



# The Clarion

We are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus.

Welcome to

**CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**IGLESIA LUTERANA**



## A Christ-like response to the challenges of our times

Dear Church Family,

In light of the recent events surrounding the immigration riots in our city and around the whole country, I feel compelled to share some thoughts rooted in our faith and the teachings of Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are called to reflect His love, grace, and compassion in everything we do, even amidst the most challenging circumstances.



The riots we are witnessing are a manifestation of deep-seated frustrations and fears surrounding immigration policies and the treatment of individuals seeking a better life. While we may have our own opinions on the matter, it is essential that we approach these complex issues with a Christ like heart.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

English – 9:30 am

Español – 11:30 am

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**September 2025**

**CLARION DEADLINE**

**Wednesday August 20 @ 4 p.m.**

### 1. Love and Compassion:

Christ taught us to love our neighbors, regardless of their background or circumstances. In this time of unrest, we must recognize the human dignity of every person involved. Many individuals participating in these protests are voicing legitimate concerns stemming from fear, uncertainty, and longing for acceptance. As Christians, we must respond not with anger or blame, but with a spirit of love and understanding.

### 2. Justice and Mercy:

Micah 6:8 teaches us that we are to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. We are called to advocate for justice and equity for all, especially for the marginalized and oppressed. It is essential to listen to the voices of those affected by immigration policies and to seek solutions that promote dignity and respect for all.

In conclusion, as we navigate these turbulent waters, I encourage each of you to embody the teachings of Christ. Let us stand firm in our faith, responding to chaos with love, compassion, and a commitment to justice. Together, we can be a shining light in our community, demonstrating the boundless love of our Savior.

In Christ's love, *Pastor Manuel*

### 3. Peaceful Dialogue:

In turbulent times, it is vital to engage in peaceful dialogue. Jesus often engaged with those who disagreed with Him, seeking understanding and offering wisdom. We, too, should strive to communicate with grace, encouraging conversations that lead to healing rather than division. Let us be peacemakers, fostering environments where differing perspectives can be shared respectfully.

### 4. Prayer and Support:

Lastly, we must turn to prayer. Let us pray for our leaders, for those caught in the crossfire of conflict, and for our communities. Prayer is a powerful tool that can bring about change and healing. Additionally, as a church, we can support local organizations that provide aid to immigrants and foster inclusive communities.

## CCSA BACK TO SCHOOL

We will support the program and purchase backpacks and school supplies. In late July, we will assemble backpacks. Please watch for more information in Sunday church bulletins or contact Heidi Acosta.



## Calling all Bunco players!

When: 2nd Friday of every month.

Where: Narthex

Time: 1:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Donation for charity and prizes.

July 11 at 1:00 p.m.

August 8 at 1:00 p.m.

**All are welcome**



## The Original CLC Sanctuary, That Became the Fellowship Hall

By Bill Fredericks

Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana will soon dedicate and begin using our new Fellowship Hall. In order that we do not forget our history, here is an abbreviated story of the original Church Sanctuary building that preceded our new Fellowship Hall on much the same footprint.

In the early 1950's the Home Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Church saw opportunities in expanding the church in the San Diego area. Attention became focused on Clairemont where a new community was being built. A driving force behind this was Ansel Severtsen, Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, North Park. Pr. Severtsen knew about Clairemont because a young couple; Gertrude and Reuben Onstad, who were members of Our Savior's had moved to a house in Clairemont in 1951 and thought it would be nice if they could attend a church in their area.



**Gertrude & Reuben Onstad**

The first Clairemont Lutheran Church worship service was held Dec. 20, 1953 in a duplex at 3217-3219 Clairemont Mesa Blvd with 77 people in attendance. Pr. Clifford Larson presided. The church was chartered on May 16, 1954. The Charter was signed by 153 persons.



First Worship Service  
12/20/53



Organization May 1954



About a month after the first service, ground was broken for the construction of the original Church sanctuary and offices. Work was soon begun, with much of the work being done by volunteers.





The story is told that they literally “held up the walls” as one exterior wall began to lean over, and they had to manually provide support while the mortar was setting.



**Groundbreaking on January 24, 1954 –  
a very wet San Diego day.**



**Work crew, with many church men  
volunteers, taking a break.**

Services were moved into the new Church Sanctuary building in August 1954. The Sanctuary was officially dedicated on May 1, 1955. Entrance was made either through the Front doors or the Side doors.

Congregants sat on all-metal, folding chairs. The Pulpit was to the right of the Altar, and a Christian flag was located just to the left. The “Baptismal Font” was farther to the left.

Pastor Larson was well known for his “fire and brimstone” sermons. It was said that his sermons were frightening enough to scare children so that they would behave.

Behind the rows of chairs was a “Cry Room” with a large window, so that parents could see and hear the service without their noisy infants disturbing the congregation. After worship, tables and chairs were positioned throughout the space for many children’s Sunday School classes. It was very noisy. The “Fireside Room” was used for adult classes and meetings. The name was accurate, as burning logs helped keep the room warm.

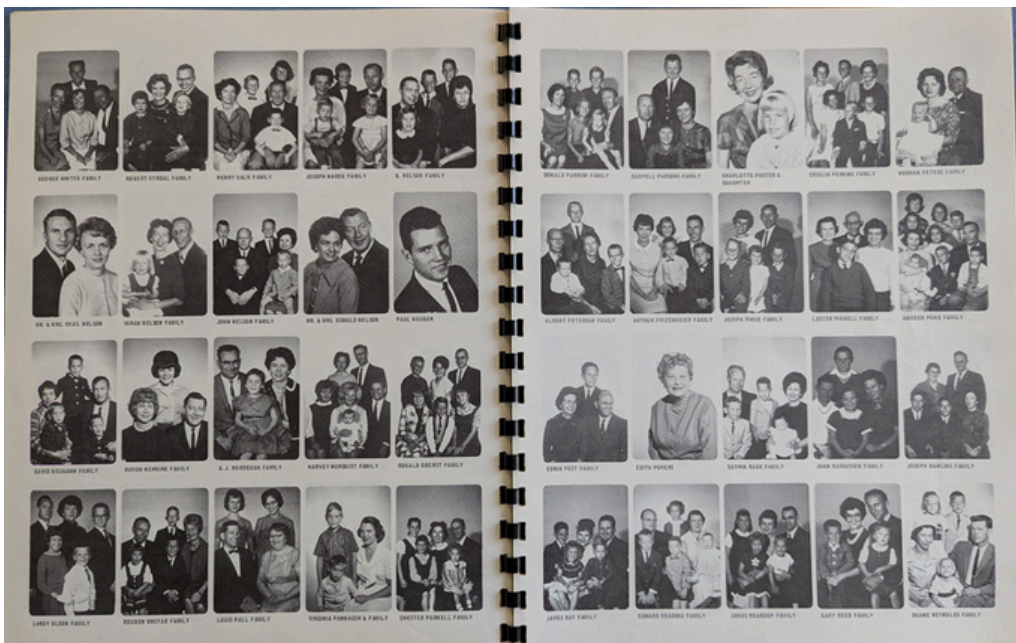
At least five of our present members attended worship services in the original sanctuary, and at least two were confirmed. One tells the story of moving into the neighborhood and being told, “That is our church.” Amen!





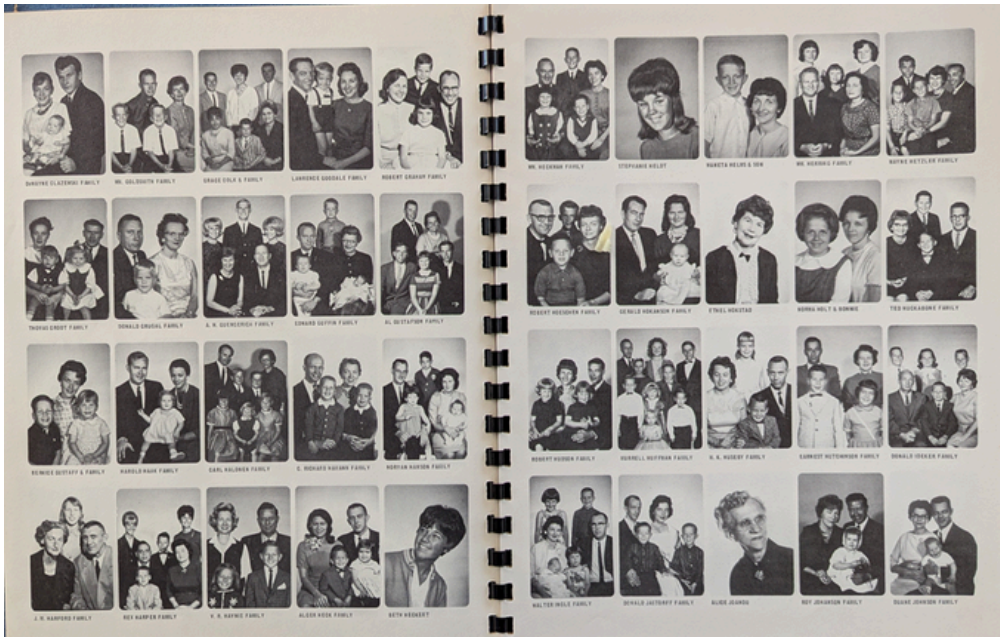


Cover of an Original Bulletin



Here are some pages from the 1964 picture directory. There are thirteen and a half pages in the directory. At 20 families per page, that makes about 270 family pictures in all.





If we estimate 30 children per page that makes about 400 children.

The pastor was Charles R. Christian.

There were 3 Sunday morning Family services.

## *A Fellowship, fun & HOME RUNS*

We have reserved **25 tickets** for each game, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets need to be paid for shortly after being requested. Checks should be made out to Clairemont Lutheran Church and brought to the office. Cash or card are also accepted. If you have questions, call Tanya in the office at (858)-273-7423 or send an email to [clc@clairemontlc.org](mailto:clc@clairemontlc.org).



Date	Time	Opponent	Cost per ticket
Tuesday July 8	6:40 p.m.	Arizona Diamondbacks	\$26.00
Tuesday Aug. 19	6:40 p.m.	San Francisco Giants	\$39.00
Tuesday Sept. 9	6:40 p.m.	Cincinnati Reds	\$26.00

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Sandy McCauley** in May 2025. A longtime and dedicated member of Clairemont Lutheran, Sandy faithfully served in many roles over the years, including Council Treasurer, Teller, and as a behind-the-scenes helper restocking pews for Sunday services. Sandy will be deeply missed.

A memorial service for Sandy McCauley will be held on **Sunday, July 20th, at 4:00 PM at Clairemont Lutheran Church**. All are welcome to attend as we gather to honor and celebrate her life. A small reception will follow the service.



*In Loving Memory of Sandy McCauley*

# We Don't Know Our Time, Do We Know Our Treasures

**By Gary Jaus**

Several months ago, I received a phone call from a friend I'll call Dave. Dave and I grew up together in Clairemont and lived just around the corner from each other. Our friendship stretched over sixty years. I hadn't seen much of Dave or his wife in the last couple of years, but I attributed our lack of contact to his work. As time passed, I kept hearing this little reminder that I should reach out to Dave and his wife and see how they were doing. After all, I knew our friendship still mattered to both of us, and they only lived twenty minutes away.

In that call, Dave's wife asked me to come over as they had something they wanted to share. I knew then I was going to hear something that wasn't good. When they answered the door, Dave's eyes were bloodshot, and he mumbled something I couldn't understand. I said, "Dave, what's up? Have you been drinking?" Dave pointed at his wife.

"Well, no," answered his wife. Dave's been crying because he's been diagnosed with ALS. It's the type that starts in his throat and affects his speech." Needless to say, I felt terrible about my question. Dave's wife explained that the type of ALS Dave had was an aggressive form of the disease, and he probably had less than a year to live. In the months since that call, I have visited Dave and his family many times and feel fortunate to have been with him when he passed.



The day after Dave's passing, I called two of our friends from our old neighborhood. Keep in mind that sixty years ago, our Clairemont neighborhood was full of kids, and in that youthful, idyllic time, we were blessed to establish some lifelong friendships. We didn't know it then, but those friendships became some of the building blocks and learning lessons for future relationships, and as teenage friends, we helped shape each other into the people we've become.

One of the friends I called to share the news of Dave's passing was a girl I'll call Sherry. I'd grown up with Sherry and her siblings and eventually even dated her. Don't worry, my wife, Aida, knows her and we are all still friends. After telling her about Dave, Sherry shared that she, too, is having a serious health crisis, namely pancreatic cancer. Her words rocked me. Dave had just passed, and Sherry was fighting for her life. The confluence of Dave's death and Sherry's cancer led to some deep introspection of my own life.

Using seasons of the year as a metaphor, I am probably in the season of Fall. But, as we all know, there are few guarantees in life. Dave shared that he'd wanted ten more years with his wife and family.



Sherry is trying to live long enough to see her daughter get married in the summer of 2026. Both were, or are, facing death, and neither of them spoke about work accomplishments, wealth, or material things. What they both wanted was more time for the relationships that mattered most.

I am sad that I didn't spend more time with Dave, but with the time I got to spend with him at the end of his life, he knew I loved him. Sherry knows I love her too.

We have a beautiful Sanctuary and a brand-new Fellowship Hall. We rightly value our buildings, but what do we treasure? I pray we treasure each other and believe we do that by laughing, crying, working, and grieving with each other. Our relationships become treasures when we sacrifice for each other, serve and make time for each other, forgive each other, and most importantly, love each other.

**Corinthians 13:13**  
***So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;***  
***But the greatest of these is love***

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Do you know Myra Brandt, a past, longtime member of Clairemont Lutheran Church? You are invited to her "95<sup>th</sup> Birthday/Celebration of Life while still alive" party, and consider bringing or sending a card with a hello or remembrance of her.

**When:** Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
11 AM to 12:00/12:30 PM

**Where:** Christ Presbyterian Church of La Costa,  
Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary  
7807 Centella Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009

**What:** Say hi to Myra, hear the Harmonettes sing, have a bite to eat, and see photos

**How:** Carpool with someone else from CLC if you can



**Wear a fun fashion hat, a colorful outfit or your favorite jewelry**



RSVP is helpful, to **Shannon Rowson**,  
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Email: [795shannon@gmail.com](mailto:795shannon@gmail.com)  
Mailing address: 795 Poppy Road, San Marcos, CA 92078

**If you decide later to come, you are still welcome without an RSVP!**



gather magazine  
Bible study

Summer 2025:

**"Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships"**  
by the Rev. Dr. Brooke Petersen

**JULY - SESSION TWO**

**Relationships that sustain us: Where you go, I will go**

**July 14 at 11:00 a.m.**

**LEADING: PASTOR ELENA**

One cannot get far in this life without encountering suffering. Loss, betrayal, and tragedy show up in our own lives and in the lives of those we love. In this Bible study, we will explore the story of Naomi and Ruth, two women who held fast to their relationship in the face of great loss. With this in mind, we'll consider what helps us to stay in relationship with others when we face seasons of grief and suffering in our own lives and the lives of others.

**ALL are invited to attend the  
Gather Bible Study**



**AUGUST - SESSION THREE**

**Relationships that push us to grow: For such a time as this**

**August 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

**LEADING: PASTOR MANUEL**

Relationships aren't always comfortable. There are times when we find ourselves navigating the painful work of growing and changing in our relationships. This session explores the story of Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai. How can we draw on the stories of our faith when we face great challenges in our lives and relationships with others? We'll explore how vulnerability, trust, and the power of faithful friendships help us to grow.



**COMING UP**

**November 14-15 - Pacifica W-ELCA Convention & Gathering**

At Clairemont Lutheran Church

Theme: "Here I Am, Send Me"

Theme Verse: Isaiah 6:8

**More information will be coming.**

## MEET OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR GRACE TORRES KILPATRICK

**Grace Torres Kilpatrick**, a lifelong San Diegan and dedicated member of the Clairemont community, has been named Sunday School Coordinator at Clairemont Lutheran Church.

Born and raised in San Diego, Kilpatrick graduated from Point Loma High School in 2006. A committed student-athlete, she went on to attend Menlo College, where she earned her bachelor's degree while competing for four years on the college's soccer team.

Professionally, Kilpatrick has built a successful 15-year career in wealth management, developing expertise in client relations, strategic financial planning, and leadership. Her passion for personal development and helping others grow led her to pursue graduate studies at Concordia University Irvine, a respected Lutheran institution, where she earned a Master's Degree in Executive Coaching and Consulting in 2022.



In addition to her professional achievements, Kilpatrick is a dedicated mother of two daughters and has lived in the Clairemont neighborhood for the past decade. Her deep connection to both her faith and her local community informs her commitment to nurturing the spiritual development of young people through Christian education.

As Sunday School Coordinator, Kilpatrick brings together her background in leadership, education, and faith to support and enrich the church's mission of guiding the next generation in spiritual growth and learning.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of our children's  
Ministry, please contact Grace at  
[gracefulsundays@teachers.org](mailto:gracefulsundays@teachers.org) or (858) 688-3047



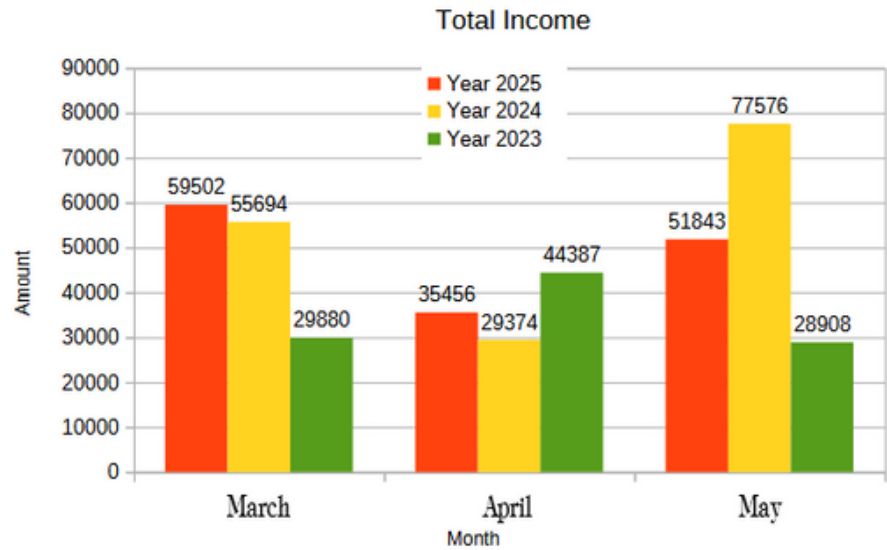


# Church Business

## March, April, May Comparison of years 2023, 2024, 2025

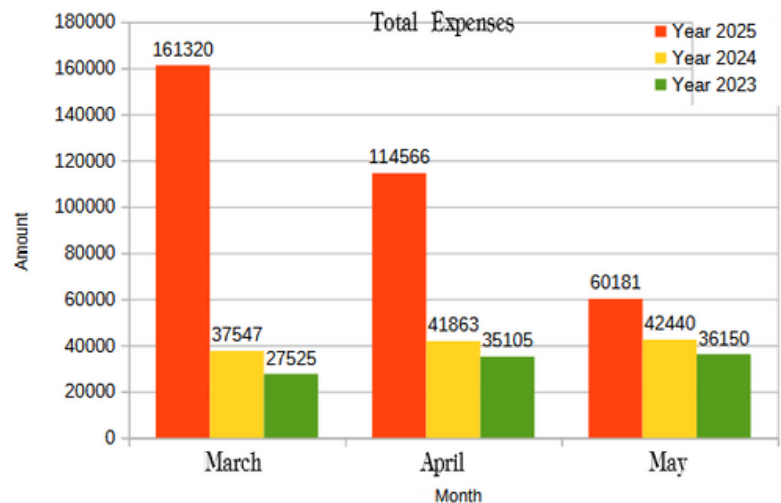
### Total income

		2025	2024	2023
3	March	59502	55694	29880
4	April	35456	29374	44387
5	May	51843	77576	28908



### Total Expenses

		2025	2024	2023
3	March	161320	37547	27525
4	April	114566	41863	35105
5	May	60181	42440	36150



# BEYOND THE PEWS

*Living the Word wherever we go.*



The Sanctuary Choir celebrated the end of a successful season at a potluck party held at the Ten Eyck's on the afternoon of June 22.

There was much talk and laughter, "Corn Hole" was played, munchies were munched, drinks were drunk, meat was grilled, hot dishes and cold were consumed, and cookies were nibbled. One activity that DID NOT occur: there was no singing!



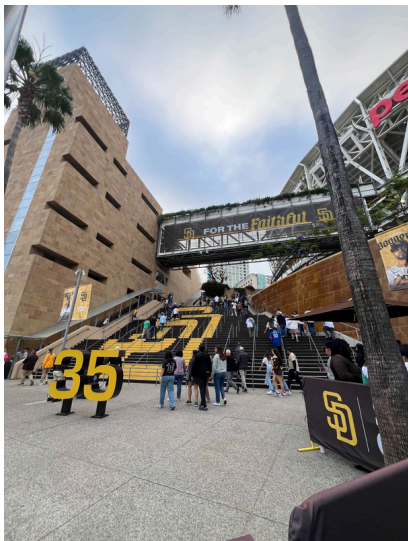
Mark Onstad and Bonita Martinez grilling meat



Choir Fellowshiping on the patio

The choir will resume with a Saturday workshop in the latter part of August.

Please contact **Katie Lundeen**  
(760) 807-6359  
or [klundeen25@gmail.com](mailto:klundeen25@gmail.com)  
for more information.



## A Day at Petco Park with Our Church Family

On June 10, members of our church came together for a joyful day of fellowship and baseball.

The outing brought together families, friends, and fellow fans for a fun afternoon at Petco Park, where the San Diego Padres dominated the Dodgers with an 11-1 victory!









If you missed it — don't worry! We will do it once a month throughout the season, and we'd love for you to join us.

☞ Stay tuned for upcoming dates

🎫 Be sure to get your tickets through the church office



**Let's keep the fun and fellowship going! Lets' Go Padres!**

# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1:00pm AA 4-5pm Southern Care 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>2</b> 12-2:30pm Southern care 2-3pm Southern Care	<b>3</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm AA Meeting 5pm Stephen Ministry	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July</b> <b>office closed</b>  8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon	<b>5</b> 7:00am SA
<b>6</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am birthday cake 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>7</b> 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 1:00pm AA 4-5pm Southern Care 4:30pm Evangelism team 6:30pm Padre Game 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>9</b> 12-2:30pm Southern care 	<b>10</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm AA Meeting 2-3pm Southern Care	<b>11</b> 8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al- Anon	<b>12</b> 7:00am SA 12-8pm Quinceañeras
<b>13</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español	<b>14</b> 9:30-3:30 A Technicolor Promise (Summer Musical Theater Camp!) 11:00am Gather Bible study 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30-3:30 A Technicolor Promise (Summer Musical Theater Camp!) 1:00pm AA 6:30pm Executive Team 7:15pm Council meeting 7:00pm Al-Anon	<b>16</b> 9:30-3:30 A Technicolor Promise (Summer Musical Theater Camp!) 12-2:30pm Southern care 5:30pm Suppers at the Beach	<b>17</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 9:30-3:30 A Technicolor Promise (Summer Musical Theater Camp!) 1:00pm AA Meeting 5pm Stephen Ministry 6:30pm worship committee	<b>18</b> 8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon <b>7:30pm A Technicolor Promise Performance</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00am SA Music Camp clean up
<b>20</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español  4:00pm Sandy McCauley's Memorial service	<b>21</b> 1:00pm AA 2-3pm SC 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>22</b> 1:00pm AA 2-3:30pm Southern care 4-5pm Southern Care 7:00pm Al-Anon  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>23</b> 12-2:30pm Southern care 5:30pm Suppers at the Beach  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>24</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm AA Meeting  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>25</b> 8-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm AA 6:00pm Al-Anon  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>26</b> 7:00am SA 3:00pm Marjorie Gould Memorial Service
<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship Service 11:30am Servicio de Adoración en Español  <b>CCSA</b> Back to school Backpack assembling ( in between services)	<b>28</b> 1:00pm AA 4:00pm Gospel Study 6:30pm Scouts 8:00pm AA Meeting  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>29</b> 1:00pm AA 2-3:30pm Southern Care 4-5pm Southern Care 7:00pm Al-Anon <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>30</b> 12-2:30pm Southern care 5:30pm Suppers at the Beach  <b>Yard sale drop off</b> in room 4 from 9-3pm	<b>31</b> 8:00am Sandwich Ministry 1:00pm AA Meeting	<b>August 2</b> <b>Yard sale</b> <b>8-12pm</b>	

# CLC Volunteer Schedule - July / August

## Lay Readers

July 6	Carol Nichols	Aug. 3	Lorri Carlsen
July 13	Arlene Riordan	Aug. 10	Emilie Lauchmen
July 20	Lorri Carlsen	Aug. 17	Karen Creusere
July 27	Rob Constantine	Aug. 24	Lynn Ten Eyck
		Aug. 31	Susan Gjerset



Christina	Herfindahl	7/1
Jacob	Herfindahl	7/1
Maggie	Oregon	7/2
Jeremiah	Skinner	7/4
Jennifer	Brewer	7/5
Leighton	Steele-English	7/6
Cynthia	Jorstad	7/8
James	Reardon	7/9
Elizabeth	Leatherman	7/11
Karla	Carrizalez	7/12
Cristina	Ventura	7/12
Carmen	Mendoza	7/17
Becky	Newhouse	7/18
Peter	Gjerset	7/19
Adam	Timms	7/21
Corey	Goldenstein	7/21
Nivek	Valentan	7/22
Linda	Ten Eyck	7/26
Mary	Polk	7/29
Emily	Jones	7/31

## Communion Assistants

July 6 & Aug 3	Bonita Martinez, Curtis Cline, Bill Fredericks
July 13 & Aug 10	Nancy & Sarah Groesbeck, Harriet Carmona
July 20 & Aug 17	Carol Nichols, Harriet Morris, Holly Boyle, Rita Leatherman
July 27 & Aug 24	Gary Jaus, Aida Jaus, Gary Lange
Aug. 31	Bilingual service 10am Sandra Logan, Lewis TenHulzen



## Welcome Team

July 6 & Aug 3	Janet Wood, Sandra Logan, Curtis Cline, Branden Taylor
July 13 & Aug 10	Gary Lange, Kathy Reed, Emilie Lauchmen
July 20 & Aug 17	Harriet Carmona, Renée Shepherd, Rita Leatherman
July 27 & Aug 24	Pam Allen, Curtis Cline, Karen Creusere, Branden Taylor
Aug. 31	Bilingual service 10am



July 7 LeRoy Bannach	Aug. 3 Anna Bailey
July 14 LeRoy Bannach	Aug. 11
July 21	Aug. 18
July 28	Aug. 25
	Aug. 31



## Media Team

July 6 & Aug 3	Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
July 13 & Aug 10	Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
July 20 & Aug 17	Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
July 27 & Aug 24	Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little
Aug. 31	Lewis John TenHulzen, Mitchell Little



**Altar Guild**  
**July -**  
 Sandra Logan  
 Rohany Purba  
**August -**  
 Ruth Andersen  
 Aida Jaus

Harriet	Morris	8/5
Paul	Wilfong	8/13
Jeff	Archer	8/13
Itha	Yost	8/16
Sarah	Colson-Kegel	8/18
Marian	Jenkins	8/19
Taylor	McCauley	8/19
Sarah	Solomon	8/26