



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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**FOR YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS; YOU KNITTED
 ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. I PRAISE YOU,
 FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.**



Psalm 139:13-14a

- ◆ **NEW MEMBERS CLASS!** Contact Pastor or the church office if you are interested!
- ◆ **Thursday, May 2nd 6 p.m.** The community is invited to join in the National Day of Prayer at the Conrad Baptist Church.
- ◆ At Pondera Valley, **May 19th**, let's celebrate our High School Graduates AND Pentecost during **10 a.m.** Worship and with coffee hour following church! *Wear RED if you'd like!*
- ◆ Sunday, **June 9th at 10 a.m.** Worship in the Park (no Worship @ PV or GW that Sunday). Bring a lawn chair if you are able or call the office to have one brought for you. If inclement weather, it will be at the high school auditorium. **Contact the church office if you can bring a dozen donuts!**
- ◆ FYI - there will be only one newsletter for May and June and one for July and August.
- ◆ June 26th PVLC will house 25 bicyclists raising support for Fuller Center for Housing, call the office to ask how you can help!



Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on May 5th KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am :

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God bless the hearing of His word!



Pastor's Letter

I have reached the age where some personal anniversaries are now at the half - century - mark -- and more! I graduated from high school in 1969, that is, fifty five years ago. Fifty years ago I was living in Van Nuys, California, working on the staff of Lutheran Youth Alive. While representing LYA at our table at the Southwest District Convention of the American Lutheran Church at a hotel at LAX, I had an encounter that would lead to a big adventure.

John Cross came up to the LYA display, introduced himself, and asked me if I would be interested in accompanying him and a mutual friend, Jim Oines, on a bicycle expedition to South America to help raise money for the ALC's United Mission Appeal. It sounded a bit far-fetched at first. But it turned out that the three of us, along with Peter Crane, did in fact ride our bicycles 8,334 miles from the ALC National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, to La Paz, Bolivia, from October 13, 1974, to August 5, 1975. That was a big adventure.

I've had other adventures over the years including cycling across the USA in 1976 as a leader of a Bikecentennial Trans-Am tour group, a couple of trips to Kenya to serve as a short-term volunteer worker with the World Mission Prayer League, and others. Now that I'm 73, I think my strenuous adventure phase is probably over. I'm more into mini-adventures now. But there is one very big adventure I'm a part of that puts all the others in the shade. That is the adventure of following our Lord Jesus.

When Jesus calls us to himself we are confronted with a supernatural adventure

into the Kingdom of God and God's future New Creation. This relationship with God through Jesus is the most important relationship we can have. In Christ, we have the promise of the forgiveness of our sins, the promise of resurrection into New Creation, the promise of transformation and unending well-being and peace. "Come to Me ... and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). That is a call and promise of eternal significance.

As we make plans for this summer we may have a few adventures in mind. All well and good. As we live out our faith in the midst of mundane daily routines and special events, it is well that we always remember that we are on the greatest of all adventures with our Lord who is "... the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

Pastor Jeff Stoopes



PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

GENERAL FUND in memory of **Ron Thaut** - Everett & Karla Breeding, Carol Wood
in memory of **Vernon Gjullin** - Carol Wood

GOLDEN WEST MEMORIAL FUND in memory of **Hilda Matheson** - Bill & Elaine McLean,
Larry & Rose Banka, Judy Cain Erwin, Arlyn & Sandra Seidler, Sharon Sisk

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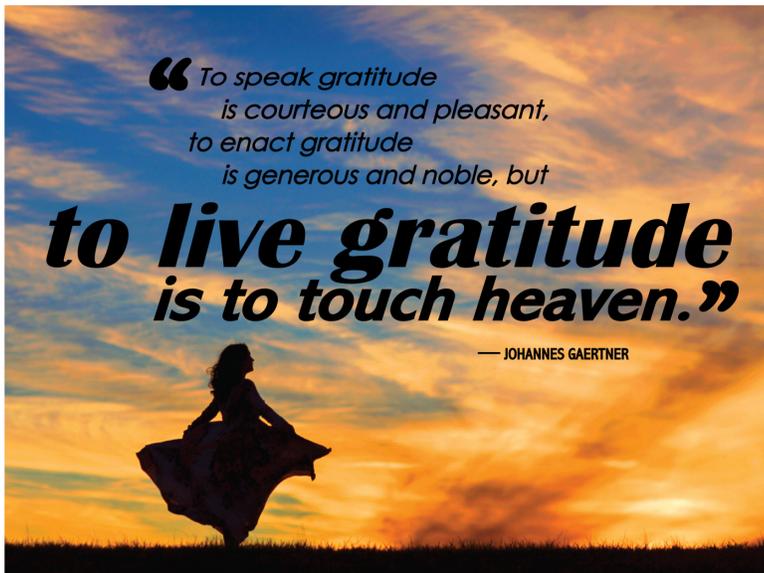
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PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.



APRIL

**Funeral for: Carole Thielmann on the 6th;
Baptisms for: Daxon Scott Salois on the 7th; Storie Rose Judisch on the 28th.**

**Pondera Valley Offering: \$6,741
(thru April 21)**

Average PV Sunday Attendance: 65



2024 Scholarships Given

Four \$1,000.00 scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors: Tala Eneboe and Julia Salois and to: Amanda Moulton and Brae Eneboe. Congratulations to these 4 women!

**Mark your calendars for VBS with FLBC
July 29th - August 2nd, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.!**



Bible Studies are going to be taking a break for the summer! The only one known to be continuing through the summer is:

☞ Men's 6:30 a.m. with Breakfast on Tues., in the FH

And the Women's Noon Monday Bible Study will go through June 10th.



Golden West Council had a meeting March 19th.

Ken Johnson was going to look into getting a rental man-lift for the church steeple. Laura Flesch is receiving her 1st Communion in Shelby on Palm Sunday. It was decided that whoever could make it would go to Shelby and surprise her and attend church there. The elevator was stuck and the doors could not be opened, although after the meeting the men worked on it and fixed it. It was decided to honor graduates and all children on April 14th with a potluck brunch and a belated egg hunt following worship.

Pondera Valley had a council meeting April 8th. Donna Fowler has agreed to lead and organize VBS this summer with the Flathead Bible Camp counselors July 29th - August 2nd. Four applications for scholarships were received and they will each be awarded \$1,000. Wednesday Night Education for Preschool - 6th grade will start September 18th. Mike & Linda O'Brien have volunteered to teach confirmation classes and they will begin September 11th. The Evangelism Committee will be asking people to consider becoming members of PVLC. A new members class will be forthcoming. **Call the church office**

if interested! The Call Committee have interviewed one candidate on skype but are hoping for new prospects soon. *(Please keep them and this process in your prayers.)* We will soon be sent our options for the pictorial directory and once everyone has chosen their picture, production can start. The cameraman had some medical issues to take care of which caused a delay. A free-will offering will be taken the last 2 Sundays in April for the new chairs. A group of 25 bicyclists from the Fuller Center for Housing asked to stay in our facility June 26th. The council has agreed to house them but contingent on volunteers, whether or not we will be able to feed them dinner on the 26th and breakfast on the 27th. **If you can help, PLEASE VOLUNTEER -- call the church office today!** Everyone will be encouraged to attend worship on June 9th at the Community Worship in the Park at 10 a.m. No services will be held at PVLC or GWLC that day. **The next PV Council meeting will be Monday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.**

Also, there was a special congregational meeting for PVLC on April 14th for the purpose of giving authority to the council to buy, borrow and sell the Montgomery house if needed. 50 members signed in, 38 voted YES, 9 NO, and 3 undecided. The resolution passed.

ON FIRE FOR THE LORD!

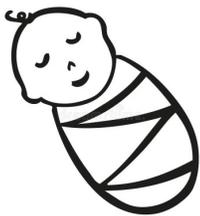
In the Old Testament, fire often symbolizes the presence of God’s Spirit. For example, God called to Moses from a burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6) and defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:30-39). In the New Testament, tongues of fire rested atop the believers

gathered on Pentecost (Acts 2:3). Some Christians have described a burning or current-like sensation when they encounter God. Methodism founder John Wesley said his heart was “strangely warmed” during worship. After such an encounter, people often feel compelled to share the Good News of Jesus. The flame of

faith inside one believer can spark a revival of faith in others. As Charles Spurgeon said, “A burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue.”



Swaddled in God’s Law of Love



Pastor John Edgerton tells of swaddling his 2-week-old baby to help her feel secure. She loved being wrapped tightly in a soft blanket and would lie quietly — until she managed to work a tiny arm loose. Then she’d scream until someone rewrapped her. Edgerton likens that behavior to his own connection with God’s law, given so people can live in peace. “I know that I’m supposed to do the right thing, but I’m always wiggling out of it,” he writes. “And very

quickly my life falls into a state of disarray.” We’ve all experienced this. We know we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet we often ignore their needs. Jesus says to love our enemies, but we wiggle around it: “That’s too naïve for this day and age.” But then relationships crumble, life feels crazy and we recognize that, in large part, we’ve done it to ourselves. Over and over, we wiggle out of the soft swaddle of God’s law of love, only to flail. Thankfully, like a loving parent, God wraps us up anew, holds us close and saves us from ourselves — again.

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 2, 2024*
- Ascension Day, *May 9, 2024*
- Mother’s Day, *May 12, 2024*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 18, 2024*
- Pentecost, *May 19, 2024*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 20, 2024*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 26, 2024*
- Memorial Day, *May 27, 2024*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2024*
- Father’s Day, *June 16, 2024*
- First day of summer, *June 20, 2024*

By the time the summer solstice occurs, it feels as if the season has been in full swing for weeks. It’s bittersweet that just when summer officially starts, the length of daylight begins decreasing. Before we’re ready to let go of the season, summer marches toward fall, and then winter with the year’s shortest day. Yet that is our Creator’s plan: “You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter” (Psalm 74:17, ESV). God fashioned the world to be beautiful, good and perfectly symmetrical. With concise order, he ordained seasons, rhythms, orbits and natural boundaries. As God’s beloved children, we’re blessed to enjoy the intricacies and patterns of this magnificent universe.



—MaryAnn Sundby



GREEN — Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.

RESTORE AGAIN OUR GLORIOUS NATION

BY Alice Dommer Berg

Restore again our glorious nation, Based on
freedom under God, Planned so wisely by our
fathers Long since resting ‘neath the sod. Restore,
O God, to its first virtue, Built on brotherhood
and love, Blessed by Thee in its fulfillment,
Guided by Thy hand above!
See, oh see, on the horizon Rising forms of dark
portent? Resemble they the hosts of Satan:

Ill-forboding, evil-bent! Hearts are fainting, with
fear quaking - Christians, rally! rise in prayer!
Turn ye, Nation, sin repenting,
Thy petitions rend the air!
Recall again the Lord’s clear promise:
“If my people will repent, Turn again from other
idols, I will save them, save them yet!
Oh, America, take warning! Flee all evil, turn
from sin! Seek again the King of Heaven -
Uphold right, His favor win!

THE LANGUAGE OF LAMENT

Unlike nonbelievers, Christians can grieve with hope (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). On Memorial Day and at Christian funerals and burials, our lament is real — and it’s a uniquely Christian concept, according to Pastor Mark Vroegop. “It takes faith to pray when you are in pain,” he writes in *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*. “Belief in God creates

challenging questions, and lament provides the opportunity to reorient your hurting heart toward what is true. But in order for that to happen, you have to turn to prayer. The silent treatment must end.” Vroegop, who had a stillborn daughter, says lament opens a door that leads to trust. Heartfelt lament, he says, can

be brief or messy and can feel forced or uncomfortable. But the important thing is to “keep talking to God.” “Don’t allow your fear, your despair or your track record of silence to cut off the flow of grace,” he urges. “Your pain can be a path toward God if you’ll allow lament to be your new language.”

CONSOLER, HEALER, GUIDE

Holy Spirit, Lord divine,
Come from heights of heav’n and shine,
Come with blessed radiance bright!
Come, O Father of the poor,
Come, whose treasured gifts endure,
Come, our heart’s unfailing light!
Of consolers, wisest, best,
And our souls’ most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment, sweet repose.

In our labor rest most sweet,
Pleasant coolness in the heat,
Consolation in our woes. ...
Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,
Arid souls refresh within,
Wounded lives to health restore!
Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the wayward home once more!
—12th-century hymn



a fun Flower Frog

A flower frog sits atop a vase to help arrange flowers and hold stems in place. This personalized frog will become a favorite!

What you need:

- Air-dry clay
- Roller
- Vase (or jar)
- Plastic knife
- Straw
- Acrylic paint and brushes

What you do:

1. Roll out a portion of clay to about 1/8-inch thickness.
2. Cut out a circle that's slightly larger than the vase opening. (This will allow the finished frog to sit securely on top.)
3. To make holes for stems, use a straw to punch out circle shapes. If you make more than one frog, try arranging the holes in different patterns.
4. Let dry completely. Then personalize your work with acrylic paint.
5. When dry, place the frog atop the vase. Arrange flowers and greenery to make a Mother's Day bouquet.

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

PUZZLE

UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

flower, stem, bee, leaf	— () —
pink, red, yellow, blue	— — () —
mother, sister, brother, aunt	— — — — () — — — —
purple, dress, skirt, blouse	— — — — — () () — —
necklace, ring, bracelet, braid	— — — — — () — — — —
diamond, emerald, heart, ruby	— — — — — () — — — —
orange, cherry, potato, kiwi	— — — — — () — — — —
my, our, she, your	() — — — — — — — — — —
faith, family, love, hope	— — — — — () — — — — —
sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature	— — — — — — — — — — () — — — — —
cookie, cake, pie, sandwich	— — — — — — — — — — () — — — — —
silver, white, gold, bronze	— — — — — () — — — — —

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
 the unfading beauty of a g _____
 and qu ____ _ p _____, which is
 of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, potato, kiwi, family, temperature, sandwich, quiet, gentle, white, spirit

— — — — — *ENGESSER* — — — — —

"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."



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

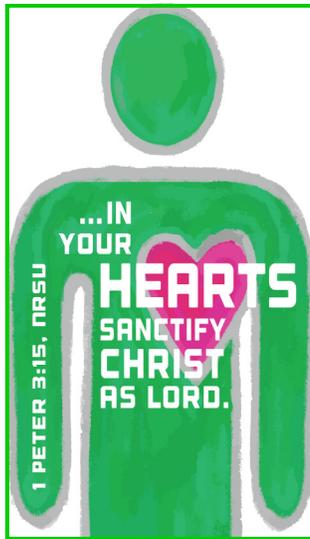
Tom Robinson, Ron Iverson, Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, Rolene Clarquist, *(Rona Matheson)*, Karen Sutton *(Ruth Erickson)*, Rose Johns, Erik Dommer, Carol Kaldor, Linda Van Tongeren, Dave Fleming *(Linda Welch)*, *Kenny Matheson, Erik Dommer, Roy & Sandy Carr (Linda Van Tongeren)*, Roman Ketterling, Sandy Webb *(Joanne Unger)*, Kaitlyn and John Russett *(Tom Russett)*, Cheryl Stoope Forest, Susan Stoope, Tom Stoope, Derek Matheson, Tristan West, David Larson, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Brenda Rhone, Loretta *(₂Louise Glimm)*, Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch *(₃Ruth Fladstol)*, Rose Peterman, Marvin Baker, Mitchell Moore *(Josita Montgomery)*, Poppy Dahl, Terry Smith, *(Carolyn Widhalm)*, Jenna & Kids, Teri Ewell, Jolene Wynn *(₄Kim 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 weather conditions and other issues, CASA-the kids and all who work with them;

All those who mourn: Loren Tweet

Those deployed in the service abroad:

For an updated prayer list, inquire at the church office.

Prayers to Prepare for Worship



- ✠ As spring blooms ever more brightly into summer, it seems the earth is making a joyful noise to the Lord, breaking into songs of praise! (Psm 98:4.)
- ✠ People hold many feelings on Mother’s Day. I pray for those celebrating, mourning, yearning or experiencing mixed emotions. Wrap all in your care, God of love.
- ✠ When I don’t know how to pray or what to pray for, Holy Spirit, help me in my weakness; intercede with your deep, wordless sighs (Romans 8:26).
- ✠ When God said, “Whom shall I send?” Isaiah answered, “Here I am! Send me” (Isaiah 6:8, ESV). Lord, help me be just as eager to take part in your work. Amen.
- ✠ God whom Jesus knew as Father: Thank you for earthly fathers - biological or not - who nurture children in love and teach them to love others.

O God, we thirst for you, as dry tree roots thirst for water in hot, dusty soil. Help us send spiritual roots down deep into the grace and knowledge of the One who is the same yesterday and today and forever, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gives us stability when the earth shakes and the storms of life swirl about us.

Rooted and grounded in your love, and strengthened and comforted by your grace and your Spirit who gives us hope, may we be steadfast and immovable in the work Christ gives us to do, until he comes again. Amen.



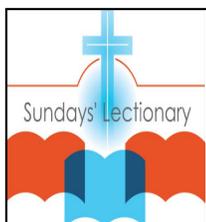


Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Ushers: Bill & Elaine McLean; Reader: Elaine; Communion Assistant: Elaine; Communion Preparer: Bill

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 10 a.m.	May 5th	May 12th <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	May 19th <i>Honoring our H.S. Grads!</i>	May 26th
Reader	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Linda O'Brien
Communion Assistants		June Hovde & Kim Wiest		Ruth Erickson & Linda Welch
Ushers & Greeters	Betty Olson and Wanda Bollinger			
Communion Preparer	Kim Wiest 5/12 and Carol Wood 5/26			
Sound Tech.	Faith Weber			
Offering Custodian	Faith Weber			



May 5 - Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17
 May 9 ASCENSION of OUR LORD Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
 May 12 - Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
 May 19 - Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 139:1-16; Acts 2:1-21; John 3:1-17
 May 26 - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17

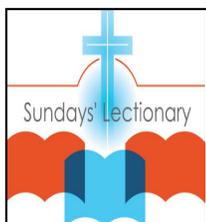


Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 8:30 a.m. -- except June 9th, Worship in the Park

**Ushers: Roy & Karen Hollandsworth; Reader: Karen;
Communion Assistant: Roy; Communion Preparer: Karen**

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PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	June 2nd Radio Broadcast	June 9th <i>Worship in the Park 10 a.m.</i>	June 16th <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	June 23rd	June 30th
Reader	Linda O'Brien	-----	Dick Kinyon	Kim Hofstad	Dick Kinyon
Communion Assistants		-----		Ruth Erickson & Linda Welch	
Ushers & Greeters	Betty Olson and Wanda Bollinger				
Communion Preparer	Betty Offerdal				
Sound Tech.	Betty Offerdal				
Offering Custodian	Dick Kinyon				



June 2 - Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Cor.4:5-12; Mark 2:23-28

June 9 - Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Cor. 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 - Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 1; 2 Cor. 5:1-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23 - Job 38:1-11; Psalm 124; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 30 - Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43