

**Report of
Ministry Director for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
Summer, 2017**

Lots of ministry happened over the summer months. The summer began with our annual Synod Assembly, held once again at Messiah College.

Pastor Horner and I ushered sixteen of our young people into their Affirmation of Baptism at the beginning of June.

From a worship perspective, I presided:

Traditional	10
Contemporary	10
Saturday	6
Thursday	1

I preached and presided:

Saturday	2
Thursday	4

I preached:

Saturday	1
Traditional	6
Contemporary	6

I lead one Healing worship, and had four on-call weekends.

I had the privilege of presiding at two baptisms:

June 10	Jason Witt
July 8	Hadley Younkins

I was honored by presiding at three funerals/graveside services:

July 28	Anna Pukus (non-member, mother of member Snyder Inez)
July 31	Rose Mary Phelleps
Aug 12	Pearl Weaver

I also assisted a couple of our members as they planned the worship for the passing of a non-member parent.

I was able to attend two Eagle Scout ceremonies. First for our member Liam Bishop, part of the Troop from Grace Lutheran. And then for a member of our own Troop, Cameron Morgan.

As a staff, we had a very productive retreat in June, where we talked about our

individual gifts and strengths. And to help us continue to work well together, in August we had a great outing playing mini-golf (let me just say, beware Pastors Edmiston and Horner, they play to win).

I attended various meetings throughout the summer: Worship Team; Property, Creative Worship; and Women of Trinity. I was asked to take part in one of the Alehouse Table Talks, a "Stump the Pastor" session that involved not only Pastor Horner and myself, but Karen Durbin, Martha Boyd, and Ursula Schreffler. It was a very fun evening.

I was able to assist with the Summer Sundae Concert with introductions of the band, a brief message, and a few other bits in front of the gathered crowd.

Additionally over the summer months, working with Nancy Martin, Paul Hensel and Tom Notestine, we reviewed and chose a new membership/contribution program. With this program, called Servant Keeper, we will be able to access it from the web, which will be a great help to the pastors at least when we are out visiting members, or get called to an emergency situation. We are currently (as of September 9, 2017) in the process of getting our data updated and transferred. We hope to be up and running by the end of this month.

Related to that, along with Paul and Nancy, we discussed the needs and parameters of a new server, as our current server is five years old. We held a couple of phone conversations with our IT advisor, Dan Rockwell, from Gannett Fleming. With the installation of the alarm and locking systems, along with the HVAC system, we needed some good guidance as to what we should be looking for.

On a personal note, after my June hernia surgery, I was able to begin my maintenance chemo treatments, which appear to be going well. Two down, ten more to go over the next year and a half.

Somewhat personal as well, throughout the summer, I attended Camp Nawakwa regularly for the ten weeks of camp to assist with music (playing guitar and helping to lead singing) for both Sunday night opening worship and Friday night closing worship. And I did my best to get there early enough on Fridays to help grill for the Friday cookout, which also allowed me a chance to greet the various Trinity campers at Nawakwa.

And I continue to do home and hospital visits, along with attempting to be social and available in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings, and my office during the week.

God's peace

Pastor John Brock