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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, July 30th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 105:1-6 and Luke 7:36-50
Sermon: Welcoming the Uninvited
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "God of Grace and Glory" arr. Krug
Postlude: "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Summer Chancel Choir: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Akers;
"What a Wonderful World" arr. Miller
Stephen Cook, Accompanist; Carolyn Noonchester, Guest Conductor



Sierra Service Project 2023

On Sunday morning, our SSP team left for Rancho Cordova (just outside of Sacramento). We can't wait to hear about their experiences during worship on SSP Sunday on August 6th!

Breakfast Fellowship

We also had a wonderful Breakfast Fellowship with lots of good food and even better time together. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen!



All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Family Promise In-Person Hosting Returns to CGS!
Calling all Volunteers!

Your CGS Family Promise team is excited to announce that beginning Sunday evening, August 13, CGS will be welcoming a guest family to our campus. The family will be with us each evening for dinner then overnight followed by breakfast each day for 1 week. They will depart early August 20.

Volunteers are needed to be dinner hosts for one evening during our hosting week. Prepare & serve dinner & fellowship with the family & then clean up. Two volunteers are needed each night to spend the night at church (we provide the inflatable bed).

From *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love:* "We will work with each other, we will work side by side...And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love." Please join us as we show our Christian love, compassion, and kindness by serving in Family Promise!

For more information about being a dinner or overnight host, contact Diane Lucas, CGS FP Coordinator (dlucasarc@gmail.com) or David Steinmeier, CGS FP Volunteer Coordinator (david@microjoining.com).

Vacation Bible School 2023



VBS 2023 was a great success and lots of fun! We had 23 children from preschool to entering 5th grade. We also had 30 volunteers, including youth and adults! We enjoyed songs, dance, food, storytime, crafts, recreation, and science. Our closing on Friday was joined by many family members and ice cream for dessert.

I want to thank everyone who attended and hope that you will join us again next year! I would especially like to thank all the volunteers that gave of their time and talents this week. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

Hero Hotline, Called Together to Serve God was this year's theme and I could really feel it all week at VBS!

Thank you,
Cindy Ostry
Christian Education

Shepherds will have a traditional potluck dinner for our August 8th meeting in Jordan Hall at 6:00 p.m. The program is "Sharing your Faith Part 1" by John Neuner. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by the 6th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she can give you one. You will need dishes. Water will be served.

Church Finance Committee Updates

- 2nd Quarter Giving Statements will be emailed on July 20th.
- Please contact the church office 626-447-2181 if you prefer to pick up a paper copy or have one sent in the mail to you.
- The 3rd Quarter (July-Sept) months are the leanest in giving and income receiving. This is due to many factors (members on vacation, less facility use income in summer, and members who prefer to give full tithe at the beginning of year, etc.).
- All are encouraged to continue to meet their pledge committmetns OR submit a 2023 Pledge Card if they were not able to do so at the end of last year.
- Please consider a Special Summer Offering donation to help the church finances.
- Visit the Church website www.cgsum.org to give online- click the GIVE button in the top right hand corner and you will be directed to the online giving page.

Church Leaders & Volunteers are Invited to Ignite 2023!

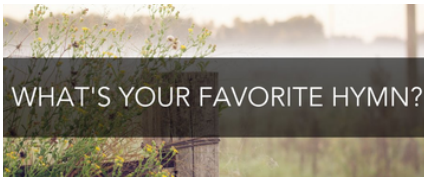


Online Group
Sept. 27-29

Are you committed to helping our church do everything it can to share God's love with your community? If you answered YES, then Ignite Leadership Institute (Online Sept. 27-29) is for you!
Leadership Institute is designed to equip, encourage, and inspire ministry leaders. You'll experience:

- Meaningful worship and Powerful keynote speakers
- Practical featured sessions/webinars to choose from
- Time for reflection, networking, team building, and more.

Pastor Eva has registered the church for online participation. You can attend online viewing sessions in the church lounge or watch online from the comfort of your home. Contact Pastor Eva if you are interested. More details to come.



Pentecost 5 Questions Series- Question #3!

What is your favorite Hymn? Please list 1-3 Hymns!
Fill in answer below and turn in to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org

Name (optional):_____
Favorite Hymn(s):

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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, we are overwhelmed with gratefulness and praise for you, our Loving Father. There is no one like you, O Lord, for when we look at nature, we behold the awesome wonders of your creativity. When we look at life, we see your love for all things,great and small, shaped by you with immense love. Amen.

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.