



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES Jan.- April

Pondera Valley at 9 a.m. EXCEPT January 30th it
will be at 11 a.m. Potluck & Annual Meeting to follow

Golden West at 11 a.m. EXCEPT Jan. 30th @ 9 a.m.

Pastor Drew Nelson

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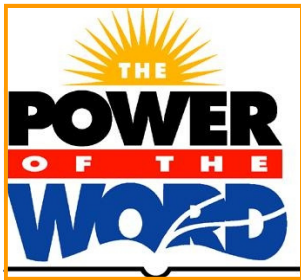
Monday - Thursday, 9-4

call Pastor: 450-0078,

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**I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN
AND MY OWN KNOW ME, JUST AS THE FATHER
KNOWS ME AND I KNOW THE FATHER; AND I
LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. JOHN 10:14-15**

There will be a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Tristan West (grandson of Betty Olson) at Pondera Valley with the help of First Presbyterian Church toward the end of January. If you can help, please call the church office, 271-3934.

Pastor Drew Nelson has accepted a call to Absarokee, MT. His last Sunday will be January 9th.

Pastor Jeff Stoores will do pulpit supply on Jan. 16th and 23rd.

A call committee will be formed soon. If you are interested in being on the call committee, please contact Barb Judisch, 289-0964.

Pondera Valley Annual Meeting is Jan. 30th (Consequently, Worship that day will be at 11 a.m. -Golden West will be at 9 a.m.) Following 11 a.m. Worship there will be a potluck and then the Annual Meeting and the Pondera Valley Council will meet following.



Thank you to our sponsor for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
January 2nd: Mildred Dommer in loving memory of her husband, Ray Dommer and his siblings: Alice Berg, Fred Dommer, Jeanette Strom, and Helen Arnold. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*



FUNERAL PLANNING

Back in October, the office sent out a reminder that we have a funeral planning sheet to help you or loved ones who would like to have a say in their funeral plans. It is helpful for those who are left behind, wanting to do what their loved one might have wanted yet unsure as to what that might be. It's up to you! You can pick one up in the office, have it mailed to you, or now, it has been added to the website. www.conradlutheran.com There you will also find suggested hymns and scriptures as well to help you. You can print off the form from the website and fill it in. You can return a copy to the church and we can file it, but you should also give it to your family and if you have a plan already at a funeral home, you should give them a copy as well.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies
and God of all comfort, who comforts us
in all our affliction so that we will be able
to comfort those who are in any affliction
with the comfort with which we ourselves
are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*



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.

10th Annual Three Days of Prayer Jan. 4-6, 2022
Prayer was a holy habit practiced by Jesus Himself (see Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1). The disciples who walked alongside Him witnessed a connection between His public life and ministry, and this habit of prayer. It was a connection so significant, that they asked Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). LCMC's Three Days of Prayer on **January 4-6, 2022** is an opportunity for us to follow the Lord's example and to come together as one across the association with a shared purpose: to pray. **Day One:** pray for our congregations and leaders; **Day Two:** pray for those who don't yet know Jesus as Savior & Lord, and for the prodigals; **Day Three:** pray for our international partners. For more information on this: https://www.lcmc.net/images/files/22_3dop_booklet.pdf

☺ **THANK YOU to all who worked at PV to make the church so festive for Christmas! FH: Betty Olson, Wanda Bollinger; Bulletin Board: Carol Ann Karse; Nativity: Tom Russett; Tree: Tyler & Ken Judisch & family; Tree Decorating: Jack & Barb Judisch, Eneboe Family; Banners & Wreaths: Wanda & Don Bandow; Altar cloths & Advent Candles: Pat Lee. And if I have missed any, I'm so sorry...thank you!**



♥ **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!!**

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Wednesday Night Education begins on January 12th:

5– 6 p.m. for Preschool – 4th grade

6 -7:30 p.m. Meal* for grades 5th-9th with class to follow

Linda & Mike O'Brien will be teaching Confirmation.

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

MEMORIALS Received: General Fund *in memory of Leona Elings* - Lucille Russell, Marian Turk, David & Shirley Shane; *in memory of Richard, Marilyn & Jeanne Eckstein and Carson Stokes* - Dennis & Dawne Stokes; *in memory of Steve & Nancy Copenhaver and Joyce Copenhaver* - Ned Tomscheck & Sarah Hiteman; Youth Fund *in memory of Walter Waite and son, Bill* - Marilyn Waite



In December: There was a funeral for Leona Elings and a baptism for Braxton OKeefe, son of Kila Gossard and Dylan OKeefe, at Pondera Valley.

Pondera Valley DECEMBER Offering:
\$ 15,471

PV Average Sunday Attendance in
DECEMBER 56; Xmas Eve 87

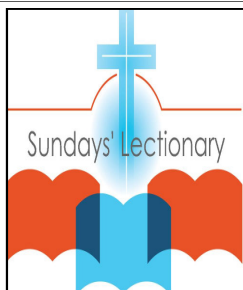


Pondera Valley Council met Dec. 14th. Pastor Drew Nelson handed in copies of his resignation

to all the council members. His last day will be January 9th. Pastor is open to anyone to visit with him. Further business came forward: building maintenance, involving repairs and replacing the front doors; and budget items, including benevolences. The Annual meeting will be held January 30th. Golden West has agreed to switch worship times with us so we can follow the 11 a.m. worship service with a potluck prior to the meeting. Committee reports are due on January 14th.

Sheridan Johnson, Ken & Cyndi's daughter, has given Pondera Valley a picture of our church that she took as a class project her freshman year in college (she just recently graduated). She also had made a beautiful frame that she put it in. It is displayed in the Fellowship Hall.

The next PV Council meeting will likely be Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a council meeting following the Annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 30th after the 11 a.m. Worship.



Jan. 2 - 1 Kings 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97-104; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 6 **FEAST OF EPIPHANY** - Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

Jan. 9 **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** - Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22

Jan. 16 - Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Jan. 23 - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:1-14; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30

Jan. 30 - Jeremiah 1:4-19; Psalm 71:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:31b--13:13; Luke 4:31-44



Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.

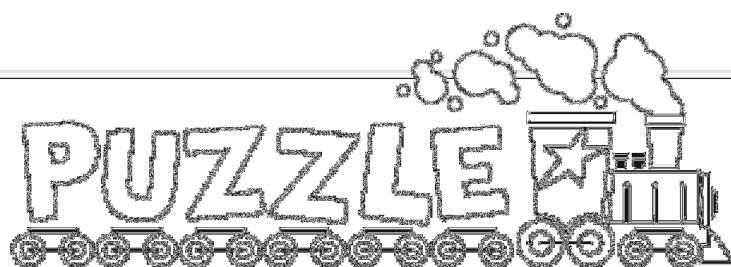


What you need:

- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the rider to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bodied letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your ____ple, but love your neig____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus____. Defend the ____pressed. Take up the cause of the ____less; plead the ____s of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is go____.

To act justly and to love me____ and to walk ____ly with your God.

ISAIAH 58:1, NIV

So in ____ything, do to ot ____ what you would ____ve them d ____ to you, for this s ____ me up the ____w and the Proph ____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

_____	father_____
_____	pe_____
_____	____range_____
_____	____ed_____
_____	____row_____
_____	____up_____
_____	____other_____
_____	____broke_____
_____	____was_____
_____	____like_____

Puzzle!

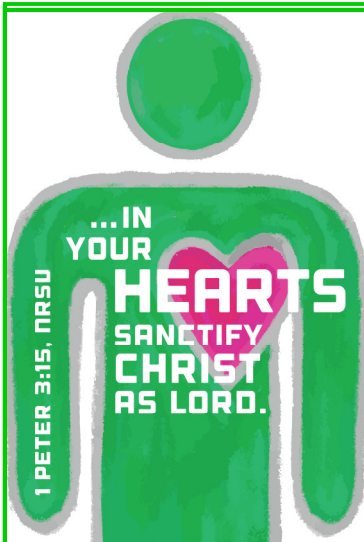
Match each clue with the correct biblical character.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh (Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi (Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob (Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer (Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph (Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph (Genesis 37:9-11)
- G. Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

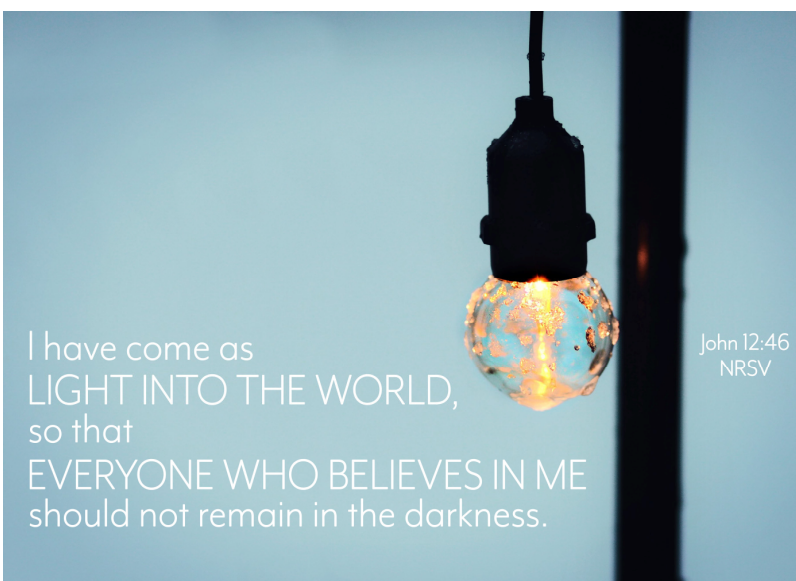


Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Mary Jane Kinyon, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Pinky Thaut, Ron Thaut, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Sara McLean, Don Badow, Barb Peterman, Tony (*Suzy Walters*), Ernestine Olson, Robert Hicks (*Lucille Russell*), Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Ashby (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Rico (*Linda VanTongeren*), Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*Ruth 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, (*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...** Dennis Fladstol
Those deployed in the service abroad: Cameron Bowen



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ** God, you are always doing “a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life. On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.
- ** May everyone gathered for worship today know that, as siblings of Jesus, they too are God’s beloved.
- ** “How precious is your steadfast love, O God!” I thank and praise you that “all people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings” (Psalm 36:7, NRSV).
- ** On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit, enfold me in the warmth of your love.
- ** I praise you, O Lord, that even before you formed me in the womb, you knew me and had plans for my life! (Jeremiah 1:5)
- ** Dear Jesus, continue to live in our hearts as we embrace not just two days of Christmas but 12! Amen.



Community Prayer Night

**at the Sr. Citizen Center at
 6:30 p.m. Monday,
 January 3rd**

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

Biblical Resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
Pray and thank God earnestly (1Thess.5:17-18)
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Gal. 6:10)
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Redeem the time, living wisely (Eph.5:15-16)
 —Gus Nichols (adapted)

Turning Back

In 1569 Holland, Dirk Willems, a member of the Anabaptist (now known as Mennonite) church, was imprisoned for refusing to belong to the state church. He escaped and was running across a pond's thin ice when the guard in pursuit fell through. Hearing the drowning man's cries, Willems turned back to rescue him, even though it meant his capture and subsequent execution. Four centuries later, civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. urged us to love our enemies by not	defeating them “when the opportunity presents itself.” Eventually we’ll have chances to get back at people who misuse or gossip about us, he said. But “the meaning of love” is in not doing so. “In the final analysis, love is not this sentimental something that we talk about,” said King. “It’s not merely an emotional something. Love is creative, understanding goodwill for all [people]. It is the refusal to defeat any individual.”
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Don't worry about the future. Worry quenches the work of grace within you. The future belongs to God. He is in charge of all things. Never second-guess him. —François Fenelon

WINTER WONDER IN MONTANA

Did you know that what was Fort Keogh in Montana, now on the edge of Miles City, holds the title for the largest snowflake according to Guinness World Records?! Montana was not yet a state in January 1887,

when personnel at the army fort saw a Frisbee-sized flake falling from the winter sky. Scientists say the flake, estimated at 15 inches wide, likely was the result of numerous smaller flakes merging before landing on the ground.

Be of good cheer... Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year’s most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year’s resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented	Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy. January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn’t have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but	Jesus isn’t! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (KJV).
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Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m. (EXCEPT 9 a.m. on Jan. 30th)**Usher: Elaine Gray; Reader: Ruth Fladstol;****Communion Assistant: Elaine Gray; Communion Preparer: Ruth Fladstol**

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. EXCEPT JAN. 30th	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	Jan. 16th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 30th 11 a.m.
Reader	Leslee Weber	Faith Weber	Jim Morren	Linda O'Brien	Kim Wiest
Communion Assistant		Pat Lee & Karla Breeding		Jack Judisch & Mike O'Brien	
Ushers	Terry & Julene Peters				
Communion Preparer	Barb Judisch				
Sound Tech.	Lynn Utterback				
Greeter	Linda O'Brien				
Offering Custodian	Julene Peters				

