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Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Sermon Series "I Am" # 7: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 118:14-24, John 11:17-27

Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Worship Services will be available only on-line at 10 a.m. or in recorded archives (see above).

All classes, rehearsals and meetings are
postponed until it is safe to meet again.

Do not come to church in person! Watch on-line!

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please keep all those previously mentioned in your prayers. If you or a loved one needs to be added to the prayer chain or the newsletter prayer list, please let the church office know.

Prayers for **Jimmy Francis**, and his family, who had surgery for brain cancer which has spread. Jimmy is the son of **Shirley and Spence Francis**.



Welcome New Baby:

Congratulations on the birth of **Jonah Ethan Dahlstrom-Krug** to **Jennifer Dahlstrom and Eric Krug** on March 25, 2020. Proud grandmother is **Ruth Krug**.

Easter Flower Pick-Up

We will be blessed with beautiful flowering plants in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday! They will remind us that Christ's love lives among us regardless of our circumstances. Thank you so much to those who contributed. To maintain our "safe distance", those who ordered plants may pick them up between 11:15 AM - 1 PM with our Drive-Thru pickup! You may stay in your car and drive up to the Sanctuary doors under the porte-cochère following the Easter Service. Someone with gloves and a mask will put the plants in your car for you. If you need assistance to obtain your plants, please contact Margaret Blair, (626) 574-1827.



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Pictorial Directory Photos have been postponed until October 7-10

We are postponing our plans for other events for now. We will keep you posted on date changes.

Through the Years

Harvest Festivals

Sandy Jelinek remembers fondly when the church held its annual Harvest Festivals in the '70s. She shares some of her memories here:

I thought I would share my memories of the Harvest Festival with you. Larry and I joined the church in 1983. I remember participating in three or four Harvest Festivals. Every group in the church would have some kind of activity or booth. At that time there were several fellowship groups and several circles. The quilters always had a big sale of their quilts. Ernie Hetherington provided a large selection of orchids for sale from his nursery. We had food booths and games for the kids, like a dunking booth and a jumper. We had a cake walk, too. Every booth was decorated with a fall theme. It was a full day of fun and fellowship.

All the money that was raised was sent to Outreach. At that time, we were sponsors, along with a Kansas church, of the Mexico Medical Mission in Zacapoaxtla in the mountains north of Puebla. A medical presence was much needed there because the Mexican government would not provide medical help for the indigenous population. So we raised funds to help build the Good Samaritan clinic there and sent a medical crew down, along with supplies and clothing and shoes. Our team went once a year and the Kansas team went six months later. Pastor Tom Farley was instrumental in organizing this project. A plaque honoring him is in our archives.

Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers



It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of all those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

On-Line Giving Instructions

1. Go to www.cgsum.org if you are not on the Good Shepherd web site.
2. Click on the **ONLINE GIVING** button.
3. The **Non Pledge Giving** box will be highlighted in Blue. This fund supports the church operations.
4. Enter the amount that you want to give.
5. Enter donations for other funds as desired.
6. Click on the **Continue** button.
7. Enter your **Giving Information**.
8. Enter your credit card information.
9. Ignore the **Save Profile** option.
10. Click on the **I am not a robot** box.
11. Click on the **Process** button to send your donation.
12. You will receive an email confirmation for your donation.

Pastor Eva Newsletter

The Palm or Passion Sunday Service marked the beginning of Holy Week for Christians around the world. This year we will be experiencing Holy Week in a new way due to COVID 19 and important health measures (including Stay at Home orders). While we will miss the in person experience and know that nothing can ever replace the solemnity and beauty of Holy Week in our church, let us remain connected as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. By our Easter faith, we know that Christ is alive and among us. In Matthew 28:20, we receive the promise from him that, "I am with you always."

So while we are unable to celebrate Holy Week in our church together in person, here are some ways you are invited to stay connected and experience Holy Week:

- 12 NOON DAILY PRAYER- As a church let us commit to pray each day at 12noon. Simply stop for five minutes wherever you are (home, work, care facility, etc.) to pray.
- BEARS IN WINDOWS AS SIGNS OF FAITH AND HOPE- put a stuffed teddy bear or animal in your window for children to search for as they are walking in their communities with their families. This bear hunt can replace the Easter egg hunt this year.

E-mail your photos to the church or post on the Facebook Group Page.

- GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION- A devotion based on the Stations of the Cross will be made available to watch on video or read in written form on the website and FB page on April 10th.
- SUNDAY EASTER SERVICE- Join us for the on-line service at 10am (or watch the recording at your convenience) with special Easter liturgy, music, flowers, and Pastor Eva playing "Jesus Loves Me" on the ukulele for the Children's Moment!
- EASTER OFFERING- Letters and Special Giving Envelopes will be mailed out the week after Easter with info on how to submit (mail, electronic debit, or on-line donation) your Easter offering during the month of April.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Eva

Bears in Windows as Signs of Faith and Hope

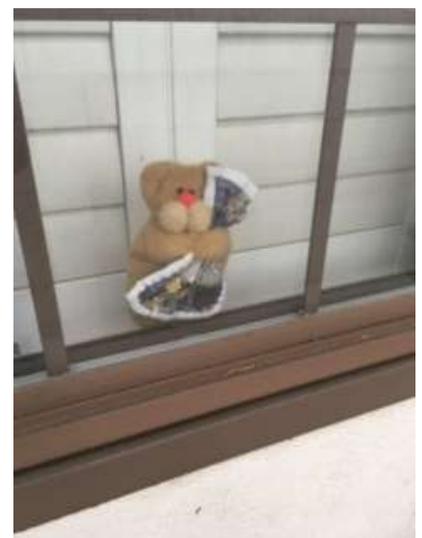
Email your pictures to Linda at the church (ldoran@cgsun.org). Below are more photos that we have received...



(Bear in the Parille's window)



(The Blairs have a Bunny and a Lamb)



(Burden Bear from the home of Doris Young)

Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Events here at the church are cancelled or postponed.

We are hopeful we can resume regularly scheduled events after our “safe at home” time including the special events show below, but will keep you informed and up-to-dated as the situation progresses.

Foundation Tea has been cancelled until further notice.

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We are postponing our plans for other 75th anniversary events for now. We will keep you posted on the new dates.



Ladies, the 2020 Women’s Retreat Weekend is October 16-18. Pastor Eva will be our leader!! Mark your calendars now so you don’t have a conflict!!



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