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JULY- AUGUST 2021

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LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES:

Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.

Golden West at 11 a.m.

See exception below: August 8th in City Park 11 a.m.

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BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD. PSALM 90:2



Sunday, August 8th at 11 a.m.

Both congregations will join with others at the City Park for Worship with *Stone's Cry*

Bring a lawn chair or let us know and we can bring a chair from the church, with cushion if needed!

If we have bad weather, this will be moved to Pondera Valley Lutheran Church.

Thank you to our sponsors for the **RADIO BROADCASTS** on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
July 4th: Linda VanTongeren and Teresa Roderick in loving memory of husband and father: Jerry Smith and daughter and sister: April Smith. And on **August 1st:** Kim & Ray Hofstad in loving memory of parents: Harris & Bernadine Hofstad and Math and Doris Dasinger, and their grandparents. **Also, Aug. 1st is being sponsored by: Donna & Matt Fowler** in loving memory of Oscar & Edna Totdahl, Luann McLain and Terry Bakken.



May God bless the hearing of His word!

“Coordinating the Coordinators”

During the middle of the month of June, I was invited to attend a meeting of district coordinators from the LCMC. If you are wondering what that means, simply regional leadership from the association got together in order to coordinate our efforts. Plainly, there is much need in our association for assistance on many fronts. We see this as opportunity more than anything and quickly realized there is plenty of work ahead of us. I went representing the Northwest District of the LCMC as our volunteer service coordinator, and my primary goals were first to absorb information and resources to bring back to our local congregations. Please contact me if you want more details, have questions, or want to simply be connected. The district is growing and aids beyond its own membership.

The meetings were scheduled over two days in St. Charles, IL and hosted by Hosanna Lutheran Church. The hospitality given was great, and it was so good to be in person with those missed. We were able to speak with the LCMC national service coordinator, Mike Bradley, about his vision for the LCMC. Also, we were introduced again to Julie Smith who has been brought onto LCMC staff to organize our districts merits. Both had much to discuss with us and the meeting time was mostly fruitful. Many ideas were planted and some even are beginning to grow. Much of the other time was spent in discussion, brainstorming, and sharing what we had with those across the table and country from other areas.

Personally, I am most excited for an event Julie Smith said she would be willing to help with and participate in. Our region is missing a confirmation retreat and where she comes from does one excellently. Combining efforts with the NW Dist. Board members I am confident that we can make this happen and hope to participate in all the ways I am gifted. Another noteworthy theme during our meetings was the need for both assistance in the call process of pastors and for

help amidst conflict in our assemblies. This was heard and felt starkly by all present as we realized that the shortage of pastors to fill pulpits is not coming but is here already. The term “creative staffing” was talked about at length because many parishes need to call preachers from their own pews currently. There are not enough interims to even. Every small church now in the call process is fighting off the panic telling them they may never have a “regular” parish pastor again.

With this was sparked more conversation concerning the care and education of our current, past, and to be leaders of church bodies. Every district coordinator echoed the cry for rest. Pastors are worn out over the last year and do not dare even mentioning a sabbatical. We can not put people through school and into the church fast enough despite the consequence. All had to adjust in some way or another as we all went through a tough year together. Often those who care for others neglect searching for help themselves especially in moments of struggle. The symptoms of this are becoming very obvious across our association.

Knowing all this, the LCMC is launching an initiative called “Leadercare.” This is intended to refresh our leadership and care for them while continuing to connect and educate each other. I have been invited to this training and pray that it is a resource I can bring into our NW District. With this was the discussion of salary, benefits, parsonages, etc. for past, current and incoming pastors. There my eyes were widely opened and with this enlightenment will be able to help others and myself more in this area. The current and continuing care of our pastors with their families is an area we all saw as one that needed a deep look at. The question of “Why?” became dangerous as we reflected on the fact many pastors fear even going to rural congregations, being warned before their first visit. If we had to rate the overall health of pastors, ministers, staff, and students, it was not good in the opinion of this group.

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Less people are entering the ministry formally and we need to be aware of this shift in our church culture. Instead of panicking, the leadership of the LCMC is attempting to plan organically. We on every level need to hear the voice of people who make up the church. What do you need as a person? Family? Church? Community? What resources are the LCMC missing? Summer Camp? Staff Events/Retreats? How is your pastor doing? All of us welcome your ideas, but recognize the need for effort and patience as well. We can no longer do less and expect more to result from it. Being intentional and outside ourselves will be crucial.

My prayer is that each of us may see the gifts we have been given so we might share them. They are right in front of us and will benefit our neighbor. These conversations will continue. It all reminds me of 2 Corinthians 8:15, "As it is written, 'Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.'" This is about us and how we are called to live in the command and promise of God for the love of our neighbor. Of course, this is only possible by faith in Jesus, the Way, Truth, Life, and Word of God himself. Through Him alone will our work reveal the kingdom across the whole LCMC to our congregations in such a way that we see God's glory through each broken vessel, you and me. Amen.

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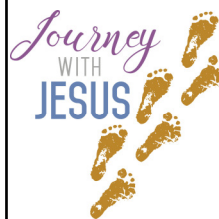
♥ Day Camp and VBS have just finished and our teamwork with the Presbyterian Church went well. To our membership: thank you to all who helped with Day Camp and VBS:

Wanda Bandow, Barb Judisch, Julene Peters, Kathy Walter, Donna Fowler, Stacy & Erik Eneboe, Shauna Ellefsen, Judy Ketterling, Kori Nelson, Pastor Drew, Amanda Lesnik, Mariah Moulton, Lisa Judisch, Tom & Page Russett, Kendra Pearson, Mandy Lucas and any we might have missed.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

♥ **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.



Follow the lectionary, see bottom of page 6. Utilize the Worship Helps found on the website. Listen to Pastor's sermon! Call a friend to discuss what you read!



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

PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!

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Pondera Valley Members: If you are interested in volunteering to help with ushering, greeting, reading the scripture lessons, serving or helping with communion set-up, please call the church office, 271-3934. Info / instructions would be made available and we welcome you to this ministry!

JULY Calendar Reminders:

Pondera Valley Worship Leaders 9 a.m. - *To be determined* (Sound); **Pat Lee** (Comm. Prep.); **Mary Jane Kinyon** (Greeter); **Dick & Mary Jane Kinyon** (Ushers); **Mary Jane Kinyon** (Offering Custodian); **Judy Ketterling** (Reader July 4th); **David Berg** (Reader July 11th); **Mary Jane Kinyon** (Reader July 18th); **Kim Hofstad** (Reader July 25th); **Pat Lee & Betty Olson** (Comm. Servers July 11th); **Mary Jane Kinyon & Page Russett** (Comm. Servers July 25th)

Golden West Worship Leaders 11 a.m. - **Steve & Rona Matheson** (Ushers); **Steve** (Reader & Communion Assistant); **Rona** (Communion Preparer)

Bible Studies at Pondera Valley - Women's Mondays Noon, PV Library
- Men's Tuesdays 6:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Pondera Valley Council will meet at **6:30 p.m. July 12th** in the Fellowship Hall



AUGUST Calendar Reminders:

⌘ **REMEMBER:** all worship in the City Park **August 8th** at 11 a.m.-- a free-will offering will be taken for "*Stones Cry*"

Pondera Valley Worship Leaders 9 a.m. - **Linda Carlson** (Sound); **Kim Wiest** (Comm. Prep., Greeter, Usher, Reader Aug. 1st); *To be determined* (Offering Custodian); **Stacy Eneboe** (Reader Aug. 15th); **Susan Gustafson** (Reader Aug. 22nd); **Gordon Nelsen** (Reader Aug. 29th); **Linda Carlson & Karla Breeding** (Communion Servers Aug. 22nd)

Golden West Worship Leaders 11 a.m. - **Sandy Seidler** (Usher); **Hilda Matheson** (Reader); **Ruth Fladstol** (Communion Preparer); **Dennis Fladstol** (Communion Server)

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Pondera Valley Council will NOT meet in August

ALL Women's Bible Study & Salad Potluck - Tuesday, Aug. 3rd Noon in Fellowship Hall
(see more information on p. 5)



Women's Salad Potluck and Bible Study
"The Psalm Life"

Tuesday, August 3rd at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall

Please invite other women!



Completely Devoted

Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for Him. It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for Him. The goal of the call of God is His satisfaction, not simply that we should do something *for* Him. We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in His battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ himself?
—Oswald Chambers

Friends with Binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows. Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!

—Janna Firestone



Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day.

—John Piper

MEMORIALS Received:

MUSIC *in memory* of **Pam Crawford**: Arlyn & Sandy Seidler, Ann Boettcher


In June:

Cruz Kananen was baptized, there were funerals at the funeral home for Edward Jung and Eric Gossard and an interment for Phyllis Hoover.

Pondera Valley JUNE Offering: \$ 7,331.00
PV Average Sunday Attendance in JUNE 49



Pondera Valley Council met on June 14th and their next meeting is Monday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Poems by Alice Berg...

Mark 10:16

Pray For Our Children

Lord, let me place in Your hands today this precious child.

As a tender flower needs light to live and grow, so this little one needs You, O Lord, to plant faith where all is uncertainty and to be blessed with Your undying love.

And, O Lord, help me to be an example, too, in all I am, and say, and do. Amen.

We Are the Church

We who believe in the Lord Jesus--we are the Church.

He is the True Vine; we are the branches.

When we become tangled, He can restore.

With Christ, our Lord, we will strive to upbuild in love.

With untangled branches, we will praise Him for His "amazing grace."

We are the Church; He is the True Vine, we are the branches.

Let us pray His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.



July 4th - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 11th - Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:1-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 18th - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

July 25th - Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56

Aug. 1st - Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145:10-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35

Aug. 8th - 1 Kings 19:1-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:17--5:2; John 6:35-51

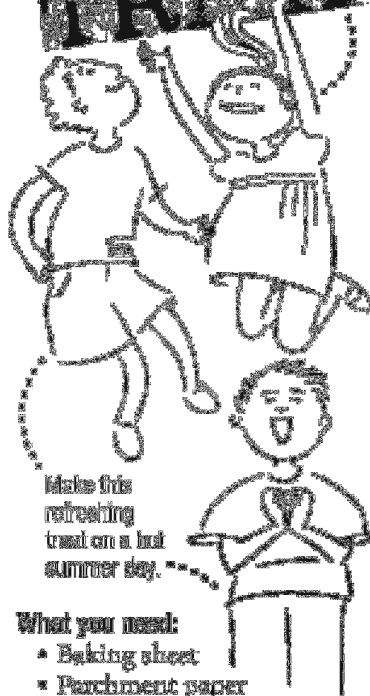
Aug. 15th - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

Aug. 22nd - Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

Aug. 29th - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23



A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

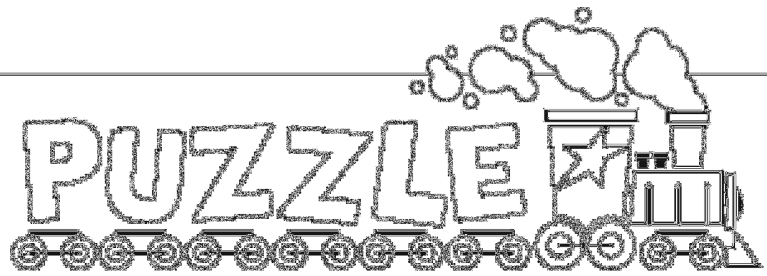
What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 1/4 cup granola or cereal

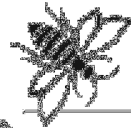
What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about 1/2-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgives you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV



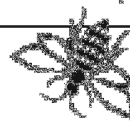
As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same way?



Directions: Use the hangman key to fill in the missing words and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV

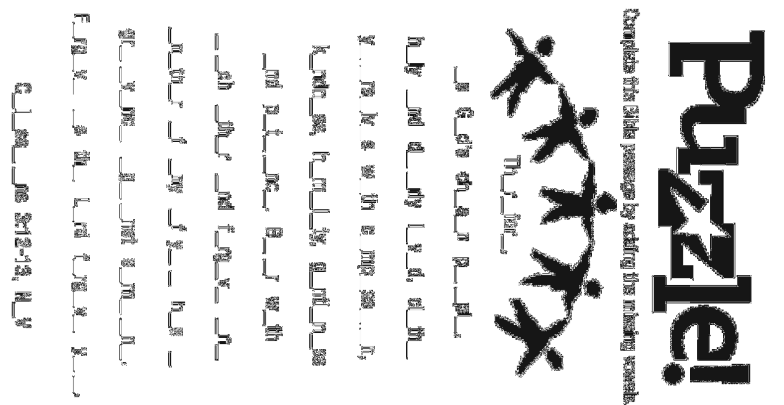


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ond hooolong
 to tho bonos.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Kind words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

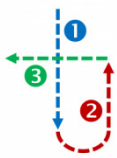




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STRUGGLE

Pray: Begin by making the sign of the cross and calling upon God's name.



From God to us, from death to life, from me to you ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, it is not always easy to have faith. Some people will not like us because we believe in you. So we ask you to give us the strength and courage to stand strong, knowing that you are with us, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Listen: Listen carefully as these verses from the Bible are read aloud.

Acts 6:12-15

[Some bad men] turned the people and their leaders and the teachers of the Law of Moses against Stephen. Then they all grabbed Stephen and dragged him in front of the council. Some men agreed to tell lies about Stephen, and they said, "This man keeps on saying terrible things about this holy temple and the Law of Moses. We have heard him claim that

Jesus from Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses gave us." Then all the council members stared at Stephen. They saw that his face looked like the face of an angel. (CEV)

Engage: Talk about the Bible by having parents respond to children's questions.

Child: Have you ever had someone tell lies about you? How did it make you feel?

Child: Why do you think people tell a lie? Why is it important to always tell the truth?

Affirm: Pray for God to put his Word into action in your daily life.

God of truth, we are called to speak the truth of your Word to others and to be faithful, as Stephen was faithful, in sharing the Good News of Jesus. Give us courage to speak of Christ with the wisdom of the Spirit. In his name we pray. Amen.

Have each person in the family bless one another with these words.

May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with his goodness and truth. Amen.


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

Beccy Lockyer, Dennis Fladstol, Loretta (*Louise Glimm*), Derek Matheson, Craig Mitchell (*Barb Judisch*), Ron Thaut, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Ben Knaff, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Ernestine Olson's friend and family, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Amber Miller (*Jesse Parks*), Zach Greene (*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*), Wayne Brown (*Carol Wood*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Poppy Dahl, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, (*3Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Ashley & William Heavy Runner, Lorie Hasner, Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), all COVID-19 frontline workers (health, grocery, truck drivers, etc), all: PMC 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... Jim Geiger, Mia Amor, BJ Hilyard, Shaun Short (*Stacie Matheson*)

Those deployed in the service abroad: Cameron Bowen


Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ** Your grace is sufficient for me, dear Lord. When I feel weak, may your strength dwell in me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- ** "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1, NIV). On this midsummer day, I can't help but rejoice in God's creation!
- ** Thank you, Spirit, for guiding me here, nourishing my soul and strengthening me for service in your name. Amen.
- ** God, thank you for being right nearby whenever I call on you (Psalm 145:18). I place my trust in you.

*...by grace
you
have
been
saved...
Ephesians 2:5,
NRSV*



Community Prayer Night

**at the Sr. Citizen Center at
6:30 p.m. Monday,
July 12th & August 2nd**

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



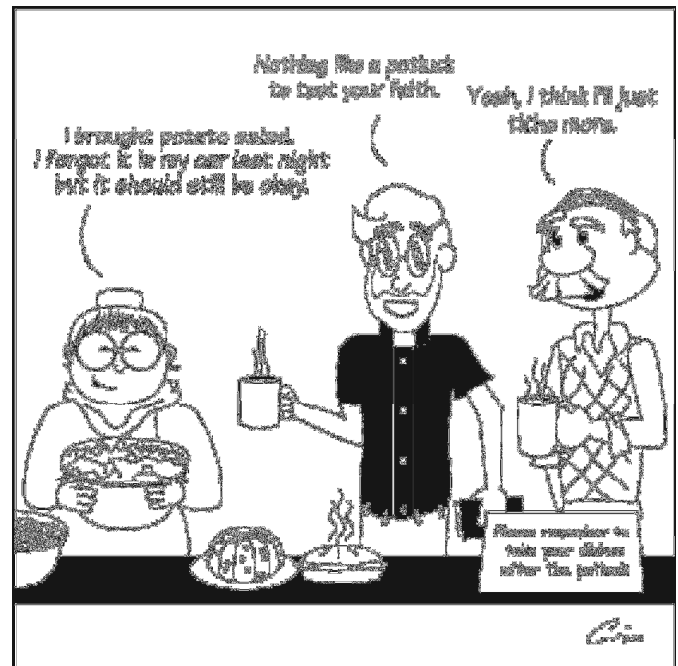
TRIVIA

CAVE MEN, CAVE WOMEN

1. Who lived in a cave with his daughters after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed?
2. Who trapped five Canaanite kings in the cave where they were hiding?
3. What friend of Jesus was buried in a cave?
4. What prophet, fleeing from Jezebel, hid in a cave?
5. In the time of the judges, what tribe did the Israelites hide from in caves?
6. What hero hid in caves to avoid the wrath of Saul?
7. Who hid a hundred prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them?
8. In Saul's time, what marauding people drove the Israelites into caves?
9. Who was buried in the cave of Machpelah?
10. Who hid in a cave while God passed by?

UP ON THE ROOF

11. When Samson pulled the building down, how many people had been sitting on the rooftop?
12. Who had a vision of unclean animals while he prayed on a housetop?
13. In the days of Ezra, what did some of the Jews build on their rooftops?
14. Who prophesied judgment on the people of Jerusalem because they burned incense to idols on their roofs?
15. Who hid two Israelite spies up on her rooftop among stalks of flax?
16. What king saw his nude neighbor on a rooftop?
17. What was the ailment of the man who was let down through a roof in Capernaum so he could



be healed by Jesus?

11. Who slept on Samuel's roof when he visited with him?

ANSWERS: 1. Lot, Gen. 19:30; 2. Joshua 10:16-27; 3. Lazarus, John 11:38; 4. Elijah, 1 Kings 19:9; 5. The Midianites, Judges 6:2; 6. David, 1 Sam. 22:1-2, 23:14, 29; 7. Obadiah, 1 Kings 18:4; 8. The Philistines, 1 Sam. 13:5-7; 9. Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, and Jacob, Gen. 23:19; 10. Moses, Ex. 33:21-23. // 11. About 3,000, Judges 16:27; 12. Peter, Acts 10:9-16; 13. Booths in commemoration of the Feast of Tabernacles, Neh. 8:14-16; 14. Jeremiah 19:13; 15. Rahab, Josh. 2:6; 16. David, 2 Sam. 11:2-4; 17. He was paralyzed, Mark 2:3-4; 18. Saul, 1 Sam. 25-26

