

REMEMBERING JANE SUDDENDORF

On Sunday, July 25th almost 40 people gathered on the church patio for a "Hymn Sing" in memory of Jane Suddendorf who passed away on July 4th. Jane had been a faithful member of the church choir for 30 years and singing the songs of faith she loved so deeply seemed a fitting response to the grief of those who knew and loved her. The group sang songs from all the seasons of the church year, and many were able to share brief stories of how Jane had touched their lives. A group of choir members shared an a cappella closing song, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" which was beautiful, especially considering they hadn't been able to sing together since March 2020 due to the pandemic. When the singing had come to a close, we were able to go into Fellowship Hall and continue our time together with ice cream refreshments provided by the Church School Leadership Team. It was a meaningful and comforting way to remember Jane Suddendorf together.

Special thanks to the small team that assembled to plan and implement our communal response to the sadness and grief of Jane's death: Brett and Jennifer Dimmer, Cathy Jones, Don and Susan Niederfrank, Mike and Jane Spalding, along with Pastor Scott and Amy Gilhooly. Thank you to Pru Palecek for leading the hymns on the piano. Thank you to Bill Bond and Mike Dimmer for lending us their pop-up tents that helped provide shade on a rather hot afternoon. Thanks also go to the Church School Leadership Team for allowing the Hymn Sing event to share in fellowship and refreshments of Church School's already planned Ice Cream Social. Jennifer Dimmer and Tina Olson and other members of the team were great hosts in the kind of gathering that we haven't been able to have for the previous 18 months.

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