



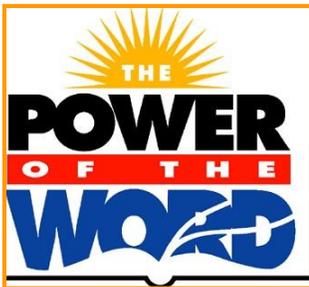
CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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SING TO GOD, SING IN PRAISE OF HIS NAME, EXTOL HIM WHO RIDES ON THE CLOUDS; REJOICE BEFORE HIM—HIS NAME IS THE LORD. A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS, A DEFENDER OF WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING. PSALM 68:4-5

Register for ONLINE or in person activities. In person VBS will be limited to those who register ahead until the maximum is met!



Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Conrad and Pondera Valley Lutheran Church

Monday - Thursday, July 27-30 ages K-5 (9 a.m. - Noon)
Tuesday - Thursday, July 28-30 ages Preschool (9a.m. - 11 a.m.)
at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church
Registration forms at either church or www.conradlutheran.com



RADIO BROADCAST: 11 am July 5th on KZIN, 96.7 FM Sponsored by:
Linda Van Tongeren and Teresa Roderick in memory of husband/father, Jerry Smith and daughter/sister, April Smith.

AND on August 2nd Sponsored by:
Ray & Kim Hofstad in memory of their parents: Harris & Bernadine Hofstad and Math and Doris Dasinger and in memory of their grandparents **and by Matt & Donna Fowler** in memory of Oscar & Edna Totdahl, Luann McLain and Terry Bakken.
Thank you! May God bless the hearing of His word!

“Fathers in the Field”

Recently I met with a man named Doug F. He came to meet with me about a group he is a part of. “Fathers in the Field” states their mission: To rekindle and establish the spirit of boys who have been abandoned by their fathers; mentoring them one-on-one in life skills through outdoor activities, and by sharing a Christian understanding of our Heavenly Father’s love and sacrifice for His Children. The objective being, “To ‘heal’ the deep, anger filled soul wound that an abandoned boy suffers from and carries with him; thereby stopping the cycle of destruction and abandonment.”

This opportunity presents itself to both men and women who have a heart for and hear the call to mentor young men in our community. Doug explained to me that both mentors and a team of organizers and interviewers are needed for this program to operate. Again, roles for both men and women are available. So, if a person is called to this ministry we have scheduled an initial meeting for you to attend, on July 23rd at 5pm. Doug will meet with those who are interested in beginning this ministry.

Please invite both members of our church, other churches, and community members. It was emphasized by Doug that programs like “Fathers in the Field” need to be lay led. For a group to do this ministry would take commitment and perseverance. Intentional and proactive people would need to be able to commit to monthly meetings over at least the span of a year, hopefully many more. If you are interested in this opportunity I do ask that you RSVP to the church office letting us know that you will be attending. We ask this out of consideration for our presenter so that we make sure we do have an audience. Also, to plan for social distancing it is helpful to know what numbers for us to expect. I appreciate your cooperation and interest.

More about Father’s in the Field and their message though... I have information in the office if you would like to look over a paper copy of the materials Doug left with me, or you can explore their website at www.fathersinthefield.com. On the cover of the booklet, quoting Isaiah 1:17 it says, “Defend the cause of the fatherless...” Describing the pain for someone abandoned on the inside it reads, “When a father abandons his child... A boy naturally says, ‘I’ll never forgive you!’ Society says, ‘Forget about him! You don’t need a Dad!’ Jesus says, ‘Forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you of your sins (Mark 11:25).’” He even teaches us to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who

trespass against us.” What we are seeking is individuals who are gifted in leading and willing to advocate for a young man in faith, fatherhood, and forgiveness.

Specifically, share and demonstrate to boys that they have a Father in heaven who created, loves and cares for them (Joshua 1:5). Volunteers are called to demonstrate fatherly love and commitment, to repair broken spirits and prepare the foundation for future fatherhood. Finally, also to share the need for boys to forgive the failings of their earthly fathers, as our Heavenly Father forgives His children in Christ. Combining faith, fatherhood, and forgiveness with outdoor activities that no video game can match, “Fathers in the Field” works through local churches and with avid outdoorsmen to empower and equip the next generation of men and fathers. Ultimately, we pray that each person hears the call of their Father in heaven through Jesus Christ.

Again, if you or anyone you know may be interested in this meeting please invite them to come and RSVP. Statistics given from “Fathers in the Field” citing the National Center for Fathering, US Department of Health and Human services, US Justice Department, National Principles Association, and US Census Bureau read, “Children from Fatherless homes are:

- ◆ At greater risk in society.
- ◆ 72% of adolescent murders are committed by fatherless children.
- ◆ 60% of rapists come from fatherless homes.
- ◆ 67% of state prison inmates come from fatherless homes.
- ◆ 85% of juveniles in reform institutions of fatherless.
- ◆ 30% more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.
- ◆ Twice as likely to drop out of school.
- ◆ 11 times more likely to exhibit violent behavior at school.
- ◆ Dramatically more likely to commit suicide.
- ◆ More likely to engage in early sexual activity.”

Finally a quote from John Smithbaker, co-founder of this ministry, he says, “We are changing the hearts and lives of fatherless boys, one boy at a time. But we are also aggressively seeking to reverse the devastating trend of fatherlessness in America. Our message to fathers: Stay at home and be the Pastor, Protector, and the Provider that God calls you to be. And to godly men in our churches: Stand in the gap where fathers have abandoned their posts. Our boys need you to mentor them into godly manhood. If not us, then who?”

+Peace be with you.

In Christ, Pastor Drew Nelson



The PV Council met on June 8th. We will have pulpit supply on July 19th, August 9th and 30th, and September 6th. The Education

committee is meeting with the Presbyterians to plan a VBS this summer. Travis Powers from Faith Lutheran in Great Falls is going to come to help with some of his youth group. The church building’s locks are going to be re-done. Most keys should still work, let the office know if they don’t. Will be hiring a janitor for the Education building soon. The council

discussed and agreed to allow small, non-church groups meet as long as they call the office first and that they follow the COVID policy of cleaning up afterward. It was approved to buy a new router for the church building so Wi-Fi and internet can be improved. **The next council meeting will be Tuesday, July 13th at 6 pm in the Youth Room.**

Wow!

After the final notes concluded at a recent symphony performance in Boston, the conductor hadn’t yet lowered his baton when a child exclaimed, “Wow!” The break in protocol, magnified by excellent acoustics, didn’t upset the participants or audience, however. Instead, several later said it brought them great joy. One even called the moment life-changing.

The incident was especially meaningful because the child, a 9-year-old named Ronan, has autism and is generally nonverbal. Music, his family says, tends to attract his interest and make him happy. When symphony officials learned Ronan’s identity, they arranged a private performance so he could meet some musicians.

How often do you shout “Wow!” — in a good way — at what you see and hear? You may tend to do so on vacation or while observing God’s natural wonders, but what about during your day-to-day life? Think about the people you encounter and their talents — and your own. When have these sparked a “Wow!” of thanks to God?

Philippians 4:10-15 Paul was a missionary who depended on God for his every need. In his missionary travels he sometimes worked as a tentmaker to provide for his needs; other times he suffered, other times he hungered, though he never complained. Paul was content to minister under any circumstances regardless of his provision. Truly Christ was his strength. But in this pioneering ministry of Paul’s, there was one church who supported him: the Philippian church. In fact, they had supported him time and time again. Had it not been for this church, Paul, if unable to find work, would have indeed suffered all the more. You may say, well other churches should have helped with the support. True, but the fact was, no other church did.



Ask yourself a question today. Do you consider your giving important, or do you depend upon others to carry the load? As yourself this second question: If everyone gives as you do, will the ministry of the church be able to continue? The church can only minister as it has support to do so. Your obedience in giving today will determine the ministry of this church for God’s glory.

MY PRAYER OF PRAISE

I praise You Lord Jesus, for moments of expectancy and peace that enters my soul.

I thank You for the times when I have felt Your presence, and for the freedom to pray.

I delight in You, my Lord, and bless Your holy Name, and worship You.

Let me pour out my life and sing, “Alleluia” along each step of the way.

Amen.

Alice Berg, written in 1995

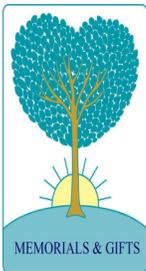


SING PRAISES TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

PSALM 105:2

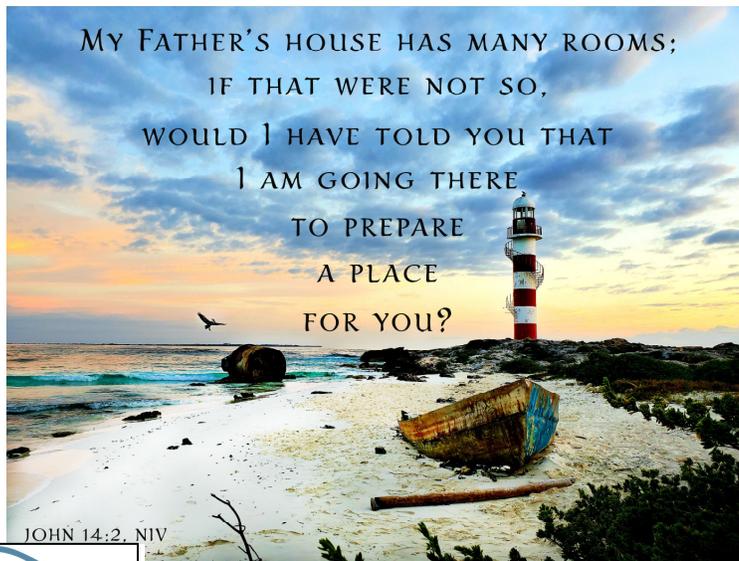
HYMN SING! Your requests will begin being used during worship in July. You will be mentioned as we sing that request. It will be fun to hear who requests what and how many duplicates we get!

Get your request in NOW! Each person picks only **ONE** hymn and submit it either by dropping it in the offering, calling it in, or going to the website (find the dialogue box) and fill it in that way. **Whichever way you choose, include your name so that we can acknowledge it when we sing it.**



PONDERA VALLEY

Youth Fund: In memory of Madeline & John Maki, Joan, Leroy & Janet Rouns - Marilyn & Walter Waite



Pastoral Acts

In the last couple of months Pastor has done two interments: Sandi Becker and Jack Hurley.



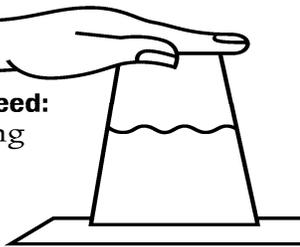
Pondera Valley Offering in June: \$ 5,429.00 (short!) (through June 21st)
Average Attendance in June:
PV 42
GW 27

♥ **THANK YOU** to all who continue to send in your offerings! They help us continue with our ministry! You can use the enclosed blue envelope for your offering or mail them to PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.



UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to _____

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born _____

JOHN 9



Calms a _____

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of _____

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on _____

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



Share God's Word

Anxiety weighs down the heart,

but a kind word cheers it up.

Proverbs 12:25



Go to our website for videos, updates,
materials to use for worship!
PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!
www.conradlutheran.com



www.holyfamilytime.com

DATES to Remember...

♥LCMC 20th Annual Gathering &
Convention will be October 4-7
in Arden Hills, MN,
lcmc.net/annual-gathering



**WOMEN'S FALL BAZAAR
COMING!! Friday, Nov. 6th**
Get started now thinking about
what you want to bring!



The Weight of Hate



Word lovers, delight! The lexicon has tongue-twisting terms that describe hatred for just about anything.

According to *Mental Floss*, if you're a misodotakleidist, for example, you hate practicing the piano. Misogelasts hate laughter, while misopogonists hate beards and misophonists hate certain irritating sounds. There's even a word for someone who hates hatred (in the form of war or strife): a misopolemist.

Some of these words may make us smile, yet hate is deadly serious. No matter the target, hatred weighs us down and distracts us from Godly living.

That's why Paul instructs followers of Jesus to "put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31, NRSV).

Once that hateful weight is gone, we'll be freed up to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (verse 32).



July 5 - Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

July 12 - Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 - Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

August 2 - Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 136:1-9; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 9 - Job 38:4-18; Psalm 18:1-6; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

August 16 - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matthew 15:21-28

August 23 - Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33--12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 - Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

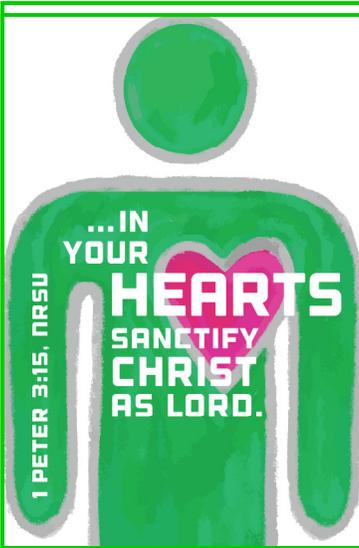


Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*)

Ron Thaut, Mike Buechler, Annie Schlosser, Zach Greene (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Dennis Fladstol, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*2Ruth Fladstol*), Hayden Kellogg, Ron Widhalm, Shaun Short (*Stacie Matheson*), Ginny Zanuck, Billie Jean Stokes (*2Kim Wiest*), Marvin Baker, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Debbi Gage, Rose Peterman, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Connie Wolf, Wayne Brown (*2Carol Wood*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Don Bandow, Ralph Swan (*Cyndi Johnson*), Poppy Dahl, Kimberly Peacock, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, (*4Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), BJ Hilyard, Lorie Hasner, Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), Kat O'Brien and all COVID-19 frontline workers (health, grocery, truck drivers, etc), all PMC Extended Care 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...

Those deployed in the service abroad: Mark Thompson, Brett Christensen, Blake Tornga, Guthrie Oiestad



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ♥ King of the nations, thank you for the freedoms we enjoy. Empower us to work for basic freedoms for all people worldwide. Amen.
- ♥ “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ... Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.”
(Psalm 119:105, 108, NRSV)
- ♥ Thank you, God, that we need not climb to You, like the angels on Jacob’s ladder (Genesis 28:12) — indeed we cannot — but that, in Jesus, You came down to all the world, in love.
- ♥ God, thank you that by your power, small things like seeds — and faith — can grow big and strong. Nurture my growth in You always. Amen.
- ♥ Even summer keeps us busy, Lord. During this time of worship, help me “be still, and know that [You are] God” (Psalm 46:10).
- ♥ At the end of summer, I am a mix of melancholy and excitement. Holy Spirit, inspire my trust in You even as seasons and schedules change.



And now, Lord ... grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all

BOLDNESS

Acts 4:29, ESV



Community Prayer Night

**Monday, July 6th & August 3rd
6:30pm at the Conrad Sr. Center**

An opportunity for all to come together to pray! Please come!

BREATH PRAYER

Relax during this prayer, follow the breathe-in-breathe-out-breathing pattern, pausing as needed, to let your body relax so that it is natural for you. Focus on HIM.

SLOW DEEP Breath in... SLOW DEEP *Breath out...*: Loving God... *Slow me down.../* Gentle God... *Quiet my mind... /* Father God... *I am still.../* Come... *LORD Jesus... /* Holy Spirit... *Fill me... /* The LORD is my Shepherd... *I shall not want.../* He maketh me to lie down in green pastures... *he leadeth me beside the still waters.../* He restoreth my soul... *he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.../* Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death... *I will fear no evil.../* for thou art with me... *thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.../* Thou preparest a table before me... *in the presence of mine enemies.../* thou anointest my head with oil... *my cup runneth over.../* Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me... *all the days of my life.../* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever... *AMEN...*



7. What prophet complained about the people making sacrifices under spreading oaks, poplars, and elms?
 8. What kind of weed does Jesus say will be separated from the wheat at the last judgment?
 9. What kind of wood was the ark of the covenant made of?
 10. What prophet was a “dresser of sycamore trees”?
 11. What kind of trees did the exiled Jews hang their harps upon?
 12. What did Delilah use to bind the sleeping Samson?
 13. What defeated king was buried with his sons under an oak tree?
 14. Which tree does Jesus say can be uprooted and thrown in to the sea--if one has enough faith?
 15. What city was the “city of palm trees”?
 16. What tree’s foliage was found in the carvings inside the temple?
 17. What king appointed an overseer to watch after the fruits of the olive trees and sycamores?
- BONUS: What is the fruit of the sycamore tree?

ANSWERS, many from the King James Version: 1. Rye, Ex. 9:32; 2. Almonds, Gen. 43:11; 3. Cedars of Lebanon, 1 Kings 5:6; 4. Citron Wood, Rev. 18:12; 5. the vine of Sodom, Deut. 32:32; 6. a green bay tree, Psalm 37:35 KJV; 7. Hosea 4:13; 8. Tares, Matt. 13:25; 9. Acacia, Ex. 25:10; 10. Amos 7:14; 11. willows, Psalm 137:2; 12. “Green withs”--probably tree bark or twigs, Judges 16:7 KJV; 13. Saul, 1 Chron. 10:12; 14. The sycamine, Luke 17:6; 15. Jericho, 2 Chron. 28:15; 16. the palm, 1 Kings 6:29; 17. David, 1 Chron. 27:28; BONUS: the fig!

Church Signs
 Today’s Sermon: The Dangers of Gossip;
 Today’s Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

- Bible Trivia*
THE BIBLICAL GREENHOUSE CONTINUED
1. What grain did not suffer from the plague of hail in Egypt because it had not grown enough?
 2. What did Jacob send as a gift to Joseph in Egypt?
 3. What massive trees were brought to make the beams and pillars in the Jerusalem temple?
 4. What expensive wood is mentioned in the book of Revelation?
 5. What vine is mentioned in the Old Testament as bearing poisonous berries?
 6. What kind of tree does Psalms compare a wicked man to?