



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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WORSHIP TIMES
8:30 a.m. Golden West
10 a.m. Pondera Valley

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If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. Romans 10:9-10



- ◆ **NEW MEMBERS CLASS!** Contact Pastor or the church office if you are interested!
- ◆ **PONDERA VALLEY:** anyone interested in being on the **Pondera Valley Cemetery Board** with Max and Mark Hinricksen and Linda Welch? If you want to know more, call the church office, 271-3934.
- ◆ **PONDERA VALLEY NEEDS:** in the future the church office will have to replace the RISO and the printer with a new printer. The Pondera Valley Council would welcome any additional giving to the “office equipment reserve fund” in order to be prepared for the inevitable down the road. Currently, one quote for replacing is \$6,775. Thank you for considering giving to this reserve!
- ◆ **VBS is COMING in July!!** K-5 with the FLBC counselors July 29th - August 2nd in the Fellowship Hall, bring a sack lunch. It will go from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. each day. Preschool VBS will be July 29th - 31st 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. The kids will begin with music upstairs with the big kids and go to their classes in the basement. **MORE INFO on page 4!**



Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on July 7th on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am : Linda Van Tongeren and Teresa Roderick in loving memory of husband/father, Jerry Smith; daughter/sister, April Smith; and grandson/son, Timothy Robbins. **And thank you for the radio broadcast sponsors on August 4th on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am :** Kim & Ray Hofstad in loving memory of their parents: Harris & Bernadine Hofstad and Math and Doris Dasinger, and their grandparents. **God bless the hearing of His word!**

From the Pastor

One of the most famous parables of Jesus is often called “The Parable of the Prodigal Son”. It is recorded in Luke 15:11-32. It is the third parable in chapter 15, after two much shorter parables about the lost sheep and lost coin. They follow the muttering of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who were saying, “this man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Jesus tells these stories to illustrate that in heaven there is rejoicing over *even one sinner* who repents.

In the parable a man with two sons has the youngest demand his share of this father’s estate even though his father is still alive. This would be unthinkable in Jewish culture and no father would go along with this outrage - but the father in the story does. The selfish, impetuous youth goes off to a distant country and squandered his wealth. He winds up working as a servant feeding pigs - the worst occupation imaginable for a Jew. He was at the point of starving when suddenly, “...he came to his senses”. “How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set off and go back to my father and say to him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’” So he got up and went home and made his speech to his father.

Something happened to that young man that was profound. His arrogance, his selfishness, his folly had led to his degradation. He saw what an arrogant fool he had been and turned away from his sinful

rebellion against God and his father. He repented of his sins. He went home to ask for mercy, to be allowed to live as a mere day-wage servant. He didn’t ask to be brought back into the family.

But his father chose to forgive his wayward son and bring him back into the family. This would be seen by Jews in Jesus day as an astounding thing. A family member who disgraced the family, who brought its good name into disrepute, who was a flagrant sinner, would be disowned and told to go away and never come back. That’s what the older brother wanted. This “son of yours who squandered your property with prostitutes comes home ... and what do you do, father, ... you kill the fatted calf for him!” How outrageous! Who would do such a thing! No forgiveness for him! No mercy for him! The older son could only respond with contempt and hatred for his brother.

God’s forgiveness is illustrated in the father’s forgiveness. “...this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” So celebration was called for. There really is joy in heaven when a sinner repents.

We sinners have a Creator who loves us at a cost to Himself. God’s own Son laid down his life for us to expunge our sins and bring us back into God’s heavenly family. As we have been forgiven, dear friends, let us also forgive others in Christ’s name.

Pastor Jeff Stoopes

PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

GENERAL FUND in memory of **Vernon Gjullin** and **Carole Thielmann** - Keith & Helen Hruska
in memory of **Lynn Gaines** - Dennis & Dawne Stokes

PV CHAIR PROJECT in memory of **Judy Ketterling** and **Hilda Matheson** - Marilyn Waite

GOLDEN WEST WOMEN MEMORIAL in memory of **Hilda Matheson** - R. Stuart, Malvin & Marilyn Copenhaver, Bob & Alice Copenhaver, Bernice McPhillips, Ruth Fladstol, Joyce Ryan, Carol Gunderson, Betty & Ramsey Offerdal, Lynn Ostrom, Steve & Debbie Kaphammer, Marcia Hollandsworth, Ron & Cathi Hemry, Bernice Johnson, Ruth & Gene Flesch, Ruth Burgau

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♥ **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.**

♥ Thank you to Kim Hofstad, Dick Kinyon, and Linda Van Tongeren who volunteered to help with providing meals for the cyclists coming through June 26th and staying at PVLC. And thank you to all who helped them.

Jesus said, "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." John 15:8

The ministry of serving may be as public as preaching or teaching, but more often it will be as sequestered as nursery duty. It may be as visible as singing a solo, but usually it will be as unnoticed as operating the sound equipment to amplify the solo. Serving may be as appreciated as a good testimony in a worship service, but typically it is as thankless as washing dishes after a church social. Most service, even that which seems the most glamorous, is like an iceberg. Only the eye of God ever sees the larger, hidden part of it. *(Taken from Donald Whitney's: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life.)*

MAY & JUNE

Pastoral Acts Funeral for: Jolene Wynn @ Funeral Home 5/15; Hilda Matheson@GW 5/18; Maria Erickson @PV 5/28; Lynn Gaines @ Funeral Home 6/17; Baptisms @ PV 6/9 for Max Hinricksen, Arli & Reverie Dyer

**Pondera Valley May Offering: \$9,392.00
PV thru June 23 Offering: \$6,456.00**

**May Average PV Sunday Attendance: 60
June Average PV Sunday Attendance: 53
May Average GW Sunday Attendance: 7
June Average GW Sunday Attendance: 9**



Day Camp with FLBC July 29th - August 2nd, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
ages Kindergarten - 5th grade, sack lunch each day. Parents need
2 Registration forms: www.conradlutheran/forms or at the church.
Help is needed, see sign-up sheets in church or call Donna Fowler,
406-217-4865. PRESCHOOL VBS July 29th-31st, 9 - 11 a.m. Only one
registration form is needed (see above). There will be a POTLUCK &
PROGRAM on Thursday, Aug. 1st at 5:30 p.m. Open to everyone!



While many group Bible Studies take a break during the summer but there are a couple of opportunities for you this summer:

☞ **Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study with Breakfast in the FH**

☞ **Women's Noon Salad Potluck & Bible Study on Tuesday, August 6th**



Pondera Valley had a council meeting May 13th. The Evangelism team are reaching out to potential members. The

Call Committee sent out over 100 emails for prospective pastors. They have had responses of good wishes but no interested applicants yet. House hunting for a new parsonage is ongoing. Pictorial Directory is moving forward as the photographer is editing. There will be bicyclists from the Fuller Center staying at our church the night of June 26th. Kim Hofstad and Dick Kinyon are arranging the food and Linda Van Tongeren gave a sizable donation. The PVLC Cemetery (near Gallup City) has formed a new committee of: Linda Welch, Mark and Max Hinricksen and anyone who is interested from the church (contact the office). The Lutheran Church from Kodiak, Alaska sent a letter asking for help with repairs to their roof. (The council wrote back saying they would be praying for them and forward their request to the benevolence committee for next year's benevolences. And they thanked them for that.) NW LCMC District meeting next year will

be in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The printer and Riso in the office are both getting old and might soon need replacing. The council asked to have a notice in the newsletter suggesting a need for giving to the "office equipment reserve fund" for when the inevitable happens. May 19th the high school graduates were honored. **The next PV Council meeting was Monday, June 10th.** Old business was discussed without much new to report. Louise Glimm had a question about using our building (the Education Building) for community exercise. The council agreed to let her look into it a little more with some questions discussed and bring it back to the council. The worship in the pool park was discussed as it had just happened the day before. All those who attended were glad they'd gone and will look forward to it again next year. It was decided to not have a meeting in July or August this year. If some need comes up before September it can be either be handled by phone, email or if need be, call a meeting.

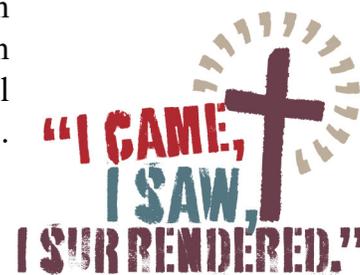
The next council meeting will not be until September 9th at 6:30 p.m.



To non-believers, talk of finding freedom through complete dependence on Jesus must sound foolish. How can surrendering your desires, time, heart — indeed, your entire life — lead to anything but bondage?

The answer is evident in Jesus’ own life and ministry, writes Michael Card in *Immanuel: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. In a twist on Julius Caesar’s motto “Veni, vidi, vici” (“I came, I saw, I conquered”), “Jesus lived by the motto, ‘I came, I saw, I surrendered,’” Card notes. “By living out this unorthodox pronouncement, Jesus demonstrated that what the world regards as power is really impotence. True victory is only through surrender.”

During the 16th century, St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote this prayer of surrender that’s still relevant today: “Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, Thou hast given me: I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.”



Oxygen for Ministry



Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren’t getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can’t help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God’s creation. But if we aren’t Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we’re breathing in the Spirit’s energy and guidance instead of poor-quality “air”?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying “continually” (1Thess. 5:17) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

The Soul as Soil

Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."



Worship in Wonder

Worship is a faith-building, faith-sustaining act. It's also a form of service to God. Remember to worship regularly during the summer, even when you're out of town.

"Worship is like corrective lenses for our souls, bringing God clearer into view. That's important for all of us, especially when life goes off the rails." —Louie Giglio

"Worship is a transcendent wonder. Wonder for which there is now no limit or measure." —Thomas Carlyle



when
my heart is
OVERWHELMED:
lead me to the
ROCK
that is
HIGHER
THAN I.
Psalm 61:2, KJV



"The sign company delivered it by mistake, but we decided to keep it."



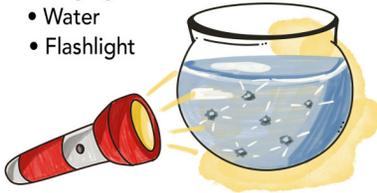
www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

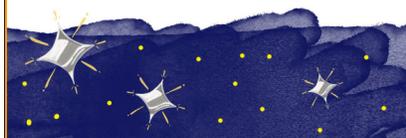
What you need:

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



What you do:

1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.



Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

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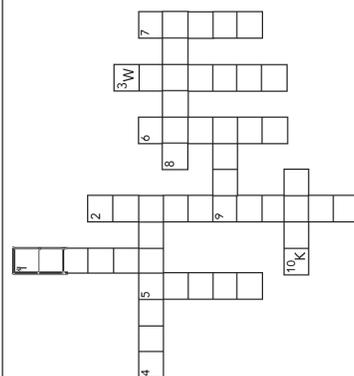
Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come, and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."

PUZZLE THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display splendor of God's great power. What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



- ACROSS**
1. The sun, moon and stars do not shine. (Psalm 136:7)
 2. God made them so heavenly as the stars, (Genesis 1:16)
 3. When the stars came down, they were as fire. (Revelation 8:10)
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 6. When the stars came down, they were as fire. (Revelation 8:10)
 7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)
- DOWN**
1. The heavens are the work of His hand. (Psalm 19:1)
 2. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:5)
 3. God calls them stars. (Job 38:31)
 4. A star announced the arrival of Jesus. (Matthew 2:2)



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

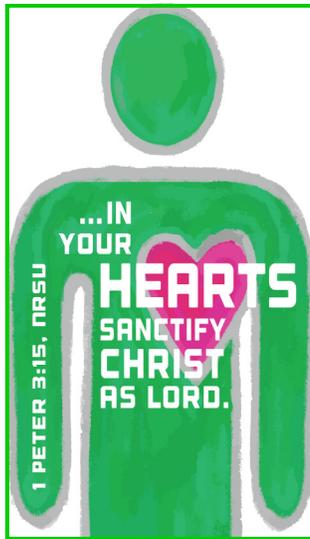
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All those who mourn: Lynn Gaines

Those deployed in the service abroad:

For an updated prayer list, inquire at the church office.

Prayers to Prepare for Worship



✝ “O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain” (Katherine Lee Bates). God, thank you for bright summer skies, crops growing to feed the world and your countless other gifts.

✝ “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1, NIV). May all who gather for worship today rejoice in your goodness, O Lord!

✝ Shepherd-Lord, in summer I easily sense you with me in green spaces and beside still waters. Help me also feel you near when life takes me through dark valleys. (See Psalm 23.)

✝ Spirit of life, draw each of us into your love, that we may welcome it for ourselves and eagerly share it with others. Amen.

*Dear heavenly Father,
We come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you’ve placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show love, patience and respect for one another. In your name we pray. AMEN.*



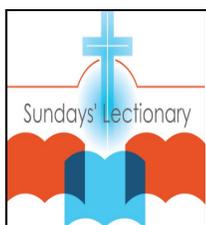


Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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.

PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th
Reader	Jim Morren	Linda O'Brien	David Berg	Jim Adamson
Communion Assistants		Linda & Mike O'Brien		Kim & Ray Hofstad
Usher & Greet	7th:Eneboes, 14th:Stephanie & Page; 21st:Carol & Teresa; 28th:Carol & Faith			
Communion Preparer	Pat Lee			
Sound Tech.	Tom Russett			
Offering Custodian	7th: Stacy Eneboe; 14th: Carol Wood; 21st: Carol; 28th: Carol			

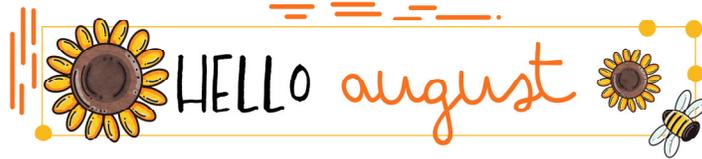


July 7th - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13

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

July 21st - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

July 28th - Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56



Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Usher: Sandy Seidler; Readers:

Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Ruth Fladstol

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PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	August 4th	August 11th	August 18th	August 25th
Reader	Kim Hofstad	Jim Morren	David Berg	Jim Adamson
Communion Assistants		Betty Olson & Page Russett		Tom & Page Russett
Ushers & Greeters	Linda Erickson and Dick Kinyon			
Communion Preparer	8/11: Kim Wiest; 8/25: Carol Wood			
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson			
Offering Custodian	Dick Kinyon			



August 4th - Exodus 16:2-15; Psm 145:10-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35

August 11th - 1 Kings 19:1-8; Psm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:17--5:2; John 6:35-51

August 18th - Josh 24:1-2a,14-18; Psm 34:12-22; Eph. 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

August 25th - Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13