



# CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

## LOGOS

### WORSHIP TIMES:

Golden West at 9 a.m.

Pondera Valley at 11 a.m.

September - December

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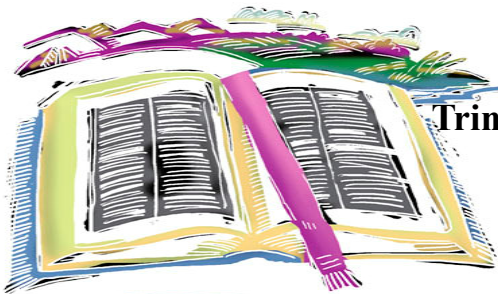


*TEACH ME TO DO YOUR WILL, FOR YOU ARE MY GOD! LET YOUR GOOD SPIRIT LEAD ME ON LEVEL GROUND! PSALM 143:10*

## Come to the CELEBRATION!

Sunday, October 31st 11 a.m. Worship  
at Pondera Valley Lutheran Church

**Celebrating: Reformation (wear red!), Confirmation, and Worship!**  
Potluck to follow after worship.



Confirmands are:  
Trinity VandenBos, Thomas King, and Xavier Wood

**Invite a Friend!**



Thank you to our sponsor for the RADIO BROADCASTS on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am  
October 3rd: *Nancy Herman Pringle* in loving memory of her parents, Robert & Evelyn  
Herman. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*

### “Confirmation Everyday”

Soon several students will be asked to share their faith on Sunday with our congregation. The task is sharing what they believe publically. We want them to tell us who Jesus is. Specifically, what has Jesus done for them? How? And who has he given His blessings through today and now?

Imagine being in that situation yourself. Romans 10:8-11, *“But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

Really the question is the same that Jesus asked the disciples in the New Testament when he said to them, “Who do you say I am?” Reflecting on their answers we are able to learn a lot. Sometimes they gave the right response when asked directly, but when faced with the crucifixion quickly flip-flopped. They knew who Jesus is yet when asked about following him denied involvement and ran. Throughout our lives Jesus will keep calling and asking us to answer these same questions. Confirmation and sharing your faith statement cannot be a one-time event because at any point in your life someone may ask who you put your faith in. In those moments we are given the opportunity to give the hope we have to someone else.

Consider, when was the last time you told someone that they were forgiven for the sake of Jesus? When do you find yourself speaking God’s name? James 5:20 reminds us, *“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”* What would you say if you were asked to stand in

front your loved ones and confess what you hold in your heart considering that? Confirmation Sunday is an important rite because we are sending our youth out with the confidence that Jesus is with them where ever they may find themselves but we should not exclude ourselves. The Church is to stand behind every believer with prayer because the reality is that they will go through what we and the disciples have. Life will bring them to their knees as perhaps it has done to many of us more than once.

This all points to the Great Commission that sends us and the Holy Priesthood we are a part of. It is not limited to the building or one Sunday of our lives. This is an everyday rite which we have the freedom to bless all those who might hear it. Stating our faith publically and in the presence of others has effect on lives even if we do not immediately see results. Everyday each of us needs to be reminded of God’s mercies the moment we wake up. It is our nature to forget and neglect what the Word says so we are called to repeat it to each other again and again, especially to those closest to us.

This is not an obligation but rather a gift, one to us and those we spend our days with. When equipped with the Word your heart will be full of truth that lets you speak in love to those around you. Then are we able to do a good work because we are sharing the joy and confidence we have in our salvation so that others may too. It lets other believers know they are not alone, especially when facing dark places, doubt, and despair. Jesus says “do not fear” and we are instantly given courage. Where there is guilt and shame our Lord washes away with forgiveness and grace. Even the greatest questions of life are answered by the Way, Truth, and Life. Who am I? Why am I here? In Scripture we hear each person is made in God’s image and that every life is valuable.

What we believe is no mere checklist. It is the Living Word that does what it says. Each person has it written on their hearts and the Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe each letter

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is for us. Confessing the name of Jesus saves and gives blessing in the present tense to both the speaker and listener. Each of those gifts is not abstract. Love, forgiveness, and courage can be felt changing lives drastically fast or requiring tedious patience.

Children are easy to teach but as we get older we get more resistant to hearing in general. Speaking in front of people is listed as a top phobia. This is to say that proclamation is not easy and may only get harder as we progress. Consider our culture, the world, and most concerning the household. Do you hear the name of Jesus? And how is it being used? Who needs to hear it most? I ask you try to not only write a faith statement like this but that you also find the person who needs to hear and share it gently with truth and Spirit. Confirmation Sunday is practice for what soon will be arriving for our students and we can testify through witness. So, I pray as a part of the church standing behind the soon to be confirmed that we might proclaim our faith bravely in our daily lives again. Produce every fruit of the Spirit in us so we may give all the blessings of Jesus gracefully. Let the generations hear about who Jesus is from our hearts and mouths clearly, for God the Father's glory, amen.

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### Meet Our New Church Janitor!

**Rachel Thielmann** is native to Montana, and married to Doug Thielmann, originally from Conrad. They recently moved back to Conrad. They have one daughter who is attending Conrad High School, two grown children, and two grandsons and one granddaughter! Rachel, we are so glad to have you "on board"! Welcome!



♥ **Thank you** Jesse Parks, Tom Russet and Lyn Carlson for the gravel placement in front of the church. It looks nice!

**Volunteers needed to cook Wednesday night meals for approx. 14 people. You can cook alone or with others. Ingredients can be supplied! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or talk to Barb Judisch.**



♥ **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.**



Go to our website for videos, updates, materials to use for worship!

PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!


[www.conradlutheran.com](http://www.conradlutheran.com)



**Wednesday Night Education:**  
**5:15 – 6 p.m.** for Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
**6 -7:30 p.m.** Meal\* for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> with class to follow  
 \*We need many volunteers to cook meals. Call the church office to help, 271-3934 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEMORIALS Received:**

GOLDEN WEST Memorial Fund in memory of *Joyce Copenhaver: Dennis & Ruth Fladstol*




**Pastoral Acts**

**In September:** There was a memorial at Pondera Valley for Steve Copenhaver, long-time Golden West member.

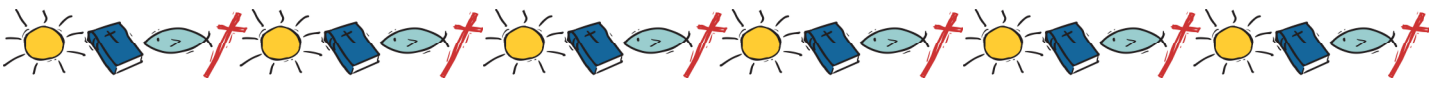

**Pondera Valley SEPTEMBER Offering:**  
**\$ 8,735**

**PV Average Sunday Attendance in SEPTEMBER 62**



**Pondera Valley Council met Sept. 13th.** Education reported that new material will be ordered once they know the numbers they need. The material is from Concordia. Pastor will use it as well for confirmation education. Building & Grounds have been working on the gravel and the gutters; maintenance and repairs. Rachel Thielmann has been hired as church janitor for a 3 month trial period. The council voted through email to give a one-time gift to support Aiden Walter with his

online schooling. The office hours have been changed to Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The council expressed thanks to Page Russett and Wanda Bandow for filling in with janitorial duties for the last several months. They also acknowledged Jesse Parks, Lyn Carlson, and Tom Russett for their work with the gravel in the front of the church. The council has changed the day of their meeting, trying to work it in with everyone's schedules. **Their next meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Sundays' Lectionary**

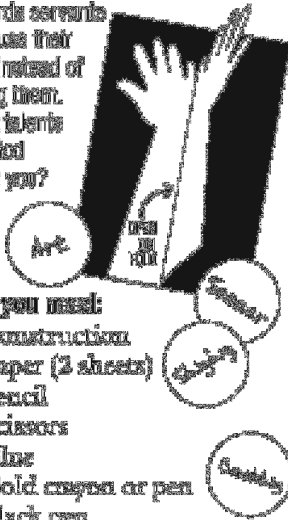
October 3 - Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16  
 October 10 - Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22  
 October 17 - Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 4:1-16; Mark 10:23-31  
 October 24 - Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52  
 Oct. 31 REFORMATION DAY - Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36





# FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



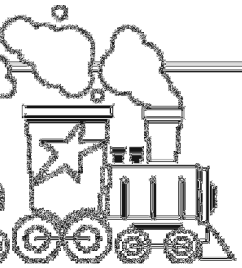
**What you need:**

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

**What you do:**

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

# PUZZLE



## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

6 x 3 =	8 x 6 =
7 x 4 =	8 x 3 =
4 x 6 =	9 x 8 =
2 x 11 =	10 x 4 =
9 x 5 =	11 x 8 =

KEY		
A = 26	J = 10	S = 19
B = 2	K = 11	T = 20
C = 3	L = 12	U = 21
D = 4	M = 13	V = 22
E = 5	N = 14	W = 23
F = 6	O = 15	X = 24
G = 7	P = 16	Y = 25
H = 8	Q = 17	Z = 26
I = 9	R = 18	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.'  
Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

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Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D

Answer: F



Check out this website: [www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com)

## COMPASSION

*Pray: Begin by making the sign of the cross and calling upon God's name.*



From God to us, from death to life, from me to you ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy God, you never stop showing us your love. Thank you for your kindness and compassion. Teach us all that you would have us know today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Listen: Pay close attention as the Bible story is read in the form of a rhyme.*

In the temple, Paul did pray,  
With the people there one day,  
But a group got quite upset  
And they yelled at Paul with threats.

“Help!” They hollered, “Get him out!”  
And they pushed him with a shout.  
Why did they not let him speak?  
They believed he’d welcomed Greeks!

Thinking Paul had brought disgrace  
They all dragged him from that place.  
Then some soldiers stopped the brawl

By arresting faithful Paul.

*Engage: Talk about the Bible by having parents respond to children's questions.*

Child: People got upset because they believed all sorts of rumors and false stories about Paul. What should we do when we hear bad rumors about other people? Why?

Child: Has anyone ever told a false story about you? How did you handle it? What did you learn from that situation?

*Affirm: Pray for God to put his Word into action in your daily life.*

Holy God, lead us today. When we hear rumors about people, keep us from passing those on or assuming they are true. Help us to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

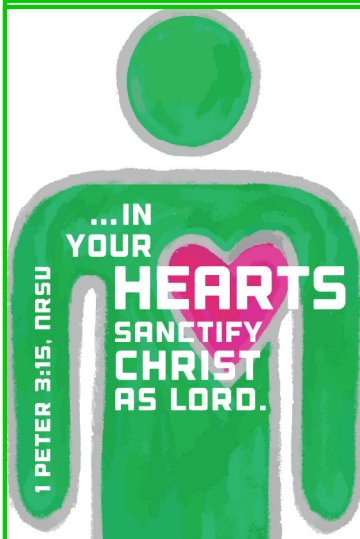
*Have each person in the family bless one another with these words.*

May you stand up for those who have no voice. Amen.




**Illnesses or other concerns:** (*denotes relation to*) Mary Jane Kinyon, Teresa Roderick, Beccy Lockyer, Dennis Fladstol, Derek Matheson, Pinky Thaut, Ron Thaut, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Craig Mitchell (*Barb Judisch*), Dugan Family, Tristan West, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Rob Thill (*Carol Johns*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Zach Greene, Ashby & Krissy (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*Ruth 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, (*Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Ashley & William Heavy Runner, Lorie Hasner, Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), all COVID-19 frontline workers (health, grocery, truck drivers, etc), all: PMC 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... Those deployed in the service abroad:** Cameron Bowen



**Prayers to Prepare for Worship**

- \*I am so grateful, dear Jesus, that as you did with the little children who came to you, you take me in your loving arms, lay your hands on me and bless me.
- \*Jesus reassured the disciples, “For God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27, NRSV). So today we bring our doubts and fears, our questions and struggles to God, who will guide us through.
- \*Bread of life, I am hungry. Please feed me. Living water, my spirit is parched. Please quench my thirst.
- \*I pray with the blind beggar: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Mark 10:47). Let me see your truth and your will for my life.
- \*Holy Spirit, reform our lives daily as you reform the church, that together we may better serve our in love.

Community Prayer Night

*at the Sr. Citizen Center at*  
**6:30 p.m. Monday,**  
**October 4th**

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





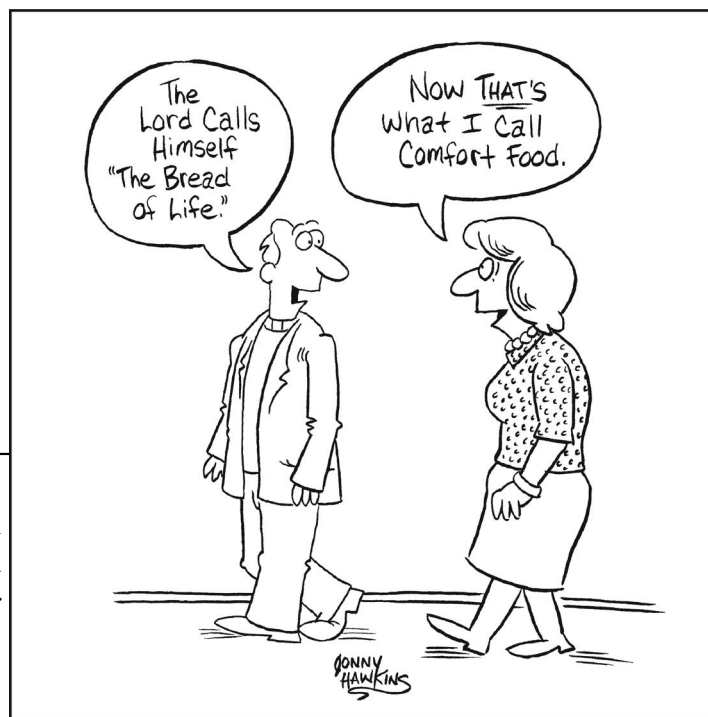
## COME to the 63rd Annual Praise & Thanks Celebration

for Golden West Lutheran Church  
Sunday, November 7, 2021 ~ 2 p.m.

Message by Pastor Travis Powers from Our Savior's in Chester and St. Olaf.  
There will be a variety of local musical talent and don't forget, pie & coffee following this service! Sponsored by GW Women, a free-will offering will be taken to support their benevolent programs.



If you are interested in helping to serve Holy Communion during worship, there will be a refresher course following 11 a.m. Worship on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary.



### Appreciating Your Pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

**God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called.** Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

**We don't change the message; the message changes us.** You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

**If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has.** Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.



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

**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. **REFRESHER** course on serving Communion, Sunday Oct. 24th following 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary! Anyone who has been or wants to serve, please attend! Or call the church office if you cannot attend so we can give you a handout.

PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m.	OCT 3	OCT 10	OCT 17	OCT 24	OCT 31
Reader	Linda O'Brien	Lori Pearson	Linda O'Brien	Barb Judisch	Barb Judisch
Communion Assistant		Betty Olson & Wanda Bollinger		Jack & Barb J.	
Ushers	Tom & Page Russett				
Communion Preparer	Tom & Page Russett				
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson				
Greeter	Linda O'Brien				
Offering Custodian	Tom Russett				

