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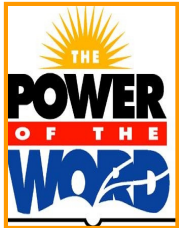
WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE:

May - August

Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.

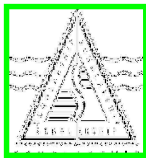
Golden West at 11 a.m.

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In Him we have redemption [that is, our deliverance and salvation] through His blood, [which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in] the forgiveness and complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace.

EPHESIANS 1:7



This year, for Pondera Valley members, \$1,000 Scholarships have been awarded to: **Amanda Moulton**, graduating Senior from Conrad High School going to SW Oregon Community College for Baking & Pastry Arts; **Brae Eneboe**, College Freshman at Miles City Community College for Animal Science; and **Grace Weber**, College Senior going to MSU Bozeman for Nursing. Congratulations Ladies and Blessings on your further education!

BIG Day at Pondera Valley May 7th during 9 a.m. Worship and continuing into the fellowship time!



We will be celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) of 3 young people in our congregation: **Trinity Mulvaney**, **Ledger Martin**, and **Trent King**. Also, foreign exchange student **Paul Plattner** on the beginning of his faith journey here that he will continue when he returns to Germany.

✝ We will also be celebrating our new member, **Ivan DeVries**. Welcome Ivan, Brother in Christ!



We will celebrate our High School Graduates this Sunday as well! Congratulations to **Amanda Moulton** and **Bridger Kellogg**! God bless your future!



Thank you sponsors for the **RADIO BROADCAST** on **KZIN, 96.7 FM** at **11am May 7th**: Cheryl Tornga, Douglas & Paul Bellamy and families in loving memory of Clayro, Hellen, Kurt, and Rodger Bellamy; AND BY Marian Turk & Family in loving memory of Wayne Turk; AND BY Jim & (posthumously) Linda Griggs & Family in loving memory of Eugene Knobel, Earl and Keenan Duncan. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*

Pastor's Letter

As I write this Pastor's Letter I'm looking ahead to plans for various outdoors adventures from now until the snow flies again here in Montana. I've been an outdoorsman since circa 1957. That's when my father rigged up the top section of a two-piece bait casting rod with a piece of monofilament and tied on a brown & white woolly worm wet fly to fish the Long Tom River. The stream flowed at the edge of the cow pasture on the Warthen Road property my parents were then renting in the Star Valley, a few miles north of Noti, Oregon. Being the oldest kid of five, my father was eager to have his first born son follow him into the art of fly fishing. Which helps explain why I'm a very avid fly fisher and why I recently acquired an Adipose Flow drift boat. My obsession for fly fishing comes naturally -- I caught the bug from my dad.

As parents we set an example for our children. Kids understand the world from the point of view of growing up in a particular family in a particular place and culture. That is why the ancient Jewish people were keen on bringing up their children in the knowledge of God and God's law. "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

(Proverbs 22:6)." "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk to them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

In Mark 10:13-16 we read about Jesus extending his love and care to children: "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he was indignant. He said to them "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

As Christian parents we are admonished to bring our children up in the faith, to bring them to Jesus, to allow Jesus to touch and bless them. It begins with baptism but never ends there. Like the ancient people of God we live out our faith in all our family doings every day of the week. Only then does Jesus become a real presence in the lives of our children.

Pastor Jeff Stoores



PICTURES STILL WELCOME for the ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

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.

Please send an email attached photo of yourself or family to: pvlcdirectory@gmail.com OR Faith Weber and others will also be taking photos at church after services at Pondera Valley and we welcome anyone who will do the same out at Golden West. It would be great to get as many as we can! Thank you!



PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

PONDERA VALLEY FOUNDATION *in memory of* **Frances Larson** - Roland & Karen Lee, Linda & Jim Griggs, Marian Turk, Larry & Rose Banka, Dan & Betty Felska, Ramsey & Betty Offerdal, Claudia Martin, Janet & Wade Spears, Laurie Philipps, Pat Lee, Carol Wood, Jim & Shauna Ellefsen, Gale & Susan Gustafson, Ryan & Elodie Rauscher, Roman & Judy Ketterling, Lyn & Linda Carlson; **CHOIR** *in memory of* **Frances Larson** - Ray & Kim Hofstad; **YOUTH** - *in memory of* **Madelyn Erickson** - Marilyn Waite; **PVLC FOUNDATION** *in memory of* **Tom Eckstein** - Linda & Jim Griggs **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. And please be in prayer about these projects. Thank you!



- ♥ Thank you to Tom & Page Russett, Kim & Ray Hofstad, Mike & Linda O'Brien for the bountiful Easter breakfast you provided! \$268.00 was raised to benefit the earthquake disaster.
- ♥ Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets for the lap quilts to benefit the TV in the basement for youth education. \$246 was raised and the winners were of the girl quilt: Juanita Prewett and the boy quilt: Jim Adamson!
- ♥ Thank you to all who brought and bought items for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale to benefit Day Camp this summer. \$602 was raised!

♥ **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 Frances Larson on April 1st, baptisms at PV on April 9th for Ben and Ridge Southworth
Pondera Valley Offering (thru 4/23): \$11,734.00
Average PV Sunday Attendance: 77;
Maundy Thursday 31; Good Friday 22;
PV Easter Attendance: 129



Plans are underway for VBS later this summer! We're planning a ONE DAY event, be watching for more information!

We will need a variety of helpers, please consider volunteering!

We will be calling on you to be a part of our team soon!



Be a VBS Volunteer!

BIBLE STUDIES, All are Welcome!

- ☞ Women's **Noon Mondays** in the **church library**
- ☞ Men's **6:30 a.m.** with Breakfast on **Tuesdays, F.H.**
- ☞ Women's **9 a.m. Tuesdays** in the **F.H.**
(ends for the summer months May 9th)



Pondera Valley Council met April 11th. A quorum was not present but discussion was held.

Karen Lee was there to present what she has learned about updating our sound system board to include mp3 capabilities to help the choir in their accompaniment. Kim Wiest presented a pictorial directory option that will be looked into further, possibly for 2024. Barb Judisch presented her resignation which couldn't be acted on without a quorum. However, she was given a thank you card and the council members present expressed their

appreciation of her work on the council and other areas of our church. We are on the list for A.T. Klemmens for the repair work needed. The office copier and Riso were discussed as they are both aging and options are available when they are needed. Also the office monitor will need to be replaced as the screen is slowly darkening. Ideas for projects for the congregation will be talked about more to encourage others to get their ideas in.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Life Immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest/was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



MEMORIAL DAY is May 29th

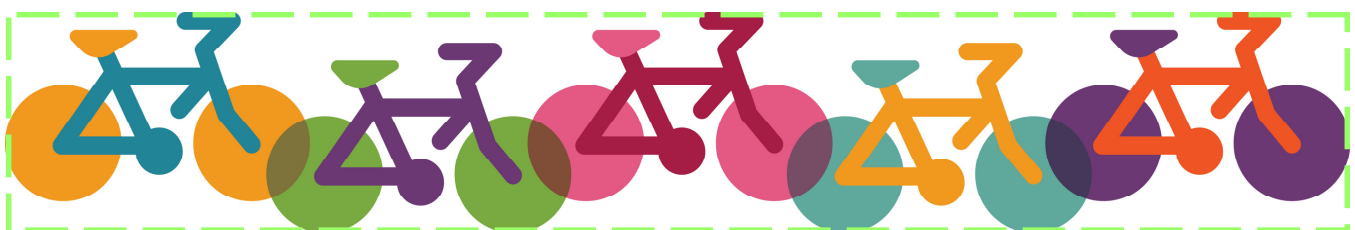
Come As You Are

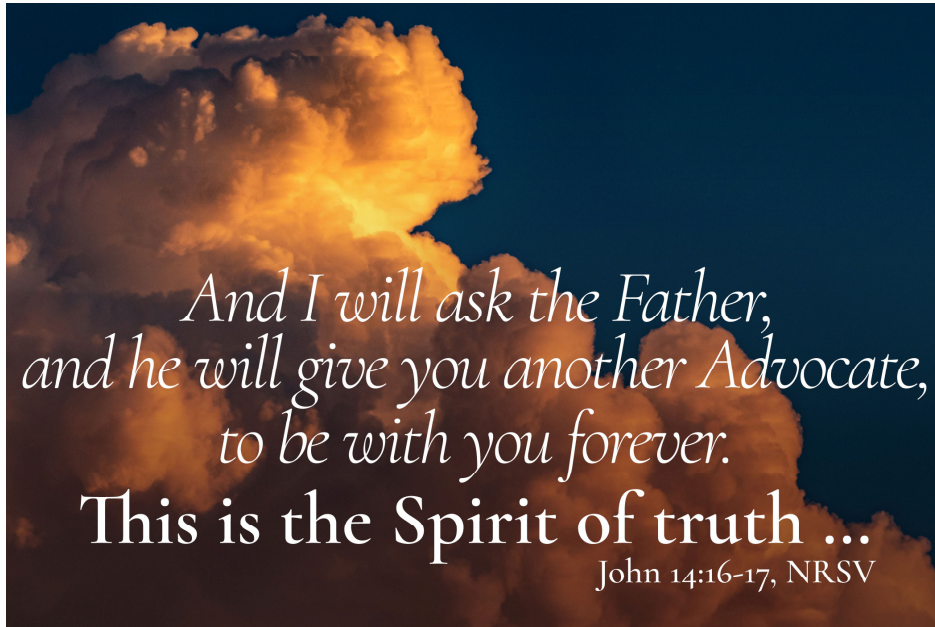
As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'"

We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*





Breath of the Spirit

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease.

In like manner, yesterday’s grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned me.

—Augustus Toplady

PENTECOST is May 28th ... wear RED!

Our Proper Role

“We’re called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.” This quip may bring a chuckle, but it’s also a good reminder as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord (May 18 this year). Jesus directed his disciples to spread the good news he had taught them: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ...” (Acts 1:8, NRSV). While professional lawyers and judges certainly have their place in society and can serve God by working for genuine justice for all, we are not called in daily life to judge others’ morality or relationship with God. “Do not judge,” Jesus says, “and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV). And what is one of the most powerful forms of witness to Christ? Forgiveness.



MOM Jokes
Happy Mother's Day May 14th!

- ☺ Why is a computer so smart? *It listens to its motherboard.*
- ☺ Why did you chop the joke book in half? *Mom said to cut the comedy.*
- ☺ Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days? *Because their kids have to play inside!*
- ☺ What did the mother rope say to her child? *“Don’t be knotty.”*



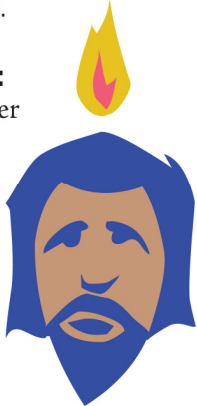
www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV

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| 1. HEAV | 2. ABLE | 3. DAY OF PENTECOST | 4. TONGUE | 5. SPIRIT | 6. TOGETHER | 7. EER | 8. TONGUE | 9. A | 10. WIND |
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"When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer 1. heaven, 2. gathered, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. spirit, 6. together, 7. eer, 8. tongues, 9. a, 10. wind

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)





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*, *Hartley Herndon* (*Carol 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 Badow, 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;

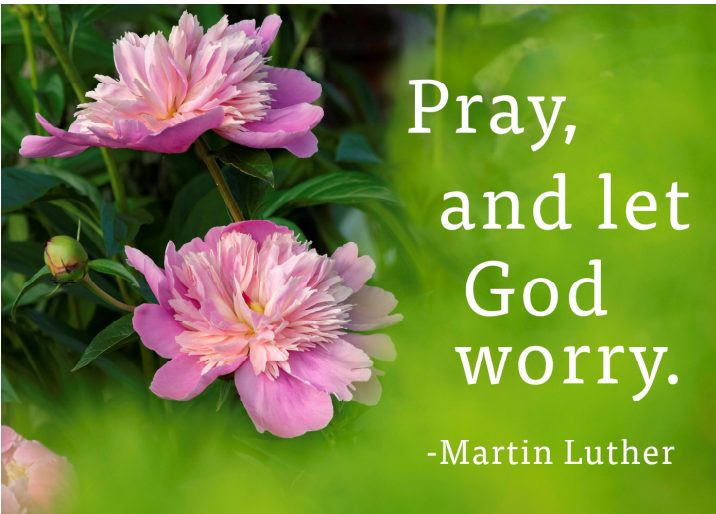

All those who mourn: Linda Duncan, Frances Larson, Edie (*Ken Matheson*)

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

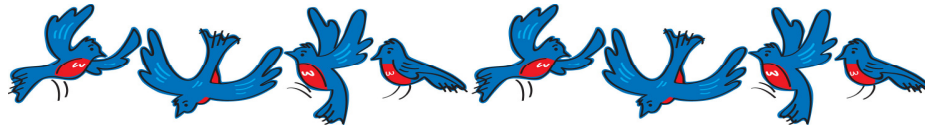


Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ♥ Risen Jesus, as spring blossoms around me, may your love blossom in me, that I might share its fragrance and brilliance with others.
- ♥ God of strong and tender love, thank you for those who have shown me your love in motherly ways, and for the opportunities I have to care for others.
- ♥ As you, Jesus, sent your disciples out as witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and beyond (Acts 1:8), send us as witnesses in our neighborhood, city, region and beyond.
- ♥ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.

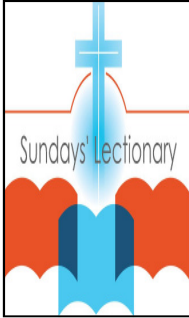
Conrad Community Night of Prayer will be on the National Day of Prayer, May 4th at 6 p.m. at the Baptist Church! EVERYONE encouraged to attend!



Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m.
Ushers: Bill & Elaine McLean; Reader: Elaine; Communion Assistant: Bill;
Communion Preparer: Elaine

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.	May 7th	May 14th	May 21st	May 28th
Reader	Kim Wiest	Ramsey Offerdal, Jr.	Stacy Eneboe	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistants		June Hovde & Linda Welch		Mike & Linda O'Brien
Ushers	Olsons & Bollingers			
Communion Preparer	Carol Wood			
Sound Tech.	Faith Weber			
Greeters	Olsons & Bollingers			
Offering Custodian	Faith Weber			



May 7th - Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
May 14th (Mother's Day) - Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
May 18th ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
May 21st - Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
May 28th DAY OF PENTECOST - Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39