



WITH ONE VOICE

April 2026

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

+ St. Mark's Episcopal Church



April 2nd at 6 pm Maundy Thursday

Worship at the LCGS/SMEC. We will have a station for hand or foot washing during the service and communion will be served.

After the worship the congregation helps take all things from the altar and put in the two office's.



April 3rd at 7 pm
Good Friday Worship at Madras
United Methodist Church.

**EASTER
SUNDAY**
APRIL 5TH
MORNING
WORSHIP AT
10:30 AM

He has risen!!!



WE PRAY FOR!

Our homebound Joyce Allison and Royce Embanks **AND For** fire fighters, our nation, our troops, our enemies; for our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land, an end to hunger, safety and peace for all people and for God's continuing guidance for Good Shepherd + St. Mark's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

Sundays: 10:30 worship with communion

1 to 3 Iglesia Church worship

April 2nd at 6pm Maundy Thursday Service with Foot and Hand washing plus communion.

April 3rd Good Friday Service at 7pm at the MUMC.

April 5th EASTER WORSHIP at 10:30 am.

April 9th MountainStar Annual Fundraiser Free Luncheon.

April 11th Central Oregon Girl Scouts meeting 10-12 pm

April 14th @ 5 pm Church council

Wednesdays Girl Scouts 4 to 5:30

Fridays Iglesia Prayer Vigil and Choir Practice 7:30 to 9:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Shirley Gerke

4/5 Bartt Brick

4/8 Michael Summerhalder

4/12 Melissa Irvine

4/18 Mary Rodriquez

4/21 Wanda Buslach

& Brenda Heinonen

4/26 Ken Black

4/27 Jerry Gerke

ANNIVERSARIES

4/21 Dennis & Linda
Jackson

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

4/4 Major & Tia Summerhalder

4/15 Michael Summerhalder



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On March 28th Michael Summerhalder and Tia Bean were joined in Holy Matrimony here at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Michael is the grandson of Walt and Rose Summerhalder and nephew of Marilyn R. Hart.



To those that have already given to the Symbolic Easter Lily Annual fundraiser. It is so nice to see the cross decorated with all the contribution tags.

Wanda & Dennis Buslach, Diane Cavender, Kathy Evans, Rich Lohman, Carl Lindgren, Keith and Bev Haworth, Colleen Fletcher, Marilyn Hart, Linda Jackson and Dana Lundy.

If you missed a chance to contribute you can bring your donation to the office by April 7th so it can go to MountainStar Relief Nursery. The office is open Tues, Wed., Thurs., for 9 am to 12 pm.

Symbolic Easter Lilies

The picture below is a cross from a few years ago. We really filled it up with cards of honor, thanksgiving and memory.

Each Lenten season we do a fundraiser for our community. We again want to help Mountainstar Relief Center this year as they are growing and are adding to their building for more classrooms.

We ask for a donation large or small as you write on your card the name of your loved one. Last year we were able to give them \$330 for our Symbolic Easter Lilies.

There will be a council member sitting by the door to accept your donation and give you a card to fill out and tape to the cross. The last Sunday to do this will be Palm Sunday, March 29th. .

The office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm and you are welcome to come down then and fill out a card and bring your donation.



LCGS + SMEC PURPOSE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Purpose is to speak God's word in Jesus Christ, as we welcome all to worship and praise and to share God's love as we serve our neighbors.

Our Guiding Principles:

- Jesus is Lord and Savior
- Everyone is a Minister
- We Invite All to Join Us in Worship and Praise
 - ◆ Celebrate Joy in Worship
- Deepening our Faith Strengthens

SHE WAS FIRST

"Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' "

Gospel of John 11:21-22

This account of the death and resurrection of Lazarus, friend of Jesus--brother of Mary and Martha is one of those that is contemporary with the things that mattered 20 centuries ago, and that matter for all time.

As Jesus delays his arrival at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Martha states the truth as she perceives it:

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Martha is the first to confront Jesus with her sadness, also, it seems her anger and then with her faith. Her faith statement: "Lord."

To watch the news this year is often such a "downer," that I go looking for hopeful things to balance the sad. Saturday 21 March there was a series of stories about women who fit a theme in their lives "She was first." My wife and I watched two of those accounts--first of Sonia Manzano and then Cat Cora.

Manzano wrote the scripts of the Sesame Street series for years--scripts meant to educate children and whet their desire to learn new things and be good neighbors. She also appeared on Sesame as "Maria." a Hispanic person who appeared every day with Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch and all the rest.

Cat Cora [I did not know her because I do not watch the Food Channel] was the granddaughter of Southern restaurant owners. She knew at age 10 that she wanted to be a chef. Unfortunately when she applied to the great places to be trained in French cooking, she was rejected time and again. Eventually she was accepted and is now quite famous and gracious, mentoring young people in her profession.

The common thread of these two women is that they had years of trauma because of the families that raised them. Both acknowledged their pain, then after years of struggle found a way to make a better life for themselves and people around them.

The Gospel of John chapter 11 is filled with characters that step forward, and their honest embrace of the events of the few days result in blessings all around. Martha is the first to confront her pain to Jesus with a statement of faith. She will be rewarded. Jesus is not afraid of our expressions of pain, etc. Jesus is the source of truth and healing. We all have had difficulties. God is there for our healing and source of hope.

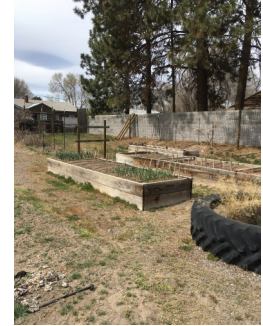
Peace and Joy, Charles R. Bade

COUNCIL BULLET POINTS FROM March 10 2026 meeting

- Symbolic Eater Lilies will be available to give donations. The donations will go to MountainStar Relief Nursery.
- March 29th Palm Sunday plus congregation potluck to follow. Will have free will offering for the ham.
- April 2nd Maundy Thursday asking for volunteers
- Website is under construction

SPRING HAS ARRIVED!!!

If you have some time its time to go to the garden and start pulling weeds. Check out the blooming fruit trees. We have two raised beds that have garlic. Thanks to the Iglesia congregation for planting them.



This Plum tree was planted in 2011 by Marilyn Hart and Kiana Adams in memory of Marilyn's brother and Kiana's grandfather Max Summerhalder. It has struggled for years and last year it produced lots of plums. This year when Marilyn was leaving work it had bloomed so beautiful. So saying prayers that no freeze comes and hurts it. Carl has taken great care of this tree for Marilyn. It has this one branch that is just so beautiful.



MADRAS MOUNTAINSTAR COMMUNITY TABLE

The Annual fundraiser for MountainStar is on April 9th at the Inn of the Cross Keys in Madras. They provide a free lunch while you learn how MountainStar Family Relief Nursery prevents child abuse and neglect in Jefferson County. The lunch is from 12 to 1 pm.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WATER

For a number of years now we have been getting a grant for the City of Madras to help with the garden water bill. Last year they decided not to give us the grant of \$700 and this year they have decided they aren't doing the grant anymore.

So we will be going back to asking for contributions once a month during offering time for help with the water bill for the garden.

We have also been using that line item to pay for the lawns being mowed. For a number of years four ladies of the church made sure it was paid. Some of them couldn't pay for it anymore so we went to the council and they made a motion to pay the mowing bill. It starts the end of March and finishes mid October.

Any contribution will be very welcome. So the FIRST Sunday of each month we will ask for the Water Freewill offering. If you want to have it on your contributions for the church put your contribution in the envelope from the pew with your name and put for Garden Fund. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report for March 2026

Needed	\$14,616.00
Received	<u>\$ 14,872.94</u>
Plus	\$ 256.00

We received additional donation of \$86 from a Thrivent accounts.



Iglesia Worship



This congregation has grown to 35 to 40 people each Sunday. Plus lots of children. They have had two baptism's in the Fireside Room last month.

They are very happy to become an independent church. It is kind of like us being a part of the ELCA but on our own.

Some of the members have been bringing supplies for cleaning and stuff. They just replaced all of our pencils in the sanctuary. I believe they will be bringing Kleenex soon as we are all out. Victor said they cry a lot

during their worship.

We are very blessed and thankful to have the Iglesia Congregation here and very happy to give them a place to worship.

Peace I leave you; My peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid

JOHN 14:27

Volunteer!!!! The Council would appreciate someone coming forward and taking care of Fellowship, Worship and Outreach. Council will be very happy to help but would appreciate someone taking the led.

We could use some help with ushers. We have two very dedicated gentlemen that do this every Sunday. If you would be available to do a Sunday a month that would be so helpful.



Our congregation has logged these hours ministering in our community. If you volunteer please put on the blue/white card in the pews what you have done and how much time you shared.

If you don't see it on our list please still put it on the card. We all share our time in the community and we would like to see where it is happening.

Most months only show three weeks as the newsletter needs to be published before the end of the month.

1 John 3:17-18

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

Ministry Category	God’s Work, Our Hands				
	Hours Each Month 2026				
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Art Gallery					
Care Giver			29		
CASA					
Children/Youth					
Church Committees	31	22	33		
Church Facility	1	29	7		
Community time/ Donations		5			
Community Ed					
Community office	3		8		
Conf. for Church					
Faith Based Network					
Food Pantry	24	24	22		
Garden					
Humane Society					
Helping Ministry	2	26	5		
Hospice					
Homeless					
MAC Trust					
Meals on wheels	8	9	18		
Memorial Garden					
Prison					
Red Cross/EMS					
recycle					
Schools					
Senior Center	6	8	7		
Service clubs	12	5	10		
Shut Ins	1				
Veteran’s Ministry	22	19	34		
Wedding/funerals					
Church Facilities					
Yard work		4			
Totals	110	151	173		

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