



WITH ONE VOICE

September 2026

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



Diaper Drive 2026

Did you SEE our display of diapers and wipes as you walk into the church? The Diaper Drive last collection day is Sept the 13th. We are doing this Year's drive in **Honor of Louise Muir**.

This was one of her favorite ministry/mission for our church. The Diaper Drive provides diapers for MountainStar Relief Nursery.

Also, there is a Baby Bottle in the Fireside room to receive your change and dollars for us to purchase diapers and wipes. So if that is best for you please add to the Baby Bottle.

**DRY BOTTOMS MAKE FOR HAPPY BABIES!!
PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR
DONATION**

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

WE PRAY FOR!

Our homebound –Joyce Allison, Dale Heckathorn and Royce Embanks. **For Ukraine**, 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

Sept 6 & 20 Sunday Worship at MUMC. @ 9:30 am

**Sunday, Sept 13 & 27
Worship Here 10:30 am**

**Sept Iglesia Worship
Service at 1 pm.**



**Girl Scouts 4 to 5:30 pm
Sept Iglesia Choir practice**

BIRTHDAYS

9/5 Susan Campbell-Haggenmiller
9/9 Dennis Jackson
9/12 Brian Collier
9/14 Luke Friederichs
9/16 Carl Lindgren
9/17 Britney Lindgren-Galles
9/25 Cheryl Lohman
9/29 SherAnn Nelson
9/30 Evona Heckathorn

ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Susan (Campbell) Haggenmiller
9/10 Larry + Joy Lewis
9/13 Bartt + Katherine Brick
9/22 LaRae + Drew White
9/24 Ed + Kim Bunch

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

9/11 Joy Lewis
9/19 Keith & Bev Haworth
9/20 Don Rowan



SCHOOL STARTS SEPT 9th

Make sure to pay attention on the roads and sidewalks as school starts on Sept 9th.

When the bus puts the stop sign out you stay behind the bus NOT GO around it.

Stop at the crosswalks for all those youngsters so they can get to their schools. They will be excited and not paying close attention.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 4th at MUMC at 9:30 am with Communion

October 15-18 Diocese Convention in Prineville

**October 18th Octoberfest
With potluck**

October 25th Reformation Sunday at MUMC at 9:30 am

**November 1st All Saints at MUMC with communion at 9:30 am
Standard time starts**

November 8th Celebrate Our Veterans

**November 15th Annual Meeting
ALSO Bring Thank Offering Boxes**

**November 23rd Christ the King
Worship at MUMC**

November 28th Decorate church for Advent at 10 am

**November 29th
1st Sunday of Advent**

**GOD IS STILL WRITING YOUR STORY.
QUIT TRYING TO STEAL THE PEN.**



THANK OFFERING BOXES



Our Thank Offering boxes are a reminder and a way of helping us establish a thankful and generous heart along with a habit of prayers of thanks for the many blessings God shows

us. What are you thankful for? Each day put your coins of thanksgiving in your box. This is a good time to mark our thanks by adding to our thank offering boxes.

These offerings will support Lutheran World Relief. The thank offering is the main way in which we connect with the wider church in helping the world. Boxes are still available in the narthex on the two tables if you don't have one just take one home now and get started.

We will turn our offerings in on **November 15th** during worship so put a reminder on your

Calendar.



God's Work, Our Hands

Through our acts of service, we bear witness to the love and concern God's people have for one another. Our congregations do this every day, accompanying their neighbors and addressing community needs. We are connected through this shared work. These ministries belong to all of us in the ELCA.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Annual God's Work, Our Hands is on September 13. Is there something in the community that you could volunteer some time to help. The Senior Center, the Warming Shelter, the Library, LINC? These are a few suggestions to go to and ask what you might be able to help for a half hour or and hour or longer if you can. Then make sure you put it on your white card found in the pew on Sunday.

Greeting from Pastor Bade

"Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. . . For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood."

-Saint Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 13:8-10; 12

A few days ago another good friend from the Nativity Lutheran congregation in Bend passed on to his final reward. One of this friend's superpowers was his ability to welcome new folks and remember old friends. He always attended the mid-week Bible study. Like many we have known and loved he will be missed, but not replaced.

I have been reading The Source by James Michener. It begins as an archeological dig in Israel is organized. The book progresses through the history of the Holy Land beginning thousands of years B. C. It is a fabulous re-telling of the people and the religion of that land. As St. Paul says: "our [and their] knowledge was and is imperfect.

Even in this era of Artificial Intelligence, our knowledge is imperfect.

John Donne, brilliant poet, scholar and Anglican priest of the 16th Century wrote a lovely explanation of how Christians view the phases of life:

"When a child is baptized in the church that child is thereby connected to the body that is the head which mine, and ingrafted into that body of which I am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me: all mankind is of one author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be translated; God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God's hand is in every translation, and his hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another." -John Donne "For Whom the Bell Tolls"

When we read St. Paul's letters to the Corinthian Church we find that some things were dominant: speaking in tongues [mysterious language] prophesy and current wisdom. But St. Paul claims, and we believe he had direct revelation from the Risen Christ.

So what is real and what is lasting? St. Paul says Love. Jesus says the Kingdom of God.

Both. We long for the time when the imperfect will pass and the perfect comes when we are "translated" to where we are perfectly understood, perfectly read, safe in the arms of God.

Peace and Joy, Charles R. Bade

Under God's Work Our Hands we put the hours that each of you do each week. If you don't put them on the back of the white (blue) card we have no idea what you volunteered for that week so can't put it on our graph.

August we have 5 Sundays but because the newsletter needs to get out by the first of the month the 30th of August volunteer hours are not available. They will be added into September.

Please note that the hours are becoming less and less each month. So some suggestions.

Did you shop for the Food Pantry, or did you pick from your garden to take to the food pantry. Have you shopped for Diapers or Wipes for the Annual Drive?

Did you go shopping for someone or take them to the doctor or shopping or helped in any other way?

Check the list. Do you see anything on there that you do but didn't think about putting it down. Or maybe you did something we don't have on the list. We would be happy to put it on our list.

Revelation 3:8

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

Ministry Category	Gods Work Our Hands Hours Each Month-2026			
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Art Gallery				
Care Giver				
Children/Youth				
Church Committee	22	19		
Church Facility	4	5		
City				
Comm/donations				
Com Ed/Grant				
Community Kitchen				
Church office				
Fair				
Faithbased				
Food Bank	12	9		
Garden	3	2		
Humane Society				
Homeless Shelter				
Helping Ministry	22	21		
Hospice				
LINC				
Mac Trust				
Meals on Wheels	6	3		
Memorial				
Park/Trail				
Prison				
Recycle				
Red Cross/EMS				
Relay				
School/SS/Bible Study				
Senior Center	8	6		
Shut in				
Service Club		2		
Veterans	48	23		
Yard				
Wedding/funeral				
total	125	90		

Council Bullets for August 11, 2026

- Diaper Drive started on August 9 thru Sept 13th
- Pastor Bade signed contract till the end of 2026
- Fuse box replaced in parsonage required by the insurance company
- Offering plate being present at Madras United Methodist Church on Sundays that we attend their church.



Needed for Month of August	\$6,090.00
Received for Month of August	<u>\$7,516.00</u>
Plus	\$1,426.00
Year to date Needed	\$42,630.00
Received to Date	<u>\$41,771.71</u>
\$	141.71

These are nice numbers considering we went to the Madras Methodist church twice in August.

The reason why these numbers are nice is because Sue Powers Estate sent us \$3,000. We need to be very careful with our expenses so we can make it to the end of the year. That means your tithe is very important in keeping us operating.

Our estimate power bill has gone up. Our insurance has gone up and who knows what else will increase this fall. We will continue to pay Pastor Bade for his devotion to us.

Yes, our rent payments are helping us get through most months but your tithes and financial support are very important so please continue to keep our church functioning.

Late July we had to replace the fuse box in the parsonage as directed by the insurance company. We had a \$2,450.00 savings account at First Interstate that we closed and used it to pay the bill of \$1,850.00. Thank heaven we had that money to pay for the fuse box because not sure how else we would have paid for it.

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
- Being God's Messengers in our Community and the World
- We Invite All to Join Us in Worship and Praise
- Celebrate Joy in Worship
- Deepening our Faith Strengthens Spiritual Belief

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Iglesia Congregation

At this time the Iglesia congregation will not be meeting on Friday evenings. If there is an interest to start again after school starts they will let the office know so it can again be scheduled.



The Girl Scouts will again be here for the meetings. They will be Wednesday from 4 pm to 5:30pm. Their first meeting will be September 16, 2026.

GARDEN NEWS

We have grapes if you wish to go pick them. We shared some at our Council meeting last week.

The squash plants are looking really nice (except where the deer helped themselves) but need to be checked everyday.

You almost have to go every day to check if there is something to pick. There has been a lot of deer feedings going on in the garden but last week they actually went into our little green house and ate the tomatoes and green peppers. The cucumbers are doing great so advice you check for cucumbers.

Our garden has taken quite the beating this year. I have heard from friends that it has been a hard year for gardens and flowers.

Our renter Victor planted some corn and I think peppers by the brick wall and I noticed yesterday the deer have eaten the tops of his corn. Not sure he will get any corn.

We have 4 little ones that come by and stay under some of our trees. They really like it in the Memorial Garden. Here is a Momma and here babies that were just laying around one Sunday morning when we left church.



EPHESIANS 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32 emphasizes the Christian principles of **kindness, compassion, and forgiveness**. It instructs believers to treat others with a tender heart, showing mercy and understanding, and to forgive freely, reflecting the forgiveness God has extended through Christ

This verse is part of a broader passage encouraging believers to abandon bitterness, anger, and malice, and instead cultivate a life marked by love and grace

OUR Attendance at Madras United Methodist Church for August

Some of us attended the Madras Methodist church on Aug 2nd and August 23rd. In each service there were 9 of us in attendance. Most of us were the same in each service with two different members attending one or the other services.

The first Sunday of the month they do communion. They use the same Thanksgiving of the Meal as we do. You go up in a single line to the Pastor and get your bread and she blesses it and then get your juice. They do not do wine.

During the worship they do a scripture reading which is the Gospel. A member of the congregation reads it. Pastor Gigi has invited us to do a reading on a Sunday we are there. So if anyone is interested in doing that please let Marilyn know so it can be scheduled. It's like being our lector but you have the Call to Worship and a the Gospel to read.

All of the readings and songs are on a screen so you can read or sing from it. They do have some different hymnals to use to sing from if you are more inclined to sing from music notes.

The Prayers of the People is a bit different as they go around the sanctuary with a microphone for each person to share the prayer they have for the day.

Offering is in the narthex. They have provided a basket for our offering. You can put it the basket as you go into the sanctuary or put it in there as you leave. This was very thoughtful of them to do this for us.

They do not do the Creeds. I need to find out why or if they only do them at a certain time of the year.

Following worship they have an Coffee Hour and Fellowship in their Fireside Room. They are all very happy to see us and enjoy our visits.

Please take a Sunday to come and check out their service and meet their congregation.

I will be sending in the mailed Newsletters some information on the Methodist Church. It is 2 pages front and back. It was very interesting so I hope you will take time to read it. Next week I will also get it to the emailed folks. Blessings, Marilyn

AIR CONDITIONER

The Iglesia Congregation got two Air Conditioners for the sanctuary. We try it out at our Council meeting last week and they are quite loud so we will probably not use them. The Iglesia congregation has like 35 to 45 people at their Sunday services plus their worship service is at 1 pm on Sunday so it is quite warm in the sanctuary. We thank them for all their help on keeping the church clean each Sunday plus bringing supplies for the church.



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