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WORSHIP TIMES: 9 am Golden West 11 am Pondera Valley Pastor Drew Nelson Kim Wiest, Admin. Assistant Office # 271-3934/P.O. Box 883 Office Hours: 9-12/1-4 Mon-Thur pondera@3rivers.net Pastor's email: dsnbygrace@gmail.com



"FOR BY THE GRACE GIVEN TO ME I SAY TO EVERYONE AMONG YOU NOT TO THINK OF HIMSELF MORE HIGHLY THAN HE OUGHT TO THINK, BUT TO THINK WITH SOBER JUDGMENT, EACH ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF FAITH THAT GOD HAS ASSIGNED." Romans 12:3 ESV



Stone's Cry will join us in Worship Sunday, September 8th 9 am Golden West 11 am Pondera Valley

Free will offering will be taken for them.



Adult Education ~ see page 5 & jump into a Study today!

Starting SEPTEMBER 18th: Wednesday Night Bible School Age 3 (potty trained) through 8th grade Dinner will be at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall followed at 6:15 with a short devotional led by Pastor Drew, music, then class time, (3 yr olds - 6th grade will be in the Ed. Building), which will end at 7:30pm! Confirmation class, 7th & 8th grade, might go a little longer

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RADIO BROADCAST: 11 am September 1st on KZIN, 96.7 FM Sponsored by: Leona Elings in memory of her family. Thank you! May God bless the hearing of His word!

Tough Questions to Help Soften Our Hearts

by David Brickner, executive director of Jews for Jesus

1. Are there things the Lord may be asking us to let go of, such as expectations, reputations, places, or positions where we have found security and identity?

Perhaps it's a resentment, a fear, or an offense that we have carried for too long. It might even be a good thing that the Lord wants us to offer back to Him. Like Isaac on the altar, it may or may not be given back—but the path of obedience is before us and God is asking us to respond in faith.

- 2. Do you see spiritual transformation as a catch phrase that describes the better kind of Christian that you'd like to be? Or do you see it as a promise of God, always there to be claimed day by day and moment by moment?
- 3. Do you see your identity in Jesus as a theological reality that exists only to save you from God's condemnation, or do you also see it as a wonderful reality that continually keeps you from condemning yourself and others? Is it an identity that guards your heart from jealousy and resentment? Because it's meant to do that and so much more.

- 4. Do you see joy as something optional that is nice to have when situations and circumstances warrant it? Or is joy building in you as part of the fruit of the Spirit that grows when we abide in Christ? Is joy part of your core identity that strengthens you and those around you to face hardships and make good decisions?
- Dear friends, there's a difference between being productive and being fruitful. We can be fruitful regardless of our position, our following, or our age. Being fruitful allows us to be fulfilled come what may, and it makes us a delight to be around. It builds a culture of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It builds healthy and effective teams, enabling us to love and serve God, one another, and those who still desperately need to know Jesus!





PONDERA VALLEY

Building Reserve:

In memory of **Rose Marie Iverson** - George Yeager, Gary & Becky Gollehon, Larry Martin, Joan Wesley

PVLC Women:

In memory of **Rose Marie Iverson** - Mike & Linda O'Brien, Iverson Farm (Teri), Martha Orcutt

General Fund:

In memory of Vivian Peters, Rose Marie Iverson, Larry Boettcher, Wally Larson, Ralph Lindberg, and Rita Jones - Robert Skorupa



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.



JULY & AUGUST Average Worship Attendance Golden West <u>15 & 21</u> Pondera Valley <u>52 & 57</u> Pondera Valley Offering <u>\$ 5,376</u> <u>& \$14,686</u>



IN JULY & AUGUST... Pastor did a wedding in Choteau on July 18th; Aug. 3rd memorial for Mara Matheson Marshaw at GW, Aug. 8th interment for Leona Thomas, Aug. 12th funeral for Kenneth Klette, and Aug. 21st memorial for Shanlon Lindberg at GW.

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 to Tom Russett for organizing the Voyager's game in July!

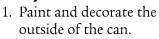
Thank you so much to our faithful sound techs who run the sound system for Sunday services and funerals: Tom Russett, Lynn Utterback, Jack Judisch, Karen Lee, Linda Carlson and Carol Johns who, with her added organ duties, will be going off. <u>We have need for more people to run the sound system</u>. Training will be provided and current sound techs will assist the new ones with radio broadcast Sundays. Please call Linda Carlson at 271-3507 if you or someone you know might be interested!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS SEPT. 18th!	GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE				
	Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God. Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters				
1×11/0-71	in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.				
10 ANE-UP	Brush these daily				
INORDO	Do this to your shoes $_\Box_$				
	This rises in the east \Box				
Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.	Cold breakfast food				
	Hot breakfast food				
	Talk to God				
this One 2000	Extend your limbs				
	Fruit drink				
	Waffle machine				
	Eat these scrambled or fried $___$				
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What you need:	Because of the LORD's great love 🗆 🗆 🔲				
Paint and paint brushesStickers	new every morning; great is your faithfulness.				
• An empty, clean tin can					
Permanent markerBible	LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV				
• Wooden craft sticks					
What you do:	Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions				

Share God's Wora



- 2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
- 3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
- 4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

Revelation 3:20 NLT

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, TO GROW



1 Kings 17:8-15 Elijah is sent to a widow who is commanded to support him during the 3 1/2 year drought that is in the land. Some think this strange.

But God did not send Elijah to the widow because food was needed. No! God could have used the raven (1 Kings 17:4-6); angel's food (1 Kings 19:5-8); or 7,000 servants (1 Kings 19:18); to supply Elijah's need. God sent Elijah to the widow woman because she needed a miracle. A spiritual law of "give and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38) had to be put into motion, whereby her needs would be met. As to us today, God has no need of our money. It is we who have need to give, in order to set in motion God's law of sowing and reaping. For a spiritual harvest, a seed must be sown through giving. God provides...always.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY!

FOR EVERYONE...

• **6 p.m. Tuesdays** beginning **Sept. 17th** (thru November?) in the F.H. with Pastor Drew. "*A Journey Through Revelation*" by Armin Gothberg. Copies will be made available, please call the church office so we can make some for you!

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 (a) 9 am** in the Fellowship Hall, beginning Sept. 17th Bible Study on JAMES with Beth Moore, Call Barb Judisch or Julene Peters by Sept. 10th to order a book. Everyone welcome!
- 2nd Tuesday of each month, Faith/Joy Circle @ 1 pm in the library (Sept. 10th)
- Once a month, home Bible Study "Bless These Lips" (Wednesday, Sept. 11th@7pm at Kinyon's)

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

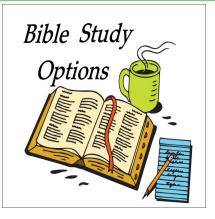


www.holyfamilytime.com

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



Sept. 1st -Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14 Sept. 8th - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35 Sept. 15th - Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 Sept. 22nd - Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15 Sept. 29th - Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31





The next Golden West Council meeting TBA.

PV Council met July 8th. On August 25th Pastor Drew and Pastor Ken Hamm from Cut Bank will be doing a pulpit swap. Day Camp went very well. There were 13 little kids and about 35 older kids. Donna Fowler and Barb Judisch were approved as



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Youth Room.

co-superintendents. It was voted on to remove a tree and a stump at the parsonage. The roof of the church was finished. A feasibility study is needed to look at the future plans of our buildings. This was prompted by the expense to correct the floors in the Education

Building. The outdoor movie went well, there were lots of cans of food for the food pantry. The

Voyager's game was fun albeit more fun when we

can sit together. Staff evaluations will happen soon.

There will be no August meeting. The next council meeting will be September 9th at 6 p.m. in the

Pick up a registration form in the church office or go online now to: <u>https://www.lcmc.net/19-ag/registration</u> (Price goes up another \$25 after Sept. 15th!)



COMING SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019 to the Four Seasons Arena (400 3rd St NW) in Great Falls!!! Plan on coming! Bring a friend! If you have any questions, contact Linda O'Brien, 278-5434, or Kim Wiest in the church office, 271-3934.

September 13 @ 7 pm The Big Sky Celebration with Will Graham opens Friday, Sept. 13 at the Four Seasons Arena with a night of powerful worship led by Hollyn, a season 12 American Idol contestant, and Dove Award winners Aaron Shust and The Afters. Billy Graham's grandson Will Graham will share a message of God's love during the free event.

September 14 @ 9:30 am - 12 pm

A free event for children and families to enjoy. KidzFest begins at 9:30 which includes fun activities such as bounce houses, face painting, a petting zoo, and games and prizes. There will be music performed by Jeff Slaughter and will conclude with a special from Will message Graham. Be sure to bring your friends!

September 14 @ 7 pm Grab a friend or two and come worship God with Aaron Shust, The Afters Phil Wickham and during the second night of the Big Sky Celebration in Great Falls. Will Graham. of grandson Billy Graham, will share a message of God's love during the free event.

September 15 @ 6 pm Award-winning hip-hop Christian artist FLAME joins the worship lineup for the final night of the Big Sky Celebration with Will Graham in Great Falls. Billv Graham's grandson Will Graham will share the Good News of Jesus Christ during the free event.



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 (2*Ruth Fladstol),* Carter Gemar, *(Rose Peterman),* Marvin Baker, Derek Matheson, Sandy Webb *(JoAnne Unger),* Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Debbi Gage, Leo-

nard Armstrong, Rose Peterman, 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: Kenny Klette, Denny Pruttis

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



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

 The Conrad Food Pantry is happy to get food donations and paper products. <u>Please be sure they are not outdated, however.</u> *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. <u>September 17th!</u>

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!





Come, join our community to pray for our town, state, nation, world! Due to Labor Day, we will meet: September 9th 6:30pm @ Conrad Sr. Center Everyone Welcome!



Call any one of the Board of Education members: Kathy Walter, Kara Baker, Tricia Patterson, Julene Peters, Lori Pearson, Co-Superintendents: Barb Judisch and Donna Fowler



SECRETARY'S BLOOPERS

- + Do you love to sin? The church choir is looking for new members.
- + This Sunday: Vegetarian Chili Supper followed by Meat & Greet in the Fellowship Hall
- + The potluck supper raised \$850 for missions. Whoever left bowls, plates, and a girdle in the kitchen, please retrieve your personal items.
- + Today's marital workshop, "Make Time for Your Marriage" has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict.
- ③ As the wedding began, the little boy had to go to



the bathroom, but his mom kept asking him to hold it. All was well until the minister declared, "Speak now, or forever hold your peace." At that point, the little boy said urgently to his mom: "I can't hold it *forever*!"

Preacher D. L. Moody had been forewarned that some of the congregation usually left before the end of the sermon. When he rose to begin his sermon, he led by saying, "I am going to speak to two groups of people this morning; first to the sinners among us, then to the saints." After the first part of the sermon, he looked around and told the "sinners" they could leave. For once, every member of the church stayed to the end of the sermon.



<u>Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 9 a.m.</u> Usher: Ruth & Dennis Fladstol; Reader: Ruth Fladstol; Communion Assistant: Jim Bjelland; Communion Preparer: Jenny Flesch

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.	Sept. 1st	Sept. 8th	Sept. 15th	Sept. 22nd	Sept. 29th	
Reader	Judy Ketterling	Leslee Weber	Carol Johns	Mary Jane Kinyon	David Berg	
Communion Assistant		Kim Hofstad & Wanda Bandow		Betty Olson & MJ Kinyon		
Ushers	Linda Van Tongeren & Phyllis Hopfauf					
Communion Preparer	Patty Larson					
Sound Tech.						
Greeter	Georgia Snortland					
Offering Custodian	Mary Klette					



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!