



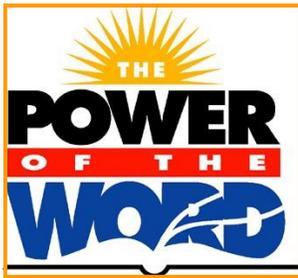
CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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

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Remember PV will worship @ 11 a.m. Jan. 30th followed by a potluck and annual meeting!



“THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YOU HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT TAKE COURAGE; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.” JOHN 16:33

Golden West Annual Meeting is also this Sunday, Jan. 30th following 9 a.m. Worship



The first half of February seems dominated by pink and red, cards and candy. But people not in a loving romantic relationship can sometimes feel left out of the festivities. Of course, all people need love — and certainly love is not limited to the romantic kind. Author Leo Buscaglia, who became known as “Dr. Love” for writing about the topic, said, “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Jesus taught that loving one another is second only in importance to loving God (Matthew 22:37-40), and that when we love one another, God lives in us (1 John 4:12). There are so many ways to do that — beyond candy hearts and roses! May Valentine’s Day inspire you love like Jesus!



Thank you to our sponsor for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am February 6th: Roland & Karen Lee in honor and appreciation of our musicians at Pondera Valley and Golden West both past and present! *May God bless the hearing of His word!*



GRIEF SHARE is a program at Pondera Valley for those grieving the death of a loved one. It will be held Mondays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall beginning on January 10th. It is led by Pat Lee. If you have any questions, call Pat, 278-3958.



My mom tells a story of me as a preschooler, swinging in our backyard and singing loudly (and off key, I'm sure): "Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He *socked* me and *bopped* me with his redeeming blood." Though that isn't an example of how to effectively share Jesus with your neighbors, the mistaken words might contain a nugget of truth.

In 1939, a stroke partially paralyzed hymn writer Eugene Bartlett. Bedridden and unable to perform anymore, he penned his final, most beloved song, "Victory in Jesus." The actual lyrics read: "O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He *sought* me and *bought* me with his redeeming blood." It's beautiful to realize that Jesus did indeed seek me out and pay the ultimate price for me. But sometimes I forget — and that's when he "socks me" and "bops me." Jesus loves me too much to let life's chaos and struggles distract me from him and what he's done. Let's all remember to celebrate our victory in Jesus! —Janna Firestone

A Prayer to Our Omnipotent God

Remind us, O God, that you are above us, watching over us as a good shepherd. You can see what we cannot see. Remind us that you are below us, ready to lift us up in our weakest moments. Remind us that you are behind us, to give us encouragement when we feel like giving up. Remind us that you are in front of us, calling us to move forward in faith, even when we can't see how things will work out. Remind us that you are beside us, holding our hands, no matter what we're going through. Remind us that you are within us, closer than each breath we take.

Jesus, thank you for being Emmanuel, God-with-us, and for not abandoning us. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, who comes alongside to help us, even when no one else can. As we remember you, O God, strengthen our hope and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen.

—Malcolm Marler, adapted



♥ **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 are out in the narthex at Pondera Valley. If you didn't get one and want one, stop by the church office!**



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.

MEMORIALS Received: FOUNDATION *in memory of Pam Crawford, Tom Shephard, Arnold Rohrer, & Leona Elings* - Gordon & Karen Nelsen

GENERAL FUND *in memory of Tom Shephard* - Vernon & Kathy Gjullin

GOLDEN WEST WOMEN Memorial Fund *in memory of Dennis Fladstol* - Jim and Chris Bjelland, Carol Gunderson, Ron and Cathi Henry, Fladstol Family



In January: There was a funeral for Dennis Fladstol at Golden West.

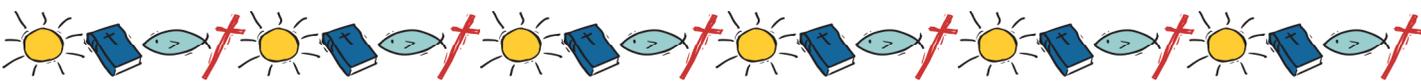
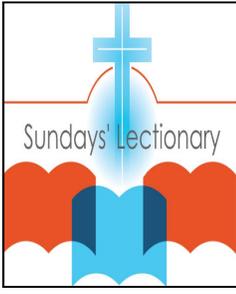
Pondera Valley JANUARY Offering through Jan. 23rd: \$ 5,929.

PV Average Sunday Attendance in JANUARY 46



Pondera Valley Council met Jan. 11th. Still waiting on some repairs and then painting the Fellowship Hall. A new door has been ordered. Waiting for it to come and be put in. Sheridan Johnson's picture now has a the glass and a hanger and will be put up once all is

Painted. Lori Pearson will get other helpers for the potluck for the Annual meeting. Pastor Drew Nelson's resignation was accepted. Pastor Jeff Stoope's will fill in with sermons and some pastoral duties. A group of care ministry will work on names of shut-ins and those who need extra care. Still looking for volunteers interested in being on the call committee. **The next PV Council meeting will be following the Annual meeting, Sun. Jan. 30th.**

Feb. 6th - Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 13th - Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Luke 6:17-26

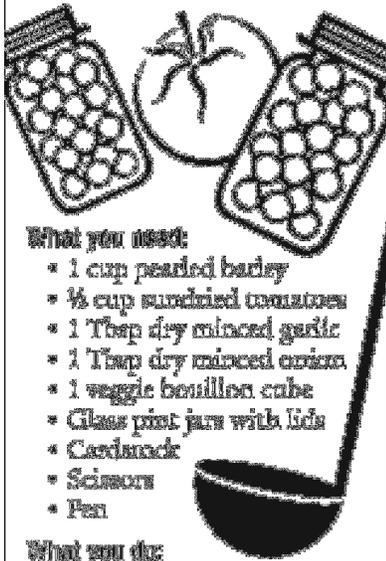
Feb. 20th - Genesis 45:3-15; Psm 103:1-13; 1 Cor. 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

Feb. 27th **TRANSFIGURATION** - Deut. 34:1-12; Psalm 99, Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36



Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.

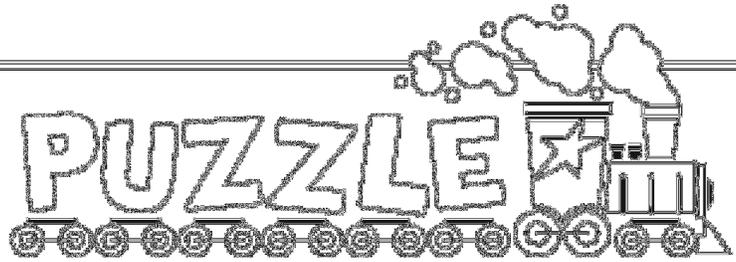


What you need:

- 1 cup pearled barley
- ½ cup sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Canned tomatoes
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

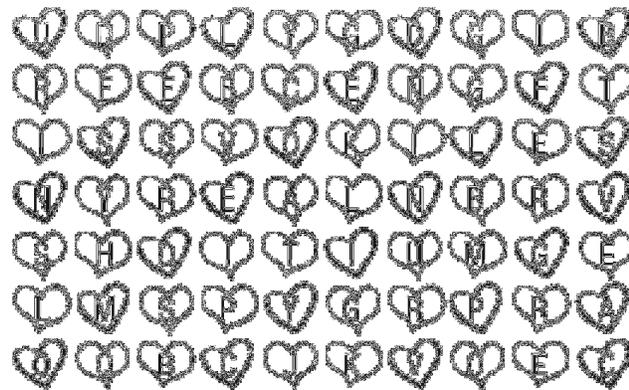
1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardboard. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 30 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the letters. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D , because love
 over a multitude of . Offer
 to one another without
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 you have received to others, as faithful
 stewards of God's in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

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Puzzle!

Answer each statement based on Matthew's gospel. True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

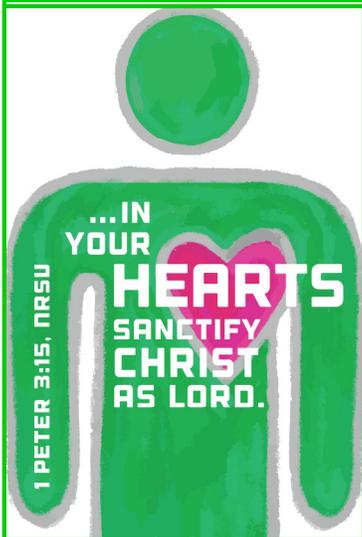
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1. Jesus healed Peter's wife (Matthew 8:14).				
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish (14:17).				
3. A. Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jesus and Elijah (17:18).				
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus (19:22).				
5. Jesus said the Pharisees had become a "den of robbers" (23:23).				
6. Families and earthenware are signs of the end of the age (24:7).				
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens (25:1-13).				
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake (26:48).				
9. The Roman governor Pontius Pilate interrogated Jesus (27:11-14).				

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Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Mary Jane Kinyon, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Pinky Thaut, Ron Thaut, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*3Betty Olson*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Barb Peterman, Tony (*Suzy Walters*), Ernestine Olson, Robert Hicks (*Lucille Russell*), Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Ashby (*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, 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... Eunice Askling, Pastor Bill Johnson, Rico (*Linda VanTongeren*), Dennis Fladstol **Those deployed in the service abroad:** Cameron Bowen (*England*), Shane Hofstad & family (*Japan*)



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- * God, when you call me to a task this week, help me to respond like Isaiah: "Here am I; send me!" (6:8).
- * Holy Spirit, you have awakened us to this new day. We praise you! Open our hearts to whatever new thing you are doing.
- * Jesus, I come today with a whole host of emotions and distractions. You know them all. Wrap me in your love, that I may rest.
- * Sometimes, Lord, you appear to us in brightness; sometimes, we hear your voice out of a cloud. Whatever our circumstances, may we be assured of your presence. Amen.




Community Prayer Night

at the Sr. Citizen Center at
6:30 p.m. Monday,
February 7th

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

The Gift of Animals

When God made the animals and gave them to the first human being in the Garden of Eden, though they weren't *precisely* the companion Adam needed, not all was lost. According to Genesis 2, God gave Adam the privilege of naming them all, and when you name something or someone, you bond with that being in a special way. Ever since creation, humans and animals have been connected — often for good purposes, though sometimes not; as the saying goes, "It's complicated." But on the positive side, Trisha McCagh, a renowned animal communicator, writes: "Animals

are the bridge between us and the beauty of all that is natural. They show us what's missing in our lives, and how to love ourselves more completely and unconditionally. They connect us back to who we are and to the purpose of why we're here." I would say animals also show us how to love other people, nonhuman beings and the earth more completely and unconditionally. And they call our attention to God's creativity. Praise God for the gift of the vast variety of animals with whom we share this planet!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

The goal of authentic Christianity is a love that escapes from a closed circle of spiritual self-indulgence, or even self-improvement, to become absorbed in the love of God and other people. —Richard Lovelace

“From now on you will



be catching people.”

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

God of Love — For, With and In Us

An ancient heresy — that the God of the Old Testament was a God of judgment and wrath, while the God of the New Testament is a God of grace and love — still persists a bit. Yet God is the same God, with the same characteristics, throughout time. Way back in Genesis 3, God graciously sewed garments to clothe humans, although they had disobeyed him. And even in the Gospels, God's anger was evident through Jesus' response to temple moneychangers cheating the poor.

God always works for life and goodness in all things. Sometimes people misunderstand God's ways; sometimes God, like a human parent, uses "tough love." Mick Brooks writes: "The Old Testament is God for us, the time of Christ is God with us, and the age of the Holy Spirit is God in us" (*Every Day With Jesus*, Sept/Oct 2020). That may be a bit simplistic, but it's a good reminder that while God's ways of interacting with us vary, he — the God of Love — does not.

Hope-Filled Hearts

When Bowen Hammitt was born with essentially half a heart, the odds were stacked against him. But after three surgeries and numerous setbacks, Bowen is now an active 11-year-old who raises awareness about congenital heart disease. He's also a budding Christian

musician, following in the footsteps of his dad, Matt (formerly with Sanctus Real). The Hammitts use Bowen's story to offer hope amid adversity — "a message the world really needs right now." The documentary *Bowen's Heart* features this tagline: "Is it worth giving your heart to something that can break it?"

Absolutely, say his loved ones, who describe Bowen and his life as incredible blessings from God. For Matt Hammitt, Proverbs 13:12 is now a favorite Bible verse. "Hope deferred makes the heart sick," it reads, "but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (NIV).

**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m. Usher: Carl & Jenny Flesch; Reader: Jenny;
Communion Assistant: Steve Matheson; Communion Preparer: Rona Matheson**

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.	Feb. 6th	Feb .13th	Feb. 20th	Feb. 27th
Reader	Carol Johns	Jim Morren	Kim Hofstad	Karen Lee
Communion Assistant		Karla Breeding & Judy Ketterling		Karla Breeding & Judy Ketterling
Ushers	Jack & Barb Judisch			
Communion Preparer	Wanda Bandow			
Sound Tech.	Lynn Utterback			
Greeter	Jack & Barb Judisch			
Offering Custodian	Barb Judisch			

