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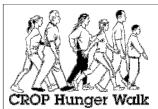
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Psalm5:11 KJV

"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee."



Come walk in the **Crop Walk** October 3rd at 2 p.m.

at the Presbyterian Church!

Or sponsor any one of the following: Becky Gollehon, Page Russett, Rachel Lamb, Virginia (Gorden) Dyrud, Teresa Roderick



Potluck with a Purpose

At Pondera Valley on Oct. 10th we will have a brunch pot luck immediately following worship. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the expenses for our delegates to attend the LCMC Gathering in Minneapolis Oct 3-6th.

Mark your calendar, bring your favorite breakfast dish, and come for worship and fellowship!

New Bible Study with Pastor Michael on Sundays beginning October 17th at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Bring your own Bible!



"Old Testament Overview"

Come one, come ALL!



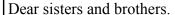
WOMEN!! October 16th! October 29th! November 5th!

See p. 10 & 11 for details!



Radio Broadcast on October 3rd at 11 a.m. over KZIN, 96.7 FM, is being sponsored by Nancy Herman Pringle in memory of her parents, Robert & Evelyn Herman.

Thank you for this ministry! May it be a blessing to the listeners!



I am including an article this month on prayer. Prayer is the fertilizer that feeds us spiritually and helps our roots grow deeply in the faith.

The basic article was written by JoHanna Rearindon and edited with additions by yours truly. I hope you enjoy it and find it useful. I have used JoHanna's material on prayer in the past and have found it quite useful in teaching and in personal application.

Praying Together What does it mean to pray biblically?

By JoHannah Reardon edited by The Rev. Michael D.F. Sculley ESC/f

For years I attended a prayer group that included close friends. We prayed for one another, the church leadership, and for any needs we happened to know about. After one of these times, a friend said she was considering dropping out of the group because she felt overwhelmed by the prayer requests. It seemed to her as though everyone's problems were insurmountable, and although we'd been praying for the same things for months, it didn't seem as though anyone's life was getting any better.

The prayers in the Bible are powerful and life-changing, full of God's power and glory.

Consider Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:16-19. In fact, read it aloud with feeling:

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance saints, and the incomparably great power for us who believe."

Wow! Such a prayer puts health problems, troubled marriages, unruly children, and rotten work conditions in perspective. But obviously, we shouldn't ignore our problems and pretend they don't exist. How can we transform them by putting them into the bigger context of what God wants to do in our lives?

Make Them God-Centered

When you pray, remember who you are talking to. You've been given the privilege of coming before the creator of the universe. This is the God who made everything that lives, and he has given you the honor of bringing requests before him. That's why so many teachers tell us to start our prayers with adoration. When we tell God how great, powerful, and magnificent he is, it reminds us that he truly is those things. It gives us a sense of awe and expectancy that something great could come out of this conversation we're having with the One who can do anything.

Paul spent more than half of his prayer in Ephesians 1, by extolling God's virtues.

When Paul wrote this book, he was in prison. He could have listed a litany of prayer requests that would have made ours pale in comparison, but instead he focused on who God is. Surely the power of that prayer carried him further than any listing of complaints. It also showed the Ephesians how to pray victoriously in the midst of whatever they were facing.

Make Prayers Praise-Filled

Paul started his prayer by saying, "I have not stopped giving thanks . . ." He'd learned that the key to praying is not to focus on a list of troubles, but to praise God for what he has done. How can we do that—how can we give thanks in everything, as Paul later admonished us to do in his letter to the Thessalonians?

We have to trust that God knows what he's doing. A person may not be able to say, "Thank you, God, for my fibromyalgia." But maybe, "I don't get why I have to have it God, but you do, so I'm going to trust you with it. I'd be delighted if you'd take it away, but if not, I trust you'll use it for good in my life."

You can be thankful for moody teens or unruly children because they are a gift from the Lord and he will equip you with wisdom to know how to help cont'd on p.3...

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them. It may be a bumpy road, and they may have to go through some hard times before they learn their lessons, but trust that the Lord will give you wisdom as you praise him for them.

For a stressful job: Thank the Lord, for your job. After all He led you there, so pray, "I'm trusting that you want to use me with my co-workers, and that you'll equip me to do this job well. If you're leading me elsewhere, I trust that you'll make that clear too. Teach me what you want me to learn through some of the difficult times at my job."

Make Them Life-Changing

My friend was frustrated with our prayer time because it seemed nothing ever changed. Maybe that's because we weren't praying for the right change. I've noticed that the vast majority of our prayers are for God to change our circumstances. Maybe God doesn't want to change our circumstances. Maybe he wants to change us.

That doesn't mean he won't ever change our circumstances. I've seen God supply needs, open opportunities, and heal people in incredible ways. But I've also spent years praying for something that never changes. That should be my first clue that I may not be praying for the right thing.

Looking at the examples listed above again may help us think about this. If you have been praying for God to take away fibromvalgia and he hasn't done it, you should probably focus on how he wants to use it in your life. Maybe God wants you to start a support group for other fibromyalgia sufferers. possibly He wants you to express more compassion for others who are suffering by praying for them or sending money to a research organization that is looking for a cure. Perhaps He just wants to get your attention—and as C.S. Lewis said, pain is his megaphone.

We need to pray for children the way Paul prayed for the Ephesians—that God would give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that they may know h i m b e t t e r. We need to pray that children would know the hope to which God has called them, their glorious inheritance, and God's incomparably great power. As you pray for your children or for other peoples children, remember to pray these things for yourself, too,

so that you will be able to model such a walk with God as an example to them.

Concerning your job. If you have a possibility of changing jobs, you need to pray for God's confirmation and wisdom about doing so. You need to get the advice of other godly people to see their perspectives. If you have done all that and feel that God wants you to stay in your job, you need to ask him what he wants to accomplish in and through you. Ask God to change your perspective and give you joy.

After all, if Paul could find joy while sitting in a prison cell, All of us can probably find joy in a job if we let God open our eyes to it.

Our group prayers changed after my friend complained. We realized that we were treating prayer as a complaint session, when in reality it's an incredible opportunity to gain the wisdom, direction, and power of the King of Kings who rules all time and places.

May God bless you dear sisters and brothers,

Pr. Michael

Pastor Michael will be at the LCMC annual gathering:

• October 2—7

Also going are: Barb Judisch, Debra Sculley,
Karen Hollandsworth and Bill McLean.
Please keep them and the gathering in your prayers.
You can watch the gathering live at http://www.lcmc.net

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SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Returning this fall! Small Group Bible Studies!

Look for the sign up sheet in either church.

If you were in one last winter, encourage a friend to join you!

If you missed out last winter don't miss out this time!



www.conradlutheran.org ...a work in progress...

🎗 The Church Directories are in! If you had your picture taken, please pick yours up after worship services on Sunday! There will be a few left to buy (\$2) if you are interested!



Constitution UPDATE: PV voted on Sept. 12th to approve their new constitution &

at the annual meeting it will be adopted. GW will have a congregational meeting on Nov. 14th, immediately following worship, to vote to approve their proposed constitution.



Pastoral acts are: weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

At PV on September 4th was the Durnell/Brown wedding; Sept. 17th interment for Lester Hofstad.

If you know of someone in the hospital or at home who would like a visit, please let the church office know, 271-3934. Thank you!

UPCOMING BENEFITS

- **& OCTOBER 24th**: Roy Lamb Benefit Pancake Brunch at Pondera Valley, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- **NOVEMBER 14th**: Tanya Olson Benefit "NO Bake"- Bake Sale after Worship at PV



Golden West 100th Anniversary **Cookbooks and History books** are available at the church office or from Chris Bjelland, Rona Matheson, or Elaine McLean.

Cookbooks cost \$15 & history books \$10 each. Recipe book correction: p. 178 Soft Ginger Cookies, add 4 teaspoons of baking soda to the ingredients.

STATISTICS

PV Monthly Budget: \$ 12,837

September: \$ 10,019

Average Attendance for September:

Golden West: 27 Pondera Valley: 86

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS



God gave us memories so we could have roses in the winter.

PONDERA VALLEY:

Building Fund

In Memory of **Betty Erickson**: Dan & Betty Felska

In Memory of **Irene Carlbom**: Leonard & Marie Armstrong, Martha Baumann, Ray & Jana O'Brien, Jim & Martha Orcutt, Betty & Ramsey Offerdal, Irene Gerner, Vicky & Gary Hemry, Elmer & Pam Crawford, Marian Turk, Gorden & Virginia Dyrud, Diana Harris, Leona & Jeff Elings

In Memory of Estelle Petersen: Pat, Larry, & Rose Banka

Funeral Luncheons

In Memory of Irene Carlbom: Evelyn & Don Koenig

GOLDEN WEST:

Memorial Fund In Memory of Estelle Petersen: Gorden & Virginia Dyrud

"God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters." John Henry Jowett



*Keep checking the "Thank Board" in the Fellow-ship Hall!

Thanks to the Worship Leaders:

Louise Glimm, Mary Jane Kinyon, Becky
Gollehon, Karen Hollandsworth, Linda
O'Brien, and Elaine Gray. We thank you for
your willingness to fill in for Pastor Michael!

Thank you to our sound system operators...Linda Carlson, Karen Lee, Lynn Utterback, Jack Judisch, Tom Russett, and Carol Johns. "Hears to YOU!" And if anyone would like to help out with the sound, please call the church office, 271-3934, we'd love to have your help!



Thank you to those of you who have agreed to work with our youth this year. Next time you see them please thank them for their dedication to this important ministry!

—Louise Glimm, Superintendent; Amy Salois & Morgan Fowler, Preschool/Kindergarten; Stacy Eneboe & Meagan Breding, 1st/2nd grades; Courtney Anderson & Rachel Lamb, 3rd/4th grades; Cassie DeVries & Teresa Roderick, 5th/6th grades; Linda Hanson, Music; Kim Hofstad, Confirmation; Nancy Melby, Youth Mentorship; Julene Peters, cook; Julie & Andrew Fowler, Jr. League; Barb & Jack Judisch, Lori & Art Pearson, Donna Fowler and Sandy Shirley, Sr. League.

PRAYER PATH by Kim Wiest



This is a prayer for YOU who are reading this....

I am asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future he has promised to those he called. I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people. I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him.

Isn't this a beautiful prayer? The apostle Paul wrote this and it is found in Ephesians 1:17-19. I would appreciate being prayed for with this prayer, how about you? We could use it to pray for others too.

Here is another prayer by Paul found in Ephesians 3:17-19: "May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is Page 6 quoted as saying, "If we wish to pray with confidence and gladness, then the words of Holy Scripture will have to be the solid base of our prayer. For here we know that Jesus Christ, the Word of God, teaches us to pray. The words which come from God become, then, the steps on which we find our way to God."

Let us be bold in our prayers, claiming God's Word and promises as our own!

Intercessory Prayers will have their first meeting on Oct. 12th at 4 p.m. in the Pastor's office. Please come!



LCPL Tornga, Kyle 3rd BN 1st Mar LCO Unit 40235 FPO AP 96427-0235 a a

R a quick way to write Kyle or

another soldier, check out: <u>www.motomail.us</u> It is FREE of charge!

Also, see a newsletter from Kyle's unit on the back bulletin board at Pondera Valley.



Wish List

- People who are committed to helping to make a contemporary service on Sunday nights a reality with their musical gifts...this includes both PV & GW!
- People to sign up for a new series of Small Group Bible studies for this fall. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you have questions or are interested!
- † Sponsors for the Crop Walk on October 3rd! (See the walkers on p. 1.)
- [↑] 2011 Benevolence Committee members needed for both GW & PV− call either council President or church office, 271-3934.

& Community CANCER Foundation has financial assistance available for anyone in Pondera County diagnosed with cancer. We are here to help! Please apply for funds through applications available at the Conrad Area Chamber of Commerce, Pondera County Clerk & Recorder, PMC Medical Records, Motivations, 3 Rivers Communications, or write to: CCF Applications, PO Box 743, Conrad, MT 59425

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PV Council met on Sept. 9th. Pastor Michael talked about the annual LCMC gathering in Minneapolis on October 3-6. His online classes start on Sept. 13th. He will have classes on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Color-coded laminated liturgy sheets were discussed, training for worship assistants, and the need for all church leadership to attend worship services regularly. Members are needed for the 2011 Benevolence committee and be prepared with a proposal at the budget meeting in December. Tim Salois reported that the sidewalk on the south side of the church and education building will be started soon. Susan Gustafson attended the meeting to report on the Flathead Lu-Jerome Glimm volunof the church. New letters, similar PV's 100th anniversary is coming up in 2014. People are needed to start interviewing and writing up history. There are a few beginning the process of interviewing now.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October at 7 p.m. in the Luther Room.

On Sept. 12th following the worship at PV there was a congregational meeting for the purpose of day and 164 attending on Sunday. voting on the new constitution. 73 members signed in. stitution. constitution, voted "no" motion passed.

theran Bible Camp's board meeting | GW Council met on September 21st.Treasurer Bill McLean reteered to prepare and paint the ported that there is: \$17,422.54 in metal portion of the sign out front the general fund; \$3,227.98 in the Memorial fund; \$1,698.76 in the to what we use, have been ordered. Anniversary fund; \$433.81 in the Continued Ed. Fund, \$54,406.79 in the Parsonage fund. There was \$5,225 income for the anniversary with \$7,961.24 worth of expenses. It was noted that there are still cookbooks and history books to sell. The goal was to break even and that is still probable. Dennis Fladstol reported that the celebration was a huge success. There were 145 attending on Satur-There will be a congregational There meeting on November 14th, immewas some discussion following the diately following the worship sermotion to approve the new con- vice, to vote on the approval of the The ballots were new constitution, with the intention passed out and the results were: that it will then be adopted at the 72 voted "yes" to approve the annual meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m.



REFORMATION SUNDAY — October 31st

- 1. Wear RED
- 2. Bring your favorite coffee cup to church be prepared to use it and share its history!

- & Challenge: Invite a Friend to Church on the 1st Sunday of each month!
- & On the 3rd Sunday, Pastor will offer a time of healing at the altar following the service.
- & On the 1st & 4th Sundays there will be a Children's sermon.





BIBLE TRIVIA

- What is the name of the town that is called 'City of Palm Trees"?
- Shem is to Noah as David is to
- 3. What was Jacob's relationship to Laban?
- 4. What is the name of the first New Testament martyr?
- 5. Name the pool that had five porches.
- 6. Which came first—the Tower of Babel or the Flood?
- 7. Lazarus is to Jesus as Eutychus is to

- 8. There was a silversmith in Ephesus by the name of .
- 9. What is the name of the Bible character that preached in a valley full of dead men's bones?
- 10. What was the name of the sorcerer who was struck blind by Paul the apostle?

RIDDLE: What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

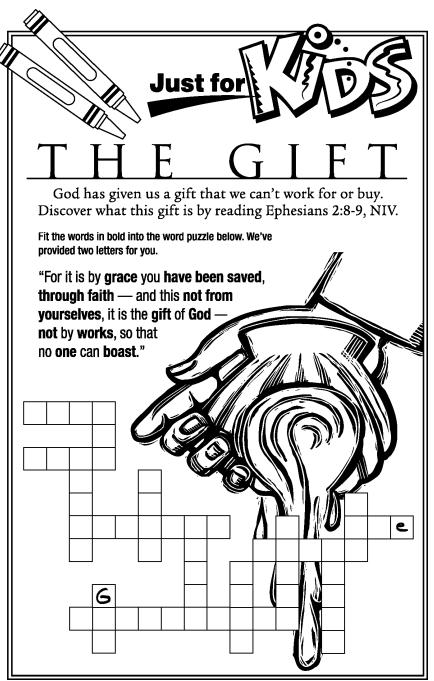
Answers: page 12.

- The young father admired his 6-year-old daughter while she was dancing around the kitchen. Finally, he stopped her with a hug. "You know," he said, looking her in the eyes, "you're cute--just like your father." She was silent for a moment. "You mean my heavenly father or you?"
- Three-year-old Seth had received a toy lawn-mower for Christmas, but he never had the chance to use it until one sultry July day when his father went out to mow the lawn and Seth volunteered to "help." A few minutes later, however, Seth was back, dragging his toy lawnmower behind him. "I'm going to mow in here," he explained to his mom. "It's too hot outside!"
- One lab mouse to another: "I've trained that crazy human at last." "How have you done that?" "I don't know how, but every time I run through that maze and ring the bell, he gives me a piece of cheese."
- When the 4 year old was asked what she was hoping to have, a new baby brother or sister, she wisely replied, "Sometimes you just gots to take what God gives ya."



"An added source of income would be nice, Sims, but I doubt that the Department of Agriculture would pay us for not reaping what we sow."

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For the answers to this puzzle, look on the back bulletin board of each church.



"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11



A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 11/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting boardCookie sheet

What you do:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
- In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
- 3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
- 4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
- Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
- 6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
- 7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
- 8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
- 9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!





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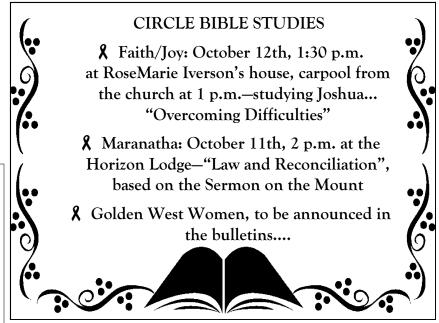
Women of Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP DAY



3rd Tuesday October 19th 9 am - Noon at Pondera Valley

More helpers needed!!!





Women of the Word!

The ladies of Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls, invite all LCMC women to a special event to be held on Saturday, October 16th, 2010 from 11am – 4 pm at Faith Lutheran Church ~ 3125 5th Ave S.

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Karla Kaleva from Cut Bank will
do a Bible study and spa program.

All ladies need to bring 2 washcloths in a
gallon bag as well as 2 hand towels for spa
treatments for both hands and feet.

The registration fee is \$10 which includes
\$5 for lunch and \$5 for the spa treatment.

Pre-registration is requested if possible.

Contact Julie Waag ~ kjamswaag@bresnan.net;
Diane Lowry ~ dlowry13@bresnan.net; or call
Faith Lutheran Church at (406)454-1309.

Come share in the food, fellowship,

worship, Bible study, and program!

Ladies,

Can you help with food, crafts, pies, decorations, clean-up, or serving for the Fall Bazaar on October 29th or for the World Community Day on November 5th? I will be calling soon!

Jenny King, Coordinator for W.o.W.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness."

Psalm 100:1



Mark your calendar! November 5, 2010 World Community Day for Women at Pondera Valley at 10:30 a.m. (10 a.m. Registration)

FALL FESTIVAL LEVEE

October 29, 2010

11 a.m. -2 p.m.

at Pondera Valley

Food — Crafts — Pies

(by the piece and whole)

Also a Silent Auction for a quilt!

Everyone Welcome!

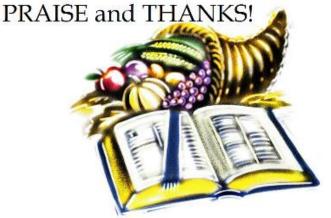
Lunch: \$6 - Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Chips, and a Drink

Pie: \$2



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Plan NOW to attend... Golden West Lutheran's



Sunday, November 7th at 2 p.m.

This is the 52nd Annual Celebration! Everyone welcome!

Featured Speaker: Susan Gustafson and her trip to the Holy Land

A time of worship, singing, fellowship, and pie & coffee!

A free-will offering will be taken.

Sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans and the Golden West Women



It's Time - 2014

Pondera Valley Lutheran Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2014. It's time to start thinking and planning ahead. If you are interested in helping with some preliminary plans for the celebration,

please call the church office, 271-3934, Mary Jane Kinyon, 278-5288, or Louise Glimm, 278-3574.



BEGINNING
OCTOBER 6th!
Women's
Craft Day!

Any craft you want to work on!
On Wednesdays
in the Fellowship Hall
from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Trivia Answers from p. 8:

- 1. Jericho, Deuteronomy 34:3
- Jesse (son to father) Genesis
 5:32; Acts 13:22
- Nephew and son-in-law, Genesis 28:1,2; 29:16-28
- 4. John the Baptist, Matthew 14:10
- 5. The pool at Bethesda, John 5:2
- 6. The Flood, Genesis 7-9, 11
- 7. Paul (he raised from the dead to he who healed), John 11:43-45; Acts 20:7-12
- 8. Demetrius, Acts 19:24
- 9. Ezekiel, Ezekiel 37:1-14
- 10. Elymas, Acts 13:6-12

Riddle answer: Flood lights



Golden West: 11 a.m. Ushers: Roy & Karen Hollandsworth; Reader: Cathi Hemry; Liturgist: Rona Matheson; Communion Assistant: Karen Hollandsworth; Acolytes: 3rd- Justin, 10th- Konnor, 17th-Brandon, 24th-Garrett, 31st-Sheridan

Pondera Valley: 9 a.m. 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. Information/instructions would be made available. **USHERS: When you are ushering when there are no acolytes (often in May – September), please light and extinguish the altar candles.**

Sunday 9 a.m.	October 3rd	October 10th	October 17th	October 24th	October 31st	
Ushers	Erik & Stacy Eneboe	Art & Lori Pearson	Betty & Ramsey Offerdal	Linda & Mike O'Brien	Patty Robinson & Frances Larson	
Reader	Una Coleman	Harold Olson	Pam Crawford	Mary Jane Kinyon	Louise Glimm	
Communion Assistant		Betty Olson		Pat Lee		
Acolytes						
Sound Tech.	Jack Judisch					
Greeters	Albert & Nancy Melby					
Offering Custodian	Barb Judisch					

Pondera Valley after worship "Coffee Hour" Serving Group Chair for the month of November is Wanda Bandow, 278-7723. Please call her to let her know how you can help. The families on the list for November are: Leonard Armstrongs, Leona Elings, Mary Fussell, Jerome Glimms, Gavin Grammars, Loyanne Gustafson, Ron Kaldors, Krista Keipers, Jim Knapton, Evelyn Koenig, Amy Krause, Judy Larson, Pat Lee, Beccy Lockyer, Harold Olsons, June Ostrom, Herb Petermans, Arnold Rohrers, Jim Schlossers, Robert Skorupa, Georgia Snortland, Dennis Stokes, Linda VanTongeren, Orinne Werhan and Randy Youngs.



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