



WITH ONE VOICE

May 2026

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
+ St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Easter Morning Joy

Christ has risen!!! The joy of Easter morning. Not only because Christ has risen but the sounding of voices singing. There were 24 beautiful voices Easter morning.

It was so very uplifting to hear them and their joy in their singing 24 people bringing this glorious sound into the church. I wish I would have thought about recording them. Just now thinking it but that's a little late. If only we could have 20 to 24 people every Sunday to rejoice in song. That is my wish.

It's been very sad the Sunday's following Easter we have had only 8 to 11 people attending worship. We don't know how to fix that but wish we could.

Worship on Sunday is only about 45 minutes to an hour. We enjoy Coffee Hour Fellowship after worship. Come and join us.

This also brings up another thought or two. The Council is wondering why people are not using our Facebook page on Sundays or another day of the week. You don't have to go in on Sunday at 10:30 am. You can go in at you leisure and be part of the worship service. I sure would like to know why you don't take advantage of this opportunity. We know that it isn't always working like last week all you got was sound. That's just technically for you.

One more thing we are in wonder about is the attendance for Lay Worship. It is very low. Volunteer to be a leader or to do the gospel and sermon. Pastor Bade provides 3 sermons for you to look over and you pick which one works for you. He gets them from an Episcopal website.

JOB 37:14

STAND STILL, AND CONSIDER THE WONDEROUS WORKS OF GOD.

Sunday 10:30 am Worship with Communion
1 to 3 Iglesia Church
Worship
May 12th Council meeting at 5
Wednesday Girl Scouts 4 to 5:30pm
Friday Iglesia Prayer Vigil/ choir practice 7:30 to 9:30 pm
May 2nd Annual Church Yard clean up
May 6th Garden Meeting at 4 pm in the Garden
May 12th Council meeting at 5
May 20 Oregon Synod Assembly
May 31st LCGS & SMEC will join worship at Madras United Methodist Church at 9:30

BIRTHDAYS

5/4 McKenzie Stroupe
5/7 Keith Haworth, Drew White
5/11 Ava Friederichs
5/14 Cheryl Wollaston
5/18 Larry Lewis & Phyllis Davis
5/21 Joyce Allison
5/27 Marcia Black
5/29 Keisha Culps
5/31 Rick Urbach

ANNIVERSARIES

5/22 Cheryl (Hamilton) and Scott Fones

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Alexis & Rick Urbach
5/13 Willie Sittinghorse-Kirk, JR
5/26 Dennis Buslach



The Symbolic Easter Lilies on the cross are given to the glory of God!

Given By

Charles Bade
Wanda & Dennis Buslach
Diane Cavender
Kathy Evans
Colleen Fletcher
Marilyn R. Hart
Marilyn Hart
Keith & Bev Haworth
Linda Jackson
Carl Lindgren

To honor or in memory of

For Everyone
In Memory of Brother Mel Haugen
Family
In memory of Tom . Clara & Al Schultz
In Memory of Abbie & George
In Honor of Walter Lee Summerhalder
Community
Parents & Brothers
In Memory of Aunt Evelyn
In Memory Paul & Helen Lindgren,
Glen & Veldona
Jim, Clarence and Wanda Orsow
Family
Community

Rich & Cheryl Lohman
Dana Lundy

*\$200 was raised for the Mountainstar Relief Nursery . Check the bulletin board for their kind Thank You letter. In the letter they stated that we have been a supporter of Mountainstar for 16 years. I don't know about the rest of you but I sure didn't realize we have been doing it that long.. It really is an amazing program.
Thank you all for your donations this year.*



WE PRAY FOR!

Our homebound – Joyce Allison, Royce Embanks, Dale Heckathorn **AND For** fire fighters, medical workers, 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.

Continuing in Jesus' word

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'" Gospel of John 8:31-32

This week there was a lovely story carried by BBC Radio on the life of Robert Finley, age 72. At age 5 he announced that he wanted to be a "blues" singer. His father said he could not, because the "blues" was the devil's music. Undeterred, Robert practiced singing in private, imitating all manor of music.

Discouraged from singing the blues by his father, Robert kept his practice away from his parents and wondered if his father was right about the "blues" music.

Robert learned carpentry from his father. Needing to earn a living for his family, music was set aside until he contracted blindness as the result of glaucoma at age 63. To earn a living he began to sing and play his guitar on street corners. He was playing "blues." Before long crowds gathered and he was earning decent money.

Robert Finley remembers fondly that his father taught him:

"You have got to believe in something or you will fall for anything."

Robert remembered this instruction and over a lifetime held to the teachings of Jesus. But for Robert, the "blues" was about life and truth. He decided to

"continue in Jesus' word and be a disciple" as he sang the Blues.

Robert also remembered his father said,

"Jesus might not come when you want Him, but He is always on time."

Robert Finley travels the world now with a band sometimes with his oldest daughter, sometimes with a granddaughter. His blues performances are joyful and deal mostly with spiritual issues. For seven years now Robert has been touring worldwide.

The Christian church has often declared that Jesus came at the right time for the world to accept the Gospel message. If we are discouraged with things in our world and we wish God would work in our time as when Jesus came to the earth. Robert's father is right, God might not act when we want, but God works at the right time.

Last week there was a vigorous debate in the news media and among certain political figures about the nature of the "Gospel." Continuing in Jesus Word is the work of Jesus' disciples. Our work. Robert Finley believes his delayed destiny is God at work in his life. Could this debate about the "Gospel" **be a turning point in our world?** I hope so.

Peace and Joy, Charles R. Bade



Treasurer's Report for April 2026

Needed for the month of April	\$4,872.00
Received for 4 weeks of April	<u>\$3,910.00</u>
That is a loss of	\$ 962.00
Year to date Needed	\$ 20,706.00
Year to date received	<u>\$ 19,132.94</u>
Loss of	\$ 1,573.06

IGLESIA CONGREGATION NEWS

Iglesia Facebook page address: **iafcjmadras** You can watch their service on Sunday's. They have done two baptisms in the last few months. Its amazing to watch but mostly when I get to the office on Tuesday everything is exactly as it was when I had left on Sunday morning. If I hadn't seen the baptism on their Facebook page I wouldn't have had a clue.

This congregation has been a big blessing to us. Every time they hold service here they wash the bathrooms and vacuum the sanctuary. If they use the kitchen it is also all cleaned up and floors washed. They are providing all kinds of supplies for the church.

Their congregation meets here on Friday evenings a 7:30 for a Prayer Vigil service. They hold choir practice after that so they usually leave between 9:30 10 pm. Sunday worship is at 1 pm to about 3 pm. They invite us to stay for their worship. It is full of music and singing.

They help keep the Church grounds clean. They see something they take care of it for us.

[News from Episcopal Diocese](#)

Celebration commemorates 80th anniversary of last internment camp's closing 10:30 a.m. ET May 9. All are invited to watch a livestream of a special service hosted by New York Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine to mark the closure of Tule Lake, the last remaining internment camp for Japanese Americans, 80 years ago. Cathedral Dean Winnie Varghese will serve as celebrant, and the Rev. Canon John Kitagawa, board chair of The Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice, will preach. The Rev. Jo Ann Lagman, missionary for Asiamerica Ministries, will join as a special guest. A reception will follow. To attend, RSVP by April 24 to nyeam@diocesenyc.org. **Watch the livestream at [this link](#).**

From Marilyn: I haven't posted for quite awhile about my cancer progress. On April 20th 2022 was when I received the diagnose of my cancer. That' four years ago now! WOW!

Anyway, I am happy to report that my tumors have not grown in that time. That is really good news. They will never be able to get rid of my cancer. I am Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer in my bones.

I know all of you have noticed the difference in me physically as my cancer drugs do have their side effects. I am learning how to operate around them (well most of the time) so I can get things done or go to things I enjoy.

So I will continue to be my stubborn self and push on going on till my Lord requests my presence. Thank you all for your continued love, support and prayers, Marilyn

CHURCH COUNCIL BULLETS from meeting April 14, 2026

- The New website is up and running. Still a working on getting it complete.
- Garden season is starting. Help pulling weeds needed.
- Pastor Jill Plant to preside at our worship on May 24th
- Spring Clean for us is May 2nd at 10 am.



We wish all Mom's, those that filled the place of Mom's, single Dad's that took up the job, and all that helped raise our children. This is your day. Enjoy and have a wonderful day.

Madras Community Food Pantry Update

Lots of transitions are happening at our Madras Food Pantry. The pantry started in the 90s, actually, at the Madras United Methodist Church. It was a ministry of the church. Kathy May took the pantry over in probably 2014, when they were passing one bag of groceries out the window to our clients." May has been involved with the food pantry for 12 years and has served as its executive director for the last five years. Kathy has retired at the end of March 2026.

As of April 23rd. the new Executive Director is Valerie Hightower of Madras. Valerie 's desire to promote well-being throughout her professional journey prompted her interest in applying for this position.

Also leaving the Pantry is Les Weidner . Les has held the position of the Fresh Alliance Operations Manager for 4 years. He has managed volunteers and helped create many new services such as the Green Bag Project, the Home Delivery services, the Fresh Food Market and Evening food distribution. As well as maintain the Pantry truck and collecting and delivering food throughout the community each week. Les will continue working on the Pantry Board and supporting the Executive Director and will continue to work to enhance the quality of life in Madras at the food pantry.

They still have future plans for the pantry. May says it is applying for a community block grant to expand the building slightly to provide more storage and a better hospitality area.

AND, Don't forget the 2026 Great Madras Community Dine-out on June 4th. Eat out at your favorite participating restaurant and help feed and support your community.

Please note that we will not have worship service here on May 31st.

We will take that Sunday and good to the Madras United Methodist church. On the last Sunday's of the month they do "Reflecting all Together". Pastor will read some scripture and then everyone goes into break out groups to work out what they feel the scripture are about.

There is and Arts and craft table, a group that puts together a skit, or a quiet place. There are more but this is an example. Following this there is a potluck. Pastor said if 9:30 is to early please come and join the potluck.

REMEMBER MAY 31ST NO SERVICE AT LCGS&SMC.



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Garden Update

Carl has planted some seedlings in the Green House so when the weather is warmer, we could use some help getting it ready for planting.

Saturday May 2nd will be church yard clean up along with the garden. Many hands make for things getting done.

FACEBOOK

We feel we can't say this enough!

If you can't make it to church check out our

Face book page Madras Lutheran and Episcopal church. You can look up a date of worship or watch all that are recorded on the page. If you do check out the page please let us know you were there by clicking on the like button or a heart button would be nice too. Comments are always welcome.

Website Update

You may not be aware that our church website has not been working or updated since January, 2026. For some reason our account was invalidated by Word Press and we could not get it back because Word Press wanted all of this old information that we did not have in order to reinstate our site/account.

In February, Kathy Evans and Teresa Jackson started creating a new website. Our new address is goodshepherdandstmarks.com. You can use this address to get to our website. We have 2 working pages at this time. You will be able to get the Sunday Bulletin on the very first page each week. There is also a link to Facebook in the center of that page, which you would use to get to our Facebook page to watch our live broadcast of our Sunday morning services. If you miss the morning live broadcast, you can go there any time of the day and watch a recorded version. Also on this first page, there is a link to the Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus website. At the bottom of the first page is a posting of our contact information and worship schedule. The second page, right now, is the garden page, which can be used to keep track of what things are being done in the garden. The position of this page will change when the two new pages are added.

At this time there are 2 new pages to be added, but Kathy has not been able to get that accomplished right now, but she is working on it. Once they are added to the website you will be able to get the newsletter each month and the other page summarizes our beliefs and values. This information should be available by the end of May. That will conclude our new site, unless we come up with some other information that we may want to include.

Please take a look at the website and let us know what you think. If you can think of any other information that we should post there, please let Kathy know.

Psalm 18:2

THE LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliver; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.

God's Work, Our Hands

Our congregation has logged these hours ministering in our community for the last 12 months. Be sure to log your hours on the back of the blue Communication cards each Sunday for the previous week(s). We all minister as Christ's hands At work in the world.

**Isaiah 41:10
Fear not for I am with you;
Be not anxious for I am your GOD;
I will strengthen you.**

Ministry Category	2026 Hours Each Month				
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Art Gallery					
Caregiver			29		
Children/Youth					
Church Committees	31	22	33	23	
City					
Community time/ Donations		5			
Community Ed					
Church Office	3		8		
Conf. for Church					
Faith Based Network					
Food Pantry	24	29	22	21	
Garden				10	
Humane Society					
Helping Ministry	2	26	5	15	
Hospice					
Homeless					
MAC Trust					
Meals on wheels	8	9	18	15	
Memorial Garden					
Prison/jail					
Red Cross/EMS					
Relay for Life					
recycle				1	
Schools					
Senior Center	6	8	7	6	
Service clubs	12	5	10	2	
Shut Ins	1				
Veteran's Ministry	22	19	34	14	
Wedding/funerals			18		
Church Facilities	1	29	7	8	
Yard work					
<u>Totals</u>	110	151	191	115	

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