



# CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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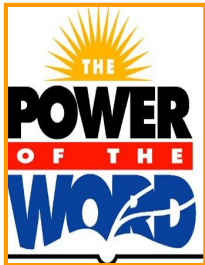
### WORSHIP TIMES

May - August

9 a.m. Pondera Valley

11 a.m. Golden West

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For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is  
named, that according to the riches of his glory  
he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his  
**Spirit in your inner being** Ephesians 3:14-16



At Pondera Valley, the council is beginning to look at all the suggestions that have come in to improve, maintain, and fix different areas of our church.

We appreciate your ideas and ask for your continued support through prayer and financial commitment to our church, its ministries and facilities.

In the last few months, \$10,700 was paid for 7 vacu-vents to be put in the roof over the Fellowship Hall. This was needed maintenance. Also, recently the council voted to approve a sound system upgrade which will cost approximately \$2,300. The benefits of this purchase will benefit many areas of our church: allowing the choir access to mp3 music for accompaniment, recording services for the possibility in future to post them on our website, provides a better radio broadcast and provides a platform to provide music if an organist/pianist isn't available.

We will continue to prayerfully utilize the funds we have and the needs presented. Thank you for your prayers and financial support as we all go forward for His glory.

**Thank you sponsors for the July and August RADIO BROADCASTS on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am**



**July 2nd:** Linda VanTongeren and Teresa Roderick in loving memory of husband/father, *Jerry Smith*, daughter/sister, *April Smith*, and grandson/son, *Timothy Robbins*.

**August 6th:** Donna & Matt Fowler in loving memory of *Oscar & Edna Totdahl, Luann McLain, Terry Bakken, and Kathleen Fowler*. **AND BY** Kim & Ray Hofstad in loving memory of their parents, *Harris & Bernadine Hofstad* and *Math & Doris Dasinger* and *their grandparents*. **May God bless the hearing of His word!**

## Pastor's Letter

Here's a wonderful piece of wisdom from C.S. Lewis:

“No sooner do we believe that God loves us than there is an impulse to believe that He does so, not because He is LOVE, but because we are intrinsically lovable. The pagans obeyed this impulse unabashed; a good man was ‘dear to the gods’ because he was good. We, being better taught, resort to subterfuge. Far be it from us to think that we have virtues for which God could love us. But then, how magnificently we have repented! As Bunyan says, describing his first and illusory conversion, ‘I thought there was no man in England that pleased God better than I.’ Beaten out of this, we next offer our own humility to God’s admiration. Surely He’ll like that? Or if not that, our clear-sighted and humble recognition that we still lack humility. Thus, depth beneath depth and subtlety within subtlety, there remains some lingering idea of our own, our very own, attractiveness. It is easy to acknowledge, but almost impossible to realize for long, that we are mirrors whose brightness, if we are bright, is wholly derived from the sun that shines upon us.”

Self worship -- if it dies -- dies an agonizing death. Our old sin-deformed nature does not wish to submit to God. But it must die if we are to live into NEW CREATION in Christ. St. Paul admonished believers in Colossians 3:1-10 to put to death what belongs to our earthy nature. We are to take off our old self, with its selfish, evil

practices, and put on the new self “... which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” (John 8:12)

The Son must shine upon us. We were always intended, by our Creator, to be glowing motes in a sunbeam. May God’s grace make it so.

Pastor Jeff Stoope





**PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:**

MUSIC *in memory of* **Linda Griggs** - Marian Turk, Roman & Judy Ketterling, Raeann & Bill Pourroy, Roger & Denise Elings, Dennis & Dawne Stokes, Robin Sanders, Nancy Pringle, Ray & Kim Hofstad, Del & Karla Styren, Lyn & Linda Carlson, Hugh Larson, Gale & Susan Gustafson, Jodie & Neil Weisgram, Ann Boettcher, Jacqueline Bell, John & Denese Calahan, Shawn & LeAnn Appley, Tim & Gail Buckley, Pete & Colleen Forester, Pat Lee

PVLC FOUNDATION for Sound Updates *in memory of* **Frances Larson** - Nancy Pringle, Ann Boettcher

GENERAL FUND *in memory of* **Annie Schlosser** - Roman & Judy Ketterling, Everett & Karla Breeding

**GOLDEN WEST:**

MEMORIAL FUND *in memory of* **Joyce Copenhaver Rounds** - Bob & Alice Copenhaver

**THANK YOU!**

“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare, social justice can never be attained.” —Helen Keller

“You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.” —Woodrow Wilson

- ♥ Thank you Erik Eneboe for tearing apart and hauling away the playhouse in the back yard of the parsonage. It was a needed improvement, but lots of work to get the job done. We appreciate your willingness to supply your effort and time! Thank you!
- ♥ Thank you to Lynn Ostrom and Marian Turk for coming to the rescue, cutting and folding for the VBS kids’ craft! Your help was amazing!
- ♥ Thank you to all who are volunteering to weed the front flowerbed of the church this summer! More volunteers are always welcome, see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

♥ **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.

**JUNE PASTORAL ACTS:** Wedding for Brett & Shanae Peters on the Peters farm; Funeral at Golden West June 15th for Joel Frost; Interment at Hillside Cemetery June 17th for Marcie Fischer; Memorial service at Pondera Valley for Everett Snortland on June 30th

Pondera Valley Offering: **\$6,197**;  
Heart for Mission: **\$299**  
Average PV Sunday Attendance: **49**



**Tuesday, August 8th at Noon  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Salad Potluck  
Devotional**

*"Time spent together is precious!"*

**Men's Bible study continues  
through the summer...**

**☞ Men's 6:30 a.m. with  
Breakfast on Tuesdays,  
in the Fellowship Hall. Come  
check it out!**



As you will recall we have been working on an in-house pictorial directory for Pastor Stoope. We would like to continue to add photos to our software program for office use.

However, we also have found someone who can help us put together a "hands-on" directory! We will probably need some people to help with organization down the road but for now we wanted you to be aware that we have booked this photographer for next winter, specifically for February 1st, 2nd, & 3rd and for February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th 2024. We

will be able to sign up for appointments online closer to those dates but also Kim Wiest in the office will be able to help during the week and on Sunday making appointments. Don't worry about those details now...we just wanted you to know it is coming! It has been 10 years since our last directory!

**Pondera Valley  
Council met June  
13th.**

AT Klemmens completed the repairs in the roof. Pastor reported that soon there will be

Bible Studies from the ministerial association at Logan Health Extended Care. Pastor will be on vacation August 9th -15th. Rachel Thielmann and daughter Hunter will stay on as janitor of the church building. The list of potential congregational projects are being compiled and given to the council members to review. An upgrade to the sound system was approved. Holy Communion at the altar was discussed. It was approved to proceed with



continuous distribution due to safety concerns until further notice. Congregational members can visit with Pastor Stoope for individual requests or concerns related to the service of Holy Communion or any other topic of concern. The sign-up sheet for weeding the front flowerbed of the church was passed around and signed by several and the church members who are able are encouraged to sign up too. The Call Committee has not been meeting but will begin again in the fall hoping to start fresh. Louise Glimm was voted to replace Jack Judisch on the Nominating Committee.

**The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday,  
July 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

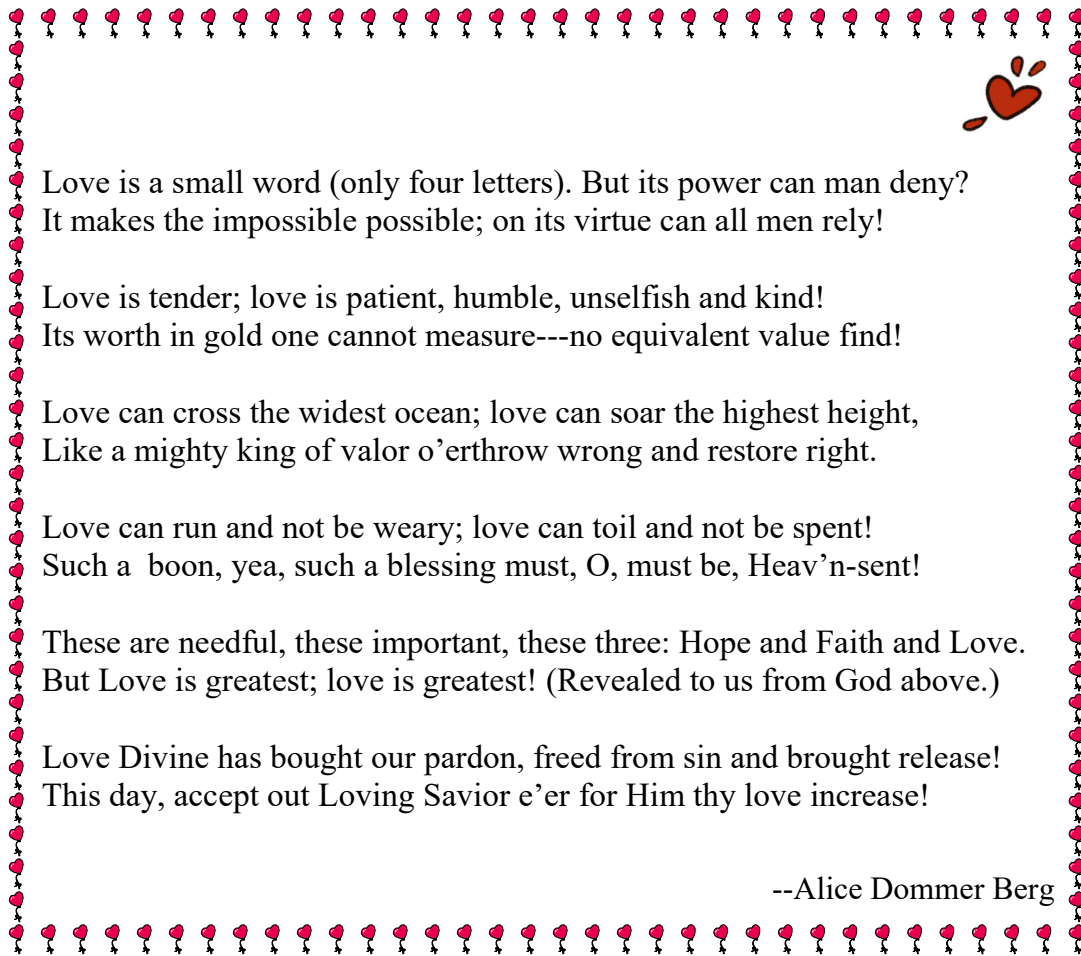


### Prayer for July 4th

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfill the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (*Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.*)

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...  
May America remain loyal  
to the principles of the Declaration of Independence,  
and extend their application  
to ever-widening areas of life.  
Keep out of our life all manner of oppression,  
persecution,  
and unjust discrimination;  
save us from religious,  
racial and class conflicts;  
may our country be a haven of refuge  
to the victims of injustice and misrule.  
Instruct us in the art of living together,  
of reconciling differences of opinion  
and averting clashes of interest,  
of helping one another  
to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...  
That the Star-Spangled Banner,  
the symbol of our American democracy,  
may ever wave o'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave. Amen.





Love is a small word (only four letters). But its power can man deny?  
It makes the impossible possible; on its virtue can all men rely!

Love is tender; love is patient, humble, unselfish and kind!  
Its worth in gold one cannot measure---no equivalent value find!

Love can cross the widest ocean; love can soar the highest height,  
Like a mighty king of valor o'erthrow wrong and restore right.

Love can run and not be weary; love can toil and not be spent!  
Such a boon, yea, such a blessing must, O, must be, Heav'n-sent!

These are needful, these important, these three: Hope and Faith and Love.  
But Love is greatest; love is greatest! (Revealed to us from God above.)

Love Divine has bought our pardon, freed from sin and brought release!  
This day, accept out Loving Savior e'er for Him thy love increase!

--Alice Dommer Berg

## KEEP TRYING

In *The God Who Stays*, contemporary Christian musician Matthew West writes about the pandemic's fear-filled early days. After his concert tour was abruptly canceled in March 2020, he rode to an airport "feeling utterly hopeless about a world that was spinning out of control."

Then Arthur, his ride-share driver, began singing along to the radio — and the song happened to be West's "The God Who Stays." West joined in, jokingly asking how he sounded. "Not so good," Arthur replied, not knowing West's identity. "You keep trying."

The driver shared how those lyrics uplifted him during life's difficulties, and West later recalled that conversation during lockdown, while wondering where God was. The musician realized he had "settled for a socially distant relationship with the One who is nearer than I dare to believe, closer than the air I breathe." But West pictured "God running toward me with open arms like the prodigal's father," and he resolved to keep trying — and to grow closer to the God who always stays.



[www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com) A great resource!

## Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



### What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

### What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

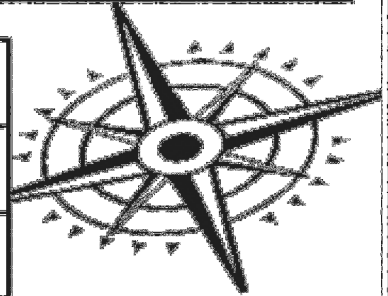
## PUZZLE

### SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.  
What does God do for people who fear him?

*Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of three squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.*

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to AS	to EAST	the up the
WEST the East	far WEST	THE be AS west



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... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

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In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old

Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)





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

Tom Robinson, Ron Iverson, Bob Beck (*Karen Lee*), Art & Lori Pearson, Steve Matheson, Rolene, Dave Kluver (*2Rona Matheson*), *Kenny Matheson*, *Jeff Elings*, *George Wood*, Roman Ketterling, Sandy Webb (*Joanne Unger*), Kaitlyn and John Russett (*Tom Russett*), Brad Stuart (*Kenny Matheson*), Casey Fuson, Beccy Lockyer, Susan Stoo pes, Tom Stoo pes (*2Pastor Stoo pes*), Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Tristan West, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Carol Johns, Ann Glimm, Brenda, Loretta (*Louise Glimm*), Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Rose Peterman, Marvin Baker, Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Poppy Dahl, Mark Melby, Terry Smith, (*2Carolyn 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:** Kim Dyrud, Annie Schlosser, Everett Snortland

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



**Prayers to Prepare for Worship**

✠ Whether my prayer today is “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?” or “My heart shall rejoice in your salvation” (Psalm 13:1, 5, NRSV), you hear me, God. Thank you.

✠ Ever aware of my flaws and failures, as I prepare for worship I pray with St. Paul, “Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:25, NIV).

✠ Open my heart and all my senses to receive your Word today, dear Lord.

✠ As harvest time draws near in the northern hemisphere, we thank you, Holy Spirit, for cultivating our lives to bear good fruit that serves your kingdom.

✠ Jesus, show me who needs a special word of friendship today so I may share your lovingkindness with them. Amen.



**Conrad Community Night of Prayer will be July 10th and August 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Conrad Sr. Center EVERYONE encouraged to attend!**





**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m.**

**Ushers: Steve & Rona Matheson; Reader: Steve; Communion Assistant: Steve;  
Communion Preparer: Rona**

**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.

<b>PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 a.m.</b>	<b>July 2nd</b>	<b>July 9th</b>	<b>July 16th</b>	<b>July 23rd</b>	<b>July 30th</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Dick Kinyon</b>	<b>Dick Kinyon</b>	<b>Lyn Carlson</b>	<b>Jim Morren</b>	<b>Jim Morren</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Mike &amp; Linda O'Brien</b>		<b>Betty Olson &amp; Page Russett</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jerome &amp; Louise Glimm</b>				
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	<b>Pat Lee</b>				
<b>Sound Tech.</b>	<b>Tom Russett</b>				
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Jerome &amp; Louise Glimm</b>				
<b>Offering Custodian</b>	<b>2nd: Mike O'Brien; 9th: Julene Peters; 16th: Mike O'Brien; 23rd: Stacy Eneboe; 30th: Carol Wood</b>				



<p>Sundays' Lectionary</p>	July 2nd - Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42
	July 9th - Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30
	July 16th - Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
	July 23rd - Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
	July 30th - Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52



**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m.**

**Ushers: Sandy Seidler; Reader: Karen; Communion Assistant: Bill McLean;  
Communion Preparer: Ruth Fladstol**

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<b>PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 a.m.</b>	<b>August 6th</b>	<b>August 13th</b>	<b>August 20th</b>	<b>August 27th</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Faith Weber</b>	<b>Faith Weber</b>	<b>Faith Weber</b>	<b>Faith Weber</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Jim Adamson &amp; Ray Hofstad</b>		<b>Kim &amp; Ray Hofstad</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jesse &amp; Sharon Parks</b>			
<b>Communion Preparer</b>	<b>Kim Wiest</b>			
<b>Sound Tech.</b>	<b>Karen Lee</b>			
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Jesse &amp; Sharon Parks</b>			
<b>Offering Custodian</b>	<b>Faith Weber</b>			



August 6th - Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 136:1-26; Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21

August 13th - Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-16; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

August 20th - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

August 27th - Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33--12:8; Matthew 16:13-20