



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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**I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.
 I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness;
 for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.**

Psalm 138:2



 **Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on September 1st on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11am: Matt & Donna Fowler in loving memory of Lucas Fowler, Oscar & Edna Totdahl, Luann McLain, Terry Bakken and Kathleen Fowler.**
God bless the hearing of His word!

From the Pastor

“Time flies when you’re havin’ fun!” That’s a happy saying that any of us might have said in the past. I hope it’s a sentiment that still holds true for all of us. But time flies in any case -- whether it’s good times or bad. The human condition of experiencing the shortness of human life compared with other living things, or the age of the universe, is something the ancients were aware of and made note of often enough. The phrase “time flies” in Latin is *tempus fugit*. You may have seen it on cast metal sundials. The expression comes from line 284 of book 3 of Virgil’s *Georgics* where it appears as *fugit irreparable tempus*: “it escapes, irretrievable time”. And, like any aphorism, this one gets rebuttals from rebuttalists, like Henry Austin Dobson (1840-1921), who rebutted thusly: “Ah, no! Alas, time stays, we go.” It is we who fly away ... is it not? That’s what we sing about when we sing Albert E. Brumley’s song “I’ll Fly Away” written in 1929. He later said, “Actually, I was dreaming of flying away from that cotton field when I wrote ‘I’ll Fly Away’.” That was not an uncommon thing in the minds of depression era rural farm laborers ... especially in the south. The song was published in 1932. It was spread by travelling southern gospel quartets and aired over the radio all over the United States. It was a statement of hope in the midst of very tough times. “*Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away; to a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.*” Often sung at funerals, it gives voice to the Christian hope of entering God’s new creation.

In my own reflections about my ministry here as your pastor, I can happily say, “Time flies when you’re havin’ fun.” It is a joy to serve among you. But my three year term call means that, at some point, “I’ll fly away”. Of course, being a mortal, I could at any moment be called away out of this life into the choir immortal. Assuming God has a bunch more things for me to do -- which might take years or decades to accomplish -- I could move from the category “old” to “ancient” (80’s) to “pre-historic” (over 90) before I fly away to “God’s celestial shore.” Be that as it may, I’m convinced that my days of pastoring are coming to a close. I’ll always consider myself still “on the bench” ready to be called in for one play -- pulpit supply. But my memory, energy, and stamina are all fading with age. Creeping decrepitude is dogging my steps. My recent bout with Covid-19 reminded me that I don’t bounce back from illness like I used to.

The admonition that comes to my mind in my present state is St. Paul’s recorded in Ephesians 5:15-16 “Be very careful, then, how you live -- not as unwise but as wise, make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” I ask for your prayers as I complete my term call either before or on December 31, 2025.

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21). Pastor Jeff Stoope

PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received:

THANK YOU!

GENERAL FUND in memory of **Vernon Gjullin** - Nancy Herman Pringle
in memory of **Loren Tweet** - Lyn & Linda Carlson, Keith & Helen Hruska,
in memory of **Teresa Roderick** - Carol Wood, Cathi & Ron Hemry, Pat Lee

CHAIR FUND in memory of **Lynn Gaines** - Marilyn Waite

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♥ **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.**

♥ Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS great for the kids! Donna Fowler, Shauna Ellefsen, Keltey Fowler, Elise Miller, Landen Klette, Ryder Brown, Zoey Moon, Julene Peters, Lisa Judisch, Kathy Walter, Kendra Dyer, Lori Pearson, Kim Wiest and all those who provided treats, lunches and meals: Amanda Lesnik, Linda Van Tongeren, Linda Carlson, Carolyn Widhalm, Marla Bruner, June Hovde, Betty Olson, Melinda & John Burns, Louise Glimm, & Kelly Martin! **THANK YOU!** We had 23 kids participate.



JULY and August
Pastoral Acts Funerals for: Loren Tweet @PV 7/13; Teresa Roderick @PV 7/20; Lucas Fowler @PV 8/17
Pondera Valley July Offering: **9,843.00**
August Offering: **10,520.00**
PV Average Sunday Attendance in July: **47**
in August: **47**
GW Average Sunday Attendance in July: **11**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT EDUCATION

begins Wednesday, September 18th

4-5 p.m. for Preschool - 6th grade in the Youth Room

Would you be able to help? Contact a board member!

Donna Fowler, Julene Peters, Linda O'Brien, Kathy Walter,

Amanda Lesnik, Faith Weber, Stacy Eneboe



HOP in to a Bible Study this Fall!
Call the church office if you are interested.
ALL are welcome!

☞ **Mondays, Noon for Women, church library, studying Acts.**

☞ **Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. for Men with Breakfast, FH**

☞ **Tuesdays, 9 a.m. for Women, FH. Studying "Luke in the Land" w/ Kristi McLelland**

☞ **AT GOLDEN WEST, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**

'A Hymn' by G.K. Chesterton

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;

The walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride. —



Pondera Valley next council meeting will not be until Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

FAITH in CHRIST?

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.



I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...



may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.



Ephesians 1:17



Above all, love each other deeply.

1 Peter 4:8

SECOND FIDDLE

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. "Second fiddle," he quickly replied. "I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly.

It's also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor's cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem's walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in

fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus. What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?



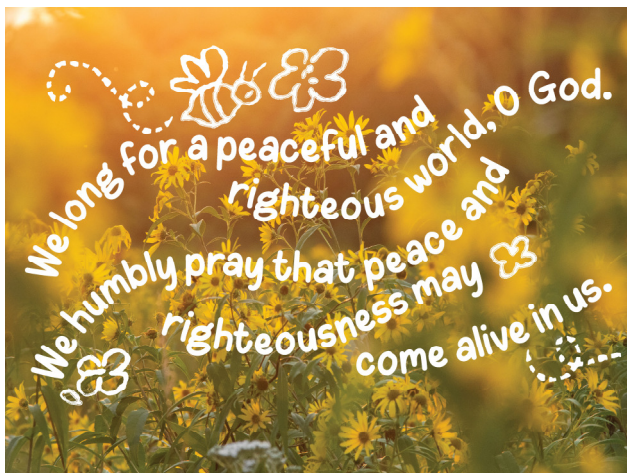
God's Gift of Music

What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.



Ministry Update

Pondera Valley supports the ministry: **Heart for Mission Laos/Thailand**, specifically the **Thorstad Family**: Pastors Tom & Deuane and their 3 boys. ---->

They are very faithful at giving updates on what they are doing. It is very interesting reading about their ministry. The updates will be posted above the drinking fountain with other ministries supported. Please take the time to read!

Here are some of the prayer requests:

- 1) Continue to pray for adjustment and getting settled in as we are serving here in Laos.
- 2) Pray for our work with the local church and their ability to reach out to the people in Laos.
- 3) Pray for Pastor Tom and the translators and quality checkers working with the 28 languages in South Asia. Also pray for safety and protection.

You too can receive email updates, call the church office!



a Brainy breakfast

Add a smart start to your school day with **superfoods** that promote a healthy body and mind.



What you need:

- Large bowl
- 1 medium avocado
- 3 hard-boiled eggs
- Salt
- Whole wheat toast
- Pumpkin seeds, chopped
- Adult help




What you do:

1. Mash the avocado in the bowl.
2. Chop the eggs into cubes and add to the bowl.
3. Add salt to taste. Mix well.
4. Spread over two pieces of toast. Top with chopped pumpkin seeds.
5. Adjust this recipe with your favorite flavors. Add herbs, "everything bagel" seasoning or hot sauce.
6. Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!

PUZZLE



AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

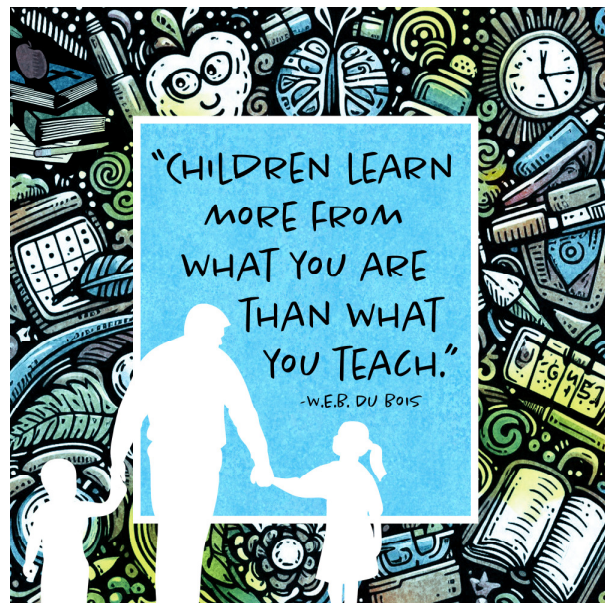
Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
YOUR A FEET
MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. wisdom





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

Ron Iverson, Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, *(Rona Matheson)*, Karen Sutton *(Ruth Erickson)*, Rose Johns, Erik Dommer, Barbara *(Carol Wood)*, Ruth Fladstol, Linda Van Tongeren, Ron Gaines, Denny Hepp *(Andrew Bishop)*, Tom Robinson, Ann Glimm, Dave Fleming *(Linda Welch)*, Sandy Carr *(Linda Van Tongeren)*, Roman Ketterling, Sandy Webb *(Joanne Unger)*, Kaitlyn and John Russett *(Tom Russett)*, Cheryl Stoope Forest, Susan Stoope, Tom Stoope, Derek Matheson, Tristan West, David Larson, Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Brenda Rhone, Loretta *(Louise Glimm)*, Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch *(Ruth Fladstol)*, Rose Peterman, Poppy Dahl, Teri Ewell, *(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 weather conditions and other issues, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

All those who mourn: Nolan Fladstol, Luke Fowler, Doris Bishop, Teresa Roderick

Those deployed in the service abroad:

For an updated prayer list, inquire at the church office.



Prayers to Prepare for Worship

☞ As we begin to wrap up the harvest of fields and gardens, we thank You for your provision. As we gather together to worship, may the seeds you plant in us through worship bear abundant fruit.

☞ In this time of worship, may all gathered here experience your lavish love, O God, through your Word and through one another. Amen.

☞ Lord, as we pray together in the Spirit, dress us in your armor: salvation, truth, righteousness, faith, the Word of God and eagerness to share the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:13-18).

☞ Praise to you, O Lord! Though you are above all and beyond all, you come close to us and hold us in gentle care. We worship you.





Golden West WORSHIP Sundays 8:30 a.m.

**Usher: 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 10 a.m.	September 1st	September 8th	September 15th	September 22nd	September 29th
Reader	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Faith Weber	Faith Weber
Communion Assistants		June Hovde & Ruth Erickson		Linda Welch & Karla Breeding	
Usher & Greet	Ray & Kim Hofstad				
Communion Preparer	Patty Larson				
Sound Tech.	Linda Carlson				
Offering Custodian	Faith Weber				



Sept. 1 - Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9; Psm 119:129-136; Ephes. 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

Sept. 8 - Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 15 - Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

Sept. 22 - Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13--4:10; Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 29 - Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 104:27-35; James 5:1-20; Mark 9:38-50