

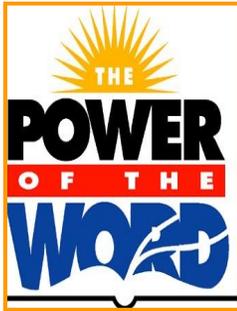


CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES May - August
Golden West at 9 a.m.
Pondera Valley at 11 a.m.

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For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Birthdays Are a Gift from God



Where does TIME go in its endless flight-- Spring turns to fall and day to night, And birthdays come and birthdays go And where they go we do not know...But God who planned our life on earth And gave our mind and body birth And then enclosed a living soul With Heaven as the spirit's goal Has given man the gift of choice to follow that small inner voice That speaks to us from year to year Reminding us we've naught to fear...For BIRTHDAYS are a STEPPINGSTONE To endless joys as yet unknown, So fill each day with happy things And may your burdens all take wings And fly away and leave behind Great Joy of heart and peace of mind...For BIRTHDAYS are THE GATEWAY to An ENDLESS LIFE OF JOY FOR YOU If you but pray from day to day That He will show you the TRUTH and THE WAY. *Helen Steiner Rice*

*It has come to my attention recently that we, by the end of the summer, will have **25 members** (PV & GW) that will be 85+! What a blessing you ALL are! What a blessing LIFE is! Hug your neighbor!*

Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am

July 3rd: *Linda VanTongeren and Teresa Roderick* in loving memory of their husband/father, Jerry Smith, and daughter/sister, April Smith.

August 7th: *Kim & Ray Hofstad* in loving memory of their parents, Harris & Bernadine Hofstad and Math and Doris Dasinger, and in loving memory of their grandparents. **AND** *by: Matt & Donna Fowler* in loving memory of Oscar & Edna Totdahl, Luann McLain, Terry Bakken, and Kathleen Fowler.

May God bless the hearing of His word!



Pastor's Letter

On July 4th, Independence Day, we citizens of these United States of America celebrate our political independence and freedom. We citizens of the kingdom of God may justly celebrate our freedom won for us by Christ. Spiritual freedom from slavery to sin, death and the devil, has not only temporal effects but eternal consequences as St. Paul asserts in Titus 3:4-7: "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having hope of eternal life."

For Christians, every day in Christ is independence day. St. Paul's letter to the Galatians makes clear that "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free". "But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires". In the new creation life, in Christ, the Spirit produces in us " ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

I wish you all a happy Independence Day this July 4th and, more importantly, I pray you will all celebrate your independence won for us by Christ every day, being thankful citizens of heaven.

Pastor Jeff Stoores



Pastoral Pictorial Directory

ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

The current Conrad Lutheran Parish pictorial directory is from 2013 -- which means it's nine years old and, not to put too fine a point on it, IS NOT CURRENT!

So Pastor Stoores has come up with a cunning plan to help him and the next pastor to recognize all the fine folks currently members of this parish -- yes, you guessed it, by developing an electronic directory. Faith Weber has kindly volunteered to be the curator for this project.

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.

So here's the deal: please send an email attached photo of yourself or family to: pvlcdirectory@gmail.com . Faith and others

will also be taking photos at church in the next few months of folks who prefer that way of being included in the directory.

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee continues to work on our behalf. Please continue to keep them and whoever our future pastor will be in your prayers. God is good.

Kim Hofstad, Call Committee Chairman, Betty Olson, Shauna Ellefsen, Faith Weber, Terry Peters, Bill McLean, and Ken Johnson



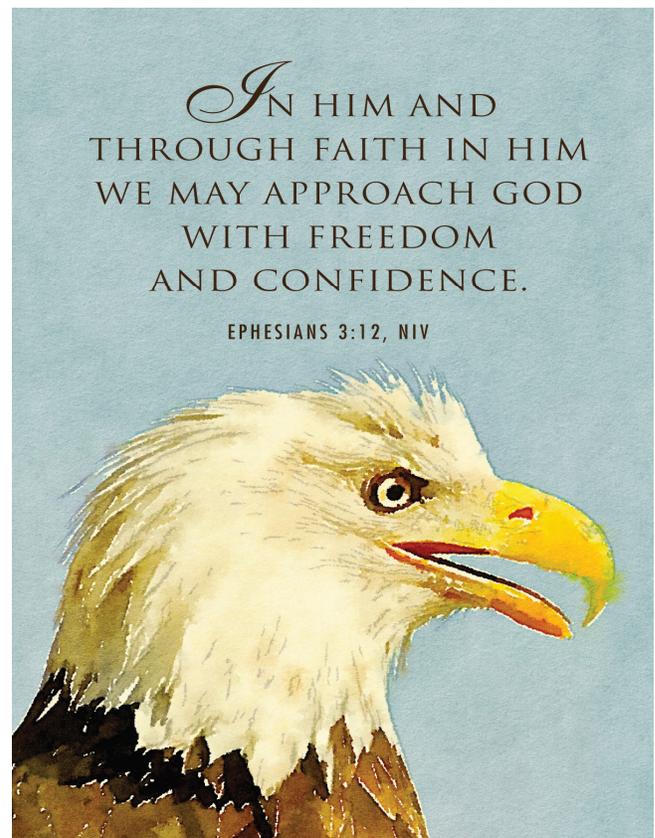
RAM—This Old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the “herd,” as well as a sacrifice for people’s sins. Jesus’ sacrificial death is foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac’s place, just as he provided Jesus, God’s only Son, to take our place on the cross.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Hymn: Fanny J. Crosby and William H. Doane

The Road of Life
God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where
the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us
on the road of life,
to your honor and glory.

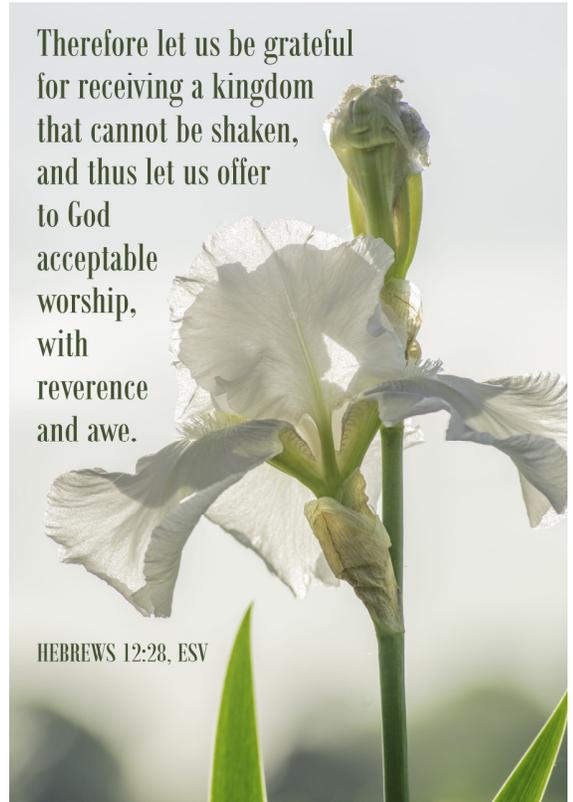
—St. Augustine





On June 14th the Pondera Valley Council met. A sign-up list is in the Fellowship Hall to help keep the flower gardens at the church weed-free this summer. A \$10,000 gift from the Christian Reformed Church was given to Pondera Valley. There will be more discussion on what to do with it and of course a thank you will be sent. Kim Hofstad would like to get a group of interested people together to make Scandinavian cookies this fall, watch for more info! The council filled in for offering custodians for the month of July.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tues., July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28, ESV



“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:20, NIV

THE WHOLE IS GREATER ...

Composer Iannis Xenakis said, “The collision of hail or rain with hard surfaces, or the song of cicadas in a summer field. These sonic events are made out of thousands of isolated sounds; this multitude of sounds, seen as totality, is a new sonic event.”

What would one cicada sound like, or a lone hailstone hitting the ground? Would we even hear that? How about one raindrop, one low rumble of thunder? But put those individual sounds together in groups and they’re powerful.

What can one coin in an offering plate accomplish? Or one volunteer from an entire congregation? What if John the Baptist’s lone voice had never been joined by the disciples, and all the Christians after them, sharing the Gospel?

One voice alone isn’t inconsequential, just as one coin, one volunteer, one raindrop isn’t nothing. But if each felt inconsequential and stopped contributing its “sound,” soon there would be nothing. Conversely, when many individuals stay in the game, soon they find they aren’t alone at all. God brings their contributions together, creating a whole new “sonic event”!



MEMORIALS Received: Pondera Valley Foundation *in memory of: Gordon Nelsen* - Larry & Rose Banka, Jerry & Myrna Christensen, Gary & Becky Gollehon, Paul & Bonnie Kronebusch, Paul & Mary Peterman, Deloris Burdick, Gale & Susan Gustafson, Pam & Scott Arvidson, Nyleen Freeman, Robert & Carol Mattson, Kurt Kammerzell, Larry Martin, Ron & Juanita Prewett, Ryan & Elodie Rauscher

World Mission Prayer League *in memory of Jackie Stoores* - Roman & Judy Ketterling

THANK YOU!

A Prayer for Strength

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble:

When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit. You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.

Sign-Up at Pondera Valley to help weed the flower gardens (front and back of church) for 2 weeks at a time this summer. Many hands make light work! (Sign-up is in the Fellowship Hall.)

Thank You!

PASTORAL Acts in June: None
Pondera Valley June Offering \$5,886
Average June Sunday Attendance PV= 44

THANK YOU!

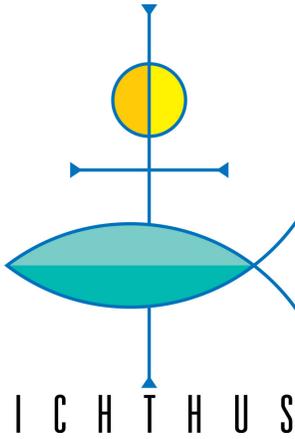
☺ Thank you to ALL who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! Many hours of planning, prayer and volunteer time goes into it even when we have an outside group come in. Your donations and efforts are appreciated!! Thank you EACH and EVERY ONE!

YOU ARE KEY!

Thanks to our Volunteers

♥ **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.**

⌘ **Offering envelope boxes: If you didn't get one for Pondera Valley, and want one, stop by the church office!**



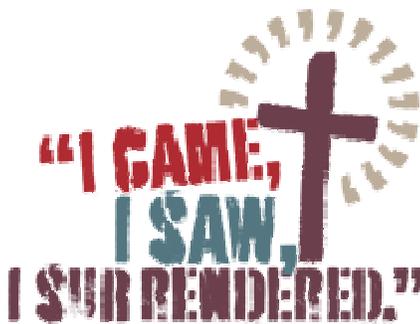
Christian Symbol: FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

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.”



Liberty Through Surrender



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

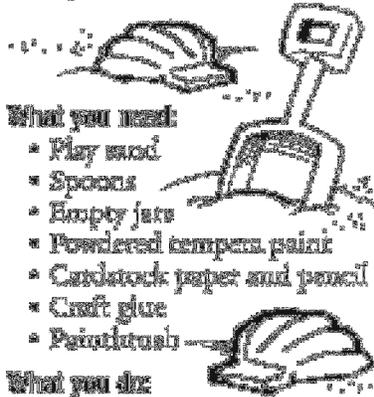
as power is really impotence. True victory is only through surrender.”

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.”



SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

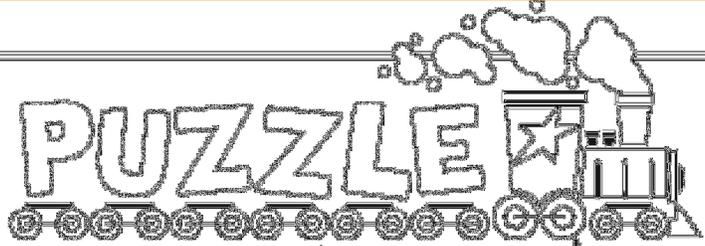
- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

PUZZLE



Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 138:17-18, NIV



How $13+23$ to me are your $12+8$, God!

How $4+11$ is the $15+8$ of them!
Were I to $18+8$ them,

they would $3+12$ the grains of $4+18$

when I $12+4$, I am still with you.



PSALM 138:17-18, NIV



Answers: 36, 20, 15, 22, 19, 26, 22, 20

Answers: 1. 36, 2. 20, 3. 15, 4. 22, 5. 19, 6. 26, 7. 22, 8. 20

PSALM 111:10, NIV

L W L O F O P H O O R A V I L

J F N L Q V W O F H R R F B

Y O R K L O Z Z N

Y R V B O U L T L B W V

O P P G Y Z O Z P P Z G

H L O R F F N F O Z O G R V W N Z U

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M Y L O I O O Z O N Y L

Put the corresponding puzzle, using the clues P1 and M=1, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

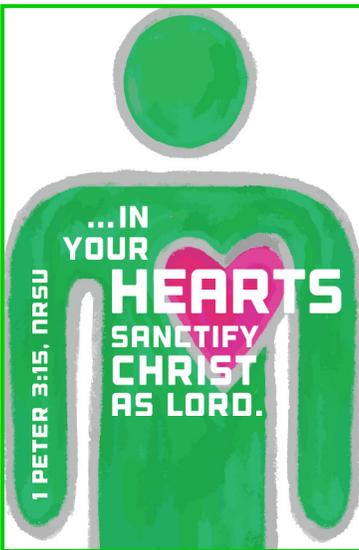
Puzzle



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

Art & Lori Pearson, Jack & Marian Larson (*Art Pearson*), Ernestine Olson, Lucille Russell, Ruth Burgau (*Rona Matheson*), Heath Poser, Brenda Haun (*Kim Wiest*), Roman Ketterling, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Barbie Killion, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*Ruth Fladstol*), Madelyn Erickson, Rose Peterman, Annie Schlosser, Marvin Baker, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Poppy Dahl, Melvin Pocock, (*Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn 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...**

Those deployed in the service abroad: Cameron Bowen (*England*), Shane Hofstad & family (*Japan*)
updated lists are kept on the bulletin board in the church narthex at Pondera Valley



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ** God of freedom, I pray for the time when all “earth and heaven [will] ring ... with the harmonies of liberty” (James W. Johnson).
- ** It’s the middle of summer, Creator God. Nourish growth in my heart as you do crops in fields and produce in gardens this time of year. Amen.
- ** Dear Jesus, sometimes I’m like Mary and sometimes Martha. Whether I’m quietly listening or busily serving, remind me that you are the “one thing” I need (Luke 10:42). Amen.
- ** Author of Life, write your words on the hearts of all who gather here, that our lives may tell the story of your love for all the world.
- ** God, may each worshiper here know your love. Show me how to bless someone with your care this week.



**Conrad’s
Community Night of Prayer
Monday, July 11th and
August 1st at 6:30 p.m.
at the Conrad Sr. Center**

All are



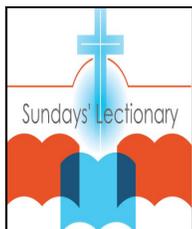
welcome!

JULY

Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 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 11 a.m.	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 31st
Reader	Dick Kinyon	Jim Morren	Dick Kinyon	Jim Morren	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistant		Pat Lee & Betty Olson		Karla Breeding & Judy Ketterling	
Ushers	John & Melinda Burns				
Communion Preparer	Pat Lee				
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson				
Greeter	John & Melinda				
Offering Custodian	3rd: Barb J. ; 10th: ? ; 17th: Tom R.; 24th: Barb J.; 31st: Lori P.				



July 3rd - Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

July 10th - Leviticus 18:1-5, 19:9-18; Psalm 41; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17th - Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27:1-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42

July 24th - Genesis 18:17-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

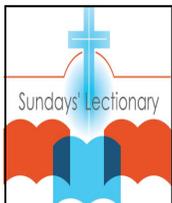
July 31st - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26; Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

AUGUST

Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m. Usher: Sandy Seidler; Reader: Hilda Matheson; Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Ruth Fladstol

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PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m.	August 7th	August 14th	August 21st	August 28th
Reader	John Burns	John Burns	Faith Weber	Faith Weber
Communion Assistant		Linda Carlson & Barb Judisch		Kim & Ray Hofstad
Ushers	Judy Ketterling & Kim Wiest			
Communion Preparer	Kim Wiest			
Sound Tech.	Karen Lee			
Greeter	Judy Ketterling			
Offering Custodian	Carol Johns			



August 7th - Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

August 14th - Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-56

August 21st - Isaiah 66:18-23; Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 12:4-29; Luke 13:22-30

August 28th - Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14