



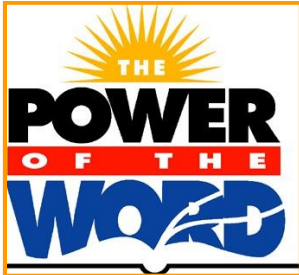
CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES:

9 am Golden West
11 am Pondera Valley

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"O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; EARNESTLY I SEEK YOU; MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU; MY FLESH FAINTS FOR YOU, AS IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND WHERE THERE IS NO WATER."

PSALM 63:1 ESV

SATURDAY NIGHT



NOVEMBER 2nd!



61st Annual Praise & Thanks Celebration for Golden West Lutheran Church

November 3, 2019 ~ 2 p.m.

Message by Pastor John Fauerbach from Our Savior's in Chester and St. Olaf; with local musical talent; and don't forget, pie & coffee! Sponsored by GW Women, a free-will offering will be taken to support their benevolent programs.



RADIO BROADCAST: 11 am November 3rd on KZIN, 96.7 FM

Sponsored by: *Frances Larson in memory of her husband, John and by the Martin Family in memory of their parents, Cliff & Donna, and brother, Douglas.*

Thank you! May God bless the hearing of His word!

“Giving God Our Best”

You may have heard me mention on Sunday something about a competition between two teams. Those native to the state know a lot more about this than I do. On November 23rd, the Bobcats and Grizzlies play for the Great Divide Trophy, introduced in 2001. Since this, Cat/Griz or is it Griz/Cat, rivalry first began on Nov. 26th, 1897 the Grizzlies lead 73-40-5.

Simply, what this has to do with you and me is our stewardship theme this year focuses on teams and coaching. The idea our stewardship committee came up with was to join in practicing first by giving. We saw the initial act of caring for what we were given was to give back. This is done in coaching and can be seen throughout all types of teams. Benevolence begins with a source. Good things happen because someone sets it in motion. Stewardship and care over others with all of creation takes work, and it is what we have been called to.

Everyday our prayer for daily bread is answered, yet there are people in our community and around the world who are hungry. This is our call. It is stewardship to sell all you have to give to the poor. Bring your first fruits to the table as we give food, hygiene items, paper goods, and monetary donations to our local food bank.

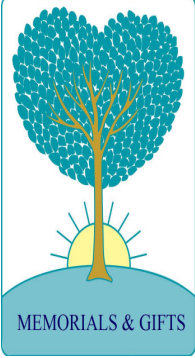
Yet, while this contest occurs we will also be talking about the stewardship of our church and what it takes to keep a place like this up and running. There will be more on that topic Sunday mornings though. Both require belief that drives not just a single person forward but the whole assembly together. We will need patience as we teach one another what the church is and why we meet together in this building. You will be asked to explore the idea of giving what you have for the succession of the coming generations. All of us need to pray how we might work as one just as Jesus interceded.

In closing there is one picture I ask that you consider. Imagine a map of Conrad. Locate the church here on 6th and Delaware. Do you have that image in your head? Now, think about the church in all the truth we know it to be. Move where you are looking to where all our members live. Highlight where all of us live, then think *does the church ever stop being what it is?*

Remember this body is made up of you and me with Jesus in the lead. Those in Christ know and have heard the call to love their neighbor. So what would that map look like if you imagined the church going out not just from one building but every place we live to the person right next to us. If you do not know how to minister or give to a person in any moment, I ask you to consider what you yourself have been given already. Then, give all that you have to whoever is in front of you or living across the street.

God from the very beginning gave this whole world to us. Now we are promised even more. The Kingdom is coming and we are heirs of it. Knowing this should change our entire perspective on stewardship. Giving in a simple competition between two football teams screams how good God has been to all of us. We have the freedom to give our excess to those in need. Dream about if we considered giving our first fruits or all we have instead of making a budget. Take a look at the blue sheet we included with the newsletter. In the end, remember God sent his Son for us, and desires mercy, not sacrifice. God does not need our good works, but our neighbors do. Who are you being called to? Please bring your offerings to the church at your convenience. Our goal as a congregation is to use your gifts to benefit our local community and whole world. Join us as we go out with our two copper coins. Peace be with you.

In Christ, Pastor Drew Nelson



PONDERA VALLEY

Wednesday Night Youth Meals:

In memory of **Bernice Boucher** - Don & Wanda Bandow

In memory of **Joan & Leroy Rouns** and **Janet** - Marilyn & Walter Waite

In memory of **John & Madeline Maki** - Marilyn & Walter Waite

General Fund:

In memory of **Denny Pruttis** - Neil & Nancy Bredeson



Pondera Valley's program for grieving the death of a loved one will be taking a break.

However, if you have any questions or are interested in future dates, please call the church or the group leader, Pat Lee, 278-3958.



OCTOBER

Average Worship Attendance

Golden West **19**

Pondera Valley **68**

Pondera Valley Offering \$9,565



Thank you Pastor Drew for your ministry here in Conrad and the surrounding community! Thank you to Kori, Abigail and Madeline too for their sacrifice of their time with you! May God give you wisdom, strength, peace and joy in His service. May God bless you and your family in this 24/7 job all for His glory! Your Flock

IN OCTOBER... There was a funeral at the PV for Bernice Boucher on the 7th; AND two affirmations of baptism on the 27th: Amanda Moulton and Bridger Kellogg.

HOLY COMMUNION... is offered monthly at the Horizon Lodge and at the PMC Extended Care facility, as well as some Vesper services. *If you yourself or someone you know would like a visit from Pastor, please let the church office know, 271-3934.*

♥ **Thank you Mildred Dommer for all the quilting supplies and quilt tops you've donated to our Stewardship Quilting group! It was greatly appreciated!**



WE THANK YOU, O GOD *Written by Alice Berg*

O God, our Father, You have given us a holy heritage and hope that looks beyond the weary years, That lifts the fog that tends to hide You from us, relieves the fears that clutter up our days.

O God, Since we are Yours, though we in trust unworthy, we pray for strength that comes from You alone. We ask for faith that sees beyond the darkness a hand to hold, a pathway that leads Home. O God, We thank You that to us You sent a Savior, The gift so great, so lovingly bestowed, Plus blessings daily poured out without measure. O God, receive our heartfelt gratitude! Amen



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

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| "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 | Hannah |
| "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 | David |
| "He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2 | Mary |
| "My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1 | Paul |
| "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30 | Moses |

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!



Share God's Word



PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NIV

WHATEVER IS *pure*

WHATEVER IS *lovely*

WHATEVER IS *admirable*

if anything is

excellent or *praise-worthy* think about such things.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, TO GROW



Psalms 112:1-3 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. The believer is one who walks in continuous praise unto God. He respects and reverences God. He is delighted to obey the Lord's commandments. He also teaches this way of life to his children. And because of this, God speaks of four blessings that will be in his house: 1) His children will be mighty on the earth. 2) His children will be blessed by God. 3) Wealth and

riches will be in his own house. 4) His righteousness will endure forever. These are the blessings of the one who reverences the Lord and obeys His commandments. One of His commandments as to do with giving: *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* Malachi 3:10. Are you obeying the Lord's commandments today? If so, then you have every right to claim the blessings of this passage of scripture for your house.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY!

FOR EVERYONE...

- ◆ **6 p.m. Tuesdays** in the F.H. with Pastor Drew. *"A Journey Through Revelation"* by Armin Gothberg. Everyone welcome!

FOR MEN...

- ◆ **6:30 a.m. Tuesdays** Breakfast & Bible Study in the F.H. They're working their way through the Bible.

FOR WOMEN...

- ◆ **Mondays @ Noon**, in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **Tuesdays @ 9 am** in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study on JAMES with Beth Moore through November 12th. And then an Advent Bible Study!
- ◆ **2nd Tuesday of each month**, Faith/Joy Circle **@ 1 pm** in the library (*Nov. 12th*)
- ◆ **Once a month**, home Bible Study *"Bless These Lips"* (*Thursday, Nov. 14th @7pm at Kim Hofstad's.*)

If you would like a reading plan or a suggested personal Bible study, contact the church office, 271-3934!

Bible Study

Options



www.holyfamilytime.com

A great resource for all... share with your family!



Nov. 3rd - *All Saint's Day* - Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 10th - Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 148; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

Nov. 17th - Malachi 4:1-6; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-28

Nov. 24th - *Christ the King Sunday* - Malachi 3:13-18; Psalm 95:1-7a; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

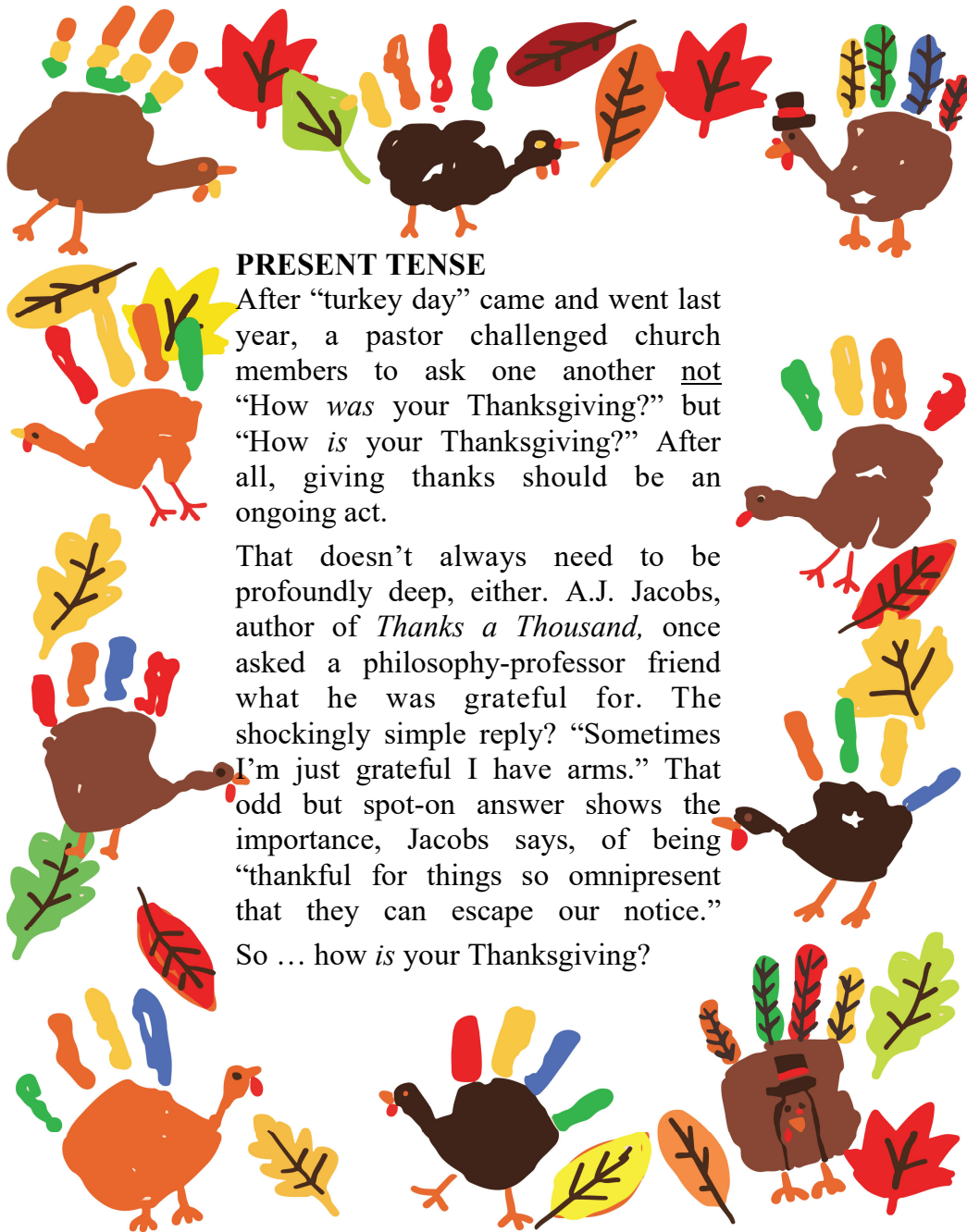


The next Golden West Council meeting will be a Joint Council Meeting at Golden West, Tuesday, November 19th at 6 p.m. starting with a soup supper.

PV Council met Oct. 14th. The office debit card uses were clarified and agreed upon by the council. Confirmation is coming up Oct. 27th with two confirmands: Amanda Moulton and Bridger Kellogg. Pastor will be going to Post Falls, ID for a NW Dist. meeting Oct. 21st. A bike rack was discussed for the back of the church. Mike and Troy will work on that.

There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service this year but hope to have an event for the community on Thanksgiving in the future. The new website is up and running! Check it out at www.conradlutheran.com Good quality photographs are welcomed by Kim in the office to use on the website, email them to her. The joint meeting is coming up so council was asked to think about budget items and Lori will contact the benevolence committee to ask them to meet. The council will be meeting again to discuss evaluations.

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PRESENT TENSE

After “turkey day” came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not “How *was* your Thanksgiving?” but “How *is* your Thanksgiving?” After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn’t always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? “Sometimes I’m just grateful I have arms.” That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being “thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice.”

So ... how *is* your Thanksgiving?



Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Ron Thaut, Mike Buechler, Zach Greene (*2Carol Kaldor*), Casey Jo Burrows, Evan Bell, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*2Ruth Fladstol*), Patti Winterrowd, Carter Gemar, (*Rose Peterman*), Marvin Baker, Derek Matheson, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Debbi Gage, Leonard Armstrong, Rose Peterman, Donna Sorlie, Mike Harding, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Gavin Foth (*Arlyn Seidler*), Juelie McLean, (*Bill McLean*), Don Bandow, Ralph Swan (*Cyndi Johnson*), Cyndi Johnson, Poppy Dahl, Kimberly Peacock, Meghan Pickell, Claude & Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, May Richard, Melvin Pocock, (*7Wanda Bollinger*), Hanna Peterman, Carolyn Widhalm, Lorie Hasner, Julie Parks (*Carol Wood*), all PMC Extended Care Residents, Missionaries and Christians all around the world who are being persecuted - and their persecutors, All in crisis due to weather conditions, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

All those who mourn...

Those deployed in the service abroad: Brett Christensen, Blake Tornga, Nathan Young, Justin Kjos



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Conrad Food Pantry is happy to get food donations and paper products. Please be sure they are not outdated, however.

Monetary donations are always helpful! Some of the staples they give out are: individual packets of powdered milk, canned milk, toilet paper rolls, sugar, flour, pancake mix, syrup, salt, tomato sauce, tomatoes in a can.

Here is a monthly list of items useful at any time:

January: tuna fish **February:** canned fruit **March:** canned vegetables

April: instant potatoes **May:** shampoo/toothpaste

June: soap (hand/washing) **July:** peanut butter/Jelly

August: Hamburger Helper **September:** soup **October:** Mac & Cheese

November: cooking oil **December:** Jell-O/Pudding

Each church has a basket where you can leave your donated items for the pantry.

Address for donations: 220 S Front Street Conrad MT 59425



Pondera Valley Stewardship Day
Making Quilts for Lutheran
World Relief on the
3rd Tuesday of each month from
9 a.m. - Noon in the church
basement. November 19th!

WE HAVE MORE YARN!! Those of you who knit, crochet, or weave will have what you need to complete a prayer shawl to aid our ministry! Come pick up some today!! **AND...if you know someone who is in need of a prayer shawl, call the office!**



Community Prayer Night

Come, join our community to pray for our town, state, nation, world! The next prayer night:

November 4th

6:30pm @ Conrad Sr. Center
Everyone Welcome!



Board of Education members:

*Kathy Walter, Kara Baker, Tricia Patterson, Julene Peters, Lori Pearson,
Co-Superintendents: Barb Judisch and Donna Fowler*



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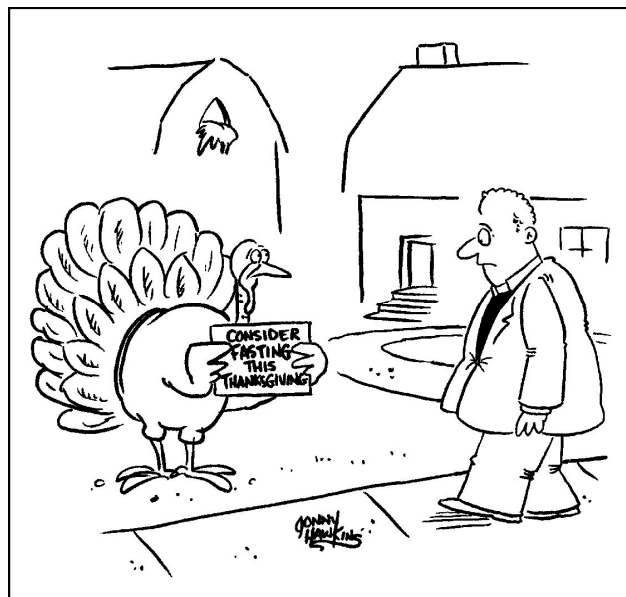
"Next time you're praying while you drive, I think you can skip bowing your head and closing your eyes."

CHANGE YOUR SPOT...

In the Old Testament, Jeremiah becomes so disgusted with his people's unfaithfulness and idolatry that he almost believes they can't change. He wonders whether a leopard can change its spots. When a Sunday school teacher posed that question, one student pondered before replying, "Yes ... If he doesn't like the spot he's in, he can change it." Jeremiah reached a similar conclusion: His people could change their evil ways — their "spots" — if they chose to. "You can do good who are accustomed to do evil," he says (Jeremiah 13:23, NRSV). As another prophet later notes, God has shown us "what is good ... To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8, NIV). What spot — or spots — can you change?

THANKS TO GOD! —August Storm, 1891

Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered,
Thanks for what thou dost deny.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all thou dost supply.
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.
Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!





Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.
Usher: Jim & Chris Bjelland; Reader: Chris Bjelland;
Communion Assistant: Bill McLean; Communion Preparer: Chris Bjelland

Pondera Valley: If you are interested in volunteering to help with ushering, greeting, reading the scripture lessons, serving or helping with communion set-up, please call the church office, 271-3934. Info /instructions would be made available.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m.	November 3rd	November 10th	November 17th	November 24th
Reader	Stacy Eneboe	Mary Jane Kinyon	David Berg	Drew Lesnik
Communion Assistant		Mary Jane & Karla Breeding		Stacy & Erik Eneboe
Ushers	Stephanie Haugestuen & Jessily Seidler			
Communion Preparer	Linda O'Brien			
Sound Tech.	Jack Judisch			
Greeter	Wanda Bandow			
Offering Custodian	Kara Baker			



COOKIES & KITCHEN HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS! See the list in the Fellowship Hall! Thank you! Barb Judisch is in charge of keeping the kitchen stocked with dry and paper products. If you see something the kitchen needs or would like to donate items, please contact her first, 278-5387. *(Liquid coffee creamer is a donated item.)* The kitchen needs to be cleaned after each event. We are all responsible for that! If anyone sees that the dishcloths/towels need to be washed, please take them home and return them when done. Thank you for doing this!