



WITH ONE VOICE

July 2026

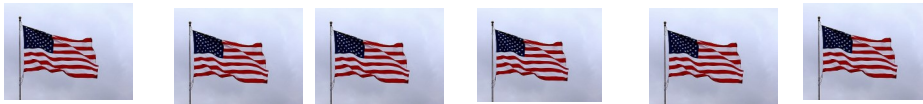
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

+ St. Mark's Episcopal Church



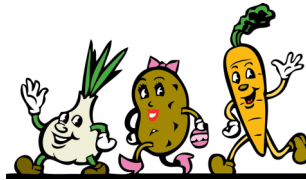
Happy 4th of July Everyone—Go to the parade at 10 am and then to the park for all the fun activities.

Be safe! Our parking lot is open for all to come and watch the fireworks.



Garden News!!

We have closed the Garden For a few weeks for things to grow. We have asked the community to RESPECT our garden.



Slowly getting things in the garden and the greenhouse. We have had late frost this year so have been careful with planting.

Below is picture of how beautiful the sage is blooming. Be sure to go snap some for spicing up your meal. There are strawberries below and have been producing great. The bluejays seem to love them too. Check them out and take some home. The raspberries will be coming soon. Hoping some of the frost didn't hurt them. Last year we had a great crop of them.

We have tomatoes planted in the greenhouse and the outside raised beds. Cucumbers are in the greenhouse but just starting to come up.

We have had some community members come in and pull weeds and clean the garden this year which is nice.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEETINGS

Sundays 10:30 am Worship

1 pm Iglesia worship

Fridays 7:30 to 9:30 Prayer

Vigil for Iglesia congregation

Birthdays

Cindy Dix 7/2

Dennis Buslach 7/3

Abby Davis 7/4

Judy Embanks 7/16

Grace Friederichs 7/17

Wini Gilliam 7/23

Ed Bunch 7/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Keith & Bev Haworth 7/22

Royce & Judy Embanks 7/28

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Linda Jackson

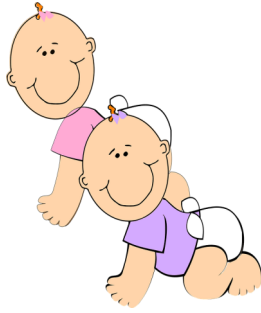
WE PRAY FOR!

Our homebound Joyce Allison,
Royce Embanks and 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.

Diaper Drive & Baby Wipes

Looking ahead to August and get ready to start buying diapers for our community needs. For the last few years, we have had a diaper drive for both Mountain Star Nursery and for Early Beginnings through the Jefferson County Health Department serving new born and preemies. This year council decided to just do Mountain-Star.



During the month of August we will be collecting diapers and wipes. Sizes needed are very small (preemies) to size 5.

So start watching for coupons and get ready to bring diapers and wipes to the church in August.

Thank you for all the many ways you help others in Jefferson County.

church website

Take time to go to our new website at goodshepherdandstmarks.com. If there is anything that you might think would be good to add to it please talk with Kathy Evans. She has put many hours in getting us back to a website. Check it out!!!

Offering Received for June
4 Sunday in June needed \$4,872.00
Received \$4,528.46
Minus \$ 343.54

Year to date needed \$31,668.00

Year to date received \$28,104.40
Minus \$ 3,563.60

June worship attendance

June 7	church 13	FB 7	Iglesia 19
June 14	church 13	FB 6	Iglesia 43
June 21	church 10	FB 0	Iglesia 39
June 28	church 14	FB 6	Iglesia 32

AS A MEMBER SAID TO ME LAST SUNDAY "WHERE IS EVERYONE!"

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 Spiritual Belief
- Being God's Messengers in our Community and the World

July Greeting from Pastor Bade

God's Love of Life and Care for all of Creation

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. . . .The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night."

Psalm 121 verses 1-2 and 6

Biblical interpreters suggest that the 121st Psalm was often recited by pilgrims traveling to the Promised Land--particularly as faithful Jewish people returning to Jerusalem for festival. Traveling by foot across desert lands or through canyons possibly inhabited by robbers and vandals could strike fear into any normal person. So this Psalm served as comfort to the faithful in that way.

I have read this Psalm often and used it with friends and fellow church members who face genuine uncertainty. Recently I watched a science documentary about the place and function of the moon in modern mythology and recent scientific discoveries. The documentary began with discussion of ideas that if a person became "moonstruck," affected by patterns of the moon's monthly phases, that the moon could be a bad thing. But it continued to explain the relation of the moon, the sun and the earth, how they all function in unity to make life on earth possible.

So I reached for two books recently purchased regarding scientific studies of the Universe. Apparently the sun provides light and power to promote life, but also sends forth powerful solar winds that could destroy us. So the articles went on to explain that the particular placement of the moon, affecting our place in the universe and shading us from the most powerful radiation of the sun allows a perfect balance that allows us to live.

The Creation story in the first chapter of Genesis witnesses to our experience. We live in a time when "The Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters" and took what was chaos and gave us a beautiful place to live in. The rest of Holy Scripture is the testimony of God calling for the nations of the world to live in peace and harmony in this world. The book of Revelation ends with promises of an eternity of full life uninterrupted by sin, hatred or chaos.

Psalm 121 invites us to live by faith that God intends our daily journey to be filled confidence that God gives us strength day by day--like the strength we acquire as we look to beautiful mountains that surround us. Jesus, "God's most perfectly pronounced 'Word of God' urged all people to love ourselves and our neighbors. Either we embrace our neighbors with love or there is chaos.

Yes, Peace and Joy

Charles R. Bade

Some Highlights about Blending

.Your Council is still hard at work putting together plans for working towards moving ahead with the blending process for the Lutheran church of the good Shepherd and St Mark's.

Five of our church members went to UMC on May 31st and felt very welcomed by them. Their service is very close to ours.

They worked on how to schedule two services at UMC in August and in September. UMC has communion once a month and it is the first Sunday of the month so August 2nd we will join with their congregation and get first hand knowledge on how it is done at UMC. This can answer a lot question we all have about how UMC worship. **Let's go and see!!!! Lets all go!!!**

Some of the things Council discussed with the blending and our church is the fact we worry about those that decide not to go and then become unchurched. At this golden age we pray that people will go with us or find another place of worship that is soothing for them. No matter where we go it won't be like LCGS&SMEC. That is a fact that we all know and need to understand.

The other issue has been our aging congregation. Some are concerned about when their passing comes will I be able to have my service at LCGS&SMEC? The plan is to keep the building as long as we can so when special things come up we can still use the church whether it is a funeral, weddings, etc.

"Let's Go and See!!" Let's All Go and check out this opportunity. Are we willing to go together???

The Paschel Candle

This is the candle that right now is by the baptism font and the piano up front.

Here is some information on what its propose is in the church.

The paschal candle (sometimes called the Easter candle) is a large decorated candle that symbolizes Christ's glorious Easter triumph over sin and death. It is reminiscent of the pillar of cloud and fire that led the people of God to the promised land.

The paschal candle is the largest candle in the space. Some great paschal candles in the church history weight three hundred pounds, and some stands were themselves ten feet tall —so important was it to symbolize the magnitude of Christ's Easter victory. The paschal candle remains in its central position in the chancel throughout the fifty days of Easter, and it is lighted for all worship services during the season. After the final liturgy on the Day of Pentecost, the candle is moved to a place near the baptismal font and is lighted for each baptism and for funerals.



We can DO ALL THINGS through HIM who strengthens us!!

- ◆ Our Congregation will go to UMC on August 2nd.
 - ◆ **Place order for Glenn Price and Brigette Morsman on Memorial stone.**
 - ◆ Diaper Drive to start in August
 - ◆ Will replace storm door at the parsonage
 - ◆ Council taking vacation so no meeting in July!!!
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Baby Bottle Donations

The Baby Bottles received a total of \$69.72 to be given to the Madras Pregnancy Center. Thank you all that gave to the Baby bottle. The Pregnancy Center is only fund through community donations. They receive no funds from the State or the Federal government do to being a Christian Based Center.



Healing Prayer

Jesus surrounded himself not with those who were well and whole but rather with those who were in need of relationship and wellness. Jesus is our wounded healer, suffering alongside us making his presence know even when we feel alone. Be strengthened and filled with God's grace, be comforted and accompanied by Jesus our Great Physician, and be confident in the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.



Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.



F.R.O.G. - did you figure out what these initials say? **Fully Relaying on God!!!** Share that we everyone you see and know.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12



HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!!!!



GREEN BAGS/FOOD PANTRY

We have not been keeping our food Baskets very full the last few months. Actually, they have been pretty empty. We know we are all struggling at the grocery store. Working families are having trouble buying enough food for their children and the elder keep doing without.

Each can of soup, chili, instant potatoes, cereal, fruit snacks, etc help someone not to have an empty stomach when they go to bed.

Each time I go to the store I try and buy one thing for our food basket here at church. Every other month it is taken to the Madras Community Food Pantry.

The next pick up is August 13th. Let's see if we can fill up a couple of baskets this time.

This is my words and my thoughts. Marilyn



IF YOU SEE YOUR GLASS AS HALF EMPTY, POUR IT INTO A SMALLER GLASS AND QUIT COMPLAINING.

Ministry 2026	Hours Each Month	Hours Each Month	Hours Each Month	Hours Each Month	Hours Each Month	Hours Each Month
Category	March	April	May	June		
Art Gallery	29					
Care Giver						
Church Committees	33	23	24	24		
Church Facility/office	7	8	2	5		
Church office	8		6			
City/chamber						
Children/Youth						
Community time/ Donations			20			
Community Ed/grant						
Community Kitc						
Conf. for Church						
Faith Base						
Food Pantry	22	21	13	15		
Garden		10	10	10		
Helping Ministry	5	15	12	16		
Hospice						
Homeless						
Library						
Meals on wheels	18		9	12		
Memorial Garden						
Prison						
Red Cross/EMS						
recycle		1				
Schools						
Senior Center	7	6	3	9		
Service clubs	10	2				
Shut Ins						
Veteran's Ministry	34	14	31	20		
Wedding/funerals	18					
Yard work			78			
<u>Totals</u>	191	115	208	111		

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