

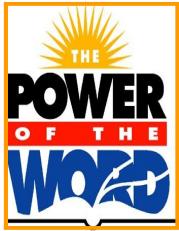


CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES Sept. - Dec.
Pondera Valley at 9 a.m.
Golden West at 11 a.m.

Part-time Interim Pastor
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Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:35



∞ to church

∞ to a Bible Study (p.4)

∞ to bring their kids to Wednesday night education (p.4)

***People come to a church most often by a personal invitation from a friend or family member -- way more than a pastoral invitation, evangelism campaign, or advertisement.**

YOU are the key!!



Thank you to our sponsors for the RADIO BROADCAST on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am
September 4th: Norman & Shirley Stordahl in loving memory of Martha and Lowell Stordahl, and their parents: Walter & Fannie Snortland and Albert & Mabel Stordahl and by Tom & Page Russett in loving memory of their parents: Tom & Viola MacKrell and Harvey & Jeanette Russett. *May God bless the hearing of His word!*

Pastor's Letter

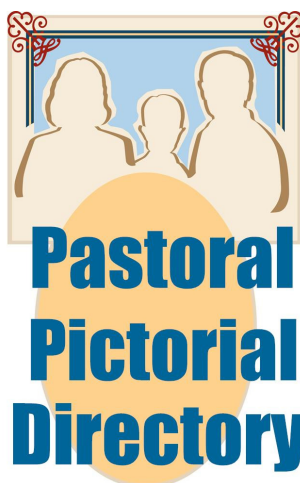
Why did Jesus tell the "Parable of the Good Samaritan" found in Luke 10:25-37? Because the question of loving one's neighbor was a real concern for first century Jews who tried to be faithful to the TORAH. But Jesus put the question into the vicissitudes of everyday life rather than philosophical or theological or exegetical speculations. The parable he tells is designed to make us uncomfortable. Helping a victim of violence in a remote area, who has no cultural claim on our assistance, where no other witnesses are present (to see us walk away in fear or annoyance or indifference) is a real test of character. Jesus forces the theologian before him to admit that the hated Samaritan had shown mercy and compassion and love to a Jew. His fellow Jewish religious colleagues - priests and Levites - are, in a sense, the villains of the story while the Samaritan is the hero. Being outmaneuvered by an untrained hick from the sticks must have caused "the expert in the law" no little embarrassment.

What Jesus is showing us in this story is that love (*agape*) means going out of our way. And going out of our way for another human being is going to cost us something. It certainly cost Jesus Christ something to go out of His way to love sinners. To redeem us he had to die in our place and take our sins upon himself. He had to suffer in order to serve us to the utmost degree.



We followers and disciples of Jesus must be drawn-out of our own ways to be of any service in the Kingdom of God. There is no turning away and passing by on the other side of the road for us. We are called to serve by going out of our way to be the channels of God's love in all the messiness of life in this world. It can be frightening, unnerving, complicated, mysterious, and frustrating. But that's what we are in for if we have been yoked together with Christ. In my needy neighbor I meet the challenge to live into the supernatural realities of faith, hope, and love. God help us to be about Kingdom business each day of our earthly lives.

Pastor Jeff Stoope



ATTENTION!! Get your photos in!!!

ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

This will not be a public directory but might morph into one at a later date. This is for the private ministry use of the pastor only.

Please send an email attached photo of yourself or family to: pvlcdirectory@gmail.com OR Faith and others will also be taking photos at church after services at Pondera Valley and we welcome anyone who will do the same out at Golden West. It would be great to get as many as we can!

Thank you!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee continues to work on our behalf. Please continue to keep them and whoever our future pastor will be in your prayers. God is good.

Kim Hofstad, Call Committee Chairman, Betty Olson, Shauna Ellefsen, Faith Weber, Terry Peters, Bill McLean, and Ken Johnson



One Word



Author and lay minister Samuel Gordon told of an elderly woman whose memory began to fade. "She had once known much of the Bible by heart. Eventually only one precious bit stayed with her [2 Timothy 1:12, KJV]: 'I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.' By and by, part of that slipped

its hold, and she would quietly repeat, 'That which I have committed unto him.'

"At last, as she hovered on the borderline between this and the spirit world, her loved ones noticed her lips moving. They bent down to see if she needed anything. She was repeating over and over again to herself the one word of the text, 'Him, him, him.' She had lost the whole Bible, but one word. But she had the whole Bible in that one word."

Our Mind's Storehouse

Benjamin Weir, a missionary in the Middle East, was forcefully taken by terrorists who placed him in solitary confinement in an "out of the way" room. With a blindfold over his eyes, he didn't know where he was, had no one with whom to talk and had no contact with the outside world. He suffered true isolation. What was he to do? What could he do? In a way, all he had was a beating heart and a mind free to think. To keep from being bored, he tapped into the information stored in his head. Many months later, after being freed, he said, "I called up my memory bank, things that were stored in my mind." He recalled Scripture passages he had learned years before. He thought of words from some of Shakespeare's works. He pondered

the words of hymns and other musical pieces. He thought about his family, his wife and his friends. He remembered the work he loved. He thought about how the grace of God had ministered to him throughout his life.

When he was able to talk about the experience, he said that under such circumstances, "Whatever is in your mind is what you have to draw on."

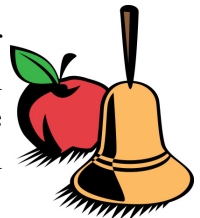
Does that say anything to us about what we should let into our minds? Shouldn't we store information that is spiritually helpful? Pure thoughts. Thoughts about the good and great things of life. Thoughts about the life of Christ and his saving grace.

PLEASE CONSIDER: teaching and/or co-teaching with a friend. Also substitutes are needed! Contact a member of the Ed. Board: Donna Fowler, Barb Judisch, Kara Baker, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter, Julene Peters or Carol Wood to your help!



**Wednesday Night Education
begins September 14th:
Pre/K - 4th 5-6pm;**

Dear Lord Jesus, Bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



- ☞ Women's **Noon Bible Study on Mondays starting Sept. 12th**, "Putting on a Gentle & Quiet Spirit", a study of 1 Peter, church library.
- ☞ Men's **6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast on Tuesdays** in F.H.
- ☞ Women's **9 a.m. Bible Study on Tuesdays** "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" with Beth Moore...**starting Sept. 13th**, please call or text Julene Peters to order a book, 788-5562.

☞ Women's Bible Study once a month on the **3rd Sunday at 6 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, "Jesus & Women" with Christy Mclelland. Contact Stacy Eneboe, 406-271-9156, to get a book.



On July 12th the Pondera Valley Council met. Pastor Jeff thanked the congregation for the support during his mom's illness and death. He is planning a vacation starting Sept. 14th and will return Oct. 9th. Pastor Beth Roen will lead worship for those 3 Sundays. A report was given on VBS. There were more students this year, 22, with the oldest being 10 years old. CEF was a new group for us to use. \$756 was taken in through free-will offering so that will

go to them. The Christian Reformed Church gave money to all the churches in the area that their congregants had been going to, dispersing the remainder of their funds. Pondera Valley was given \$10,000. Susan Gustafson conferred with them and it was suggested to go toward a parsonage. The pictorial directory is still taking pictures both physically with a camera and also for anyone to email in their picture. Pastor Ken Waag from Faith Lutheran in Great Falls is retiring and a card was passed around for those interested to sign. Julene Peters would like new chairs to be bought for the Fellowship Hall. She showed some options.

The next PV Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (No August meeting.)



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion.
 Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service.
 Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope.
 Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith.
 Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God.
 God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward

A Prayer in Remembrance of 9/11/01 and Forward



“O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!” LORD, we bring before you our sad memories of our fellow citizens who lost their lives during the tragedy of September 11, 2001. We are yet pained when we consider lives ended by the heartlessness of those who believed they were achieving good, when unspeakable evil was the end result. Our hearts still cry when we recall the countless families who lost loved ones. Blessed Lord, please grant them an extra portion of your grace and comfort so they may find

solace in their sorrow, alleviation in their distress, and light in their darkness. Enable us as citizens of our homeland to rededicate ourselves to supporting one another in concern and love. Stir us awake that we may offer help for the helpless, assurance for those who are losing hope, consolation for those who mourn and fair play for those who suffer injustice. Prevent us, O Lord, from calling America "one nation under God," and then do little to make it so. Thank you, blessed Creator, for hearing our prayers, for without that assurance, we would be hopeless indeed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**PASTORAL Acts in July: None
in August: None**

**Pondera Valley Offering
July \$8,266
August Offering \$7,879**

**Average PV Sunday Attendance
July: 46;
August: 50**



Pondera Valley Women are selling RADA to raise money for benevolent projects! Check out the RADA catalog online: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1818332.flff6> OR there is a catalog and order forms in the Fellowship Hall of PV. We will be ordering on September 30th.



THANK YOU!

- ☺ Thank you to David Widhalm for fixing all the “stuck doors” in the church and Education Building!
- ☺ Thank you to those who have signed up to weed the flower garden at PV!

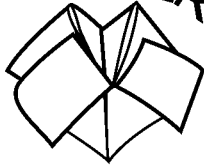
♥ **THANK YOU to all who give! Your offerings are much appreciated. You can use the enclosed blue envelope or mail them to:
 PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.**

WANTED: Choir members — whereabouts unknown
LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation
DESCRIPTION: Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful
REWARD: "Give and you shall receive."
SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir director, Karen Lee 😊
BEGINNING: Sunday, **September 18th at 8 a.m.** in the Choir Loft!





LITTLE BITS OF PROVERBS



You will need:

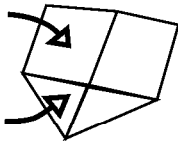
- a square piece of paper
- a pen or pencil

How to make:

1. Fold paper in half and then again.



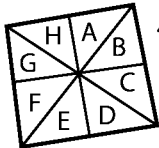
2. Open it and then fold the corners to the center.



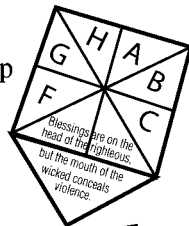
3. Turn it over and fold the new corners to the center.



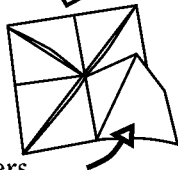
4. Write a letter (A-H) on each triangle.



5. Lift each flap and write a verse from Proverbs on it.



6. Pull out flaps on underside to make four little cones to hold your fingers.



www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



We work on gaining this all our lives. It's especially important when we're in school! Use a Bible (NIV) to look up the verses listed below. Find a word in each verse that fits in the boxes. The heavy boxes spell the answer.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N			
Philippians 1:9				H	
2 Peter 1:5					S
		A			2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32			S		
John 7:15			R		
				I	Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18				E	
	W				Proverbs 24:5

"By wisdom a house is built, ... through _____ its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, powers, knowledge



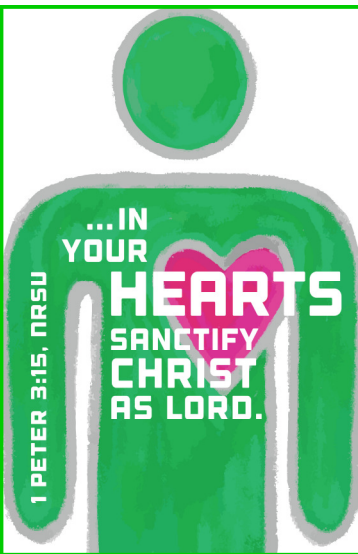


Illnesses or other concerns: *(denotes relation to)*

Art & Lori Pearson, Jack & Marian Larson (*Art Pearson*), Dave Kluver (*Rona Matheson*), Heath Poser, Brenda Haun (*Kim Wiest*), Margaret and Bob Lee (*Pastor Stoopes*), Loretta, Amy Glimm (*2 Louise Glimm*), Kenny Matheson, Hartley Herndon (*Carol Wood*), Don Bollinger, Roman Ketterling, Brad Stuart (*Kenny Matheson*), Ashley Bissett (*Mark Hinricksen*), Beccy Lockyer, Derek Matheson, Ron Thaut, Tristan West, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Marilyn Waite, Georgia Smeltzer, (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3 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, Melvin Pocock, (*Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Jolene Wynn (*Kim 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 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 (*England*), Shane Hofstad (*Japan*)




Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ** This Labor Day weekend, God, we thank you for the work you entrust to us and for this time of rest in your presence.
- ** Dear Lord, we come in eager expectation, knowing you have much to teach us this day and year. Please bless our leaders, our teachers and our learners. Amen.
- ** Dear Jesus, I have come because you have invited me. Place your easy yoke upon me and grant rest for my soul (Matthew 11:28-30). Amen.
- ** Open my ears and heart to hear your Word for me today, Lord Jesus.
- ** We praise you, Mighty God, for your voice in rustling leaves and your handiwork in nature's changing colors!



**Conrad's
Community Night of Prayer
Monday, September 12th
at 6:30 p.m.
at the Conrad Sr. Center**

All are  welcome!



Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 11 a.m. Ushers: Ruth Fladstol; Reader: Ruth; Communion Assistant: Jim Bjelland; Communion Preparer: Jenny Flesch

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 9 a.m.	September 4th	September 11th	September 18th	September 25th
Reader	David Berg	Jim Morren	Kim Hofstad	R. K. Lee
Communion Assistants		Lyn & Linda Carlson		Roland & Karen Lee
Ushers	Ray & Kim Hofstad			
Communion Preparer	Patty Larson			
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson			
Greeters	Ray & Kim Hofstad			
Offering Custodian	Tom Russett			



Sept. 4th - Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

Sept. 11th - Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 1:5-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 18th - Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15

Sept. 25th - Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31