



CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

LOGOS

WORSHIP TIMES

8:30 a.m. Golden West, fellowship at 8 a.m.

10 a.m. Pondera Valley, fellowship afterward

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“...for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” John 16:27-28



PV Members! Scholarship Applications are on the website! They are due back April 1st!

www.conradlutheran.com/informed

PALM SUNDAY is March 29th.

- ⌘ Golden West after worship will have a Potluck Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt
- ⌘ The kids will sing at Pondera Valley and walk in with palm branches
- ⌘ At Pondera Valley following 10 a.m. Worship there will be a BAKE SALE to raise money for VBS this summer! -Bring & Buy! (VBS is July 13-17)
- ⌘ Bowling & Pizza Party 12—2 p.m. @ Branding Iron, Preschool - High School



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2nd, 6 p.m. @ Pondera Valley

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd, 6 p.m. @ Pondera Valley

EASTER— RESURRECTION SUNDAY—HE IS RISEN!

Golden West 8:30 a.m. Worship

Pondera Valley 9 a.m. Breakfast & 10 a.m. Worship

Thank you to the radio broadcast sponsors of March 29th at 11 a.m. on KZIN, 96.7 FM:



Jerry & Myrna Christensen in loving memory of: *Roy & Marilyn Christensen, Pat Lenz, and Oliver & Audrey Larson.* **AND of April 5th:** Dennis & Dawne Stokes in loving memory of *Marilyn and Dick & Jeanne Eckstein and Carson Stokes.* **AND by:** Michelle, Jody, & Kaia Fowler in loving memory of *Elaine & Harlan Schram.*

God bless the hearing of His word!

From the Pastor**From I AM to You Go**

John didn't just declare Jesus divine at the empty tomb. He had been doing so throughout his gospel. In John, Jesus makes claims to divinity. Seven times he uses I AM, the name of God, in reference to himself. Every time he did this you may insert God into the statement. I, God, AM the bread of life (John 6:35,48). I, God, AM the true vine (John 15:1, 5). John's Gospel is unique in that it does not record the institution of a last supper. No words about body and blood were recorded. Many words are recorded that claim that Jesus and his Father are one, that to see one is to see the other, but the words that he took bread broke it, and gave it to his disciples with promises of the forgiveness of sins are left to Mathew, Mark, Luke and Paul. Yet, as one teacher once said to me, the very Gospel of John itself smells of freshly baked bread throughout, so it is no surprise to hear Jesus claim, I am the food, the source, the stuff of life. As God alone I am nourishment for your soul. As the vine. I am the source of your life and the reason for your fruit. More than just the source of our spiritual nourishment, God is the source of our very souls. Jesus says, I, God, AM the light of the world (John 8:12), your source for all that is right, your righteousness. I God AM the good shepherd of the sheep (John 10:11,14) and the door to their sheep pen (John 10:7). Most pertinent to Easter, "I, God, AM the way, the truth and the life," (John 14:6) I, God, AM the

resurrection and the life (John 11:25).

All of these claims to divinity cease after the resurrection. Jesus ceases talking about his divinity and instead takes it up and begins the rule of his new kingdom, one established in faith and delivered in grace. As King, he rules his disciples not by talking about the King with I AM statements but by taking his throne in their lives. He appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit on the disciples giving them both a command and promise, You go and bind or loose the sins of others. He gives orders to Thomas, "Do not doubt, but believe." He doesn't need to state his divinity to Thomas, Thomas confesses it right away, "My Lord and my God." Then of course there is the famous reconciliation of Peter to Jesus on the shore of Tiberias where Peter's love leads to commands from the new kingdom, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Over breakfast we are given a rather strange detail. John 21:22, "None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you' because they knew it was the Lord." Of course they knew it was the Lord. He had been telling them all along, "I AM God. I AM the way. I AM the resurrection and the life. Go now, and tell the others. Announce the kingdom of grace and faith is established by the Word, the death and resurrection of I AM.

— Pastor Jeff



PONDERA VALLEY

Office Equipment:

In loving memory of Maynard Van Tongeren—Linda Van Tongeren

In loving memory of Brian & Landon Watterud—Krista Keiper

ATTENTION!! Pastor Jeff will be doing a First Communion Class for 5th graders and older. Pick one of 3 times and let the office know (406-271-3934) when you will attend: Sat. April 18th 10 a.m. OR Sun. April 26th 11:30 a.m. OR Wed. April 29th 4 p.m. The class will last approx. 2 hours.

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4. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars" in the Thrivent Choice box on your MyThrivent page.

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6. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit that organization.

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♥ Thank you volunteers delivering Meals on Wheels in March: Shauna Ellefsen, Carol Wood & Kim Wiest, Linda Carlson, Karla Breeding & Flying S Title & Escrow, and Page Russett & Gail Klette. *See schedule for April on p. 5.* If any one would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels, please call the office, 406-271-3934.



MARCH Pastoral Acts:

Pondera Valley Offering: **\$10,254**(thru 3/23)

PV Average Sunday Attendance: **51**

GW Average Sunday Attendance: **15**

♥ **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**



WEDNESDAY EDUCATION CLASS April 1st & 8th
Wednesday, at 3:45 p.m.—5 p.m. for 3 year olds - 5th grade
in the Youth Room (April 8th will be the last one until Fall)

CONFIRMATION Class for 7th & 8th grades
6-7:30 p.m. Sundays
with Pastor Driscoll in the Fellowship Hall

March 29th– Palm Sunday: sing in church

**⌘ Bake Sale to raise money for VBS this Summer (BRING & BUY!)
 AND...**

**⌘ Bowling & Pizza Party for ages Preschool—High School 12-2 p.m. at the
 Branding Iron Lanes!**

⌘ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1st for PV members!

⌘ MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!!! JULY 13-17, 2026

⌘ SEE Page 3 for Info on First Communion Class for 5th grade & older!



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

FOR WOMEN — Sundays at 9 a.m. in church library

-- 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 Church

Pondera Valley Council had a meeting March 9th. There was not much business this month. The Annual Northwest District Meeting is coming up April 23-26 in Coeur d'Alene, ID. The Augustana District has several gatherings coming up as well. If anyone is interested in going they can contact the church office. The Valentine's Dinner and the Community Worship were reported to be both enjoyable events. Holy Week's services at Pondera Valley will include Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 6 p.m. and Good Friday, April 3rd at 6 p.m. Pastor is hoping to gather all interested 5th graders and up who desire to learn about



taking communion so that their first communion could happen on Maundy Thursday. There will be an Easter morning breakfast at Pondera Valley at 9 a.m. before the 10 a.m. Worship Service. If you are able to help in any way, contact Tom Russett. Pastor Jeff has written the Pastor's page for the local newspaper, it will probably be in the March 18th edition.

The next meeting for PV Council will be April 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Golden West Council had a meeting March 3rd. There was not much business. There will be a Palm Sunday Brunch Potluck & Easter Egg Hunt following the 8:30 a.m. service on March 29th.

New opportunities are blooming

Meals on Wheels week of April 6th: M-Jesse & Sharon Parks; T-Carol Wood & Kim Wiest; W-Karla Breeding & Flying S Title & Escrow; Th- Wanda Bollinger & Betty Olson; F-Gail & Mike Klette —*We can always use more volunteers, it only takes about an hour to do!*

NEED: Ushers for December at PVLC!

NEED: large, clear plastic bins with lids for the Stewardship quilting ladies.

If you can volunteer or provide for any thing listed here, please call the church office: 406-271-3934.
THANK YOU!

L. by Alice Berg

What perfect joy to know Thee as my Savior!
What perfect calm then enters my breast!
Amongst the clatter and confusion all about us
In Jesus only can we find this promised rest!
Alive now, or long asleep in Jesus—
What matters, then, if He is but our own?
We wait with patience the glad tomorrow
To gather, all, around His glorious throne!
Today, tomorrow, whatever life may bring us,
Let our souls be firmly anchored in the Lord!
Fear stormy blasts and howling winds within us!
His voice still calms the tempest with a word!
Dear Master, ever guide our ship
And ever guide our hand
That we may reach the promised joys
Within that happy Land!
And meantime, let us work with Thee—
(So many need Thee, Lord -
And we can be a bit of help)
O, bless our service, Lord!
Amen.

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life.

Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected. There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and

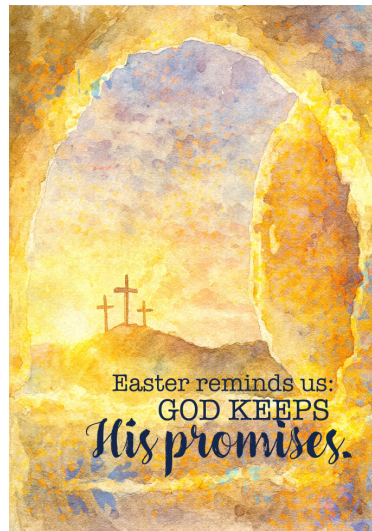
seek God for compassion. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!

There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint." There's something better



We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all.



Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?



FELLOWSHIP IS A BLESSING

Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Special Dates for April 2026

- Holy Week Continues, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 2, 2026*
- Good Friday, *April 3, 2026*
- Easter Sunday, *April 5, 2026*
- Earth Day, *April 22, 2026*

Pondera Valley Women are selling RADA (Made in the USA kitchen tools) to raise money for benevolent projects! Check out the RADA catalog online:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=1818332.f1ff6>

GOD IS MY SALVATION

ISAIAH 12:2



www.holyfamilytime.com A great resource!



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

PUZZLE

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart	5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our on , the and of . For the set before he the , its , and sat down at the of the of . Consider who such from , so that you will not and .

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured the cross, scorning its shame, and set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

PRAYER list

PLEASE UPLIFT IN PRAYER... **Illnesses or other concerns:**

Karen Sutton (*Ruth Erickson*), John Gray, Cindy Fuson, Kelly Johns Leisinger, Molly Donath Kavanagh, Lori Wetendorf, Tiller Judisch, Bob & Sue Kovatch, Roger Schlosser, Howard Bouma, Dave Bliss, Kathy Hodgson, George Wood, Christopher Burns, Chris Ketterling, (*Karla Breding*), Jim Skipper (*Linda O'Brien*), Art & Lori Pearson, Dave Kluver, Casey Kluver, (*2Rona Matheson*), the Alicia Wood Family, Mary, (*Carol Wood*), Sara McLean, Ann Glimm, Kaitlyn and John Russett (*Tom Russett*), Tristan West, David Larson, Rebekah Thaut, Kariann Thaut (*2Pinky Thaut*), Butch Johns, Kailey Judisch, 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, war and other issues, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

All those who mourn: Virginia Bliss, Murlan "Dale" Copelan, and others...grief has no time table; please keep all who come to mind in your prayers...

Those deployed in the service abroad: Brett Christensen (*Central Republic of Africa*), Tyler Rauscher (*Ben's wife, in the Middle East*)

For an updated prayer list, or to update the list, call the church office, 406-271-3934.

Prayers to Prepare for Worship

- ◇ [Palm Sunday] Hosanna in the highest! Lord Jesus, as we remember your triumphal entry, prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy and humility. Clear away our distractions so we may follow you in both triumph and trial. May our worship today honor you, our gracious King. Amen.
- ◇ [Maundy Thursday] As we remember Christ's humble service and sacrificial love, may our hearts be open to his command to love one another and to follow him with gratitude and obedience.
- ◇ [Good Friday] On this solemn day, we reflect on the depth of Christ's sacrifice; may God draw us into quiet reverence, renewed repentance and steadfast hope in his redeeming love.
- ◇ [Easter Sunday] On this glorious Easter Day, let us offer God our highest accolades for raising Christ from his grave and making him our eternal Lord.
- ◇ Help each of us, O Lord, to experience the same joy which the friends of Jesus felt when meeting the risen Christ.
- ◇ Give us courageous and righteous hearts, O God, so that our thoughts and actions may be pure and pleasing to you.
- ◇ As we approach the throne of grace, O Lord, help us to receive and reflect on all the words you have for us.



Bee-loved by Jesus!

GOLDEN WEST SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m.
Ushers: Aaron & Janae Bliss; Reader: Janae Bliss;
Communion Assistant: Aaron Bliss; Communion Preparer: Janae Bliss

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.	Maundy Thursday April 2	Good Friday April 3	EASTER April 5 <i>He is Risen!</i>	April 12	April 19	April 26
Reader	-	-	Linda O'Brien	Dick Kinyon	Jim Morren	Jim Morren
Communion Assistants	Pat Lee & Page Russett		Linda & Mike O'Brien	Karla Breeding & Ruth Erickson		Lyn & Linda Carlson
Usher & Greet	Randy & Peggy Young					
Communion Preparer	Linda Carlson					
Sound Tech.	Faith Weber					
Offering Custodian	Dick Kinyon					



READ IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

April 2 MAUNDY THUR - Jn. 13:1-35; Ex. 24:3-11; Psalm 116:12-19; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30

April 3 GOOD FRIDAY - Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 31; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

April 5 EASTER - Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

April 12 - Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 19 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

April 26 - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

