

July Council Report
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My first Vacation Bible School was wonderful and exhausting! I really enjoyed opening up the parsonage backyard to split up our groups and have stations back there. I could definitely see how much fun the kids and adults were having getting to be outside. We were blessed with great weather that allowed us to be outdoors. We had a great group of adult volunteers who helped make this possible and we thank them for their time and energy with our preschool and children for the week.

Repair of Attic Ladder completed - subcontractor Jacob Stotzfus completed the attic repair during vbs week. We are very happy with this aluminum ladder.

At the beginning of July we received the resignation of our Youth Director Stephanie Alsvan. Since then I and Pastor Sarah have worked on the youth schedule and how we will cover the position until a new one can be found. We've begun conversations about reevaluating the job description and faith formation for all our children and youth at St. John's.

When the ELCA Youth Gathering was canceled in February 2021, I along with Synod leadership set in motion a retreat for the youth in our synod to have a faith formation event in its stead. We gathered 30 youth, adults from across the synod to learn about God's Boundless love at Nawakwa July 24-27. Two youth, and two adults attended from St. John's and had a great time meeting new people, learning together, serving at Whittel Farm, and worshipping together. I am really glad we held this event. (pictures below)

Baptism Luca Lauro - 7/16/22
Funeral Bill Gilbert in Williamsport, PA- 7/23/22

