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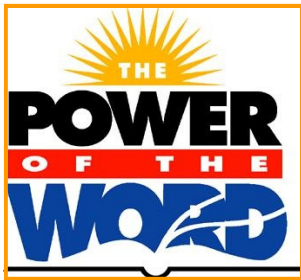
WORSHIP TIMES:

Golden West at 9 a.m.

Pondera Valley at 11 a.m.

September - December

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THAT PROMISED SON WILL STAND FIRM AND BE A SHEPHERD FOR HIS FLOCK. THE LORD WILL GIVE HIM THE STRENGTH TO DO IT. THE LORD HIS GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE AUTHORITY TO RULE. HIS PEOPLE WILL LIVE SAFELY. HIS GREATNESS WILL REACH FROM ONE END OF THE EARTH TO THE OTHER.
MICAH 5:4 (PROPHECY FULFILLED AND YET TO BE FULFILLED.)

Pondera Valley Women's Christmas Party:

Saturday, Dec. 4th at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Invite a Friend!

Christmas Program at Pondera Valley: During the 11 a.m. Worship on December 19th



The Giving Tree is up and ready for you to take a tag or two. Please wrap and bring them back by Sunday, Dec. 12th at 11 a.m. Thank you! Shauna Ellefsen is coordinating it this year. Thanks Shauna!

Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight & Holy Communion:

5 p.m. Pondera Valley 7 p.m. Golden West



Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCASTS on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
December 5th: *Norman & Shirley Stordahl* in loving memory of Martha and Lowell Stordahl, and their parents: Walter & Fannie Snortland and Albert & Mabel Stordahl AND by *Kathy Walter* in loving memory of her husband Gerry, father-in-law Don Walter, parents Hildur & Palmer Gustafson, and brother Marlin. **The Christmas Eve Radio**

Broadcast time and sponsors are on page 2. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*



Christmas Eve Radio Broadcast will be on KSEN 1150 AM at 7 p.m.

Sponsors are:

Jim & Shauna Ellefsen in loving memory of Bob, Eleanor, and Scott Salois;

Larry & Rosemarie Banka in loving memory of John, Pat and Mike Banka;

Doris Peterson in loving memory of her husband, Arthur Huyghe;

Madelyn Erickson in loving memory of her husband, George, parents Edna & Oscar Hovde and Hans & Emma Erickson, and siblings;

Jack & Barb Judisch & family in loving memory of Clark Judisch and other family & friends

Thank You!

- ♥ The Praise and Thanks Festival was a great success this year! We had beautiful music, a wonderful message and not to mention all the pie you could eat. A huge thank you to the speaker, musicians, pie bakers, workers and all who came. We were totally overwhelmed by your generosity. We certainly have..."Entered his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." Psalm 100:4. The Golden West Women

WE HAD A WONDERFUL DAY AT PONDERA VALLEY on Reformation/Confirmation Day! Thank you to all who came and anyone who participated and prepared for the potluck and brought wonderful food!

- ♥ Thank you Pat Howard, Barb Judisch, and Carol Wood for helping make the confirmand's stoles.
- ♥ Thank you to Mike O'Brien for taking all the wonderful pictures!
- ♥ Thank you to the confirmand's families who provided the altar flowers on Confirmation Day.

♥ **Thank you to Page Russett, Linda VanTongerren, Linda Carlson, Betty Olson** for getting the readers, communion helpers, ushers, sound techs, and communion preparers each month at Pondera Valley for the year. If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, let them know!



♥ **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.



Go to our website for videos, updates, materials to use for worship!

PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!

www.conradlutheran.com



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

*We need volunteers to cook meals. Call the church office to help, 271-3934 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS Break: NO Education Dec.22nd or 29th. BACK in Swing: January 5th!

MEMORIALS Received:
 General Fund *in memory of Arnold Rohrer* - Ray & Jana O'Brien



In November: There were no pastoral acts in November.

Pondera Valley NOVEMBER Offering:
\$ 13,220.

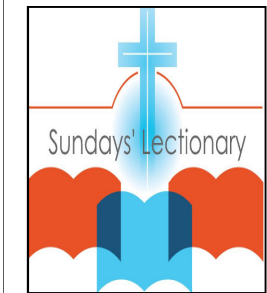
PV Average Sunday Attendance in NOVEMBER 61



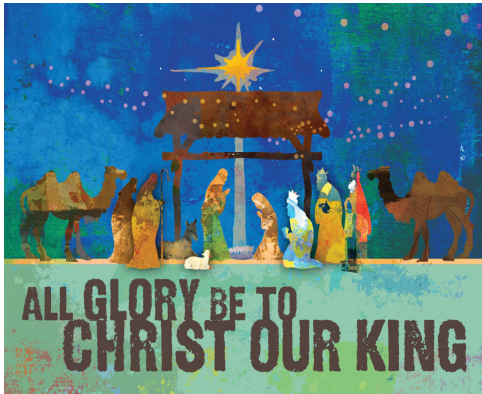
Pondera Valley Joint Council met Nov. 9th. Pastor is encouraged with the momentum of the parish. There is always a list of people who need visits. He is involved in a 6-part training program about leadership with the LCMC. There is no Thanksgiving or Christmas Day services planned. Christmas Eve at PV will be at 5 p.m. and GW 7 p.m. Rudy King will be putting Egress windows into the parsonage. Common budget items were discussed. A 4.66% pay increase for Pastor Drew was approved. Annual meetings were scheduled. PV will have theirs Jan. 30th and switch worship times with GW. GW will have theirs Feb. 6th. Annual reports are due into the office by Jan. 14th.

Following Joint Council both Councils met. PV Council is still waiting to see if a pictorial directory will happen. Volunteers are needed! Everett Breeding is looking for new entry doors at the church. The Benevolence committee will meet and give their recommendations for the budget. For next year, the council hopes to look into alternatives for health insurance for Pastor and Kim to see if the current could be improved upon. Ramsey Offerdal, Jr. and possibly Linda O'Brien will be reviewing the Treasurer's books in January. Day Camp has been scheduled for June 26 - July 1, 2022.

The next PV Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

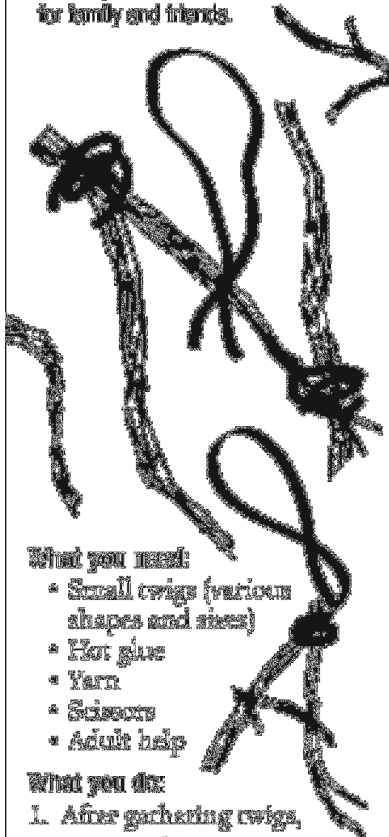


- Dec. 5 2nd ADVENT - Malachi 3:1-7b; Psalm 66:1-12; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20
- Dec. 12 3rd ADVENT - Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 85; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-35
- Dec. 19 4th ADVENT - Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-56
- Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE - Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY - Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 2; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-18
- Dec. 26 - Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Psalm 111; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40



SIMPLE SYMBOLS

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.

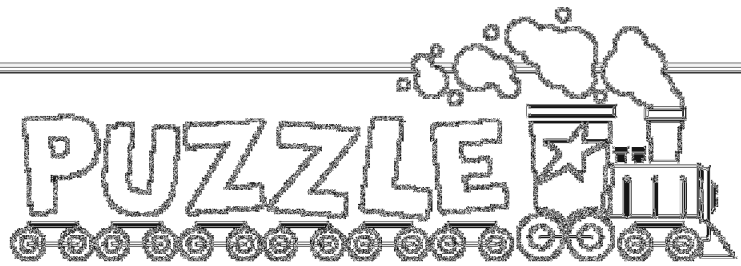


What you need:

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue "letters" together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.



F M K N L A D E G S C E J A T S
H ———> ———> ———>

What's in a name?

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

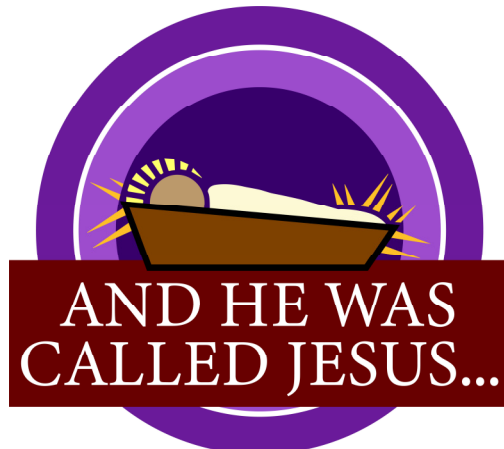
Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

"S_e w_ll _ _vs b ir _ _
to _ s_n, and _ _u a_e to
g_i_e _ _ the _ _me J _ _us,
b_c_u _ _ he _ _ll s _ _e his
_ _op_e fo_ t _ _r s_n."

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

A I N G F I P (H) S C I B E J H A

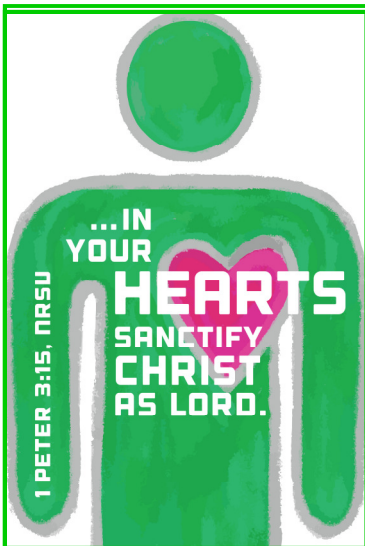
Answer: The name of the baby was Jesus, which means "God with us."






Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Mary Jane Kinyon, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Jana Young, Teresa Roderick, Beccy Lockyer, Dennis Fladstol, Derek Matheson, Pinky Thaut, Ron Thaut, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Craig Mitchell (*Barb Judisch*), Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Zach Greene, Ashby (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*Ruth Fladstol*), Madelyn Erickson, Hanna Peterman, 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, (*Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Lorie Hasner, Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), all COVID-19 frontline workers (health, grocery, truck drivers, etc), 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



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ◆ During this time of Advent, God, show me how to be a messenger of the Messiah’s coming, as John the Baptist was. Amen.
- ◆ How astounding to know that you rejoice over me, O God! (Zephaniah 3:17). Help me live in and share this assurance of your deep love.
- ◆ Come, Lord Jesus! Be with all who are weary of waiting not only for Christmas but for your final coming.
- ◆ [Christmas Eve] “What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can give him: give my heart.” (Christina Rossetti)
- ◆ [Christmas Day] “Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him!” (John Francis Wade)

Community Prayer Night

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

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

“We must look to Mary’s example to know how to deal with the glorious impossibilities of God,” writes Calvin Miller in *The Christ of Christmas*. “Look how she turned the world upside down by making one simple statement.”

Jesus surely could have come to earth without Mary’s aid. But God seems to prefer partnering with people to accomplish miracles such as salvation and healing. So God chooses Mary to carry the Savior.

Later, Jesus often declares people’s own faith crucial to their healing. And today, God works justice through us, not apart from us.

God doesn’t force us into collaboration. Yet, notes Miller, “God needs only a little of our agreement in order to work mighty wonders.” Like Mary’s humble assent: “I am the Lord’s servant. ... May your word to me be fulfilled” (Luke 1:38, NIV). And like yours — for whatever partnership God invites you into. God will do the heavy lifting, for certain, but He hopes you’ll say yes.



PSALM 116:16

LOVE
YOUR *neighbor*
AS YOURSELF.

Mark 12:31

There are many of you ... who think to yourselves: “If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby! I would have washed his linen. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!”

Yes, you would! You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time, you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. ... Why don’t you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself. —Martin Luther

“All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ.”

—David Jeremiah

DEVOTIONAL IDEA! Pondera Valley has some song books that aren’t being used. How about taking one home to sing or read for your time of devotion to God? Please pick one up in the Fellowship Hall of the Pondera Valley if you would like one!



JOY!



Only Matthew records the holy family’s “flight into Egypt,” linking Advent with Lent and Christmas with Good Friday. In an article titled “Joy to the World/Pain in the World,” James I. Cook expresses gratitude that Matthew documents the slaughter of the innocents: “I turn to it again and again, when someone I know loses a loved one at the height of the Christmas season. It helps me — and I hope it helps them — to remember that theirs are not the first tears to fall on

Christmas; to recall that there has never been a Christmas of pure peace and happiness; [to recognize] that ‘joy to the world’ has always been sung to the accompaniment of much ‘pain in the world.’”

—adapted from *Homiletics*

Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.
Ushers: Ken & Cyndi Johnson; Reader: Cyndi;
Communion Assistant: ?; Communion Preparer: Ken

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 11 a.m.	Dec. 5th	Dec. 12th	Dec. 19th	Christmas Eve 5 p.m.	Dec. 26th
Reader	Linda O'Brien	Kim Wiest	Christmas Program	Barb Judisch	Carol Johns
Communion Assistant		Wanda Bollinger & Betty Olson		Betty Olson, Linda O'Brien, Page Russett	Karla Breeding & Wanda Bandow
Ushers	Ramsey & Betty Offerdal				
Communion Preparer	Kori Nelson				
Sound Tech.	Tom Russett				
Greeter	Jack & Barb Judisch				
Offering Custodian	Ramsey Offerdal, Jr.				

