

Pastor Sarah June Council Report

Vacation Bible School! Summer Worship Plans! That's what June felt like – exclamation points put on planning because we needed to be doing the planning different than the last few years – and I have been so happy about that!

We have spent the time needed be ready for VBS and I am so excited to be doing this in person for the first time since 2019. We are ready to love and serve these youngest in our midst and it will be a great week of ministry. Thank you to all of our volunteers -and please keep VBS in your prayers as we have a Monumental week!

We started outdoor worship for the summer this month and it has been a wonderful opportunity to be a presence in the community. Our attendance has held steady over all of our services, so that is a positive thing. Folks seem to like the setting we are using this year and it has worked well to be in the fenced in area. Thank you to all who jump in and help with set up and tear down each week!

We were blessed this month to have 5 young people affirm their faith – Brice Arbogast, Nicholas Keilholtz, Alexander Lauro, Myah Mulgrew, and Jaxon Trybulski. Please hold them in prayer as they continue to grow their faith and find their way as 'adult' members of the congregation.

There was some typical work for this time of year – I attended Synod Assembly, was part of PreK Promotion night, as well as a wedding for congregation members. Those 'typical things' remind us that we are getting a little closer to 'normal life', but we aren't quite there yet. But we will get there.

I was blessed to take some vacation this month and appreciate the time away. Both of my children attended camp at Nawakwa this month, and I am reminded and thankful for St. John's commitment to supporting camping ministry.

Pastoral Acts:

14<sup>th</sup> - Funeral for Marian Logan

19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation for 5 students

25<sup>th</sup> - Wedding of Hope (Lorah) and John Pandathuria