

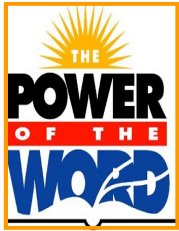


CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES Sept. - Dec.
Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.
Golden West at 11 a.m.

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"FOR THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD. AND THIS WILL BE THE SIGN TO YOU:
YOU WILL FIND A BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHS, LYING IN
A MANGER." Luke 2:11-12

Christmas Worship Opportunities **EVERYONE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND!**

- ❁ Women's Advent Party: Dec. 3rd, 1 p.m. PVLC Fellowship Hall
- ❁ Children's Christmas Program: during 9 a.m. Worship on December 11th



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

with Holy Communion

- ❁ Golden West at 5 p.m.
- ❁ Pondera Valley at 7 p.m.

❁ **Christmas Day Worship at Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.**



Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
December 4th: Pat Lee & family in loving memory of Jack Lee AND Kathy Walter in
loving memory of her husband, Gerry, father-in-law Don Walter, parents Hildur & Palmer
Gustafson, and brother Marlin. May God bless the hearing of His word!

Pastor's Letter

Christmas is a very special event for those who love and serve Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, the Redeemer of the World.

We enjoy all the good cultural trappings of the celebration of Christmas even when they stray away from the central meaning of the religious holiday. Promoting good will and cheerfulness and family celebrations are a positive thing for all people everywhere.

Martin Luther is famous for bringing the Christian celebration of Christmas in sixteenth century Europe to a more rich spiritual and cultural experience.

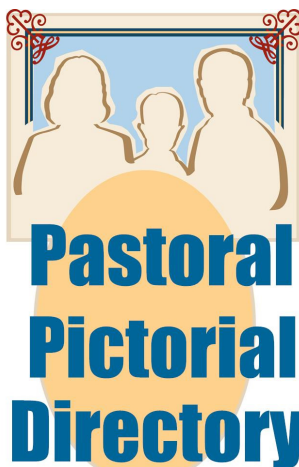
Luther scholar, Roland Bainton, explored Luther's contributions in Martin Luther's Christmas Book, first published in 1948.

One contribution was the writing of Christmas hymns for public worship. You may be familiar with "From Heaven Above to Earth I come", "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night", and "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth".

Pastor Jeff Stoopes



*From heaven above
to earth I come*



ATTENTION!! Get your photos in!!!

ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

This will not be a public directory but might morph into one at a later date. This is for the private ministry use of the pastor only.

Please send an email attached photo of yourself or family to: pvlcdirectory@gmail.com OR Faith and others will also be taking photos at church after services at Pondera Valley and we welcome anyone who will do the same out at Golden West. It would be great to get as many as we can! Thank you!

Women's
Advent
Christmas Party



*Saturday, December 3rd at 1 p.m.
in Pondera Valley Lutheran's
Fellowship Hall*

*Come enjoy refreshments, an Advent devotional,
and our traditional card signing ministry.
This year we will be remembering our law
enforcement personnel with goodies. If you can
help with this project, please call Linda Carlson,
406-470-0862.*



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 family;

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, Maureen, and other family & friends

Thank You!

PLEASE CONSIDER: Being a substitute! Call the church office, 271-3934.
Ed. Board members are: Donna Fowler, Barb Judisch, Kara Baker, Linda O'Brien,
Kathy Walter, Julene Peters, and Carol Wood.



Wednesday Night Education:
Preschool/K - 4th 5-6pm in the
Education Building;
5th-9th 6-7:30 pm
Meal & Class in the Fellowship Hall

♥ **If you could cook a meal for 10, please sign up in F.H. Thank you!!**



BIBLE STUDIES, All are Welcome!

- ☞ Women's **Noon Mondays** "Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit", a study of 1 Peter, **church library.**
- ☞ Men's **6:30 a.m.** with Breakfast on **Tuesdays, F.H.**
- ☞ Women's **9 a.m. Tuesdays** "The Wonder of Advent" in the **F.H.**
- ☞ Women's on the **3rd Sunday of each month at 6 p.m.** in the **F.H.**, "Jesus & Women" with Christy McLelland.



On Nov. 1st the Joint Councils met at Golden West. Pastor Stoope will be gone Jan. 30th - Feb. 5th to a Cowboy Poetry gathering. It was decided

not to have a Thanksgiving Eve service. Installation for Pastor Stoope was discussed for a joint 11 a.m. service on Nov. 20th.

Following the Joint meeting Pondera Valley Council met. Treasurer Lyn Carlson said that giving is down. Discussion on the Pastor's installation on November 20th. It will be a joint worship service that day at Pondera Valley at 11 a.m. with a congregational potluck to follow. Help is needed with that. Pastor Ken Waag from Great Falls will be here to install Pastor Jeff. The congregational vote had 53 members signed in with a unanimous "yes" to call

Pastor Jeff! January will be Stewardship month. Pastor Jeff's friend, Rev. John Cross from Selbu Lutheran Church in LaCrosse, WA will be here January 15th to preach. Christmas Eve services (Dec. 24th) will be at Golden West at 5 p.m. and Pondera Valley at 7 p.m. Christmas Day services will be at Pondera Valley at 11 a.m. Pondera Valley will have their annual meeting on January 22nd and Golden West will have theirs on Jan. 29th. Committee reports are welcome to come into the church office any time between now through the first week in January. Treasurers are to get their reports in as soon as they are able. The council worked through some of the budget items and will finish the rest next month.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



MEMORIALS Received:

PONDERA VALLEY GENERAL FUND *in memory of Eunice Askling and Barbara & Tom Shephard* - Kathy & Vern Gjullin

Thank you to all who have signed up for the Giving Tree!

A reminder: your gifts need to be brought back by Sunday, Dec. 11th: wrapped and with the tag attached.

Thanks again!



♥ **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.

PASTORAL Acts in November:
None

Pondera Valley Offering in November (thru 20th): \$8,267

Average PV Sunday Attendance in November: 69

Thank YOU for ALL THAT YOU do

Romans 12:4-5 says, "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."



A Collaboration Across Time and Place

For Christmas Day worship, many churches use Psalm 98. It is fitting, then, that Isaac Watts, who interpreted 132 psalms as hymn texts, based a now-beloved carol on it.

Watts (1674-1748) was a student of language, religion and philosophy. He wanted to make Scripture more relevant to lay people and thought hymns could help. Watts composed more than 600 hymn texts, many still in use. But Psalm 98:4-9, "Joy to the World," needed music to fit its words.

Enter Lowell Mason (1792-1872), an American choir director. He came across Watts' Psalm 98 hymn text and sought inspiration for a melody from the famous oratorio *Messiah* by George F. Handel (1685-1759).

Mason pulled musical phrases from sections of Handel's work, resulting in the tune we now recognize as "Joy to the World."



A Christmas Harvest

Christmas is the harvest time of love. Souls are drawn to other souls. All that we have read and thought and hoped comes to fruition at this happy time. Our spirits are astir. We feel within us a strong desire to serve. A strange, subtle force, a new kindness, animates man and child. A new spirit is growing in us. No longer are we content to relieve pain, to sweeten sorrow, to give the crust of charity. We dare to give friendship, service, the equal loaf of bread and love.

—Helen Keller



Our hearts...
Christ's home...

"All hearts come home for Christmas," according to popular sentiment. But what if your heart (and/or home) is hurting or troubled? Does this season have room for people who are struggling? Does the holiday still have meaning?

Yes, God's word tells us. In fact, that's why God sent Jesus, the Word, from his heavenly home to make "his dwelling among us" (John 1:14, NIV). As fully human, Jesus experienced loneliness and betrayal, loss and physical pain. He was rejected by loved ones, angered by corruption, and abandoned to die. But as fully God, Jesus provides answers, healing and hope. Through his resurrection (which first required an earthly birth), Jesus offers salvation to all who believe in him and His Holy Spirit to comfort us here and now.

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

Cookie sheets.

What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

"Freeze a jolly good fellow!"

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

Ornamints.

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

Santa walking backward.

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card?

Because he went down in history.

What is an elf's favorite kind of music?

Wrap music!

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing. It was on the house!

What kind of photos do Santa's helpers take?

Elfies.



www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

PUZZLE

Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NKJV

WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Custom
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- King
- Birth
- Night

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*"Today in the town of David a _____
has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

LUKE 2:11, NKJV

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Story stones



Share the good news of Jesus' birth in a creative way.



What you need:

- Newspaper
- Bible
- Smooth, clean stones
- Pencil
- Oil paint pens
- Adult help



What you do:

1. In a well-ventilated area, cover a work surface with newspaper.
2. Read Luke 2:1-20 and choose key people and places to draw.
3. In pencil, sketch one drawing on each stone.
4. Follow directions on paint pens to fill drawings with color. Let dry.
5. Hide stones for younger siblings to find, set out a new stone each day or order them in a row and tell the Nativity story.

Genesis 22:13, 14; 28:10, 11, 12; Exodus 12:1-10; 13:1-10; 24:1-12; 25:1-10; 26:1-10; 27:1-10; 28:1-10; 29:1-10; 30:1-10; 31:1-10; 32:1-10; 33:1-10; 34:1-10; 35:1-10; 36:1-10; 37:1-10; 38:1-10; 39:1-10; 40:1-10; 41:1-10; 42:1-10; 43:1-10; 44:1-10; 45:1-10; 46:1-10; 47:1-10; 48:1-10; 49:1-10; 50:1-10; 51:1-10; 52:1-10; 53:1-10; 54:1-10; 55:1-10; 56:1-10; 57:1-10; 58:1-10; 59:1-10; 60:1-10; 61:1-10; 62:1-10; 63:1-10; 64:1-10; 65:1-10; 66:1-10; 67:1-10; 68:1-10; 69:1-10; 70:1-10; 71:1-10; 72:1-10; 73:1-10; 74:1-10; 75:1-10; 76:1-10; 77:1-10; 78:1-10; 79:1-10; 80:1-10; 81:1-10; 82:1-10; 83:1-10; 84:1-10; 85:1-10; 86:1-10; 87:1-10; 88:1-10; 89:1-10; 90:1-10; 91:1-10; 92:1-10; 93:1-10; 94:1-10; 95:1-10; 96:1-10; 97:1-10; 98:1-10; 99:1-10; 100:1-10.

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Tips to track from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

Puzzle!

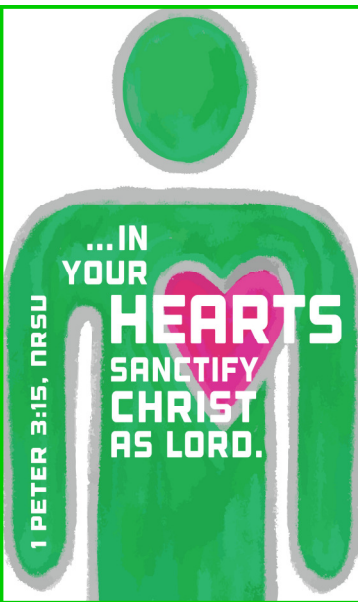


Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)*

Art & Lori Pearson, Jack & Marian Larson (*Art Pearson*), Dave Kluver (*Rona Matheson*), Margaret and Bob Lee (*Pastor Stoope*), Loretta, Amy Glimm (*2Louise Glimm*), *Kenny Matheson*, *Hartley Herndon (Carol Wood)*, Roman Ketterling, Brad Stuart (*Kenny Matheson*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Tristan West, Sara McLean, Don Badow, Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol 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, Melvin Pocock, (*Wanda 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: Brenda Haun (*Kim Wiest*)

Those deployed in the service abroad: Cameron Bowen (*England*), Shane Hofstad (*Japan*)



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- * * "The Savior comes ... Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song" ("Hark, the Glad Sound!"). Help me prepare to receive you, Lord Jesus.
- * * "Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear" ("Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"). Your coming gives hope to this troubled world, and to my heart, O Lord.
- * * With ages of worshipers, I pray: "O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home" ("O Come, O Come, Emmanuel").
- * * [Christmas Eve] "Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! ... Light and life to all he brings" ("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"). We praise you, Lord Jesus!
- * * "Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning!" ("O, Come, All Ye Faithful").



Conrad Community's Night of Prayer
First Monday of each month
December 5th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Conrad Sr. Center

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m./5 p.m. Christmas Eve and no Christmas Day service
Ushers: Ken & Cyndi Johnson; Reader: Cyndi;

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.	December 4th	December 11th	December 18th	7 p.m. December 24th	December 25th
Reader	Dick Kinyon	Dick Kinyon	Jim Morren	Stacy Eneboe	Lyn Carlson
Communion Assistants		Barb & Jack Judisch		Erik, Stacy & Tala Eneboe	Betty Olson & Page Russett
Ushers	Ramsey & Betty Offerdal				
Communion Preparer	Donna Fowler				
Sound Tech.	Tom Russett				
Greeters	Jack & Barb Judisch				
Offering Custodian	Mike O'Brien				



Dec. 4 (2nd Advent)- Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 11 (3rd Advent)- Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

Dec. 18 (4th Advent) - Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) - Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) - Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 2; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14