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## LOGOS

### WORSHIP TIMES:

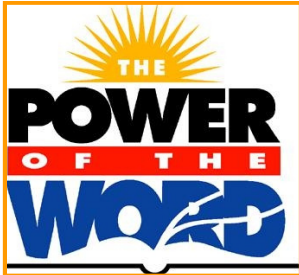
9 am Golden West

11 am Pondera Valley

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**"RETAIN THE STANDARD OF SOUND WORDS WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME, IN THE FAITH AND LOVE WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. GUARD, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN US, THE TREASURE WHICH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU."**

2 Timothy 1:13-14 NASB

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!**



## **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 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.

**♥ Remember the Debbi Gage benefit on Friday, October 11th at 5:30pm at Pondera Golf Course!**



**RADIO BROADCAST: 11 am October 6th on KZIN, 96.7 FM**

Sponsored by: *Nancy Herman Pringle in memory of her parents, Robert & Evelyn Herman.*

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



**October 27, 2019 is Reformation Sunday.**

**It is also Confirmation Day at Pondera Valley. We have 2 confirmands: Bridger Kellogg and Amanda Moulton. Everyone can wear red!**

Kim Wiest

Martin Luther was the catalyst for the Reformation when he nailed his 95 theses to door of the Wittenberg church. What did the Reformation mean? Just a simple definition of “reform” is making changes in order to improve something. The dictionary has for its second meaning of reformation: “a 16th-century movement for the reform of abuses in the Roman Catholic Church ending in the establishment of the Reformed and Protestant Churches.” Martin Luther did not make his theses on the errors within the church with the intention of starting another church but he intended to reshape it, to get it back on the right track.

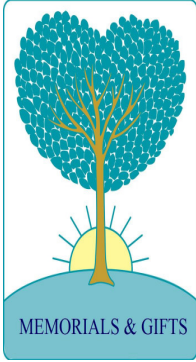
Does the Reformation have application for us today? I believe it does in the “righting” it did with the theology of Ephesians 2:8-9 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* BUT also as an example, it has strong implications for us. We are all sinners and hence when left to our own thoughts and directions, we mess up. We need to keep scripture as our “plumb line” or we will get off on the wrong track time after time!

Let’s look at the words “plumb line”. Some of you are much more experienced than I at using one in building, putting up wallpaper, etc. It is the physics of using a weight, suspended from a string for a vertical reference to be sure things are centered or balanced before proceeding onward. The Bible speaks of plumb lines in the 7th chapter of Amos, when through a vision God was prepared to judge through a swarm of locust and then a fire. Verses 7-9: *“Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing by a vertical wall with a plumb line in His hand. The Lord said to me, ‘What do you see, Amos?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold I am about to put a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer. The high places of Isaac will be desolated*

*And the sanctuaries of Israel laid waste. Then I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”* This speaks primarily of living in a right relationship with God and neighbor. God’s plumb line is shown in His righteousness. That’s where we are to center ourselves, not our own thinking, but God’s word.

What does this have to do with the Reformation, you might ask! The word for plumb/plum is actually Latin for “prune”! Pruning a plant involves re-shaping it for its own good. We use God’s plumb line by remaining centered in God’s word. Psalm 119:11 says, *“Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.”* Psalm 19:14 shows us how to ask for God’s help through prayer: *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.”*

And so, you see, we all need to be ready for His reforming us, correcting our ways, whether as individuals or as groups, like in churches. We have a responsibility to prune away what doesn’t fit with God’s will! A Bible Study I would encourage for anyone is a video/workbook led by the late Chuck Colson and Rick Warren called *Wide Angle: Framing Your Worldview*. (You can borrow it from me!) Chuck Colson was a huge believer in centering oneself in a Biblical Worldview. This can also help when speaking with a nonbeliever with a different worldview. His grid explaining this is on page 6. We must never stop reading God’s word and asking Him to align us with His way of thinking. REFORM us LORD! It isn’t just an event in history, it should be an every day possibility!



## PONDERA VALLEY

### General Fund:

In memory of **Kenneth Klette** - his family

In memory of Denny Pruttis - Scott & Pam Arvidson, Ron & Connie Iverson, Mike & Gail Klette, Tom & Kathy Robinson, Alton & Janice Lindquist, LaVonne Fuson



**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.



**IN SEPTEMBER...** There was a memorial at the PMC Ext. Care for Denny Pruttis on the 5th; baptisms for Brody & Hadley Orcutt on the 15th, and for Aimes Judisch on the 22nd (this one was officiated by Pastor Bill Duffey); and a wedding in Whitehall for Kaytlin Fowler & Daniel Deveney on the 21st.

**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.*



### SEPTEMBER

Average Worship Attendance

Golden West **18**

Pondera Valley **75**

Pondera Valley Offering **\$7,384**  
**thru Sept. 22nd**




♥ Thank you all so very much! The gifts keep coming. My Church Family has been so supportive to us. We are so blessed with all your giving of prayers, clothes, cash, kitchen items, hugs and concerns. Now I'm the proud owner of potato peelers and sharp knives! The giving to Stockman Bank has allowed us to buy a new washer and dryer. Thank you ALL, SO MUCH!

In Christ's Love, Linda & Maynard VanTongeren

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books does *not* mention autumn?

A. Matthew  
B. Jeremiah  
C. Proverbs  
D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 26:1, HSB; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12)

## HARVEST

### Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



#### What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

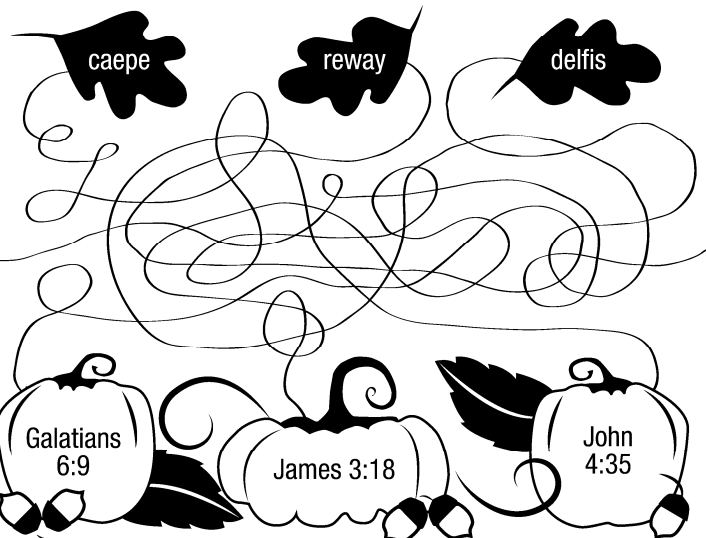
#### What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

# PUZZLE

## Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_\_!  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields



Share God's Word



FOR EVERYTHING THERE  
IS A SEASON, A TIME  
FOR EVERY ACTIVITY  
UNDER HEAVEN.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, TO GROW



**Romans 13:1-7** Paul is giving instruction regarding obedience to civil authorities. He tell us that rulers are God's ministers for our good. As such we are to support civil governments and leaders with our taxes, tolls, respect and honor. We are truly blessed in our country which provides many needed opportunities and privileges to its citizens; and it is only right that we support it

with our tax dollars. Likewise, the same is much more true of the church. The church offers many needed opportunities and privileges for evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, worship, and ministry. Just as our country is worthy of support, how much more is our church worthy of support. Giving offerings and paying tithes is the honorable thing to do in light of such blessings.

### 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...

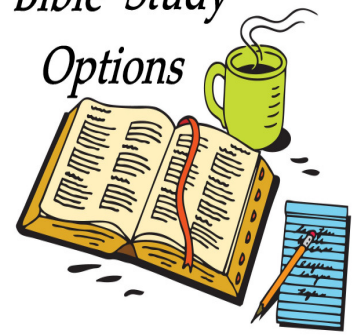
- ♦ **6:30 a.m. Tuesdays** Breakfast & Bible Study in the F.H. They're working their way through the Bible.

#### FOR WOMEN...

- ♦ **Mondays @ Noon**, in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **Tuesdays @ 9 am** in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study on JAMES with Beth Moore.
- ♦ **2nd Tuesday of each month**, Faith/Joy Circle @ **1 pm** in the library (**Oct. 8th**)
- ♦ **Once a month**, home Bible Study "*Bless These Lips*" (**Thursday, Oct. 17th @ 7pm at Page Russett'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](http://www.holyfamilytime.com)

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



Oct. 6th - Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

Oct. 13th - Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 20th - Genesis 32:22-30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 27th - Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36



The next Golden West Council meeting TBA.

PV Council met Sept. 9th. The Education board is getting ready for the beginning of the school year. They will be using Sola material. Gimpy's did a great job of tree removal at the parsonage. There is still one window to be fixed at the parsonage. Everett Breeding will take care of it. *(Thanks Everett!)* Kara Bandow will put the pastoral evaluation online for the council to work on it there. The flooring in the Education building will be tabled until more information is gathered. *The next council meeting will be Oct. 14th at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room.*



Please pray for LCMC 19th Annual Gathering & Convention  
September 29 - October 2, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska



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Worldview Grid					BREAKPOINT
WHAT IS YOUR WORLD VIEW? (Everyone has one!)	Where Did I Come From?	What's Wrong with the world?	Is There a Solution?	What is My Purpose?	
Biblical Worldview	Creation Image of God	The Fall: Original sin Human responsibility	Atonement through Christ's death and resurrection	Doing God's will Restoring the fallen world	
Secular Naturalism	Undirected evolution Time+Chance	NOT responsible •Genes •Society (Rousseau)	Worldly utopia Ideology	Self-fulfillment	
Postmodernism	Pantheism(?) Eternal universe	Oppression Western Civilization	Deconstruction Personal autonomy Tolerance enforced by law	Utopian Earth	
Islam	Creation NOT image of God (Image of God=Idolatry)	NO original sin •Deception •The Self	Salvation by arbitrary will of Allah No grace Transcendent not imminent Only guarantee: Martyrdom (death in jihad)	Submission to Allah <i>Umma Muslima</i>	
Eastern Religions	World is an illusion Reincarnation	Bad karma •Ignorance •Desire	Mystical experience Eliminate desire	Accept karma "Liberation" (personal extinction)	
New Age	Pantheism/God in us Biological evolution Spiritual evolution	Ignorance of own divinity	Psycho-technologies	Personal enlightenment Bring in the New Age	



**Illnesses or other concerns:** (*denotes relation to*) Ron Thaut, Patti Winterrowd, Zach Greene (*Carol Kaldor*), Casey Jo Burrows, Evan Bell, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*2Ruth Fladstol*), 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*), Linda & Maynard Van Tongeren, Ray Hofstad, Lorie Hasner, 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

**Those who mourn:** Bernice Boucher

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



## 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. October 15th!**

**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:

**October 7th**

**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*



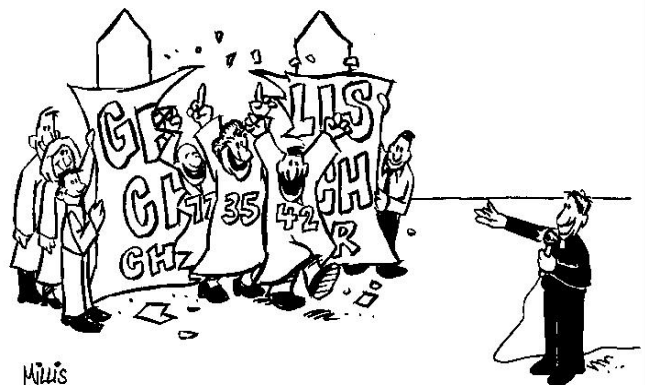
"Your enthusiasm is commendable, but ..."

**Aw-fall!** Share some laughs — or groans — with these autumn-themed jokes:

- What did the tree say to autumn? "Leaf me alone!"
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they "let it go" and in the spring they "turn over a new leaf."
- How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.
- What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

### Tricky Phrases that could lead to laughter....

- ☺ **I could care less.** This means you really do care. To indicate total apathy, use "I couldn't care less."
- ☺ **They did a 360.** Many people use this to show a complete change, but that's "180". Doing a 360 means you've circled all the way around to your original stance.
- ☺ **It wrecked havoc.** The correct usage is "wreaked havoc." (Wreak means "to bring about.")
- ☺ **I wracked my brain.** Use "racked," which means to stretch or strain.
- ☺ **It begs the question.** This doesn't mean to raise a question; it means making an argument while assuming a claim is true.
- ☺ **He's an escape goat.** A farm animal isn't on the loose! Someone who's blamed undeservedly is a "scapegoat."



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"Introducing your Green Hills Church Varsity Choir: Starting, at lead tenor, number 42..."




**Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.**
**Usher: Sandy Seidler; Reader: Sandy Seidler;**
**Communion Assistant: Karen Hollandsworth; Communion Preparer: Sandy Seidler**

**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.	October 6th	October 13th	October 20th	October 27th
Reader	Betty Offerdal	Kim Hofstad	Judy Ketterling	David Berg
Communion Assistant		Pat Lee & Kim Hofstad		Pat Lee & Karla Breeding
Ushers	Tom & Page Russett			
Communion Preparer	Russetts			
Sound Tech.	Karen Lee			
Greeter	Linda O'Brien			
Offering Custodian	Mike O'Brien			



**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!