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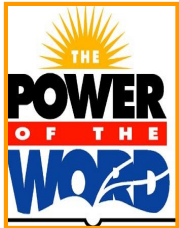
WORSHIP TIMES

May - August

9 a.m. Pondera Valley

11 a.m. Golden West

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FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK
 AND TO SAVE THE LOST. LUKE 19:10



✝ Bring a lawn chair and a friend!
 ✝ in the Conrad High School if weather is bad.
 ✝ NO worship at Pondera Valley or Golden West that day.

VBS 2023

Wednesday,
 June 28th at
 9 a.m. - Noon
 in Pondera Valley
 Fellowship Hall
 (one half-day only)

Ages: Preschool -
 6th grade

Love the Lord your God
 with all your heart and with all your soul
 and with all your strength.



Deuteronomy 6:5



Thank you sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am June 11th:
 (changed because of Worship in the Park on June 4th) 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

One of my favorite texts in the New Testament is John 21:1-14, the account of Jesus meeting his fishermen disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after his resurrection. Six fishermen heard Simon Peter say, "I'm going out to fish." They responded, "We'll go with you!" Any excuse to go fishing is enough to get fishermen off their butts and into their boats. "So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. I think this is hilarious. Jesus knew they had been "skunked". I think he had a big smile on his face when he asked his rhetorical question. Some people view Jesus as always serious, and even dour, not really fun to be around. That may be because they themselves are that sort of person. I believe Jesus was always a wonderful companion even when he had to be sharp with his companions and interlocutors. A good friend tells you the unvarnished truth. Speaking the truth in love is what our Creator does and the Son of God exemplifies that in all his dealings with other people.

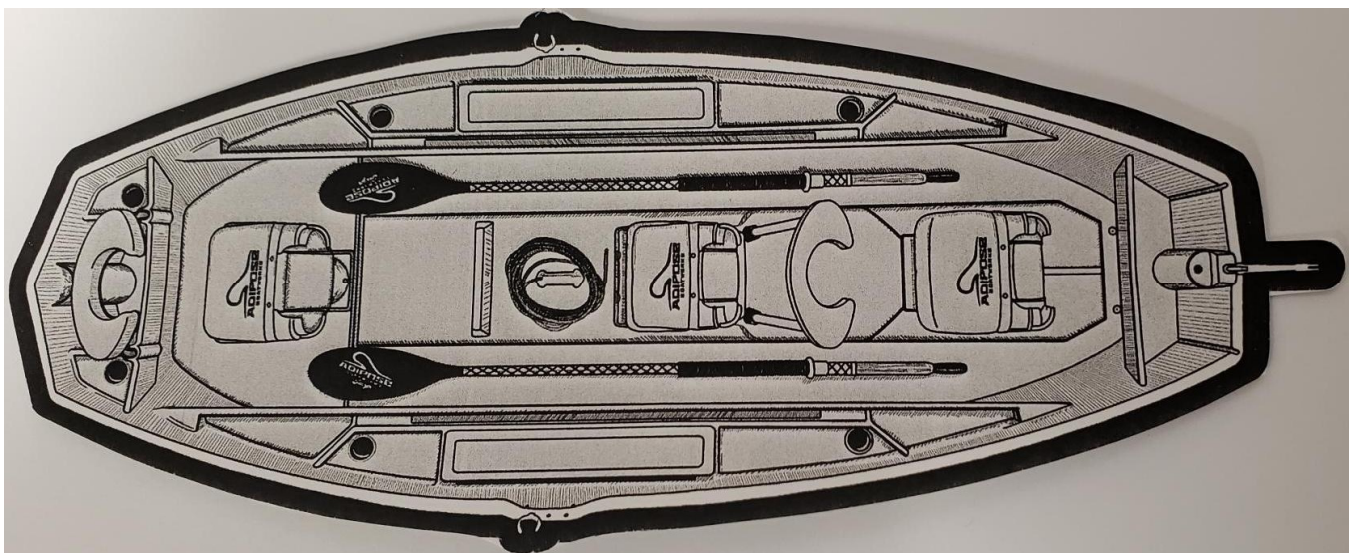
Having inside information, and/or just keen eye sight on where fish were schooling, Jesus told his dejected friends to throw their net on the right side

of the boat and they would be into the fish. They did as they were told and were unable to haul the catch of 153 large fish into the boat. So it became obvious that Jesus was the obscure fishing expert on shore and John shouted out, "It's the Lord!" At hearing this, Peter, ever the impetuous, larger-than-life leader of the inner ring, wrapped his cloak around him and jumped into the lake, wading the 100 yards to shore. The rest of the crew rowed the boat and net full of fish to the bank. There they found a fire of burning coals with fish on it and some bread. How Jesus got hold of the fish and bread we are not told but I'm sure it was first-rate fare.

After the net full of fish was secured on shore, Jesus said, "Come and have breakfast." Jesus took the bread and gave it to his friends and also the baked fish. What a friend we have in Jesus!

As a lifelong fly fisherman and now the owner of a 2022 Adipose Flow drift boat, I'm going to take a page out of Jesus' playbook and invite friends to a fishing experience and shore lunch on my home waters on the Missouri River. The fellowship of believers is enhanced when we join together for special times out in the natural world. That was shown in this wonderful story. And I hope and pray that that ancient tradition will be alive and well among all of us. Tight lines and blessings!

Pastor Jeff Stooepes





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
THANK YOU!

The church council is compiling a file of suggested physical plant improvements and other projects to enhance our ministry at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church. Please take time to write down your list of suggestions and drop them off at the church office or mail them in or give them to Kim or Pastor Stoope. There's blue suggestion sheets in the church you can also use and put in the box there. It would be great if we could have these by June 12th so the council can begin to study them. Please pray for this process! Thank you!



♥ Thank you to Max Hinricksen for mowing the Pondera Valley Cemetery! Max and his dad Mark have recently been “spiffing up” this piece of property which maybe not many are aware that we have! Others have also been great in the past with caring for it: Vernon Gjullin, Roger Erickson, and Tib Aakre. It is located on the Conrad/Pendroy highway, turn right on Midway Road, left on the Gallup City Road (about 4 miles) and then it is located on that road.



♥ **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.

APRIL PASTORAL ACTS: funeral at Pondera Valley for Linda Griggs on April 28th.
MAY PASTORAL ACTS: no pastoral acts
Pondera Valley Offering (thru 5/22): \$5,782.00
Average PV Sunday Attendance: 66

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

In a recent women’s Bible Study we covered 3 John 5-8 “*Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.*”

We have an opportunity to be “fellow workers for the truth” and help a family who has decided to return to full-time missionary work. You might remember Pastor

Thomas Thorstad who was a pastoral candidate the same time as Pastor Drew Nelson. Pastor Tom’s wife, Deuane, is from Laos and is also a pastor. They and their 3 boys hope to leave in June for Laos where they will be: supporting Bible translation in the region; educating pastors and lay leaders, and supporting the underprivileged Christian youth and children of Laos.

Did you know that there are 223 people groups in Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand that are unreached and have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Amazingly, these 223 people groups represent around 82% of the population of those countries, so the need is great!

They are asking for our prayers and for financial support. They are working with Awakening Lives to World Mission (ALWM) to serve as directors of Heart for Mission Laos/Thailand, a ministry of ALWM.

The Pondera Valley Council wanted you to know about them and to collect a **special offering for them on Sunday, June 18th.**

There will be a basket set out for them that day. If you want to read their letter and their ministry flyers, there will be copies stapled on the Fellowship Hall table by the narthex. Please take one!



All but the Men’s Bible study are taking a break for the summer..

☞ Men’s 6:30 a.m. with Breakfast on Tuesdays, in the Fellowship Hall

Pondera Valley Council met May 9th. Rachel Thielmann, the church janitor, submitted her resignation beginning June 1st. She needs more time with her family. The council regretfully accepted her resignation but were praiseworthy of all she did for us. Also, Barb Judisch’s council resignation from April was accepted with regret and praise. The Education board has Kim Wiest willing to create a half-day VBS this summer. It is in the planning stages and more info will be forthcoming. A.T. Klemmens will be repairing on the Fellowship Hall roof soon. The Worship Committee met and had several suggestions for council. The Building & Grounds will be looking at the middle railings going up to the altar to determine if they can be fixed or if we will just use the side stairway to begin having



Holy Communion from the altar again. Several suggestions have been made to make that happen. Mike O’Brien said he would speak in church about the need for ideas for the capital campaign project for PV. Kim Wiest will make the sheets for suggestions. Carol Wood and Kim Wiest have spoken with a man who will help us make a pictorial directory. The council voted to have him come to do that early in February 2024. Summer weeding in front of the church will be starting soon. A sign up sheet will be created for that as well. The council also agreed to take a special offering for Pastor Thomas Thorstad and his wife on June 18th. (See article above.) We will worship in the Park June 4th. No other services at PV or GW will be held that day. **The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



HELP NEEDED

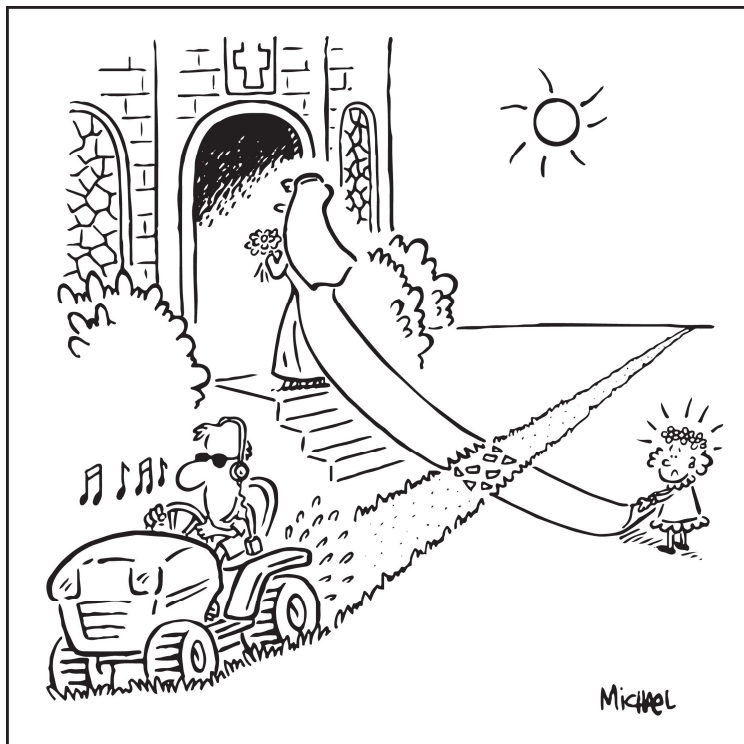
In the flowerbeds in the front of the church. (PV)

A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall with one week increments for weeding them. If you could sign up throughout the summer to help, it would be much appreciated!



Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Being in love is a good thing, but it is not the best thing. Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God. On this love the engine of marriage is run; being in love was the explosion that started it.



—C.S. Lewis

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow,

whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*



Come Glorify God Together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance?

As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing,

confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week.

Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshiping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.

—Monica L. Wilkinson

GOD'S WAY NOT OUR WAY

When gestures of sportsmanship go viral, they often feature young athletes. In 2022, a Little League baseball player who took a pitch to the head later hugged the distraught opposing pitcher.

Evangelist Ken Weliever says pro athletes, politicians, media personalities and everyday Americans should follow that example rather than focusing on revenge.

“Sadder still is when entire churches are disrupted by petty squabbles, partisan politics and overzealous opinions,” he writes. “Relationships have been ruptured, marriages dissolved and families torn apart due to a harsh response to hurts instead of a spirit of forgiveness and an attitude of reconciliation.”

Christians may sometimes feel tempted to seek payback, but Jesus calls us to live differently. “We

need to be reminded that we are to be a transformed people, not conformed to the attitudes and actions of this world (Romans 12:1-2),” says Weliever. “To be light in a world of darkness. And to be the pure, preserving salt in a society that's become corrupted and impure (Matthew 5:13-16).”





www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

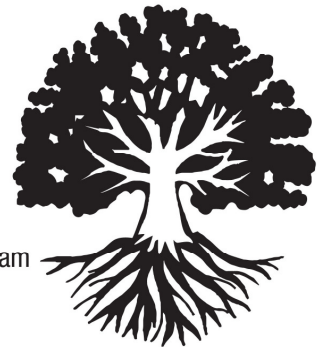


JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ANSWER: FOURTEEN

What does God compare to rain “watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater”?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)



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

Tom Robinson, Ron Iverson, Bob Beck (*Karen Lee*), Art & Lori Pearson, Steve Matheson, Rolene, Dave Kløver (*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 Stoope, Tom Stoope (*2Pastor Stoope*), Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Tristan West, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Carol Johns, Ann Glimm, Amy Glimm, Loretta (*Louise Glimm*), Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Rose Peterman, Annie Schlosser, 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: Annie Schlosser, Everett Snortland

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



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

* Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three: You show us the beauty of loving relationship. Help us relate lovingly to one another and to you. Amen.

* God, you invite us: “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me” (Psalm 50:15, ESV). Thank you for this assurance of your care.

* Loving God, I pray today for all fathers and father-figures enjoying this day, and for anyone finding this a tough day. May everyone know you as the good and gracious Father of us all.

* On this first official weekend of summer in the northern hemisphere, I thank you, Creator God, for warmth, sunshine, growth, rest and rejuvenation.



**Conrad Community Night of Prayer will be on June 5th at 6 p.m. at the Conrad Sr. Center
EVERYONE encouraged to attend!**



Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m.
Ushers: 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 9 a.m.	June 4th - 10 am ALL worship in Legion Park!	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th
Reader	-----	Dick Kinyon	Linda Welch	Jim Morren
Communion Assistants		Karla Breeding & Betty Olson		Page Russett & Julene Peters
Ushers	Jessily Seidler & Stephanie Haugestuen			
Communion Preparer	Betty Offerdal			
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson			
Greeters	Linda Carlson			
Offering Custodian	Jesse Parks			



June 4th **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**- Genesis 1:1--2:4a; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matt. 28:16-20
 June 11th - Hosea 5:15--6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13
 June 18th - Exodus 19:2-8; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-15; Matthew 9:35--10:20
 June 25th - Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 91:1-16; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:5a, 21-33