

# Ballard Blessings

Welcome! Following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, we at Ballard First Lutheran affirm the dignity and worth of all people. We believe God calls us to be a community of grace, compassion, and justice. With St. Paul, we affirm that, in Christ, "There is no longer Jew or Gentile, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28) We believe that the Gospel, that is, the good news of Jesus Christ, is God's gift for all people. Furthermore, we believe that this gift is to be shared unconditionally, without regard to age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic or family status, or physical or mental ability.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."***

***Matthew 25:35***

Quite often when we hear these familiar words of Jesus we rightly think of the homeless and the hungry in our midst. Whenever we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the sick, whenever we take care of the least among us, we serve Christ. And with the rising cost of fuel and food there are certainly many among us in dire need of the basic necessities of life. However, for the purposes of this edition of the Ballard Blessings, I want to reflect more specifically on the "thirsty" and the "strangers" in our midst.

This year, at Ballard's annual Seafood Fest the weekend of July 26-27, we are planning to staff a table and provide refreshing ice-cold water to thirsty fair-goers. We hope to become more visible in the community by offering an environmentally-friendly, reusable water bottle with our church's contact info on it. If you're available to cover a shift at the table during the Seafood Fest, please contact Kim Peterson, chair of Evangelism. If you find yourself wandering around at the Seafood Fest, look for our church's table and stop by for a refreshing drink of cold water and a warm welcome.

Of course, there are other ways we can welcome the stranger among us. Often, especially during these summer months, there are strangers in our midst in worship on Sunday mornings. Make a point of introducing yourself to someone visiting with us. Or, reach out your hand to a long-time member you haven't had the pleasure of getting acquainted with yet. Invite newcomers to coffee fellowship between the services and introduce them to your circle of friends. Or, invite a friend or neighbor to join us at Golden Gardens for potluck picnic suppers each Thursday from July 10 - August 28 beginning at 6 p.m. (see p. 4 for more details). Or else invite a friend to join us for the next Movie Night or Book Club. Think of some of the ways you have felt welcomed and then "do unto others as you would have done unto you" for just as we welcome the stranger, we welcome Christ.

In Christ's Abiding Love,

***Pastor Laurie***

## PASTORAL ACTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Baptism  
Eleanor Lee Haugo  
June 22, 2008

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*The following people were in our prayers during the month of June:*

**Myrna Cole** (wife of Jim Cole, recuperating at Foss Home)

**Jack Criscuola** (convalescing at Columbia Lutheran)

**Mike Hawkins** (husband of co-worker of Kristen Wilson Weiberg, undergoing rehabilitation following cancer surgery)

**Jan Holm** (upcoming hip surgery)

**Dave Jones** (brother of Pastor Laurie, diagnosed with esophagus cancer)

**Lois Matz** (aunt of Louise Thomas, paralyzed with a stroke)

**Hulda Meidinger** (health concerns)

**Kerry Peterson** (brother of Kim Peterson, recovering from surgery)

**Paul Prischman** (undergoing radiation treatment for brain cancer)

**Suzanne Robbins** (friend of Nancy Kirkland, diagnosed with cancer)

**Dwayne Strand** (brother of Ed Strand, diagnosed with terminal bone marrow cancer)

**Margaret Torbenson** (health concerns)

**Pastor Malcolm Unseth** (undergoing chemotherapy)

**Hans Viken** (convalescing at home)

**Molly Yamauchi** (friend of Nancy Kirkland, health concerns)

Please call the church office monthly to update the prayer concerns. Having received your reminder, we will gladly keep people on the list and continue our prayers for them.



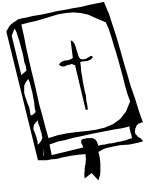
**JULY AND AUGUST SERVANT LEADERS**



## Altar Care

Month of July Terry LaFave, Ramona Leer, Lisa Howard, Sharon Lange

Month of August Karen Abelsen, Dana Cocales, Julie Stewart



## Assisting Minister

July 6 Mary Kay Hilmoe

July 13 Mary Kay Hilmoe

July 20 Dale Pederson

July 27 Dale Pederson



August 3 Julie Weisenburger

August 10 Julie Weisenburger

August 17 Mary Kay Hilmoe

August 24 and 31 Dale Pederson



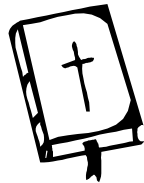
## Counters

July 6 Karen and Malcolm Unseth, Tina Aure

July 13 Art Haavik, Ellen & Geoff Wall, Laurie & Terry McGibbon

July 20 Bernice Chouery, Jamie Fera, Nancy Kirkland

July 27 Juliet Dickens and Ken Mingeaud, Dana and Bart Cocales



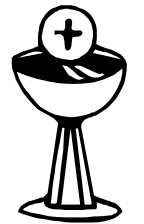
August 3 Wanda Freeman, Ramona Leer, Bev Roach

August 10 Karen and Malcolm Unseth, Tina Aure

August 17 Art Haavik, Ellen & Geoff Wall, Laurie & Terry McGibbon

August 24 Bernice Chouery, Jamie Fera, Nancy Kirkland

August 31 Juliet Dickens and Ken Mingeaud



## Ushers

July 6 Terje Stangeland, Cathi Unseth, Erik Wold, Ray Gooch

July 13 Laurie Fladhus and Eric Green, John and Jennifer Schwartz

July 20 Kim Peterson and Sylvia Vikingstad

July 27 Gunbjorg Ladstein, Marcia Nelson, Dave Hilmoe



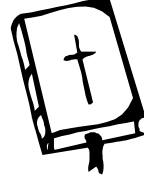
August 3 High School Team

August 10 Art Haavik, Doug Lange, John Lombardi, Jerry Shierk

August 17 Dave Craig and Gaile Moe

August 24 Terje Stangeland, Cathi Unseth, Erik Wold, Ray Gooch

August 31 Gunbjorg Ladstein, Marcia Nelson, Dave Hilmoe



## Van Drivers

July 6 Kim Peterson

July 13 Dave Hilmoe

July 20 Grant Ranlett

July 27 Alex Peterson

August 3 Ray Gooch

August 10 Kim Peterson

August 17 Dave Hilmoe

August 24 Grant Ranlett

August 31 Alex Peterson



**WANTED:**  
**Would you like to use your musical gifts and share special music in worship during the summer months? Vocalists: solo, duet, trio? Instrumentalists? Please let us know which Sunday you're willing to serve.**

## **Financial Updates**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before the summer months get too far underway, I wanted to present some financial information for your consideration.

Here is a summary of our operations for the five months ended May 31, 2008:

	Actual	Budget	Better(Worse)	Last Year	Better(Worse)
Revenue:					
Loose offering	\$ 5,087	\$ 6,254	\$ (1,167)	\$ 5,913	\$ (826)
<b>Envelope offering</b>	<b>96,677</b>	<b>117,483</b>	<b>(20,806)</b>	<b>101,000</b>	<b>( 4,323)</b>
Other	27,673	43,403	(15,730)	16,064	11,609
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$129,437</b>	<b>\$167,140</b>	<b>\$ (37,703)</b>	<b>\$ 122,977</b>	<b>\$ 6,460</b>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$200,589</b>	<b>\$210,584</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>	<b>\$ 189,114</b>	<b>\$ (11,475)</b>
Net Income(Loss)	\$ (71,152)	\$ (43,444)	\$ (27,708)	\$ (66,137)	\$ (5,015)

Total expenses are under budget by approximately \$10,000. However, after getting off to a strong start for the first quarter of the year, envelope offering revenue has declined in April and May. As of the end of May, year-to-date envelope offering is behind last year's giving by approximately \$4,300. Total revenue is ahead of the prior year by approximately \$6,500 – this is due to the monthly contributions we receive from the childcare center.

By now, congregation members should all have received their mid-year contribution summaries. Thank you for your faithful giving to our church community over the past many months. We invite regular giving as you travel or are away from your church home during these summer months.

Yours in Christian Service,

Dana Cocales  
Finance Committee Chair

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## **Summer Gatherings of the BFL Book Club**

The BFL book club will be getting together in Haavik Hall at 7:30pm on the last Wednesday in July and August. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing "Blink: the power of thinking without thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell. It is an entertaining and illuminating look at how we make snap judgments. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be getting together to talk about a yet unchosen fiction book. Call Kim Peterson at 206-789-7447 or Matt Henriksen at 253-677-5287 with questions or suggestions. All are welcome.

## **Summer Potluck Picnics**

BFL will sponsor potluck picnics at Golden Gardens every Thursday evening from July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for the BFL banner planted in the sand, north of the Bathhouse, after 6pm. Bring one dish to share with others and we'll provide plates/napkins/utensils/cups. Some of us will be there right at 6pm, but we'll stay at least until 7:30pm. This will be low-key fun, a chance to play in God's beautiful Creation. Come as you are, come when you can, come bring a friend, come meet new friends. Call Joan and Kim Peterson at 789-7447 with questions. What happens in bad weather? If it is raining in Ballard at 5pm on a Thursday, we will automatically cancel the picnic. The sun will come out sooner or later.

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **Thanks for Providing Special Music in Worship**

Thanks to Holly Morehead for directing, Gary Arpin for accompanying, and the choir for providing special music as we celebrated Ed Egerdahl's 25+ years as Organist (June 1). Thanks also to Kris and Molly Barnes for singing (June 8), Maddy Barnes for playing piano (June 15), Henrik Weiberg for playing piano (June 22), and Hope Haugen, Laurissa Hale, and Jennifer Hale for singing (June 29). There are still opportunities to share your musical gifts (vocal or instrumental) during worship in July and August. Call the church office to schedule a date.

### **Confirmation Camp at Lutherwood**

Pastor Laurie will be accompanying a few of our Middle School youth to Camp Lutherwood the week of July 13-18. We'll be leaving Sunday after church (2 p.m.) and returning Friday afternoon (around 3:30 pm.). Please pray for our safe travel to and from camp and for a week of fun as we learn and grow in faith.

### **WANTED: Faith Teachers and Classroom Helpers**

Ever considered sharing your faith with our young children and youth? Ever wished someone would invite you to help pass the faith on to the next generation? Ever wondered how you might share your gifts in this vitally important ministry? If you love Jesus and have a heart for children and youth, have we got the job for you! Let Robyn Middleton, chair of Education, or Pastor Laurie know if you're interested in finding out more about how you can serve in the education ministry at Ballard First.

### **www.ballardfirstlutheran.org**

Have you checked out our website lately? Did you know you can view the daily and monthly calendar online? Read current or archived issues of the Ballard Blessings? Find links to: LYONS, the Northwest WA Synod, and the ELCA, as well as several of our mission partners such as: The Compass Center, Lutheran Counseling Network, and the Ballard Food Bank? Check it out at [www.ballardfirstlutheran.org](http://www.ballardfirstlutheran.org) and let us know what you think. And thanks to our webmaster, Jim Koskinen for keeping us up-to-date.

### **Rides to/from Church**

The need arises regularly for rides to and from Sunday morning worship and other church events beyond what our church van is able to provide. If you are willing and able to provide transportation to individuals needing such services, would you please let the church office know. We will try to match you geographically with those who would most welcome your assistance in helping them get to/from church.

### **An Invitation and Celebration**

The Family of Pastor Sandra Bowdish Kreis invites you to her Retirement Party, Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1515 Harrison Ave NW Olympia, WA. There will be a 5 p.m. gathering, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and a program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please come for a reunion of those churches/ministries she has served. Pastor Sandra served as a youth minister in Ballard in the mid-1960s. RSVP by Monday, July 27 to: [jorandplus@msn.com](mailto:jorandplus@msn.com) or call 360-432-8530.

## **FROM OUR CHILDCARE DIRECTOR**

Our Graduation Potluck for our Pre-K classroom was a success! The children were so proud in their caps and gowns. ☺ Their songs were all about graduation, so we got to hear a couple of them

twice, due to confusion about which one was being sung next! But they sang their hearts out. They didn't even skip a beat when one of the little girls called out, in the middle of a song, "I have to go potty!" After their songs, they accepted their diplomas with pride and a handshake, and collectively flipped their tassels to complete the ceremony!

We did not say "Goodbye", but rather - "See you later" to six of the Pre-K children this week, as they leave us to either stay home for the summer, or connect up with their before and after school programs for the coming year. Several of them have been with us since they were infants. It has been wonderful to watch and help them grow into beautiful young human beings. ☺ We wish them all the best and confidence for a fabulous future!

God Bless,

Ms. Karen & Staff

### **I CARE OFFERINGS FOR THE SUMMER**

The **July I CARE** offering will be received on Sunday, **July 27<sup>th</sup>** and the recipient will be the **Plymouth Housing Group**. PHG works to eliminate homelessness and stabilize homeless and very low income people in housing by preserving, developing, and operating safe, decent, affordable housing, and by providing opportunities for people to improve their lives. Plymouth Housing Group cannot end homelessness simply by providing more housing. Many homeless people need more than a roof over their heads. They need medical care, counseling, chemical dependency services, and other life skills. They may also benefit from creating healthy connections within their community. The goal of PHG is to assist formerly homeless and very poor tenants in establishing a stable life in permanent housing and empowering tenants to manage their lives effectively. Please be generous to this vital ministry.

The **August I CARE** offering will be taken up on Sunday, **August 24<sup>th</sup>** and the recipient will be the **Lutheran Volunteer Corps**. Ballard First Lutheran will begin our fifth year as a partner with LVC. The current volunteers will be leaving UBUNTU House, making way for a new group of dedicated young people. The LVC unites people of faith working for peace and justice. Every year, 90-100 volunteers commit to a year of working for social justice, living in community, and pursuing a simplified lifestyle. Volunteers staff shelters for homeless men & women, teach in inner-city after-school programs, advocate for the rights of marginalized people, work to protect the environment, assist families in obtaining affordable housing, and much more.

### **Cruise Aboard the Virginia V**

Mark your calendars for our first-ever potluck picnic and cruise aboard the Virginia V with our very own Captain Dale Pederson on **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4pm. Watch the weekly bulletins and check out the bulletin board in Haavik Hall for details on cost and how to reserve your spot. Invite a friend and make plans to join in the fun as we sail the waters of Lake Union and Puget Sound. All Aboard!

### **Directory Updates**

#### **Grant Ranlett**

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Edmonds, WA 98026  
206-784-3864

#### **Margaret Torbenson**

Merrill Gardens  
805 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98109  
206-851-0249

### **Fellowship Corner**

Summer is upon us and there will be a chance for you to participate in the coffee hour each Sunday between the 8:30 and the 10:45 services. Please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in Haavik Hall or bring goodies to stock our freezer and plan to fellowship with your church family and friends!

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **News from our Service Committee**

The Service Committee just delivered a "tub" full of items to Compass Center--pillow cases, lots of toiletries, soap, razor blades, and coffee mugs. Thank you for your generous donations. Keep those items coming in! Other needs include new shower shoes, an ironing board, towels, twin sheets, cereal, coffee, peanut butter, dishware, disposable silverware, and tickets to movies, plays, and sporting events. These may be placed in the blue and red tubs designated for the Compass Center in Haavik Hall and the church narthex.

### **LVC Coffee Hour**

We say "Farewell and Godspeed" to another wonderful group of Lutheran Volunteers living in UBUNTU House while making a commitment to work for social justice, practice a simple lifestyle, and live in a spiritual community. Join us on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> as the Service Committee hosts the Coffee Hour to bid "Godspeed" to Ashley Reiman, Kaitlin Torgerson, Danielle Torre, and Caroline VanderHaar. We thank these women for the ways they ministered to God's people in various ways in our community and we ask God to continue to bless them as they continue to do God's work.

### **Pool Party for New LVC Volunteers**

The Service Committee will be hosting a Pool and Potluck Party at Sunset West on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm for new LVC volunteers who will live at UBUNTU House next year, current LVC leaders, and past volunteers. Call Sylvia Vikingstad at 206-782-6753 for more information.

### **BFL Movie Night in July**

The next BFL Movie Club will be a screening of the film "Sweet Land" on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Haavik Hall. The film is set in Southern Minnesota in 1920, and tells the story of Olaf, a Norwegian bachelor farmer, and his German mail order bride, Inga. The couple is forced to confront the intolerance of their community, while struggling to keep their farm from being foreclosed. The cinematography is gorgeous and the acting is first-rate. This film is a must see for anyone with Norwegian roots in the rural Midwest. (Non-Norwegians will also enjoy the movie).

A soup supper will be provided, and a discussion will follow the screening. For more information, please contact Tom Tocher at 206-527-0369 or at tocher@juno.com.

### **Study the ELCA Draft Statement on Human Sexuality**

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** is preparing a social statement on human sexuality to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly in the summer of 2009. An initial **draft** of the statement has now been produced. It will be revised following discussion throughout the church. Ballard First Lutheran members are invited to participate in this process. A study and discussion of the draft will take place in the church's adult forum at 9:30 a.m. on September 14, 21, 28, and October 5. This study and discussion will be led by Ballard First Lutheran members David Austin and Gaile Moe. Participants might choose to read the draft before the adult forums begin. If so, copies of the draft are available by calling the church office at (206) 784-1306. Participants may choose instead to download the draft study from the ELCA Web site ([www.elca.org/faithfuljourney](http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney)) or order it by calling 1-800-638-3522 ext 2996. All are invited to provide input to the draft statement by sending comments to the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality, using the response form at the back of the draft or by writing comments in letter or essay form. Comments must be submitted by November 1, 2008.

## ***REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY***

### **Ballard First Lutheran at Ballard's Seafood Festival July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

As Christians we are called to be fishers of men, women, and children and while we won't have nets and lines at the Ballard Seafood Festival, we will have a table. At the table, we will be serving our fellow fair goers by giving water to the thirsty. As you walk around the Seafood Festival, find our table and visit with your brothers and sisters in Christ and have some water. Even better, donate some time on July 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> to help distribute our bottles of water. Interested? Intrigued? Call Kim Peterson at 789-7447 to find out more or to sign up to staff our table.

### **Imagine – Saving a Life!**

The Service Committee at Ballard First Lutheran Church has worked with the Puget Sound Blood Center to schedule a blood drive here on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 7pm in Haavik Hall. If you are a regular donor, please make a note of this date. If you have never given before, it is not too late to start! High school students – consider starting now. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you may give with a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.

### **The Lifelong AIDS Alliance is looking for Volunteers**

The Volunteer Department at Lifelong AIDS Alliance is reaching out for volunteers to help with several of Lifelong's most important programs and essential services such as meals, housing, case management, insurance, prevention/education, and community outreach. We are able to provide all of these services because of the 1000 dedicated volunteers who help us every year. These are the crucial volunteer needs:

- **Substitute Food Delivery Drivers** – Our volunteer delivery drivers do amazing work by delivering custom meals and groceries to our homebound clients on a weekly basis. At this time, we are looking for substitute delivery drivers who would be able to commit to completing a delivery route on one Thursday per month. This is a great opportunity for anyone with a vehicle and the ability to follow a map! Delivery routes also work great for community groups who can rotate a different member each week.
- **Care to Shop Food Drive** – Every month, *Chicken Soup Brigade* partners with the local QFC stores for two Saturday food drives. We need volunteers to help distribute fliers to shoppers, asking them to donate an extra food item to our food program. This is a great ministry for people who are looking to help spread the word about the work that Lifelong does.
- **Front Desk Reception** – One of the most important volunteer positions at Lifelong is the front desk position in our Client Services building. This person is quite literally the first person that anyone sees when walking through our doors! We are looking for volunteers who enjoy greeting people, answering phones, and providing information and resources. Volunteers in this position must be able to commit for at least 6 months.

Please consider supporting Lifelong AIDS Alliance by volunteering with one of our programs, and in so doing, supporting your community. To learn more about any of these opportunities or to apply to become a volunteer, please visit our website ([www.laa.org](http://www.laa.org)) or contact the Volunteer Department at (206) 957-1776 or [volunteer@laa.org](mailto:volunteer@laa.org).

### **Pipe Organ Encounter**

Ballard First Lutheran Church and our beautiful organ will be an “instrument” to introduce the pipe organ to young musicians at the Pipe Organ Encounter in Seattle, scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Teens, under the direction of organ teachers and chaperones, will learn about the history of the pipe organ and the techniques for playing it. BFL is glad to be able to provide our organ for this use. Without opportunities like this, the sound of the organ could soon be lost as fewer and fewer young people are offered the chance to learn to play. Maybe one of these budding young musicians will become our organist at BFL (after Ed's next 25 years are up, that is!).

# FINANCIAL HISTORY REPORT

<b>May 2008 Financial Report General Fund</b>					
	May Actual	May Budget	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance
Envelope/ Loose Giving	\$18,215.25	\$24,747.41	\$101,763.15	\$123,737.05	(\$21,973.90)
Other Income	\$5,145.00	\$8,195.51	\$27,673.43	\$43,402.55	(\$15,729.12)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,360.25</b>	<b>\$32,942.92</b>	<b>\$129,436.58</b>	<b>\$167,139.60</b>	<b>(\$37,703.02)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,998.98</b>	<b>\$42,084.86</b>	<b>\$200,589.11</b>	<b>\$210,584.30</b>	<b>(\$9,995.19)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$17,638.73)</b>	<b>(\$9,141.94)</b>	<b>(\$71,152.53)</b>	<b>(\$43,444.70)</b>	<b>(\$27,707.83)</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$98,588.00</b>				

Each month, this report will show income and expenses for both the current month and the year-to-date. In addition, the last column shows the variance (actual – budget). We are also reporting our current general fund balance. We hope this helps you to better understand our overall financial situation. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact your Finance Committee members.

In May, these are some of the ways our financial support to the mission and ministry budget became Christ's hands and feet in the world: hosted Confirmation Service and reception, sent delegates to participate in the NW Washington Synod Assembly, held weekly noontime and evening Bible studies, celebrated and thanked our Sunday School teachers and leaders, provided space for Synod Council meeting, financially supported Lutheran Campus Ministries, supported the BFL Childcare auction, provided space for AA and AI-Anon meetings, hosted text study for area pastors.

## Capital Campaign II Update

### Monthly Update for May

**Total Loan Balance as of  
1/1/2008**

**\$326,672**

Month	Year	Monthly Giving	Loan Balance
January	2008	\$6,765	\$321,291
February	2008	\$4,479	\$318,087
March	2008	\$14,574	\$304,861
April	2008	\$4,898	\$301,210

May 2008      \$3,617      \$298,871

### Capital Campaign Report

Only a part of the payment is applied to the principle. The rest is interest. The monthly payment is based on the amount of capital campaign contributions received from the previous month. Thank you for your continuous generous and faithful giving.



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## **Sunday Morning Summer Worship Schedule**

**8:30am Worship**  
**9:30am Coffee Hour**  
**10:45am Worship**

**Nursery care available throughout the morning**