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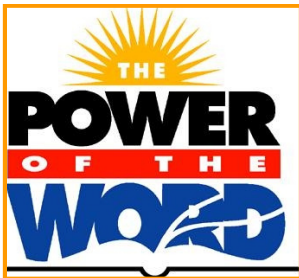
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WORSHIP TIMES Jan.- April
Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.
Golden West at 11 a.m.

Part-time Interim Pastor
 Jeff Stoores, Sun.-Tues.
 Kim Wiest, Admin. Assistant
 Office # 271-3934/P.O. Box 883
 Office Hours:
 Monday - Thursday, 9-4
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 Kim Wiest, 271-2060, Barb
 Judisch, 289-0964, or Lyn &
 Linda Carlson, 271-3507



Spring FORWARD one hour, March 12th
 as you go to bed so you
 won't be late to church March 13th!



**“YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, ‘LOVE YOUR
 NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.’ BUT I TELL YOU, LOVE
 YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE
 YOU, THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN
 HEAVEN.” MATTHEW 5:43-45A**



**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, SERVICES AT PONDERA VALLEY:
 8:30a.m. BREAKFAST, CASSIE ANDREWS SPEAKER, ALL WELCOME!
 6 P.M. WORSHIP**



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life (“You are dust, and to dust you shall return,” Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.



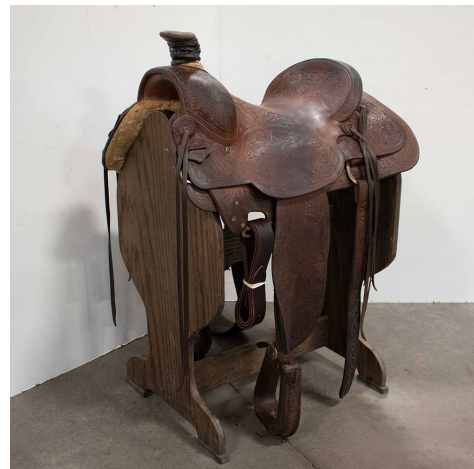
**Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
 March 6th: Krista Keiper, Bryce & Kelci Watterud in loving memory of Brian Watterud,
 Nell & Larry Watterud, Faye Keiper, and Landon Watterud and also
 Jerry & Myrna Christensen in loving memory of Roy Christensen.
 May God bless the hearing of His word!**

Pastor's Letter

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serving this parish for a year (2011-2012) as a full-time interim pastor, I have been called up on occasion to serve temporary posts at American Lutheran Church in Winifred, Faith Lutheran in Great Falls, and Melville Lutheran Church east of the Crazy Mountains. Now I'm back in the saddle again as your part-time interim pastor. Gene Autry's famous cowboy song, "Back in the Saddle Again" might be a bit of a stretch as a theme song for my time with you, but it is a catchy tune! The setting for that song must have been Texas, with its lowly gypsum weeds and longhorn cattle and range ridin' cowpokes totin' their old .44s. Instead of riding a horse, I'll be driving my 4x4 Jeep Cherokee and totin' nothin' more dangerous than a few fly rods.



The plan is to drive up from our hobby farm Saturday evenings and drive home again Wednesday mornings. Office hours for me will be 9-12 Mondays and Tuesdays.

It is an honor and privilege to be back among you. Please pray for me as I serve you and our LORD JESUS CHRIST as this parish moves ahead into the future.

Pastor Jeff Stoores

Pondera Valley Members: Scholarship forms are on the website: www.conradlutheran.com, at the church and in the office!

DEADLINE is APRIL 1st...please mail by April 1st or turn into the office by March 31st!



**Wednesday Night Education 5– 6 p.m. for Preschool – 4th grade
6 -7:30 p.m. Meal* for grades 5th-9th with class to follow**

We need volunteers to cook meals. We can provide the supplies. Call the church office to help, 271-3934 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**JUNE 27, 28, 29 is VBS here with CEF (Christian Evangelism Fellowship)
www.cefmontana.com for ages 5 - 12, mornings with a program on evening 29th.**

Board of Education members: *Julene Peters, Carol Wood, Kara Baker, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter and Co-Superintendents: Barb Judisch and Donna Fowler*



GRIEF SHARE is a program at Pondera Valley for those grieving the death of a loved one. It will be held Mondays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is led by Pat Lee. If you have any questions, call Pat, 278-3958.

MEMORIALS Received: GENERAL FUND *in memory of:* Pastor Bob Johnson and Eunice Askling - Nancy Herman Pringle; **Arnold Rohrer** -Ray & Jana O'Brien; **Mary Jane Kinyon** -Don & Wanda Bandow; **Iva Kolstad** - Lucille Russell; SCHOLARSHIPS *in memory of:* **Mary Jane Kinyon** - Roman & Judy Ketterling, Marian Turk, Jim & Shauna Ellefsen, Pat Lee, Carol Wood, Linda Griggs, Matt & Donna Fowler, Lucille Russell, Dennis & Dawne Stokes; LANDSCAPING *in memory of:* **Maureen DeVries** - Everett & Karla Breeding, Marian Turk, Ramsey & Betty Offerdal, Mark & Jeanne Wigen, Carol Wood, George & Bonnie Nickol, Pat Lee, Larry & Patty Walter, Paul & Mary Peterman, Linda Griggs, Ron & Cathi Hemry, Ryan & Elodie Rauscher, Nancy & Timothy Shumway, Tom & Kathy Robinson, Gale & Susan Gustafson, Don & Wanda Bandow, John & Sue Nelson, Matt & Donna Fowler, Lucille Russell, Keith & Helen Hruska, Roy & Judy Lamb, Connie Fretheim, Curt & Trish Taule; BAPTISMAL/FUNERAL BANNER *in memory of:* **Leona Elings** - Malvin & Marilyn Copenhaver, Marvin DeVries, Janet & Wade Spears, Dick Preputin, Roman & Judy Ketterling, Carol Wood, Art & Lori Pearson GOLDEN WEST Memorial Fund *in memory of:* **Dennis Fladstol** - Matt & Donna Fowler **THANK YOU!**

Pastoral Acts

In February: There was a funeral for Maureen DeVries and Mary Jane Kinyon at Pondera Valley.

Pondera Valley February Offering
(thru Feb. 20th): \$ 9,500.00
PV Average Sunday Attendance in February 51

THANK YOU!

- ☺ Thank you to Tom & Page Russett for sponsoring the first 5th Sunday radio broadcast last month! They did it in loving memory of their parents: Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Russett and Mr. & Mrs. Tom MacKrell.
- ☺ Thank you to all who have served on council or boards and are going off: Jeanne Moon, Jesse Parks, and Tricia Patterson. Your time is appreciated. Thank you. And a special thank you to the Kinyon family, Mary Jane served many years on council and she will be missed.

♥ **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 are out in the narthex at Pondera Valley. If you didn't get one and want one, stop by the church office!**



- March 2 - **ASH WEDNESDAY** Joel 2:12-19; Psm 51:1-19; 2 Cor. 5:20b--6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
- March 6 - Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- March 13 - Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17--4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- March 20 - Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- March 27 - Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



**On January 30th, both
Congregations had their
Annual Meetings.**

Golden West - There is no electricity in the bathrooms and the north wall of the kitchen. Someone has been contacted to come look at it. It was decided to put aside \$1,000.00 for the call committee expenses. There will again be a Palm Sunday, April 10th, Brunch at 9:30 a.m. prior to worship at 11 a.m. It was decided to take \$1,000.00 out of the memorial fund to sponsor 2 missionary groups: Matthew 25 Missionaries and the Lutheran Asian Ministries.

A call committee will soon be formed. Pastor Jeff Stoope has agreed to work 3 days a week for an unlimited amount of time. The Endowment report and recommendations were accepted. Elected were: Carl Flesch, Pres.; Ken Johnson, V.Pres.; Cathi Hemry, Sec.; Bill McLean, Treas.; Rona Matheson, Trustee; Elaine McLean, Deacon; Ron & Cathi Hemry, Ushering; Jim & Chris Bjelland, Cemetery; Elaine Gray, Nom. Comm.; Jim Bjelland, Auditing; Ruth Fladstol, Endowment; Cathi Hemry and Karen Hollandsworth, Hunger; Sandra Seidler and Jenny Flesch, Bd. Of Ed.

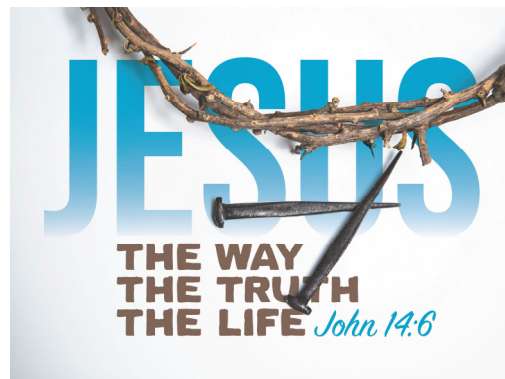
Pondera Valley - The Treasurer's report was accepted as well as the Foundation report and the recommendations of expenditures. The proposed budget was discussed and accepted. Elected were: Barb Judisch, Carol Wood, and Faith Weber, PV Council; Kathy Walter, Bd. of Ed.; Drew Lesnik and Ray Hofstad, Foundation Board; Wanda Bandow, Horizon Ldge. Rep.; Linda O'Brien, Harold Olson, Gordon Nelsen, Art Pearson, Ramsey Offerdal, Jr., Benevolence Committee; Page Russett, Kim Hofstad, Jack Judisch, Linda Carlson, Gale Gustafson, Nominating Committee. President Barb Judisch addressed Pastor Drew's resignation. The Montgomery's Gift House was discussed. A

committee was elected to brainstorm work needed to be done, selling, etc. and come back to the council with a recommendation. Those on the committee are: Drew Lesnik, Eric Eneboe, Kim Hofstad, Carol Wood, and Ramsey Offerdal, Jr. Summer VBS was discussed. The 2 FLBC counselors now cost \$2,200, we have very few attending, and the First Presbyterian church hasn't committed to going in with us for those reasons alone, the Ed. Board are looking for alternatives. The Call Committee members will be voted on soon - 5 from PV and 2 from GW. Also reminders: Fill in the questionnaire and return by Feb. 6th. The NW LCMC Gathering is at Faith Lutheran in Great Falls, May 13 and 14. The 22nd Annual LCMC Gathering is Oct. 2-5, 2022 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville, MN.

PV Council met following the annual meeting. The contract for Pastor Stoope has been signed by Pastor Stoope, and PV President, Barb Judisch and soon by GW President, Carl Flesch. Elected as officers: Barb Judisch, Pres.; Ramsey Offerdal Jr., V. Pres.; Lori Pearson, Sec.; Lyn Carlson, Treas.; Betty Offerdal, Financial Secretary, and Julene Peters and Carol Wood, Bd. Of Ed. from council. Sign-up sheets for council duties: Offering, Devotions, and Committees, were passed around. Three furnaces in the Ed. Building need to be repaired or replaced.

PV Council met again on Feb. 15th. The Education Board has decided to go with Christian Evangelism Fellowship CEF, a non-denominational group out of Whitehall. They will provide 3 (1/2) days of Bible School for a free-will offering on June 27, 28, and 29. The council has contracted with Minuteman Property Services for snow removal. The 2 upstairs furnaces at the Education building have gone out. A new furnace is \$4,200 installed. The council voted to replace one of them at this time.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tues., March 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.





March

Washed Clean

Make customized jelly soaps to banish dirt and grime.



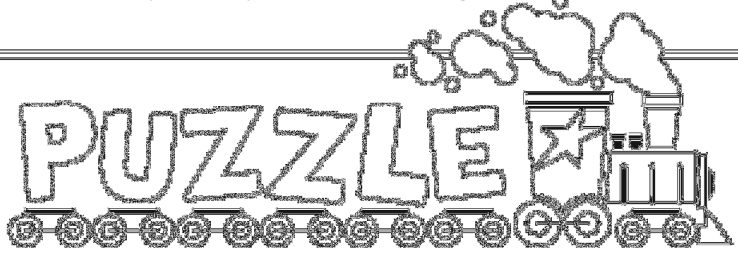
What you need:

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- ¾ cup very warm water
- 1 tsp salt
- ¾ cup gel body wash
- Food coloring
- Rubbing alcohol in spray bottle
- Silicone baking molds

What you do:

1. In a bowl, stir gelatin and warm water until dissolved.
2. Add salt, body wash and a few drops of food coloring. Stir.
3. Spray molds with rubbing alcohol (to prevent bubbles). Place molds on a tray.
4. Pour mixture into the molds. Refrigerate until set, about two hours.
5. Pop soap out of molds and store in an airtight container.

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



A wondrous washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then connect them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (Ps 51) on the right.

ETNSAE _____	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HEMAY _____	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RESEBOT _____	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WMERE _____	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____	your face from my sins (v. 8)
DIHE _____	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
WATIG _____	_____	in me a pure heart (v. 10)
LMSGAE _____	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LITO _____	_____	in me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WNSA _____	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

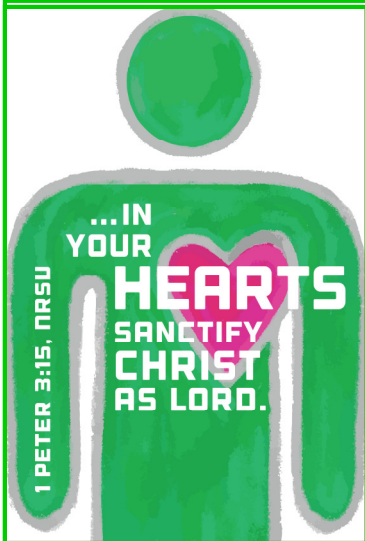
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Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Heath Poser, Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Pinky Thaut, Ron Thaut, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*3Betty Olson*), Linda Iverson, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Barb Peterman, Tony (*Suzy Walters*), Ernestine Olson, Robert Hicks (*Lucille Russell*), Marilyn Waite, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), 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, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, (*3Wanda 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...** Mary Jane Kinyon, Maureen DeVries, Missy (*Wanda Bollinger*), Shirley Johnson Monson (*Bernice Johnson*)

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



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- * [Ash Wednesday] You call us to return to you, O Lord. Take us by the hand and lead us back to you, our true home.
- * How amazing, Jesus, that you faced temptation just as I do every day. Remind me to draw on Scripture to confront it, but most of all to rely on you for strength to resist and forgiveness when I fail.
- * Jesus, you long to gather everyone under your sheltering wings. Like a stubborn child, I often resist. Help me instead to welcome your loving care.
- * O God, “earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you” (Psalm 63:1, NIV).
- * Jesus, sometimes I’m the prodigal (wasteful) child in your parable, sometimes the resentful one. But help me be like the father: unconditionally loving to all.

Community Prayer Night

at the Sr. Citizen Center at
6:30 p.m. Monday,
March 7th

It’s a non-denominational event.
Come to pray or listen to others pray!

**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m. Usher: Ron & Cathi Hemry; Reader: Cathi;
Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Cathi**

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.	March 2nd	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th
Reader	Barb Judisch	John Burns	Barb Judisch	Kim Wiest	Stacy Eneboe
Communion Assistant			Pat Lee & Barb Judisch		Julene & Terry Peters
Ushers	Dave & Carolyn Widhalm				
Communion Preparer	Betty Olson and Wanda Bollinger				
Sound Tech.	Jack Judisch				
Greeter	Tom & Page Russett				
Offering Custodian	Lori Pearson				



If you still have THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS for 2021 and haven't designated them yet, you still can, but do it SOON!! If you have questions, call Lyn Carlson, 271-3507.