

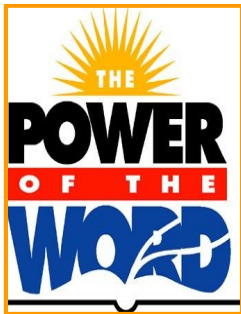


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WORSHIP TIMES Jan.- April
Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.
Golden West at 11 a.m.

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THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

1. "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"; LUKE 23:27-38
2. "TODAY YOU SHALL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE"; LUKE 23:39-43
3. "WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON; SON, BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER"; JOHN 19:17-27
4. "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"; MATTHEW 27:45-54
5. "I THIRST"; JOHN 19:28-29
6. "INTO YOUR HANDS, I COMMEND MY SPIRIT"; LUKE 23:44-49
7. "IT IS FINISHED"; JOHN 19:30



Palm Sunday, April 10th: PV 9 a.m. Worship followed by a Bake Sale to benefit VBS this summer
GW Brunch at 9:30 a.m. followed by Worship at 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14th: 6 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Pondera Valley

Good Friday, April 15th: 6 p.m. Worship at Pondera Valley

Easter, April 17th: PV 9 a.m. Worship, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast preceding worship
GW 11 a.m. Worship



Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
April 3rd: *Dennis & Dawne Stokes* in loving memory of Marilyn, Dick & Jeanne Eckstein,
and Carson Stokes and by *Michelle, Jody, & Kaia Fowler* in loving memory of Harlan &
Elaine Schram. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*

Pastor's Letter

This month takes us through the rest of Lent, Holy Week, and on past Easter. For many Christians around the world the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter is the high point of the liturgical year. One might say that there is no more radical celebration than this -- the defeat of death itself. It is unique in human history. C.S. Lewis wrote this about Christ's resurrection: "The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits', the pioneer of life. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the king of death. Everything is different because he has done so."

Even though Jesus predicted his death and resurrection, his disciples could not believe it. The first reports of the empty tomb and his appearances were met with stunned confusion and doubt. The Gospel of John reports the disciples together that evening in hiding, "... with the doors locked for fear

of the Jews" (John 20:19). But the Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst saying, "Peace be with you."

Rev. Dr. Malcolm Guite, a favorite poet of mine, wrote the following sonnet, voiced for one of the disciples in that room ...

This Breathless Earth

We bolted every door but even so
We couldn't catch our breath for fear:
Fear of their knocking at the gate below,
Fear that they'd find and kill us even here.
Though Mary's tale had quickened all our hearts
Each fleeting hope just deepens your despair:
The panic grips again, the gasping starts,
The drowning, and the coming up for air.
Then suddenly, a different atmosphere,
A clarity of light, a strange release,
And, all unlooked for, Christ himself was there
Love in his eyes and on his lips, our peace.
So now we breathe again, sent forth, forgiven,
To bring this breathless earth a breath of heaven.

Pastor Jeff Stoores



Easter is the assurance
that no matter how
hopeless and dark things
appear, God is alive and
actively working. Our
heavenly Father births life
out of death, transforms
brokenness into wholeness
and shines light
into darkness.



GRIEF SHARE is a program at Pondera Valley for those grieving the death of a loved one. It is held on Mondays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The last day for this session is April 11th. It is led by Pat Lee. If you have any questions, call Pat, 278-3958.

MEMORIALS Received: GENERAL FUND *in memory of:* Eunice Askling - Vernon & Kathy Gjullin
 SCHOLARSHIPS *in memory of:* Mary Jane Kinyon - Jack & Barb Judisch, Lyn & Linda Carlson, Norman & Shirley Stordahl, Terry & Julene Peters, Larry & Rose Banka, Ryan & Elodie Rauscher
 LANDSCAPING *in memory of:* Maureen DeVries - Lyn & Linda Carlson, Norman & Shirley Stordahl, Terry & Julene Peters, Vernon & Kathy Gjullin, Larry & Rose Banka; Robert & Cynthia Kresse, Stan & Phyllis Newton, Julie Schmidt, Steven & Kristin McGinness, K & P Gabrielson, Charles & Barbara Swanson, Kathy & Kirk Gallup, Bernice McPhillips, John & Honey Franz, Kathleen Salois; PVLC FOUNDATION *in memory of:* Maureen DeVries and Mary Jane Kinyon - Gordon & Karen Nelsen
 GW MEMORIAL FUND *in memory of:* Dennis Fladstol - John & Marianne Taylor, Jane Holzer, Michale and Heidi Alford, Linda Duncan Griggs, Bill & Elaine McLean, Gene Flesch, Roy & Karen Hollandsworth, Carol Wood, Larry & Rose Banka, Deanna Fladstol, Malvin & Marilyn Copenhaver, Merrill Kovatch, Ruth Fladstol (from various others), Jan Morgan, Ruth Carlson, Wade & Janet Spears, Virginia Lee, Bernice Johnson, Pat Lee, Barbrea Alexander, Grace Hewitt, Nancy Hewitt, Ernest & Jeannie Stordahl, Terry Wolfe, Tom & Kathy Robinson, CWC Farms, Randi Hochhalder, Paul & Bonnie Kronebusch, Kenneth Leivestad, Dick Preputin, Casey Kellogg, Dave Brownell, Vicki Brastrup

THANK YOU!

- ☺ Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We can't say Thank-You enough, especially for your continued prayers, but also to all who donated, planned, prepared, served, and enjoyed the delicious dinner for Tristan. We have an awesome God and know He has a plan for our Tristan. We are blessed by all of you. Thank you again. --Tristan's Family
- ☺ Thank you to the Stacy Eneboe for speaking at our 4th Lenten Lunch! And thank you to all those who made soup, brought bread, helped set up and clean up! Our Lenten Lunches are such a blessing!

No PASTORAL Acts in March
 Pondera Valley March Offering **\$ 8,921**
 Average March Sunday Attendance
 PV=50; GW=16

♥ **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.

⚔ **Offering envelope boxes: If you didn't get one for Pondera Valley, and want one, stop by the church office!**



April 3rd - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; Luke 20:9-20
April 10th - Proc.Jn 12:12-19; Deut.32:36-39; Psm 118:19-29; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:1--23:56
April 14th - Wash Jn 13:1-35; Jer.31:31-34; Psm 116:12-19; Hebrews 10:15-25; Luke 22:7-20
April 15th - Isaiah 52:13--53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1--19:42
April 17th - Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12
April 24th - Acts 5:12-32; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

***Palm Sunday:April 10th; Maundy Thursday:April 14th; Good Friday:April 15th; Easter:April 17th**



Wednesday Night Education (through April 13th) 5– 6 p.m. for Preschool – 4th grade
6 -7:30 p.m. Meal* for grades 5th-9th with class to follow

* THANK YOU to all who helped with meals this year!
We have them all covered. Thank you, Thank you!

JUNE 27, 28, 29 is VBS here with CEF (Christian Evangelism Fellowship)
www.cefmontana.com for ages 5 - 12, mornings with a program in the evening on 29th.

Board of Education members: *Julene Peters, Carol Wood, Kara Baker, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter and Co-Superintendents: Barb Judisch and Donna Fowler*



WHY IS GOOD FRIDAY CALLED “GOOD”? To participate in the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ is to live already in his kingdom. This is the essence of the Christian message, the heart of the Good News, and it is why the cross has become the chief Christian symbol. A cross of all things — a guillotine, a gallows — but the cross at the same time as the crossroads of eternity and time, as the place where such a mighty heart was broken that the healing power of God himself could flow through it into a sick and broken world. It was for this reason that of all the possible words they could have used to describe the day of his death, the word they settled on was “good.” *Good Friday.* —Frederick Buechner



On March 8th there was a Joint Council meeting. Following that meeting Pondera Valley’s Council met for their monthly meeting. The garage door opener at the Montgomery house needs replacing. Call Committee election was held and serving from PV are: Kim Hofstad, Faith Weber, Betty Olson, Shauna Ellefsen, and Terry Peters. (From GW: Bill McLean and Ken Johnson). The committee elected at

the annual meeting to look into and advise about the Montgomery house will be going to look at it soon, see its condition and make recommendations. There are still quite a few things left from the Nelson’s, hopefully it will be remedied soon. Easter Breakfast at Pondera Valley will be at 7:30 a.m. prior to Worship at 9 a.m. Lenten lunches have begun with the first 2 held at the Presbyterian Church and the last 2 at Pondera Valley on March 24th & 31st.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tues., April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



HOLY WEEK i-SPY

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, trowel, square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

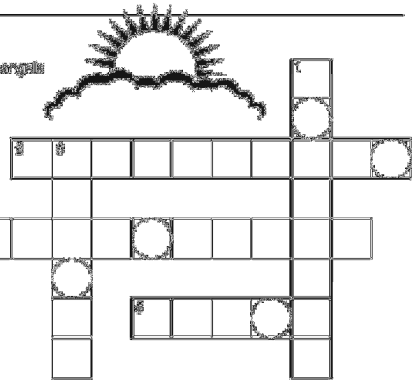
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (John 20:18)
4. The women of the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:6)
5. This was in Jesus' empty tomb when the Easter robin. (Mark 16:7)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter's first strike of life is the tomb. (John 20:13)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I'm resen_ing_o my
Fa_er and your Fa_har,
to_y_ol and your God."
John_ 20:17, NIV

Answers ACROSS 2: remembered, 4: wrapped, 5: white, 7: Galilee, 8: home
DOWN 1: garden, 3: earthquake, 6: darkness, 8: sun rising
John 20:17: "I am ascending to my Father and am seated at his right hand with the Holy Spirit, and I will come again and live with you and my people forever and ever." (John 20:17, NIV)

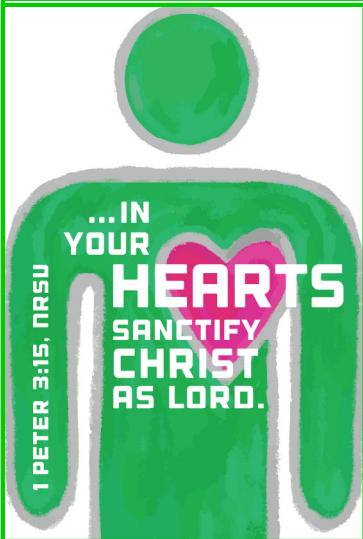




Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*)

Heath Poser, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*3Betty Olson*), Linda Iverson, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Judy Ketterling, Marilyn Waite, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Tia Robinson, Georgia Smeltzer, (*2Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Madelyn Erickson, Rose Peterman, Annie Schlosser, Marvin Baker, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Poppy Dahl, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, (*3Wanda Bollinger*), 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... **Those deployed in the service abroad:** Cameron Bowen (*England*), Shane Hofstad & family (*Japan*)



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- **God, open my heart to your gospel message this day. Thank you for the privilege of hearing your word with my faith family. Amen.
- **Jesus, may I follow you throughout Holy Week with its complicated emotions, for you promise to meet me at the empty tomb.
- **[Maundy Thursday] Like Peter, I both resist and beg for your cleansing (John 13:8-9). Thank you, Jesus, for loving me through it all.
- **[Good Friday] Jesus, I'm humbled by the extremes to which you went in love for me and the whole world. Help me share your love.
- **[Easter] Dear Jesus, my teacher and friend, as you greeted Mary, thank you for speaking my name and calling me into abundant life.
- **Jesus, you showed Thomas the scars that remained, even in your resurrection body. Thank you for being so real for us all.



"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection."

Philippians 3:10, NRSV



Community Prayer Night

***at the Sr. Citizen Center at
6:30 p.m. Monday,
April 4th***

**It's a non-denominational event.
Come to pray or listen as others pray!**

**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m. Usher: Aaron & Janae Bliss; Reader: Janae;
Communion Assistant: Aaron; Communion Preparer: Janae**

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 9 a.m.	April 3	April 10	Apr 14/15 Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday	April 17 EASTER	April 24
Reader	Dick Kinyon	David Berg	Barb Judisch/ Barb	Kim Hofstad	Jim Morren
Communion Assistant		Karla Breeding & Betty Olson	Linda & Lyn Carlson (4/14)	Ray & Kim Hofstad	Lori Pearson & Page Russett
Ushers	Randy & Peggy Young				
Communion Preparer	Linda Carlson				
Sound Tech.	Karen Lee				
Greeter	Gordon Nelsen				
Offering Custodian	Faith Weber				

