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June Pastoral report
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We kicked off June with our Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly with our congregational representatives: Laura Keller, and David Smith along with Pastor Sarah and I. I truly appreciate their time to learn about what's going on in the synod and to vote on important items affecting our synod.

Then we jumped into Pentecost and celebrated the confirmation of 5 of our youth. Nicholas Keilholtz, Jaxon Trybulski, Myah Mulgrew, Alexander Lauro, and Brice Arbogast. Celebrating them and their affirmation of baptism was truly a joy!

We then began worship services outside near the garage in the grassy area. I truly love leading worship in this space more because it feels like we are all together instead of divided on the grass in search of shade. We created 3 fellowship opportunities to share lunch and fellowship with over 40 people on June 12.

I spent time on June 10th with the Nawakwa and Kirchenwald staff to lead them in some Anti-racism training. This was their first year engaging in this work and it was a pleasure to build some relationship with the staff as well as helpful reasons to continue to create the kingdom of God here on earth! 55 staff were present.

June 19th was our first time as a congregation celebrating the new holiday of "Juneteenth". We celebrated this in a worship service and coupled it with a commemoration of the Emmanuel 9. We blessed and planted two new trees as well. I then whisked off to Harrisburg Area Confirmation camp at Nawakwa with 6 youth along with our Youth Director Stephanie. We spent the week learning about our faith and growing together! Multiple families came and worshiped at camp the Saturday they picked up their kids. It was a great time for fellowship!

I ended the month back at Nawakwa to visit 3 of our youth. Each summer Pastors are invited to have lunch on Wednesdays at camp to engage with their youth and we had 4 when I went to visit! It was fun to hear about their time at camp and continue to build relationship with them out of the church building.

Home visits: 5
Funeral: 1 Marian Logan