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Sunday, March 29, 2020

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

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 through April 19.

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.

Our condolences and prayers to **Cindy Villanueva** and her sons **Aiden and Dylan** on the death of Cindy's mother **Mavis Eckenboy** on March 6.



Through the Years

Windows in the Chapel

In his memoir of the early days of the church, our first pastor, the Rev. Will M. Hildebrand, wrote about the stained glass windows in the Chapel. Reprinted here is his description of them....

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There was a fortunate circumstance which developed after plans [for the chapel] were made. Mrs. Longley was developing Longley Acres in West Arcadia on Live Oak. She became interested in doing the stained glass of the church and seemed a little disappointed that there was not more glass in the chapel. Mr. Inwood said that we could add a large window over the altar. She was pleased, and paid for all of the glass in the building. Mr. Gus Warner was the craftsman and the subject of the windows was done by me. Starting at the left are pictured the prophets, and other biblical references prior to the birth of Christ, the nativity windows over the altar, Jesus as a boy in the right, scenes of the gospel story in windows at the left in the nave, and symbols of the crucifixion and resurrection on the right window of the nave. All of the nave windows in the original chapel were copied from English churches. The baptismal window near the entrance symbolizes the entrance of all Christians to the church through baptism. In appreciation for Bishop Baker, a small baker's paddle and a loaf of bread has been worked in the design of the baptismal window. In one of the corners of the stained glass to the right of the altar is a pool ball number 8, with the devil behind it. Mr. Werner explained that was my role. I was to keep the devil behind the eight ball. Fortunately, it was just a tiny corner of the window. There is a good music window near the organist. Pictured are Bach, Handel and Albert Schweitzer. (There were other windows added when the chapel was enlarged.)



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating 75 years of Christian Ministry and Mission.

Pictorial Directory Photos have been postponed until October 7-10

We hope the following activities can happen as planned. We will keep you posted if any dates change.

Sunday, May 17 - Charter Sunday will be a re-dedication of the church during a single service at 10:00 am. It is also All Choir Sunday. The service will be followed by an all church photo and lunch.

Saturday, June 13 – Diamond Dinner Celebration (invitations to follow).

Sunday, September 13 – Family Homecoming with lunch and an outreach project.

To Give Online:

On the website, click on the button titled Give Online on the line titled TAKE ACTION.

Scroll down and select One Time Donation.

Use the purpose Church Operations

God's work, our hands!

Pastor Eva Newsletter

On March 19th, California State and County officials announced the Stay at Home/Safer at Home Order that would be in effect March 20-April 19. This plan prohibits all gathering of groups larger than 10 persons and restricts normal public activities to only those that are essential (medical, groceries, take-out, etc.). This Order also affects the church and how we will be doing ministry for the next few weeks. Please read the church's 3-P plan below with included updates.

PRAYER

- This is something we can all do as we pray for family, friends, church, community, world, and those in high risk categories (seniors, immune deficiencies, young children).

PREVENTION

- The Office and Children's Center will be closed until April 19th. Staff will check mail and telephone messages. Feel free to call (626) 447-2181 or e-mail (e-mail@cgsun.org)
- All church events and gatherings have been cancelled for this time as well.
- WORSHIP SERVICES will be available On-Line via LIVE STREAM (10am) on the church website (www.cgsun.org) or Facebook Group Page (Live and Recorded). Do not come to church on these Sundays. This includes Palm Sunday (April 5) and Easter Sunday (April 12) - more information about these Sundays will be provided soon.
- Offerings and Tithes can be mailed to the church or dropped in the Office mailbox or can now be submitted by the on-line giving option available on the church web-site.

PROVISION

- Pastoral Care- Pastor Eva is available for telephone and virtual visits. Her contact info is (626) 447-2181 office and PastorEva@cgsun.org. [Pastor Eva will also share a weekly reflection video that will be posted on Thursdays to the church website and Facebook GP.](#)
- A Lay Care Team has been set up to check in on our Elderly and Home Bound members. Please contact the church if you would like a call from a Lay Care Team member.

While March 19th was the date that the Stay at Home Order was announced, this date was also the first day of Spring! Spring is a season of hope and rebirth and I am reminded of the scripture passage from Isaiah 40:31, *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

I pray that you may have hope in the Lord and will be strengthened by our connection of prayer, worship, and care during these times.

Together in Christ's Service,

Pastor Eva

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.

Easter Flowers

It's time for pre-sales of potted flower plants which decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The plants include double lilies (\$17), mums (\$14), azaleas (\$20), and hydrangeas (\$20). Pre-sales will occur until March 29 by mail or email to the church office. They may be designated in honor of or in memory of someone special and/or designated for homebound members, and may be picked up in the courtyard after the 10 AM Easter Sunday service. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd, with "Easter flowers" written in the memo line.

Photos from our March work day at the church...thank you to all who participated!!



Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Events here at the church through April 19 are cancelled.

We are hopeful we can resume regularly scheduled events after April 19 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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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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