

Christ  
Lutheran  
Church

# Proclaimer

## Worship

Sunday Morning  
Holy Communion  
at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
through May 21. Beginning  
May 28 through  
September 3 there will be  
one service at 9:30 a.m.  
with a light breakfast and  
fellowship beginning at  
9:00 a.m.

## Education

Sunday Mornings  
through May 23.  
9:15 a.m. for All Ages:  
Children 3 & up –  
Meet upstairs in their  
classrooms  
Junior High Youth:  
Rooms 214 & 216  
Adults – Fellowship  
Hall

## Nursery

Nursery is available for  
children who are infants  
through 4 years of age  
during Sunday morning  
worship and the Sunday  
School hour.

## Office

Monday - Thursday from  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday from  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
210-822-3394  
office@clcah.org



*Through God's Grace  
All are welcome as we joyfully,  
Receive...to Give  
Learn...to Serve  
and Worship...to Grow.*

May 2017

## Pastor's Article

May means the end of the school year approaches, and I know two students who are excited for the reprieve of summer break but who are even more excited about how they have learned and grown this semester. Allyson Pryor and Lisa Diana, our two seminarians, have done an outstanding job in their contextual learning here at Christ Lutheran, and we have benefited from their ministry in our midst!

Allyson's preaching and teaching inspired and engaged us. Her passion for Bonhoeffer and for Texas Lutheranism struck a few chords with you, and we had wonderful turnout at these classes. Throughout the spring, we have seen Allyson grow in her preaching skills with each sermon she gives. It's been a wonderful reprieve for me to have such a willing and able student to help with the pastoral load of weekly preaching and teaching.

Lisa has done a tremendous job as well. She encouraged each of us to consider how we might grow in our participation in CLC's many service opportunities. She remains at the helm of our work with our Haven for Hope family, partnering with them closely to make sure that they are not alone in their journey to overcome poverty. Lisa recently developed a survey about our outreach ministries and service opportunities, which will soon be made available. I encourage all of you to take this survey as we seek to hone in on our mission and outreach goals as a congregation that we might better impact lives in need in our community and our world.

This brief update is just a small taste of all that Lisa and Allyson are doing for us and with us. Be sure to bend their ears for a moment some Sunday to ask them more about their contextual learning. We are blessed to have them, and I, for one, am incredibly grateful for the many ways they have contributed to our ministries this spring.

- Pastor Leslie Price

## Groups

### Angelicus Choir

Every Wednesday  
through May 10  
5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

### Book Club

First Tuesday  
6:45 p.m. - Location TBA

### Dominos Group

First Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

### First Thursday Lunch

First Thursday  
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

### Gloria Choir

Every Wednesday  
through May 10  
6:15 p.m. - Sanctuary

### Healing Prayer

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.  
Rode Prayer Chapel

### Hope Circle

Thursday, May 11  
9:30 a.m. - Primrose House

### Joseph's Sons

First Monday  
6:30 p.m. - Location TBA

### Lydia Circle

Second Tuesday  
6:30 p.m. - Primrose House

### Men's Breakfast

Second Tuesday  
7:00 a.m. - Bill Miller BBQ

### Quilters

Every Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. - Primrose House

### Sanctuary Choir

Every Wednesday  
7:05 p.m. - Sanctuary

Other groups meet during the year. For information, please contact our church office or visit our website [www.clcah.org](http://www.clcah.org).

## Faith University:

### Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

**On April 23, Pastor Leslie began teaching a three-part series on the Book of Romans. The final installment of this class is May 7.** Considered by most scholars to be St. Paul's masterwork, Romans presents a captivating theological vision. Written to address issues confronting Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome, Paul hoped to unify these two groups by illustrating that, spiritually speaking, they stood on equal footing. We all fall short of God's will for our lives, and our redemption lies securely in God, not in ourselves. Over the years, Romans has been used to deny the superiority of one group over another. Our own dear Martin Luther rediscovered in Romans the joys of grace, justification, and faith, which ignited the Reformation. Its enchanting pages converted St. Augustine. John Wesley began a little movement called Methodism after reading Luther's Preface to the Romans, and Karl Barth's commentary on the book would redefine theology in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. So, there are just a few ideas and a small amount of history to cover in these three Sundays! Join Pastor Leslie as we tackle this fascinating book written by the remarkable Paul.

**On May 14,** please join us for the Constitutional Forum in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. See page 3 for more information.

**On May 21,** we hope you'll join us for a fascinating report on the Kenya Mission Trip to visit Ngong Road Ministries. See page 5 for more information.

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## Sunday School for Parents!

On Sundays at 9:15 a.m. we invite all of our parents to head over to Primrose House after dropping off their youngsters at Sunday school. There you will find a cozy and welcoming space and time for conversation with other parents of youngsters and elementary aged children. A discussion guide will be provided that encourages parents to consider current events, how they impact our faith, and how our faith impacts our response. Many thanks to our leaders this month!

May 7 – Joe Diana will lead.

May 14 – Adam Braaten will lead.

May 21 – Sarah Loyd will lead

# Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly will be held May 5-7 this year in San Antonio at the Omni Colonnade. The theme of the Assembly is “Formed and Reformed for Mission,” and Andrew Steele will be keynote speaker. Andrew has served as the Director for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship since April of 2015. In this capacity, he oversees the advancement efforts for ELCA Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers, Global Ministry projects, and the International Women Leaders Initiative, which is also where our Synod Assembly offering will go this year. Besides being treated to this engaging presenter, we will conduct the annual business of the synod.

Voting members, both clergy and lay, will gather from all across our synod to represent their congregations in making decisions about the issues facing the larger church. We are grateful to Allyson Pryor for agreeing to serve as one of our lay voting members at Synod Assembly. Of course, Pastor Leslie will be there as well. If you would like to learn more about what issues will be discussed and voted on at Synod Assembly, please visit the Synod's website at [www.swtsynod.org](http://www.swtsynod.org).

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## Constitutional Changes Forum, Sunday, May 14, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.

You may remember that during last year's Annual Meeting we looked at proposed changes to update our constitution to bring it into alignment with the ELCA's Model Constitution. At this year's Annual Meeting, on June 11, we will vote on these changes. To prepare for that vote, we will hold a Forum on Sunday, May 14, during the education hour. It's important to point out that none of these changes will affect how our church is organized and run. We will still have the same council and leadership structures in place. The updates to our constitution are mostly semantic and an ordering of topics. In a sense, we are really just migrating our constitution from one format to another. You are probably wondering why we have to do this at all. Well, we are required by the ELCA to make this change, and the reason is a good one. The ELCA has spent significant resources looking at best language practices for these congregational constitutions. Therefore, utilizing the model helps us avoid liability issues as a church and enables us to move forward employing the best language possible to articulate who we are as a community of faith. Many thanks to our Constitution Team: Laura O'Donnell, Bob Logan, Blossom Stobb, Jeff Jowers, Becky Richard, Don Kurtti, Bud Halstead, and Pastor Leslie for their work to make the necessary revisions and present the proposed changes. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask one of them or to contact a Parish Council representative as well.

## Member News

### Baptisms

- *Averie Teri-Lee Murphy on April 30. Averie is the daughter of Greg & Mary Murphy.*

### Sympathy to:

- *Laura O'Donnell and her family on the death of her father, Tom Spatz, on April 9, 2017.*

## *Visitor Wine and Cheese*

The CLC Welcome Team invites all visitors and new members to a Wine and Cheese gathering on the Plaza on Thursday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. We gather under the arbor for lively conversation, enjoying a casual and comfortable way to get to know one another better. Please join us and learn more about your CLC family in an evening of fellowship, fun, and food.

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## *Lucy Circle: Conversation, Fellowship ... and You!*

Lucy Circle invites CLC women, their guests, and visitors to join us for our monthly hour of discussion and fellowship during the Sunday school hour – 9:15-10:15 a.m. We meet on third Sundays and enjoy informal discussions of the short stories we are reading from Contemporary Latin American Short Stories, edited by Pat McNeese. Please join us on May 21 to discuss *Two Dollars Worth of Water* by Juan Bosch. This is our final meeting before the summer hiatus and we hope you'll grab a cup of coffee in the CrossWay and join us! If you'd like to know more, please give me a call.

- Jan Norris

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## *CLC Book Club*

We meet on May 2 to discuss A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. The book cover states "You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life." It is a great feel good book. We'll meet at The Robbins' home, 6002 Winterhaven Drive in Windcrest. If the weather permits we'll be out on the porch. Come with your comments, and we'll have a nice evening.

For the June book, Penny McDonald has come up with a winner! It's Pancakes in Paris: Living the American Dream in Paris by Craig Carlson. It's a true story. The writing is fresh and humorous. A book to engage you.

- Edna Robbins

## *Hope Bible Study Group*

Join us on Thursday, May 11, at 9:30 in Primrose House for Hope Bible Study Group. Pastor Leslie will lead. Frances Ware is hostess. All are welcome.

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## *Jambo (Swahili for Hello)*

On Sunday, May 21, at 9:15 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, Julia Gates and Caroline Biggs will share their experience from the Friends of Ngong Road adventure in Nairobi, Kenya this past March. They will present beautiful photos and stories of the children who are sponsored, their families, and their homes as well as the schools they visited. See if they were able to capture (photograph) the “Big Five” while on safari! Learn more about the ministry of Friends of Ngong Road and how you can get involved and make a difference in a child’s life. Handicrafts from the mothers/caregivers of the children who are sponsored will be offered for sale after the presentation. The sale of these handicrafts provides income to the women who care for these children.

Asante (Thank You),  
Lori Harris

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## *Summer Worship Schedule & Breakfast Sign Up*

Each Sunday beginning Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 28, through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 3, we will hold one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Each of these Summer Sundays, you’re invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. If you would like to participate in providing breakfast foods for the fellowship time, please sign up on the bulletin board in the CrossWay or call the church office. You may sign up for one or all of the food offerings – fruit, juice, and pastries. We ask that food be set up by 9:00 a.m. and that you stay to help with clean-up after worship.

Thanks in advance!



**Ring Through the Decades! Handbell Concert Series - Spring 2017**

**Saturday, May 6th 1:30 pm** Madison Square Presbyterian Church  
319 Camden Ave San Antonio, TX 78215

**Saturday, May 6th 5:00 pm** Laurel Heights United Methodist Church  
227 Woodlawn Ave San Antonio, TX 78212

**Sunday, May 7th 4:30 pm** Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights  
6720 Broadway San Antonio, TX 78209

**Monday, May 8th 7:00 pm** Army Residence Community  
7400 Crestway San Antonio, TX 78239



[www.rivercityringers.org](http://www.rivercityringers.org)      **All concerts are free & open to the public!**      [facebook.com/RiverCityRingersSA](https://facebook.com/RiverCityRingersSA)

### Take a trip ...

... down memory lane with the River City Ringers as we “Ring Through the Decades!” at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m. They will reprise well-known tunes from the 30’s through the 80’s. No matter your age, there is sure to be a song that will bring back a fond recollection of times gone by. Joining the ringers for this season’s concert series will be our own Sam Becvar on string bass and Miguel Roberts on ukulele and synthesizer. In addition to the posted concert series above, there will be a private concert for residents of The Towers on Parklane on Friday, May 5 at 7:00 pm.



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Please join us to celebrate:

*Marilyn's Retirement  
from CLDS*

On Sunday, May 7, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall,  
we will host a luncheon to honor  
Marilyn for her 24 years of service  
to Christ Lutheran Church & Day School.

Due to limited space, please kindly RSVP by  
Monday, May 1, to [office@clcah.org](mailto:office@clcah.org)

Hosted by Christ Lutheran Church & Day School  
6720 Broadway, San Antonio, 78209

## *Register Now! Experience the Thrill of Visiting an Underground Church!*

### *VBS 2017: Rome “Paul’s Journey”*

Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God’s love.

When: Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

Who: Children ages 3 years old through incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Cost: \$35 per child

***Registration is open! Register online or grab a form in the Crossway.***

Confirmation and high school students are highly encouraged to help with VBS ... this is a great way to get service hours! Please contact Carrie Jowers in the church office for more information.

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## *San Antonio Food Bank Service Day:*

### *Saturday, May 13*

Grab your gardening gloves and join us at the San Antonio Food Bank! CLC families are encouraged to attend this service day at the San Antonio Food Bank to work in the gardens. We will begin at 9:00 a.m., and work until 11:30 a.m. for 2.5 hours of service work. Children must be 8 years of age to volunteer at the Food Bank. For more information or to sign up, please contact Carrie Jowers in the church office.

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## *Wednesday Night Programming*

The Spark and The Outlet will meet on Wednesday nights, May 3 & May 10. On May 17 we will host a end-of-year pool party at the Rosenquists’ home. See page 9 for more details.

# *The Light: Senior High Youth Ministry*

The Senior High Youth will continue their Bible Study at the home of Jeff & Carrie Jowers. Meeting dates for May are:

- Sunday, May 7: Bible Study & Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Jowers' home
- Sunday, May 21: Bible Study & Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Jowers' home
- Wednesday, May 24: Mandatory Mission Trip Meeting in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 4: High School Graduate Blessing at the 9:30 a.m. worship service

## *Children's Sunday School for May*

### **Holy Moly!**

- Sunday, May 7: The Great Commission
  - Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Breakfast & Skit (mothers and grandmothers invited)
  - Sunday, May 21: Last Day of Sunday School Celebration
  - Sunday, May 28: No Sunday School (Summer worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.)
- Parents are always welcome to join us for Sunday School!**

### **Godly Play:**

- Sunday, May 7: Pentecost
  - Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Skit & Breakfast (mothers and grandmothers invited)
  - Sunday, May 21: Last Day of Sunday School Celebration (special lesson with Ms. Carrie)
  - Sunday, May 28: No Sunday School (Summer worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.)
- Parents are always welcome to join us for Sunday School!**

### **Gloria & Angelicus Choirs (May Activities):**

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day), will be the last time for the year that our children & youth choirs sing in worship. Wednesday, May 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., please join us at the Rosenquists' home for swimming and dinner. Siblings are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Carrie Jowers in the church office.

## *Summer Schedule*

- **Summer Mission Trip to Galveston, TX:** (7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade): Friday, June 9 through Tuesday, June 13
- **VBS "Rome" 2017:** Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14
- **Mission Week!:** Wednesday, July 5 through Friday, July 7
- **Camp Chrysalis:** Sunday, July 23 through Friday, July 28 (Theme for 2017 "God 24/7")

# Confirmation & Middle School Ministry

**Required Confirmation Sunday School Class:**

- Sunday, May 7: Lesson on the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment
- Sunday, May 14: Lesson on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments
- Sunday, May 21: Confirmation Sunday/Breakfast Fellowship
- Sunday, May 28: No Sunday School (Summer Worship starts at 9:30 a.m.)

**Confirmation Sunday:** Matthew Diana, Griffin Hall, and Leah Vasquez will be confirmed on Sunday, May 21. Please join us for this very special worship and a Confirmation Celebration in the Crossway after the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Acolyte Schedule for May:**

- Sunday, May 7: Matthew Diana
- Sunday, May 14: William Hall
- Sunday, May 21: Ana Becvar
- Sunday, May 28: Spot Open (Summer worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.)

## All Hands On Deck! It's Mission Week.

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Christ Lutheran will host days of service for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades. We will spend time together learning about the mission field right here in San Antonio by lending a hand. Middle and High School students will lead teams of younger students in developing and executing a service project. We will work and play each day including a trip to the Alamo Heights pool and of course...wait for it... Gaga Ball. Our activities will focus on how we can best use our gifts and skills to serve the community we love. Registration forms will be mailed to families and are available at the church office. Contact Allyson Pryor via [allypryor@gmail.com](mailto:allypryor@gmail.com) or through the church office for more information.

Overview of Activities:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH	Service Starts Here: Caring for Our Church	Organize teams at CLCAH followed by a few small projects to care for our church. End the day at the Alamo Heights Pool.
THURSDAY, JULY 6TH	Who is Our Neighbor & Why Do We Care	Field Trip to the Institute of Texan Cultures and play time and celebration at Hemisphere Park. Prepare care packages for CAM families.
FRIDAY JULY, 7TH	Not Much Stuff but Never Poor in Spirit	CAM service and tour.

# Annual Meeting – June 11

Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 11, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. In that meeting, we will hear reports on our ministries, vote on proposed changes to our constitution that will bring it into alignment with the ELCA Model Constitution, elect Parish Council members, and adopt the budget for next year. All members are encouraged to participate and to lend your voice and vote.



This is the group who painted the storage pod at San Antonio Clubhouse on April 8.  
Looks like a fun group!

## *Praises to:*

- All the readers, worship helpers, ushers, and musicians who helped make our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter worship services so meaningful and beautiful.
- Lisa Diana, Clara Tenorio, and Larry and Linda Sulser who helped with painting at SA Clubhouse on April 8. A fun group and a job well done!
- Carrie Jowers for transporting the beautiful quilts handmade by our CLC Quilters to TLU to be sent to Baltimore and then to countries around the world as needed.
- Clara Tenorio for a delicious Easter breakfast and to Elizabeth Diggs for the spring decorations.
- All who helped fill Easter eggs and to those who hid them on Easter Sunday.
- Elizabeth Diggs and her crew for another festive and delicious Fiesta at CLC!
- Carolyn Dufelmeier who cleaned out all the flowerbeds around the church to make our property neat and attractive for Easter.

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## *Chrysalis Ministries: Volunteers Needed!*

Chrysalis Ministries, one of the local non-profits that your benevolence dollars support, has a hefty mission: to facilitate the personal, emotional and spiritual transformation of incarcerated individuals, those formerly incarcerated, and their family members. Approximately 15-20% of individuals who've committed crimes have serious mental health issues and 70-75% need some degree of mental health care. These problems are usually not diagnosed and are not addressed by our jails and prisons. Chrysalis brings a faith-based ministry to these folks through programs that include Healthy Relationships, Theft Addiction, 12-Step Substance Abuse, and Anger Management.

The small, dedicated staff relies heavily on volunteers. Many of their volunteers work in the chaplaincy program – a critical point of entry for people who have suffered in ways we cannot comprehend and in turn have caused suffering through their crimes. Most do not have a high school diploma, live in poverty, lack a positive support system, and have limited understanding of their moral and ethical responsibilities. They are lost, and Chrysalis Ministries helps them find their way.

They need volunteers and would love to hear from you. Christ Lutheran supports Chrysalis through our benevolence dollars – a gift of \$2,000 each year. We are connected to this ministry in another way as well. In April, Lisa Diana spearheaded an Easter Basket drive to help the children of incarcerated parents, and you brought baskets and goodies to help in that mission. Thanks to your generosity, Lisa was able to deliver 25 cheerful baskets and money for shoes to Chrysalis Ministries.

If you want to learn more, check out their website, [www.chrysmi.org](http://www.chrysmi.org), or contact Christine Cavazos at [ccavazos@chrysmi.org](mailto:ccavazos@chrysmi.org).

- Jan Norris

# *Companionate Ministry*

## *(Formerly Haven for Hope Project)*

Brenda and her children have come a long way since they spent a few months at Haven for Hope in an effort to redirect their lives. We've been referring to our ministry with Brenda as our "H4H Project." But this is a misnomer. She has transcended homelessness and is working hard on her new journey ... so we're changing our name to "Companionate Ministry" to better describe that we are her companions on this journey of hope.

We continue to pray for Brenda and her family and to offer spiritual, social, and financial support. Lisa Diana engaged Brenda and her boyfriend, Bobby, in a Bible study recently. Mary Lynn and Bob Logan spent an afternoon at the park with two of Brenda's adorable children and reported that they are smart, affectionate, happy, and courteous.

Many of you have helped by making contributions to the Companionate Ministry (formerly H4H) fund. You've brought diapers, paper towels, toilet paper, canned goods, recipes, clothing for the children, and more. Our committee filled Easter baskets for the children and contributed an array of delicious dishes to make their Easter dinner festive. And a few CLC members helped Brenda's oldest daughter celebrate her birthday in a local park.

Employment is a continuing need. Brenda needs work and wants to work, but she cannot commit to full-time employment because of the demands of raising four small children. She needs housekeeping jobs. If you're interested, please call Lisa Diana at 210-822-3394.

Our fund to assist her, which was seeded by a grant from Thrivent Choice Dollars, is dwindling. She needs to work to support her family, and we so appreciate your prayers on her behalf as well as your contributions to this fund, your help with her children, your willingness to employ her, and anything else you might be able to do.

- Jan Norris

## *Staff*

*The Rev. Leslie Price*  
Pastor

*Carrie Jowers*  
Director of Faith Formation

*Marilyn Hamilton*  
Director of Day School

*Becky Richard*  
Office Manager/Accountant

*Linda Sulser*  
Administrative Assistant

*Dr. Dan Long*  
Director of Music Ministry

*Bill Ross*  
Organist

*Karli Anderson*  
Youth Choir Director

*Sharon Wiedemann*  
Youth Choir Accompanist

*Clara Tenorio*  
Church "Keeper"

*Sam Tenorio*  
Custodian

*Ryan Loyd*  
Sound Tech

*Sandy Roe*  
Nursery Attendant

## *Parish Council*

*Robb Decker, President*

*Joe Diana, Vice Pres.*

*Sharon Wiedemann,*  
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*Blossom Stobb, Secretary*

*Sarah Loyd, Trustee*

*Chris Fidaio, Trustee*

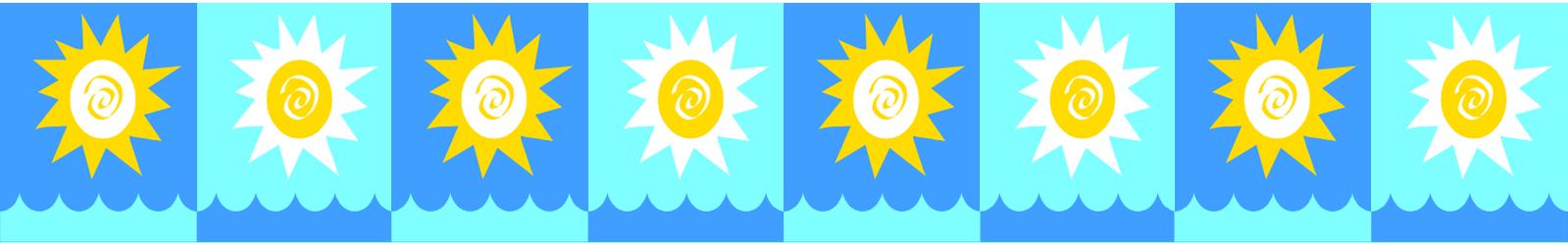
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## Summer Worship Schedule

On Sundays beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 28, through Labor Day weekend, September 3, there will be one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m.

There will be food and fellowship preceding the service beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay