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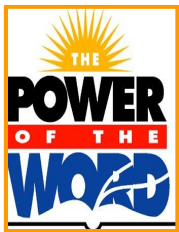
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WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE!

January - April (Jan. 29th Worship Times:
PV @ 9 am & GW @ 11 am)

Golden West at 9 a.m.
Pondera Valley at 11 a.m.

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**"OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD! CALL UPON
HIS NAME; MAKE KNOWN HIS DEEDS
AMONG THE PEOPLES!"** 1 Chronicles 16:8



- ☺ January 15th Winterfest Potluck & Games 5:30 p.m. at Pondera Valley (see page 3!)
- ☺ January 22nd Pondera Valley Annual meeting following 11 a.m. Worship & Potluck
- ☺ January 29th Golden West Annual meeting following 11 a.m. Worship & Potluck



Thank you sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
January 1st: Mildred Dommer in loving memory her husband, Ray and his siblings:
Alice Berg, Fred Dommer, Jeanette Strom, and Helen Arnold and by Chris & Paula
Ostrom & Family in loving memory of June Ostrom.

AND the first 5th Sunday, January 29th: Jerry & Myrna Christensen in loving
memory of Roy & Marilyn Christensen, Pat Lenz, and Oliver & Audrey Larson.

May God bless the hearing of His word!

Pastor's Letter

Greetings and blessings as we begin a new year! My prayer for all of you is that our Lord Jesus -- Immanuel -- will be with you as the powerful, life-giving presence he intends to be for your salvation, your redemption, your re-creation.

During the month of January we will focus our attention on the Christian discipline of stewardship. A sermon series will be preached over the five Sundays of January with Rev. John Cross, pastor at Selbu Lutheran Church (LCMC) LaCrosse, Washington, preaching on January 15.

Stewardship, as understood in the Christian tradition is the exercise of the calling and responsibility that all Christians have in maintaining and wisely using all God's good gifts in accordance with His will. This is the spiritual definition of the term derived from the scriptures and traditions of ancient Israel and the Christian church. It is different from secular ideas of stewardship which leave out any reference to the divine will. They merely speak of supervising or taking care of something such as an organization or property or the environment. The topic of environmental stewardship is much debated these days as to objectives and policy. Since God's good gifts in the created order are necessarily our concern, as

His stewards, we must attend to all of them as wisely as we can.

Stewardship in the Christian tradition has often been focused on our time, talents, material possessions and money. Biblical stewardship certainly addresses all these but is more comprehensive as it includes stewardship of the scriptures, of spiritual gifts and, as St. Paul affirms in 1 Corinthians 4:1, "... the mysteries of God.

The chief "mystery" being those things hidden from time immemorial but revealed to the human race with the coming of Christ -- including the Gospel itself.

The sermon series will have the following themes: 1) Stewardship of Mind and Body; 2) Stewardship of Time and Talents; 3) Stewardship of Money and Possessions; 4) Stewardship of Creation; 5) Stewardship of the Mysteries of God.

These themes overlap at various points but this scheme is offered as a way to help us think clearly and act faithfully as stewards of all God's good gifts. Please pray for Pastor John Cross and me as we prepare these messages. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Pastor Jeff Stoores



Pastoral Pictorial Directory

It's not too late! We're working on this slow and steady...

We still want your pictures for the

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!

LCMC 11th Annual Three Days of Prayer January 3-5, 2023



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 3-5** 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.

We encourage you to pray at work, home, or school. Pick up a prayer guide in the office, the back of the church, or on the website: www.conradlutheran.com/forms

Faith of A Child *by Alice Dommer Berg*

O dear God, our loving Father,
You look down on little beds
where children lie with folded hands
and trusting hearts and childlike faith
and awe and wonder.

Dear Lord, teach us who are older,
who with trembling lips try to pray
as daily we see our world distraught,
hurried and troubled in every way--
teach us, like a child, to pray!

Winterfest Potluck & Games

Pondera Valley Lutheran Church is welcoming our community to an evening of fun and fellowship on Sunday, January 15, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will kickoff the evening with an ethnic food potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Folks are encouraged to bring and share their favorite ethnic dishes, salads, and desserts. After enjoying all the good food, folks are welcome to go down into the Youth Room for games. A cribbage tournament and instruction for new players will be offered. Folks are welcome to bring and play any other card or board games they wish to play with family and friends. An area will be set aside for a little kids play area.

If you would like to help in organizing, set up, or clean up for the event please contact Pastor Jeff or Kim Wiest at the PVLC office.

Jesus is
heaven's bread for earth's hunger,
heaven's clothing for earth's nakedness,
heaven's riches for earth's poverty,
heaven's water for earth's thirst,
heaven's light for earth's darkness,
heaven's grace for earth's guilt,
heaven's gladness for earth's grief,
heaven's glory for earth's shame,
heaven's gain for earth's loss,
heaven's love for earth's hate,
heaven's wisdom for earth's follies,
heaven's peace for earth's strife,
heaven's hope for earth's despair,
heaven's prompting for earth's perplexity,
heaven's justification for earth's condemnation,
heaven's comfort for earth's sorrows,
heaven's salvation for earth's damnation,
heaven's life for earth's death.

This One had no sin *in* Him but all sin *on* Him.

--Robert G. Lee



Wednesday Night Education will start up again January 11th:

Preschool/K - 4th 5-6pm in the YOUTH ROOM (basement of church);

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!!**



On December 13th Pondera Valley Council met.

The budget was discussed. The 2 potlucks in January (15th & 22nd) were discussed. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Those going off council are: Lori Pearson, Tom Russett, and Ramsey Offerdal. Thank you Lori, Tom, and Ramsey! Reports for the annual meeting book are due January 12th. Pondera Valley will be exchanging worship

times with Golden West on their annual meeting day, January 29th so Pondera Valley will worship at 9 a.m. that day. The Education Board brought a proposal to the council to move the education over to the Youth Room where there is good lighting, heat and bathrooms close by. It was discussed and agreed upon by the council to do this after the first of the year. **The council will have to meet one more time before the annual meeting to approve the proposed budget for 2023.** *Council members "stayed tuned" for that announcement!* **The council will also meet following the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd after a potluck at noon.**

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