CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES

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

10 a.m. Pondera Valley, fellowship afterward

Time changes Sat. Nov. 1st at bedtime!
Fall BACK one hour!

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"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude . ." 1 Timothy 4:4

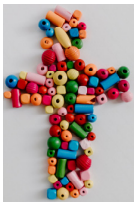
The 67th Annual Praise & Thanks Celebration at

Golden West Lutheran Church

23 miles East of Conrad on the Sollid Rd

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 2 p.m.

Reverend Sara MacGilvra Branom from Great Falls Peace Hospice 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. A free will offering will be taken to fund the Golden West Women's benevolent programs. Everyone is welcome.



Pondera Valley Bazaar!

Friday, Nov. 14th!

11:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

With lunch served from 11:30 - 1:30

Tex-Mex Chili on Chips with assorted toppings

2 beautiful quilts are being raffled

A variety of crafts and baked goods (LEFSE too!)

There will be 2 lefse making days on Nov. 6 & 7 beginning at 9 am! We need lots of helpers for this and much more!

See more info on page 5.

Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on November 2nd at 11 a.m. on KZIN, 96.7 FM: Patty Larson in loving memory of her parents *John & Frances Larson.* AND by The Martin Family in loving memory of their parents, Cliff & Donna, and brother Douglas Martin. **God bless the hearing of His word!**

From the Pastor

Twice in the gospel of Matthew Jesus speaks about reconciliation. He first preaches on reconciliation when he says, **"**So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)" Notice that he does not assign blame when he speaks of a brother (or sister) having something against you. Maybe you sinned against them. Maybe they sinned against you. Maybe you are both sinning. Jesus seems uninterested in finding fault, but rather simply says that if the relationship has been broken, it is more important that you repair it than that you worship God!

In Matthew 18 he tells us how to repair a rift. **"**If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother (Matthew 18:15). This passage goes on to describe how reconciliation should be pursued if your brother doesn't listen to you. Although most churches have codified in their constitution this reconciliation process, I have rarely seen people even attempt this first step. When resentments have built up, when feelings have been hurt, when words that cannot be retracted have been spoken, it is easier for us poor sinners to break fellowship than to repent and repair our relationships.

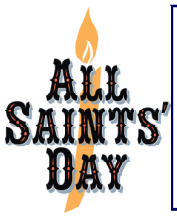
We are reluctant to repair because to acknowledge that something is broken, we have to acknowledge our own failure. We have to say that in part we are responsible. That brings shame. We also fear that the other person may not be gracious. No one wants to hear, "I told you that you are the reason for this whole mess. I'm glad you're finally admitting it." However, what would it sound like if we stepped out in faith, believing that in Christ we can find reconciliation? It might sound like this, "I don't want this divide between us. I don't know how to repair it, but I love you too much to simply walk away and allow satan to have this win in our lives." Follow it up with confession of your sin. "I was insensitive. I wasn't looking at it from your point of view. I should have been more concerned with your feelings." Confessing sins is terrifying. It is a death of self, but dead people are precisely who God raises.

Paul wrote "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 17-19)." God sent Christ into a world filled with separation, grudges, resentments, score-keeping and selfishness, and Christ went to his cross so that we who were holding on to all these sins could become a new creation, a creation reconciled to God. He then gave us a gift–he said, The words of grace that I have given you are now yours to give to one another. From that gift of grace comes peace, resurrection, and a different future, a new life.

Pastor Jeff

PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received for:
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & TECH UPDATES *in memory of* **Marie Halvorson** - Lucille Russell
YOUTH *in memory of* **John & Madeline Maki** and the **Rouns Family**- Marilyn Waite
GENERAL FUND *in memory of* **All those we've lost this year** - Robert Skorupa

THANK YOU!



Saints to be remembered this Saints' Day: Torval & Eileen Halvorson, Bud Adamson, Dan Felska, Charlie Hardeland, Kathy Walter, Merl Gall, Ernestine Olson, Harold Olson, Jerry Kovatch, Don Bandow, Kenny Matheson, Jennifer DeVries, Rose Peterman, Marie Halvorson, Roman Ketterling, and others you know and name in your heart.

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Help choose where Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gives back! If you don't, Thrivent Financial chooses.

❤ To all who brought fruit cocktail for the Food Pantry's Thanksgiving baskets! 100 + cans strong!!

❤ To Linda Welch and all her helpers who put together our awesome picture worthy scarecrow on the corner of 6th & Delaware. All proceeds went to the Sr. Surrey.

❤ Thank you to Dave & Carolyn Widhalm for taking Pastor Jeff back to Washington to pick up his car.

❤ ***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

Baptism for: Kate Schlosser at PV on 10/19

Funeral for: Roman Ketterling at PV on 10/25

Pondera Valley Offering**: $ 12,780.**

PV Average Sunday Attendance**: 67**

WELCOME TO WEDNESDAY EDUCATION!

Wednesdays
3:45 p.m.—5 p.m. (3 year olds - 5th grade)
in the Youth Room

Confirmation for 7th & 8th grades
6-7:30 p.m. Sundays with Pastor Driscoll
in the Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDIES ...

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

FOR WOMEN — Mondays at Noon in church library

— Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

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

Pondera Valley Council met on October 13th. Pastor has been busy meeting people - young and old. He has 8 students/disciples! in confirmation. He will have his first baptism and funeral here before the end of the month. He will be meeting with some of the committees soon. The council had some discussion about the frequency of the newsletter, considering the costs and also the evangelism tool that it is. It was decided that for now, it will continue at the current rate and will be considered a necessary cost. The council is hosting the Golden West council this year for the Joint Council in November. PV council extends to GW council an invitation to a soup supper prior to the meeting on **Monday, November 10th at 6 p.m.** Joint council will then meet, following with the regular councils afterward**.**

Golden West Council met on October 14th. Pastor Jeff was pleased with his Installation. He has been attending all the Bible studies and one Wednesday Night with the Little Lutherans. He thoroughly enjoys interacting with the children. He has met with the Conrad Ministerial Association and the LCMC Pastors in Great Falls. He has been making gluten-free communion bread for both congregations and it is a hit. He is pleased with the 8 am Coffee Hour at Golden West each Sunday. The internet was tabled until needed. There have been contacts made with several interested families. Aaron Bliss will be the Sunday School Superintendent in charge of music and activities. The budget for 2026 was reviewed and will be again before it is finalized to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in January. Praise & Thanks will be November 9th at 2 p.m. There will be no morning services that day. **The next meeting will be the Joint Councils on Monday, November 10th at 6 p.m. starting with a soup supper and meetings to follow.**

Pondera Valley's Bazaar coming!
Friday, November 14th 11:30 a.m.—3 p.m.!

We invite you all to participate in our Church Bazaar! (not just for women)

Feel free to bring items for the bazaar. We welcome crafts, baked goods, decorative items, antiques, anything you feel would be desirable at a bazaar.

Please have all items to the church by Thursday, November 13. Set up will be Thursday evening. Larger pricier items will be put on a silent auction.

We have 2 gorgeous quilts we are raffling. (a queen sized, made and donated by Joann Adamson and a quilt made and donated by Linda VanTongeren.) Tickets are $20 each or 6 for $100. Drawing will be Sunday, November 16th at Pondera Valley church service.

We will have a lunch that day as well from 11:30-1:30. If you'd like to help with lunch set up, cooking, serving or clean up, please sign up in the fellowship hall or call me.. Kim H at 406-799-4723.

If you'd like to help set up, we will start about 5:30 on Thursday eve. If you'd like to help with the bazaar, check out for the sales please sign up for a time or contact me at 406-799-4723.

We will be making lefse for the bake sale. Please come to help on Thursday, Nov. 6th and /or Friday, Nov. 7th at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Not able to help, we'd still love you to come and bring a friend (or two or three!)

Contact Kim Hofstad@ 406-799-4723

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

God often works in unexpected ways. Just ask Naaman, the army commander in 2 Kings 5:1-14. Stricken with leprosy, he traveled to Israel seeking healing from the prophet Elisha. Instead of an impressive display or a grand ceremony, Elisha sent word for him to simply wash seven times in the Jordan River.

Naaman was not impressed. "Aren't the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" he asked. Why bathe in a foreign, muddy river when the clean, sparkling rivers of home were far more appealing? It didn't make sense. Yet what seemed absurd became the very path to his healing.

We may not be told to wade into an actual river, but we all face "Jordan moments" in life — times when God calls us to take a step that feels uncomfortable, humbling or completely illogical. It is in those moments that trust and obedience matter most.

Naaman's story reminds us that God's power is not limited by appearances or human reasoning. Sometimes the action that feels least likely to work is the one that opens the door to blessing. When God invites you to take the plunge, step into the water. You may find healing and hope waiting there.

—adapted from *Homiletics.com*

Armistice Day to Veterans Day

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

OUR SERVANT-KING

- Jesus began his ministry by being hungry, yet he is the Bread of Life.
- Jesus ended his earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet he is the Living Water.
- Jesus was weary, yet he is our rest.
- Jesus paid tribute, yet he is the King.
- Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet he cast out demons.
- Jesus wept, yet he wipes away our tears.
- Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver, yet he redeemed the world.
- Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet his the Good Shepherd.
- Jesus died, yet by his death he destroyed the power of death.

--Gregory of Nazianzus (4th -century church father)

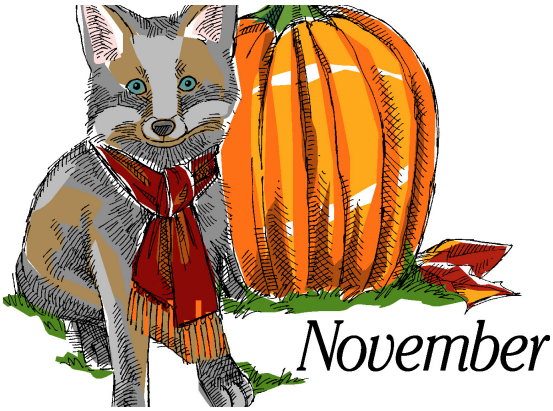
Pondera Valley Women are selling RADA (Made in the USA kitchen tools) to raise money for benevolent projects! Check out the RADA catalog online: https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1818332.f1ff6

Begins the end of November...watch for it! The gifts will need to be back this year by Thursday, Dec. 11th.

Special Dates

- All Saints' Day, ***November 1, 2025***
- Daylight saving time ends, ***November** 2, 2025*
- Veterans Day, ***November 11, 2025***
- Christ the King Sunday, ***November 23, 2025***
- Thanksgiving Day, ***November 27, 2025***
- First Sunday of Advent, ***November 30, 2025***

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

PUZZLE

GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: *In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.*

1	2	3	4	5	6
Give Take Grab	peanut praise pear	temple house LORD	proclaim past present	name boy lad	ruin destroy make
7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
pine acorn known	train nations bus	done donut muffin	Sing Sleep Yawn	she him girl	sun praise moon
13	**14**	**15**	**16**		
tell fast slow	red all blue	horrible dreadful wonderful	acts sisters aunts		

_____ _____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
1 2 3 4 5

_____ _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
6 7 8 9

_____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____of
10 11 12 13

_____ his _____ _____.
14 15 16

PSALM 105:1–2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, LORD, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

PLEASE UPLIFT IN PRAYER… Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)* Tiller Judisch, Karen Sutton *(Ruth Erickson),* John Gray, Cindy Fuson, Kelly Johns Leisinger, Molly Donath Kavanagh, Carol Kaldor, Christopher Burns, Chris Ketterling, *(Karla Breding)*, Don Dezelsky, Jim Skipper *($_2$Linda O'Brien),* Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, *(Rona Matheson)*, the Alicia Wood Family, Mary, Barbara *($_2$Carol Wood)*, Sara McLean, Ann Glimm, Kaitlyn and John Russett *(Tom Russett),* Tristan West, David Larson, Rebekah Thaut, Kariann Thaut *($_2$Pinky Thaut),* Butch Johns, Kailey Judisch, Brenda Rhone, Loretta *($_2$Louise Glimm),* Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch *($_3$Ruth Fladstol),* Poppy Dahl, *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: Roman Ketterling; Grief has no time table, please keep all who come to mind in your prayers...

Those deployed in the service abroad: Brett Christensen *(Tunisia),* Tyler Rauscher *(Ben's wife, in the Middle East)*

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

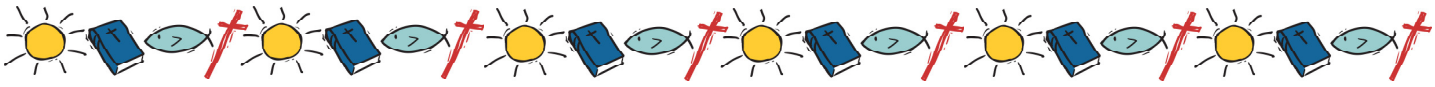
Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- By quieting our souls before the Lord and awaiting the Holy Spirit, this very hour can be a time of spiritual growth.
- O Lord, please calm my spirit that I may center my attention on you and your Word this day. Amen.
- We would worship you with gladness, dear God, and enter your presence with humility.
- Today we begin the season of Advent — a time of waiting, hope and preparation. As we worship, let us open our hearts to the Light that is coming, rejoice in the promises of God and prepare the way for Christ our Lord.

GOLDEN WEST NOVEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m. ***Except on Nov. 9th there is no worship in morning but Praise & Thanks at 2 p.m.***
Ushers: Jim & Chris Bjelland; Reader: Chris;
Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Rona

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.

PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	November 2nd All Saints' Sunday	November 9th	November 16th	November 23rd	November 30th
Reader	Kim Hofstad	Dick Kinyon	Dick Kinyon	Jim Adamson	Jim Adamson
Communion Assistants		Betty Olson & Kim Wiest		Betty Olson & Kim Wiest	
Usher & Greet	Linda & Mike O'Brien				
Communion Preparer	Linda O'Brien				
Sound Tech.	Mike & Linda O'Brien				
Offering Custodian	Lisa Judisch				



READ IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

November 2 ALL SAINTS' DAY - Rev. 7:2-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
November 9 - Ex. 3:1-15; Psalm 148; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40
November 16 - Malachi 4:1-6; Psalm 98; 2hessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-36
November 23 CHRIST THE KING - Malachi 3:13-18; Ps 95:1-7a; Col. 1:13-20;Lk 23:27-43
November 30 1 ADVENT - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44