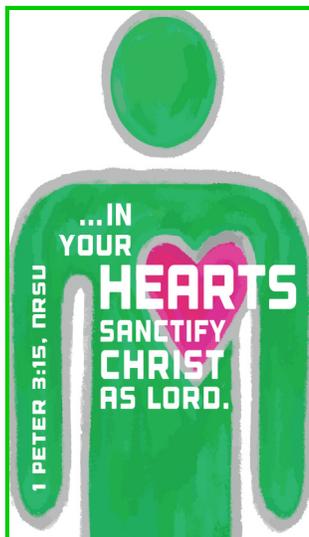
Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)*

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)*, Linda Welch, Ruth Fladstol, Linda Van Tongeren, Denny Hepp *(Andrew Bishop)*, Tom Robinson, Ann Glimm, Dave Fleming *(Linda Welch)*, 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: Tom Durnell, Orinne Werhan

Those deployed in the service abroad:

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



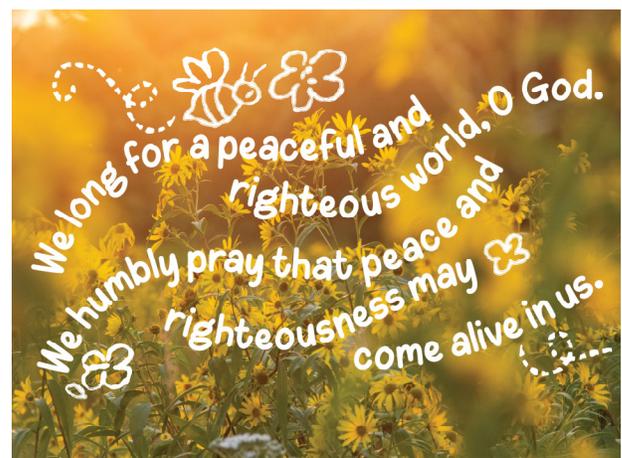
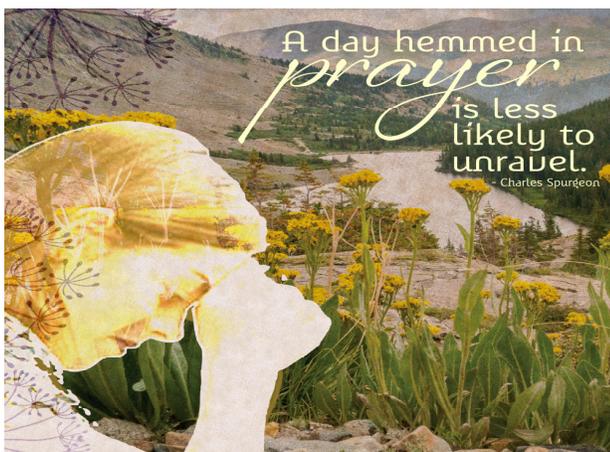
Prayers to Prepare for Worship

☞ “Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells” (Psalm 26:8, NIV). Open my heart to receive your word for me this day.

☞ Holy Spirit, my warm shelter and loving embrace: I lay before you all my cares and distractions. Focus my heart on your goodness as I worship with this congregation. Amen.

☞ God, you have promised: “When [those who know my name] call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble” (Psalm 91:15, NRSV). I pray for anyone here today who needs this assurance. Amen.

☞ What needs a fresh start in my life, dear Lord? What needs a fresh start in our church? Speak to us through this time of worship and help us listen to your guidance.





GOLDEN WEST SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m.
Usher: Sandra Seidler; Reader: Sandra Seidler;
Communion Assistant: Elaine Gray; Communion Preparer: Sandra Seidler

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 10 a.m.	October 6th	October 13th	October 20th	October 27th
Reader	Linda O'Brien	Dick Kinyon	Dick Kinyon	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistants		Ruth Erickson & Linda Welch		Mike & Linda O'Brien
Usher & Greet	Tom & Page Russett			
Communion Preparer	Tom & Page Russett			
Sound Tech.	Erik Eneboe			
Offering Custodian	Susan Gustafson			



READ IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Oct. 6 - Genesis 2:18-25, Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-18, Mark 10:2-16
 Oct. 13 - Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 3:12-19, Mark 10:17-22
 Oct. 20 - Ecclesiastes 5:10-20, Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 4:1-16, Mark 10:23-31
 Oct. 27 REFORMATION SUNDAY - Revelation 14:6-7, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

