



CGS Community News

Our Vision

To have everyone at Royal Redeemer growing in relationship with God and each other by engaging in CGS Communities.

Our Mission

To create and support communities where people can connect with each other, grow in their faith, and serve others so they may live out the love of the King.

What's New!

Resources:

- There are numerous studies and resource materials in the church library in room 302. Check them out!

New Communities

- **Light Seekers Photo Group**
HOST: Adam Tincher
- **Visual Faith Group**
HOST: Beth Benham
- **Journey (Home Group)**
HOST: The Besels
- **Home Group**
HOST: The Wares, Sheridans, & Murzyns
- **Home Group**
HOST: The Gilles, Chambers, & Seebahms

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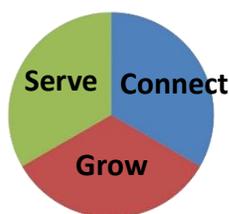
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In the Spotlight

What is a CGS Community?

Recently, Sherlock was caught prowling around Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church. Being a relative newcomer to the area, he was trying to answer the question, "What is a CGS Community?" After nearly four months of sleuthing around, snapping pictures, asking questions, and sneaking into group meetings on the sly, the answer to the question was finally revealed.



On January 29, Sherlock, aka Pastor John, finally summed up and reported his findings to the Royal Redeemer congregation. Sherlock concluded that "CGS Communities are groups of Christians who **Connect** with each other, **Grow** in their relationship with the Lord, and **Serve** others."

Sherlock was interested to learn that not every group connected, grew and served in equal proportions. He discovered that groups were predominantly:

Connect Groups	Grow Groups	Serve Groups
<p>Groups like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vintage Royals • Saturday Men's Fellowship • Chapter Chatter Book Club • Preschool & Kindergarten • Royal Rascals 	<p>Groups like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathfinders • Home Group Studies • Women's Bible Studies • Iron Men • Foundations Bible Study 	<p>Groups like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Team • Stepping Forward • Hope in Action • Upward Basketball • Property Ministry • Chair Team • Praise Teams • Adult Choir • Café Team

Sherlock concluded that it really didn't matter what kind of community or group one was in. What mattered was that one was in a group. He encouraged everyone in the congregation to get involved in a CGS community. Anyone interested in becoming part of a CGS Community is encouraged to contact Sherlock (Pastor John) who will assist you in finding the right community.

Pastor John also encourages communities to ask for support, and pastoral and spiritual assistance from the CGS Communities Support Team, as necessary. The team is dedicated to ensuring that the CGS Communities are working and have what is needed to keep them healthy and thriving. Share the vision of making Royal Redeemer a church not **WITH** CGS Communities, but a church **OF** CGS Communities.



CGS Community: Visual Faith



Upcoming Events

04/01/17 – CGS
Communities Leader
Training at the church
8:30 am – 12:00 noon

04/23- ?/17 – New
Member Class – CGS
Communities Presentation

May 2017 – CGS
Communities Celebration

August 2017 – CGS
Communities Fair

September 2017 – CGS
Communities New Group
Sign-up

October 2017 – CGS
Communities Leadership
Training

November 2017 – New
Member Class – CGS
Communities Presentation

January 2018 – CGS
Communities and
Ministries Fair

Connecting with God's Word is important to each of us, and it can be accomplished in different ways. The new CGS Visible Faith group will inspire its members to tap into their innate creativity and use it in a way that brings them closer to God, blesses each other and strengthens their own faith, as they connect with God's Word through different mediums. These include techniques using colored pencils, paints, markers and watercolors. Some group members may like to draw or sketch while others may want to focus on lettering and journaling. Each member determines his/her own style of expressing creativity while reflecting and studying the Bible. Members DO NOT have to be artists. Come and enjoy sharing ideas, having fun with color and paints, and building relationships. The next two meetings will be March 16 and March 30 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in room 201 at the church. For more information call or text Beth Benham at [919-943-0026](tel:919-943-0026) or email her at babsqt@yahoo.com.

Setting Up a Community

CGS Community - Member Guidelines

To assist groups in being successful, community groups are asked to follow these guidelines.

1. **Show up.** – Make a commitment to be at group meetings. Consistent participation, even when you don't feel like going, is the best way to form community.
2. **Pursue God** – God made everything around us so that it would reflect His glory and creativity. He made us in His own image to do the same. God reveals Himself and His plans for us in the events of our lives.
3. **Join In** – Take part in group discussions and/or activities. Listen to what others have to say. Be part of the community that is being formed.
4. **Be Real** – Let the people in your group know who you are. To the extent you are comfortable, be authentic and transparent knowing that what is said in the group stays in the group. Confidentiality is essential to the development of deeper relationships.
5. **Be the Church** – Jesus' radical act of service was an invitation to all of His followers – all of us – to participate with Him in the transformation of peoples' lives.
6. **Be Together** – Participating in a CGS community, you'll learn that Spiritual growth occurs as you connect with other Christians, grow in your relationship with God and serve others.

Adapted from: "Community: Starting Well in Your Small Group" by North Point Ministries

CGS Community Leader Training – David & Murna Besel

On April 1, 2017, from 8:30 to 12:00, Leader training will be held for anyone wishing to improve their ability to HOST, facilitate or lead groups or teams at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church. Training is open to existing leaders, new leaders, and future leaders. Also included in the training will be some helpful information to ensure your CGS Community is successful. If you are interested in taking the training, please sign up on CGS Communities board located on the Adult kiosk in the Commons or contact David Besel at davidabesel@gmail.com or call 513-644-9762.

Resource Assistance – Alex & Liz Argo

Finding appropriate and interesting materials for use in groups can sometimes be challenging. The resource team, led by Alex and Liz Argo, is here to support your CGS communities! Please let them know if you need ideas for studies or meeting places. With the help of Iron Men, the team is updating the resource library in room 302. If you are using books or videos from the library, please remember to check the materials in and out on the clipboard located on the shelves. In the future, a resource directory will be available to assist you in finding materials and will be updated regularly as new materials are identified. If you need help tracking down additional resources, studies, or want more information on what other groups are doing, please contact Liz Argo at Elizabeth.argo@gmail.com or 513-658-0593.