

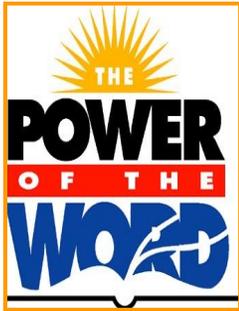


CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

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

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Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3



Love. Plant. Grow. Serve.

2022 VBS with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship)

WHEN: June 27th-29th 9 a.m. - Noon

WHO: ages 5-12 (those going into Kindergarten - 6th grade)

WHERE: Pondera Valley Lutheran (518 S. Delaware, Conrad)

*There will be a potluck meal and program on June 29th at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

To fill out registration forms in advance go to: www.conradlutheran.com/forms



Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
June 5th: Lyle, Patti, David, Lacey, Brody, Hadley & Jennifer Orcutt in loving memory of
 George & Bernice Orcutt, George Ellingsen, Geraldine Barry, and Greg Olson.

May God bless the hearing of His word!

Pastor's Letter

In April 1972 I began a nearly two-year stint as a volunteer office staff worker and summer team leader with Lutheran Youth Alive in Van Nuys, California. I was twenty-one years old at the time. Of all the transitional moments in my life it stands out as being one of the most significant. From my rural upbringing in western Oregon I transitioned to life in a sprawling, fast-paced metropolis. In those days, heavy smog was still an eye-stinging fact of daily life. The excitement of experiencing all kinds of new things was great but after awhile big city life began to feel a bit oppressive. For relief I once rode my bicycle into the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin which had corn fields next to paved streets and sidewalks in a bizarre juxtaposition. I then lay down on the sidewalk and looked heavenward. All I could see then was the sky and the corn field. The city and the smog disappeared. It was a pleasant respite from the urban frenzy surrounding me.

I recall that experience as a kind of metaphor for the spiritual need we all have to find rest in Christ as

our Savior. It brings to mind the invitation of Jesus to us sinners, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened ... you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). The ever present "smog" of sin, the noise and frenzy of human culture at odds with the intentions of God, bring weariness and burdens we can not bear by ourselves. May we all hear and respond in faith to Jesus and experience the rest for our souls He wishes to give us.

Pastor Jeff Stoopes



ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY



Pastoral Pictorial 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 Stoopes 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 has been meeting and also communicating through emails and text messages.

At our first meetings, we reviewed survey results and took into consideration what both congregations deem important.

We then drafted information for the call posting. Before posting, we updated our Congregational Profile, response letters and questions for candidates. We didn't reinvent the wheel as we had information from the previous call committee, which we were able to revise and update.

Our open position is posted on the LCMC website as well as others.

We have received a few inquiries and responded to them with more information about the area and sent our parish profile.

We have asked God to prepare the heart of the pastor that will be answering our call and ask that he opens our call committee to hear his voice and receive his guidance throughout this process.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Pastor Stoope for "guiding our flock" during this interim process.

Please pray for our future pastor, the call committee, Pastor Stoope and our congregation as we go through this process. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we continue the call process.

God bless you all,

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



GRATEFUL PEOPLE ARE JOYFUL PEOPLE In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. "Think again," he says. "Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us enjoy life again. Also, "joy" is perhaps a more fitting word than "happiness"; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we're sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, "Grateful people are joyful people."



On May 10th the Pondera Valley Council met. VBS will be here June 27, 28, and 29. The sprinkler system is being fixed. There will be a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall for those who can help weed and make sure our flower beds look good. The Call Committee continues to work.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tues., June 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Father's Day

is JUNE 19th! Happy Father's Day to all the father-figures out there!

**Don't forget!
Bring back the baby bottles from
Echoz Pregnancy Center
Fund Drive. Bring them now
until Father's Day!**





MEMORIALS Received:

Pondera Valley Foundation *in memory of: Gordon Nelsen* - Roman & Judy Ketterling, Lyn & Linda Carlson, Terry & Charleen Utterback

THANK YOU!

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 May: Gordon Nelsen's funeral on May 19th at PV.

Pondera Valley May (thru 22nd) Offering
\$8,144

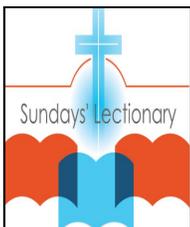
Average May Sunday Attendance PV= 56

THANK YOU!

☺ Thank you to all the Pondera Valley Choir members for their dedication and good music throughout the year! They will take a break now until fall. Have a good summer!

♥ **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!**



June 5th DAY OF PENTECOST Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

June 12th THE HOLY TRINITY Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59

June 19th Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23--4:7; Luke 8:26-39

June 26th 1 Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



A STAND-UP GUY

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used “dad jokes” to lift neighbors’ spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.

Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to “find happiness again” and share it. For Father’s Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- ☺ If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- ☺ I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I’ll let you know.
- ☺ What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH’S BIRTHDAY

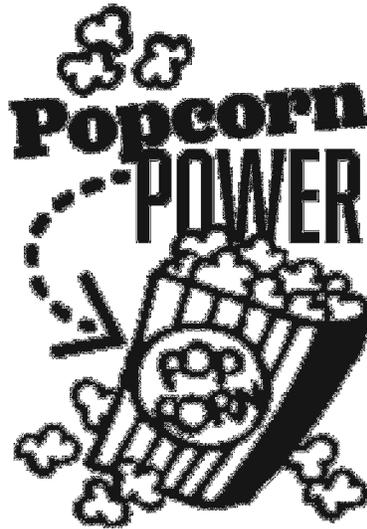
On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus’ disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus’ ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ. Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, “Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become the hands of the living Christ here and now.”



GOING THE SECOND MILE In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, he teaches, “If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile” (Matthew 5:41, NRSV). Back then, Jews were subject to Roman rule and often compulsory service. Commoners could be forced to fetch water, carry baggage and perform other menial tasks. So Jesus suggests that rather than complying with gritted teeth and muttered curses, people offer to carry the pack a second mile as well.

These days, the second (or extra) mile denotes going beyond what’s expected or required, whether in effort or kindness. In *Going the Second Mile*, Mel Blackaby describes the concept as “the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God.” He explains, “When you ‘do your best’ for someone, you go the first mile. When God does his best through you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second.”

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

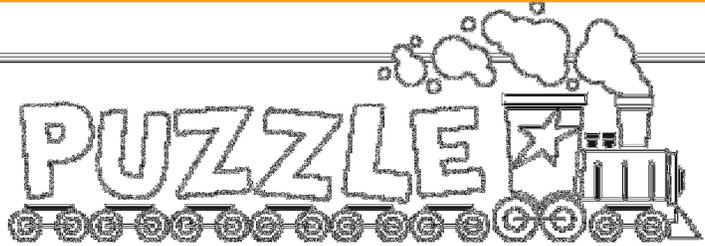
What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code in SR in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV

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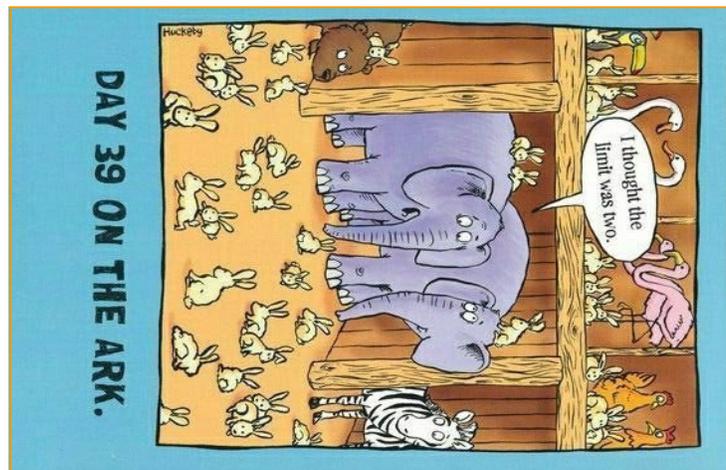
"But you will receive _____ when the _____"

Holy _____ comes on you; and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the _____."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

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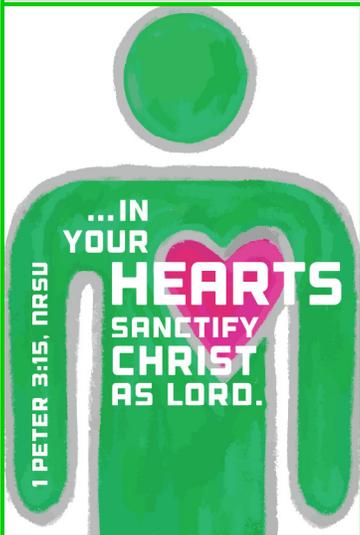




Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*)

Art & Lori Pearson, Jack & Marian Larson (*Art Pearson*), Ruth Burgau (*Rona Matheson*), Heath Poser, Brenda Haun (*Kim Wiest*), Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*3Betty Olson*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Judy Ketterling, Marilyn Waite, Tia Robinson, Georgia Smeltzer, (*2Carol 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*), 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... Gordon Nelsen, Gerald Bruner **Those deployed in the service abroad:** Cameron Bowen (*England*), Shane Hofstad & family (*Japan*)



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ** Jesus, I'd love Holy Spirit, blow into my life and light my heart on fire with your creative and life-giving energy.
- ** As God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwell together in relationship, all of us who are part of this church community dwell in relationship. Holy Trinity, please strengthen us in love for one another.
- ** God, like a father you're both tender to your children and fierce on our behalf. Thank you for modeling fatherly love for us all.
- ** "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds" (Psalm 77:11-12, NRSV).



**Conrad's
Community Night of Prayer
Monday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.
at the Conrad Sr. Center
Please attend!**



**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m. Usher: Roy & Karen Hollandsworth; Reader: Karen;
Communion Assistant: Karen; Communion Preparer: Karen**

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.	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th
Reader	Stacy Eneboe	Kim Wiest	Carol Johns	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistant		Lori Pearson & Page Russett		Linda & Mike O'Brien
Ushers	Jessily Seidler & Stephanie Haugestuen			
Communion Preparer	Betty Offerdal			
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson			
Greeter	Kim Wiest			
Offering Custodian	Jesse Parks			

