



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

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WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 a.m. Golden West

10 a.m. Pondera Valley

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“The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes. .” Psalm 119:64



You are invited to the
Installation Service for Pastor Jeff Driscoll
Sunday, September 28th at 6 p.m.
at Pondera Valley
Refreshments will follow!



Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors on October 5th at 11 a.m. on KZIN, 96.7 FM: Nancy Herman Pringle in loving memory of her parents *Robert & Evelyn Herman*. God bless the hearing of His word!

From the Pastor

I have been here for two weeks and two days. If I had to describe that time, I would say it is rather like drinking from a fire hose. In addition to all the expected transitional obstacles, like getting to know everyone's name, understanding the context of this call, not knowing where in town I go to mail a UPS package, I have had to deal with a lot of nonsense from the theft of my car on the trip here. It seems like every time I turn around and think I'm about to catch up, I'm suddenly overwhelmed by a number of challenges and obstacles in my path. During such times I have to cling to the promise that nothing I am doing as a pastor is by my own strength or resting on my own understanding. Instead, I try to let up on the gas and take time to watch the sunrise that streams through the front window of my amazing parsonage. In these times, the Spirit

reminds me that this world has been spinning along just fine without me for a very long time and will continue to spin whether or not I manage to accomplish anything. Days are not for accomplishments. Days are blessings. God brought the sun up this morning so that you could be blessed with the beauty of this place, the beauty of your community, and innumerable blessings of daily bread that God continues to send you, not based on your merit, but sent because he loves you. As Luther put it in the small catechism God gives daily bread to all people, even the wicked. Think about that amazing statement. God is ready to bless you today whether you deserve it or not because that's who God is.

God's Peace,

Pastor Jeff





PONDERA VALLEY MEMORIALS Received for:

OFFICE EQUIPMENT & TECH UPDATES

in memory of **Rose Peterman** — Doug & Donna Herman, Melanie Tollefson
in memory of **Marie Halvorson** — the family of Marie

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Thank You Call Committee Members!
Kim Hofstad, Chair; Betty Olson; Shauna Ellefsen;
Faith Weber; Terry Peters; Bill McLean; Ken Johnson

♥ **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.**

September Pastoral Acts

Funerals for: Marie Halvorson @ PV 9/20 w/ Pastor Stoores

Pondera Valley Offering: **\$7,643** (as of 9/22)

PV Average Sunday Attendance: **61**

GW Average Sunday Attendance: **18**

WELCOME TO WEDNESDAY EDUCATION!



Wednesdays

3:45 p.m.—5 p.m. (Preschool—5th)

3:45-4 is optional snack—at 4 we start!

Confirmation Pending

BIBLE STUDIES ... JOIN IN! *If there is a better time for you, we can help you start another one!*

FOR MEN — Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and Bible Study!

FOR WOMEN — Mondays at Noon in church library

— Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

— 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. @ Golden West



Pondera Valley Lutheran Church has once again been asked to help the Conrad Food Pantry with the Thanksgiving Baskets.

We are to collect **100 cans of fruit cocktail** by **November 7th**! Are we up to it?! I bet we are! Start bringing the cans to the Fellowship Hall!



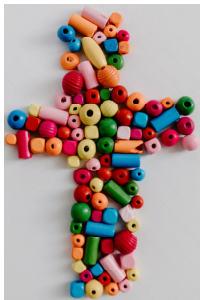
Pondera Valley council met on September 8th.

Pastor Driscoll reported on his settling into the parsonage, his office, and the town. His installation at the time of this meeting was discussed. He'd like to have Pastor Stoope install him. (A few days later and the installation is set for Sunday, Sept. 28th at 6 p.m. at Pondera Valley.) Education will begin Sept. 24th. The different committees met to discuss their plans/actions. The work on the technical updates in the church continues. Kim Hofstad informed the council on the Chamber's different activities coming up. It is

good to be involved in our community. The Evangelism committee is working on helping us with this. Again, a BIG thanks to the Call Committee and their work in bringing Pastor Driscoll here! Pastor Driscoll would like to film his sermons and post it to our website. All agreed this was a great plan. Golden West's Praise & Thanks is November 9th. The Fall Bazaar will be November 14th in the Fellowship Hall. Linda Welch will invite anyone to help make lefse for this event in November...keep watching! **The next PV Council Meeting will be Monday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. with committees meeting first.**



Golden West Lutheran Church
24 miles east on Sollid Road
Praise & Thanks
is coming
Sunday, November 9th at 2 p.m.
with Speaker:
Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom



Pondera Valley's Bazaar coming! Friday, November 14th!

We invite you all to participate in our Church Bazaar! (not just for women)

Feel free to bring items for the bazaar. We welcome crafts, baked goods, decorative items, antiques, anything you feel would be desirable at a bazaar. Please have all items to the church by Thursday, November 13. Set up will be Thursday evening. Larger pricier items will be put on a silent auction.

We have 2 gorgeous quilts we are raffling. (a queen sized, made and donated by Joann Adamson and a quilt made and donated by Linda VanTongeren.) Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Drawing will be Sunday, November 16th at Pondera Valley church service.

We will have a lunch that day as well from 11:30-1:30. If you'd like to help with lunch set up, cooking, serving or clean up, please sign up in the fellowship hall or call me.. Kim H at 406-799-4723.

If you'd like to help set up, we will start about 5:30 on Thursday eve.

If you'd like to help with the bazaar, check out for the sales please sign up for a time or contact me at 406-799-4723.

We will have a lefse making day to have lefse for the bake sale.

Not able to help, we'd still love you to come and bring a friend (or two or three!)

Contact Kim Hofstad@ 406-799-4723

HOLY INTERRUPTIONS

Most of us are pretty good at planning - schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus



was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."* May we have the courage to let Him.

THE BEST GIFT FOR YOUR PASTOR



October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plaque or applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30–32, NASB).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.

Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 5, 2025*
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, *October 12, 2025*
- Columbus Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Canadian Thanksgiving, *October 13, 2025*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 26, 2025*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2025*

www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



THE POWER OF PRAYER BOX

Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper

What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
—Colossians 4:2, NIV



JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

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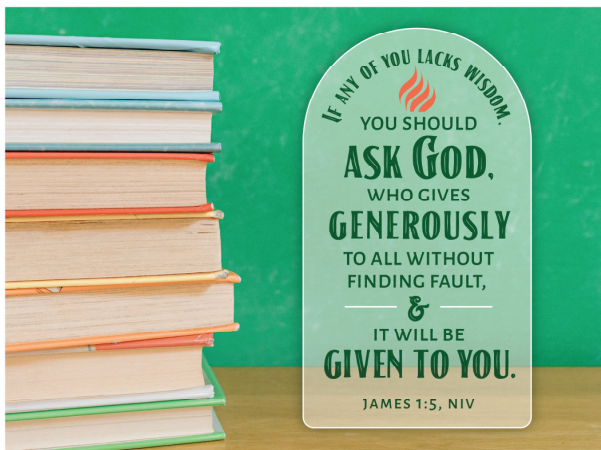
PLEASE UPLIFT IN PRAYER... Illnesses or other concerns: (*denotes relation to*) Karen Sutton (Ruth Erickson), John Gray, Cindy Fuson, Carol Kaldor, Christopher Burns, Chris Ketterling, (Karla Breeding), Don Dezelsky, Jim Skipper (²Linda O'Brien), Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, (Rona Matheson), the Alicia Wood Family, Mary, Barbara (³Carol Wood), Sara McLean, Ann Glimm, Kaitlyn and John Russett (Tom Russett), Tristan West, David Larson, Rebekah Thaut, Kariann Thaut (²Pinky Thaut), Butch Johns, Karla Breeding, Jim Adamson, Kailey Judisch, Shannon Kaldor, Brenda Rhone, Loretta (²Louise Glimm), Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (³Ruth Fladstol), Poppy Dahl, 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: Grief has no time table, please keep all who come to mind in your prayers... **Those deployed in the service abroad:** Brett Christensen (*Tunisia*), Tyler Rauscher (*Ben's wife, in the Middle East*)

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

Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ✠ Jesus, you gave your body and shed your blood so we might be made whole. As we come to your table, quiet our hearts and help us remember your sacrifice with gratitude and awe. Amen.
- ✠ Lord, thank you for the pastors and leaders you've placed among us. As we worship today, we pray that you strengthen and encourage them. Help us honor their calling and support them with love and prayer.
- ✠ The days grow cooler as autumn moves forward. Bless our worship, God of all seasons, with the warmth of your love.
- ✠ On Reformation Sunday, we pray that our church and our lives may be always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.



The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you? “*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*” (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are. What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

GOLDEN WEST OCTOBER SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 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. Instructions would be made available.

PONDERA VALLEY SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 a.m.	October 5th	October 12th	October 19th	October 26th REFORMATION SUNDAY
Reader	Lynn Utterback	Dick Kinyon	Dick Kinyon	Kim Hofstad
Communion Assistants		Betty Olson & Karla Breeding		Ray & Kim Hofstad
Usher & Greet	Tom & Page Russett			
Communion Preparer	Tom & Page Russett			
Sound Tech.	Betty Offerdal			
Offering Custodian	Tom Russett			



READ IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP



October 5 — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

October 12 — Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

October 19 — Genesis 32:22-30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 26 — Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
 REFORMATION SUNDAY