



# CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

## LOGOS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES :

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

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YOU HAVE HEARD THE LAW THAT SAYS, 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR' AND HATE YOUR ENEMY. BUT I SAY, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES! PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU! IN THAT WAY, YOU WILL BE ACTING AS TRUE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. FOR HE GIVES HIS SUNLIGHT TO BOTH THE EVIL AND THE GOOD, AND HE SENDS RAIN ON THE JUST AND THE UNJUST ALIKE. MATTHEW 5:43-45



☞ **New & Old Member Classes** with Pastor Drew on **Tuesdays** in the Fellowship Hall at **6 p.m.** These will have begun on Feb. 23rd, but jump in anytime! Bring a Bible, small catechism if you have it, notebook, pen, etc. We will be bringing in new members April 11th so if you know someone who might be interested, please share and maybe come with them to the class!

☞ **Lenten Lunches** continue on **Thursdays at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. If you can bring soup or help in the kitchen, please let Pastor or Barb Judisch know!

☞ **First Communion Class** will be **April 1st at 5 p.m.** before the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m.



Thank you to our sponsors for the **RADIO BROADCASTS** on **KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am: March 7th**, sponsored by *Krista Keiper, Bryce and Kelci Watterud* in loving memory of Brian Watterud, Nell, Larry & Lisa Watterud, Faye Keiper, and Landon Jr. Rogers AND by *Jerry & Myrna Christensen* in loving memory of Roy Christensen.

*May God bless the hearing of His word!*

February 19, 2021

“A season for...”

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Winter has sure arrived. Lent has also begun. We are in distinct times concerning both the church year and regular calendar. From experience many of us know already what this season holds for us. Ash Wednesday starts by reminding us that we are created out of dust and to it we will return. The following weeks call for giving to the poor, prayer, and fasting. It is a simple pattern to remind us that every part of life was first given to us as a gift. From beginning to end and every bit between God sustains solely. This was done out of love and our imitation of it is to give to others just as we have been given.

The point of Jesus extreme measures, such as telling the rich young ruler to give away everything, is to expose where we lack faith. In that same instant we should hear that Jesus has done that very thing for us. The practice of almsgiving is a simple reminder that nothing can give what Jesus offers for free. Fasting reminds me that I have never truly hungered or thirsted for anything. We are so generously provided for that we can choose to go without due to liberty. Yet, none of this can be done in faith without knowing God's promises. There we face even negative temperatures without terror.

Consequently, the emphasis of prayer may be the most impactful for me during the winter and Lent season. The promises have to be called upon with earnestness and sincerity, and we have been told to do this

without ceasing. Praying leads us to see the whole narrative from beginning to finale. Every need can be brought to the altar and in the end we will be led to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. As always, the Word will reveal Jesus Christ and all he has done for us. There we will be able to rest in His presence knowing that the Father is well pleased with each of us. I pray the Holy Spirit be with each and everyone of us as we hear the call to pick up our cross everyday to follow Jesus. Peace be with you.

*"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:34)*

In Christ, Pastor Drew

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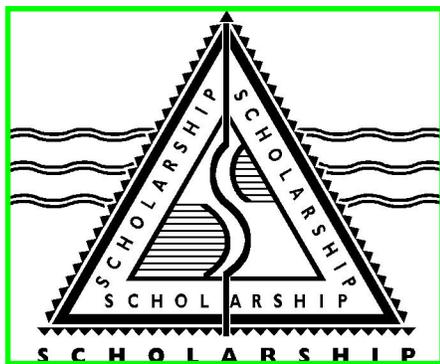
**WEDNESDAYS**

Preschool - 4th grades: 5:15 p.m.- 6 p.m. (no dinner) in Ed. Building

5th & 6th grade - Confirmation (7-9th): 6 p.m. Meal in Fellowship Hall followed right away with class until 7:15 p.m. and until 7:30 p.m. for 7th-9th grades

*The younger ages will be singing in church Palm Sunday, March 28th and Easter, April 4th!*

There will be a Bake Sale Palm Sunday to benefit the Summer Day Camp, please bring and buy goodies!! Thank you!



**Pondera Valley Members Scholarships Now Available!**

Pick up a form in the church, office or on the website, [www.conradlutheran.com](http://www.conradlutheran.com)

**DEADLINE is April 1st.** Please mail (not email) your application or hand into the office during the week day. Do NOT hand in at church on Sunday!!

The Women of Pondera Valley are raffling a beautiful quilt, donated by Sandi Carr. (You can see it on the website or come to the church!) It will be drawn on Mother's Day. The tickets are 3/\$5 and can be purchased from Kim Hofstad or Linda VanTongeren. The money will go toward the Women's benevolent projects and ministries.



**ALSO,  
the WOMEN'S  
CRAFT SALE ...**

**Will be May 1st 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Watch for more information.  
Bring in your finished items!  
(There's a container in the old kitchen for them.) If you have any questions, contact Linda Van Tongeren or Kim Hofstad.**

The Palm Sunday anthem "All Glory Laud and Honor" is one of Christendom's oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France. The lyrics recount Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laus et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in. City gates may be a thing of the past, as

the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer "because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor."

*All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name  
coming, the  
King and  
Blessed One.*





**Pondera Valley's Annual Meeting** was

**Jan. 31st.** The Treasurer's report was accepted and Lyn Carlson was thanked for all his work with the books. The books were also reviewed and past with flying colors. The proposed budget was discussed and approved. Elected at the meeting for council were: Julene Peters, Carol Johns, Mike O'Brien, Jesse Parks and Susan Gustafson; Board of Education: Linda O'Brien; Foundation Board: Lynn Utterback and Mike O'Brien; Horizon Lodge Representatives: Ruth Erickson and Pastor Nelson; Benevolence Committee: Linda O'Brien, Harold Olson, Art Pearson, Phyllis Hopfauf, and Gordon Nelsen; Nominating Committee: Jack Judisch, Wanda Bandow, David Widhalm, Stacy Eneboe, Linda Carlson. Gathering dates for NW District are tentatively set for May 14-15 at Camp Lutherhaven, Coeur d'Alene, ID and for the LCMC's 21st Annual

Gathering in Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Hilliard Ohio on Oct. 3-6, 2021. *Following the annual meeting* the Council met and elected officers: Barb Judisch, President; Ramsey Offerdal, Vice President; Lyn Carlson, Treasurer; and Betty Offerdal, Financial Secretary. The council members also signed up for committees, council devotions, and offering custodians. Carol Woods and Julene Peters were elected to the Ed. Board from the council. On **February 8th**, the PV Council met for their monthly meeting. First Communion will be Good Friday, April 2nd, during the 7 p.m. service with a class just prior to it. There will also be a Maundy Thursday service April 1st at 7 p.m. at Pondera Valley. Pastor was wondering if we would like a Sunrise Easter service this year? Pastor Drew has been facilitating a group of LCMC pastors to help other congregations. Valier and Prairie Peace in Cut Bank are without a pastor and are asking for some help. The Building & Grounds

committee will be working on a few projects. The Stewardship and Evangelism committees will be meeting soon. Lenten lunches were discussed, watch for more information. Pastor Drew will be choosing a couple of people for the Pastoral Relations Committee from Pondera Valley. VBS with Flathead Bible Camp Counselors has been booked for June 21st-25th. A new and old member class will begin on Feb. 23rd, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. New members will be brought in on April 11th.

**Golden West** had their Annual Meeting **Feb. 21st**. They elected their leaders: Carl Flesch, President; Ken Johnson, V. President; Cathi Hemry, Secretary; Bill McLean, Treasurer; Ron Hemry, Trustee; Aaron Bliss, Deacon; Ron & Cathi Hemry, Ushering; Jim & Chris Bjelland, Cemetery; Karen Hollandsworth, Nomination; Rona Matheson and Chris Bjelland, Endowment Fund; Dennis & Ruth Fladstol, Horizon Lodge Representatives.



**1 Peter 4:10-11** *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.* All believers have received a gift from God which we in

turn are to use to bless others so that God will be glorified. As we give, we are enabled to give because God has blessed us. We give to the church and the church ministers to the needs of our community and to the world. Others are blessed because of our giving. They see God's love in us and in God Himself; because in reality we are only giving what God has first given to us. So let us give today as good stewards and dispensers of God's grace and gifts in our lives.



- March 7th - Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25
- March 14th - Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
- March 21st - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45
- March 28th - PALM SUNDAY Zech.9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29; Phil.2:5-11; Mark 14:1--15:47

**Calendar Reminders:**

**Pondera Valley Worship Leaders 11 a.m. - *Jack Judisch* (Sound); *Olson/Bollinger* (Comm. Prep.); *Tom & Page Russet* (Greeters); *Carolyn & Dave Widhalm* (Ushers); *Lori Pearson* (Offering Custodian); *Dick Kinyon* (Reader March 7th); *Linda O'Brien* (Reader March 14th and 28th); *Lyn Carlson* (Reader March 21st); *Betty Olson and Mike O'Brien* (C. Servers March 14th and 28th).**

**Golden West Worship Leaders 9 a.m. - *Ron & Cathi* (Ushers); *Cathi* (Reader & Communion Preparer); *Bill McLean* (Comm. Assistant)**

**Bible Studies at Pondera Valley - Men's Tuesday 6:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
- Women's Tuesday 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday Night Education** Preschool - 4th grades: 5:15 p.m.- 6 p.m. (no dinner) in Ed. Building; 5th & 6th grade - Confirmation (7-9th): 6 p.m. Meal in Fellowship Hall followed right away with class until 7:15 p.m. and until 7:30 p.m. for 7th-9th grades

**Pondera Valley Council will meet at 6 p.m. March 8th in the Fellowship Hall**



**REMEMBER Daylight Saving Time begins, set your clocks FORWARD one hour at bedtime on the March 13th!**

**MEMORIALS Received:** GENERAL FUND, in memory of *Clarice Aakre*: Jim & Becky Meier, Norman & Shirley Stordahl; in memory of *Walter Waite and Bill Herlson*: Marilyn Waite; in memory of *Brian Watterud and Landon Rogers*: Krista Keiper



In February, Aiden and Harley Walters were baptized at Pondera Valley on Feb. 14th, and Ember Salois on Feb. 20th.

**Pondera Valley Offering in February (thru 21st): \$ 5,290  
PV Average Sunday Attendance in February 54  
Ash Wednesday 36**



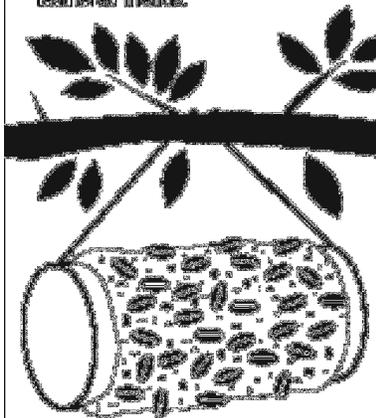
*Psalm 30:11-12 You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give YOU thanks forever!*

**♥ THANK YOU to all who continue to send in your offerings! You can use the enclosed blue envelope or mail them to:  
PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.**



## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



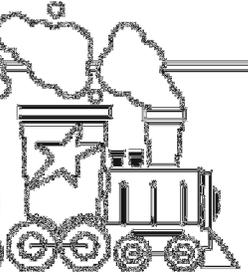
### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, cover the roll again.

# PUZZLE



## BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

*Directions:* Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VIDEO

(Genesis 8:8)



LWO

(Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

(Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

(Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

"Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_."

LUKE 12: 6-7, NIV

Answer: VIDEO, LWO, GEELA, TOKRS, APROSWRS

# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how many words you can find!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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EPHESIANS 4:25, NIV

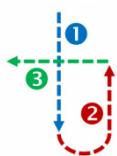
Answer: The bird and companions to save another. Anything made of clay, broken to Chalked English you. Ephesians 4:25, NIV



Check out this website: [www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com)

## FORGIVENESS

*Pray: Begin by making the sign of the cross and calling upon God's name.*



From God to us, from death to life, from me to you ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy

Spirit. Amen.

Mighty Lord, you are so good to us! Be with us now, as we finish our study of the Prodigal Son, and help us learn to trust you more. You are our true, heavenly Father, and we are so grateful for you! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Listen: Pay close attention as these verses from the Bible are read aloud.*

### [Luke 15:20-24](#)

The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him. The son said, "Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son."

But his father said to the servants, "Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring for his finger and

sandals for his feet. Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate. This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found." And they began to celebrate. (CEV)

*Engage: Talk about the Bible by having parents respond to children's questions.*

Child: Have you ever expected to be punished, and been forgiven, instead? Have you ever forgiven someone else when you could have punished them?

Child: How is the father in this story like God, our Heavenly Father?

*Affirm: Pray for God to put his Word into action in your daily life.*

Dear Lord, no matter how far we go astray, you are always waiting for us with open arms like the loving father in today's story. Thank you for never giving up on us. Help us to reach out to others who need to hear this good news. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Have each person in the family bless one another with these words.*

May you never forget that God is a loving Father! Amen.

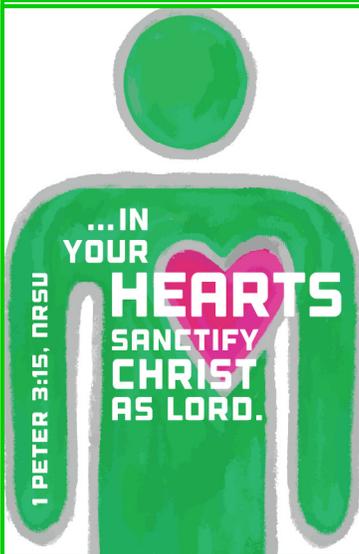


**Illnesses or other concerns:** (*denotes relation to*)

Ramona Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Marilyn Waite, Doris Bishop, Ron Thaut, Sara McLean, Madelyn Erickson, Rose Peterman, Mike Buechler, Annie Schlosser, Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Sara McLean, Zach Greene (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Dennis Fladstol, Hayden Kellogg, Judy Ketterling, Shaun Short (*Stacie Matheson*), Wayne Smith (*Linda VanTongeren*), Ernestine Olson’s friend and family, Amber Miller (*Jesse Parks*), Marvin Baker, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Wayne Brown (*Carol Wood*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Don Bandow, Ralph Swan (*Cyndi Johnson*), Poppy Dahl, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, Matt Mann, (*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...** Steve Copenhaver

**Those deployed in the service abroad:** Blake Tornga, Cameron Bowen



**Prayers to Prepare for Worship**

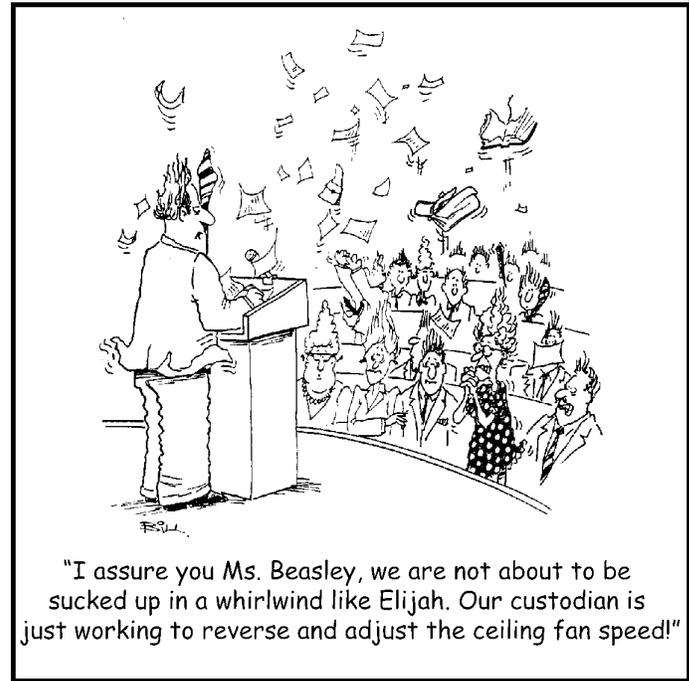
- \*\* God of Sinai, help me receive your law as grace: gift, not burden. When we walk in your ways, life is better both for us and, more importantly, for our neighbors.
- \*\* God of healing and salvation, turn my eyes away from my troubles and set my focus on you — first, for this time of worship, and even in the days ahead.
- \*\* “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ... Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me” (Psalm 51:10, 12, NKJV).
- \*\* God, you speak to my heart: “Fear not ... your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt” (John 12:15, ESV). Thank you for Jesus, our strong yet gentle, humble yet powerful King.




Community Prayer Night

**Monday, March 1st**  
**6:30 pm at the**  
**Conrad Sr. Center**

**It’s a non-denominational event. Come to pray or listen to others pray! If you have a prayer request, give it to Kim, in the office, beforehand!**



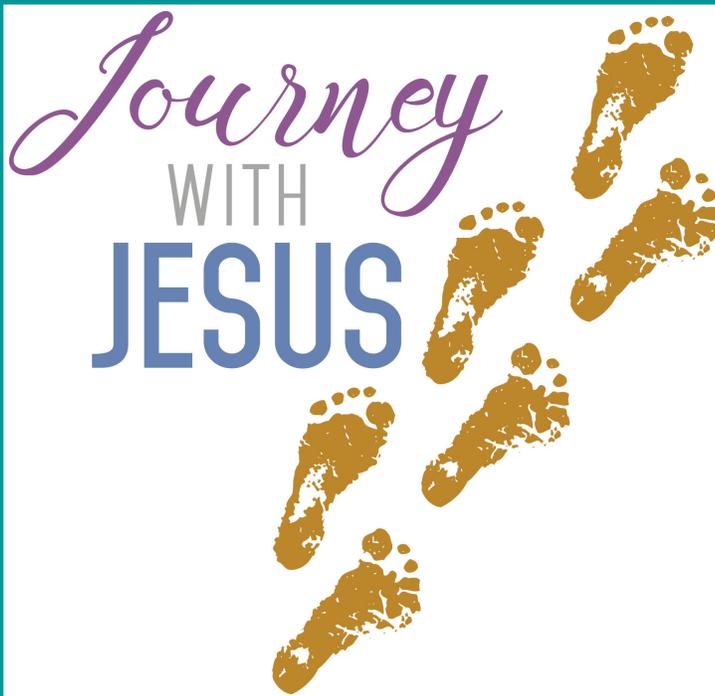
TRIVIA

1. Who ate a book that tasted like honey?
2. According to Jeremiah, what kind of grape sets the children's teeth on edge?
3. What kind of herbs were the Israelites supposed to eat with the Passover meal?
4. Who posed a riddle about finding something sweet in a lion's carcass?
5. According to Jesus after the Resurrection, what would his followers be able to drink?
6. What substance, probably bitter, did Moses make the people of Israel drink?
7. Who ate a book that was sweet at first but turned bitter afterwards?
8. According to Proverbs, what kind of water is sweet?
9. What sweet substance was part of John the Baptist's diet?
10. What prophet made some poison stew edible by pouring meal into it?
11. According to Proverbs, what kind of bread is sweet to man?
12. What did Moses do to make the bitter waters of Marah drinkable?
13. Who told the repentant people of Israel to go home and enjoy sweet drinks?
14. In Revelation, what falls on the earth's waters to make them bitter?

15. In Proverbs, what sort of person thinks even bitter things are sweet?

ANSWERS: 1.Ezekiel, 2:9--3:3; 2.sour, Jer. 31:29; 3.Bitter herbs, Ex. 12:8; 4.Samson, Judges 14:14; 5.Poison, Mark 16:17-18; 6.gold dust from the golden calf Moses had destroyed, Ex. 32:20; 7.John, Rev. 10:9-10; 8. stolen water, Proverbs 9:17; 9.honey, Matt. 3:4; 10.Elisha, 2 Kings 4:41; 11. bread of deceit, Proverbs 20:17; 12.threw a piece of wood into the water, Ex. 15:25; 13.Nehemiah and Ezra, Neh. 8:10; 14.a star, Rev. 8:10; 15.a hungry person, Proverbs 27:7





Follow the lectionary, see bottom of page 4.

Utilize the Worship Helps found on the website.

Come to hear Pastor's sermon! -Call a friend to discuss what you read!



Though St. Patrick's Day has become a secular "holiday," March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn't very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. "The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes" in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

In *Confessio 61*, St. Patrick writes, "I testify in truth and in great joy of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any other reason for returning to that nation ... except the Gospel and God's promises."

Two things stand out for me about St. Patrick. 1) That he was obedient to allow God to use him for the very people who had derailed his young life. 2) That God's love and forgiveness for him, helped to him to love and forgive others. God will do that for us too.



these! Please check the box and the table!!

There are a few things in the lost and found box and on the back bulletin board and table at Pondera Valley. There are: glasses, a hearing aid, and a couple of single earrings.

Someone has to be missing



Go to our website for videos, updates, materials to use for worship!

PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!

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