



Dear St. John's,

July 30, 2024

Wow! What a summer it has been! The Knouse House has just returned from the trip of a lifetime. Over the past few weeks, we traveled through 17 states while embarking on a National Park tour. From the Grand Teton to the Great Sand Dunes, we explored some of God's most remarkable handiwork. As we made our way across the country, I stood in awe and wonder at every turn. We met some of the kindest and most interesting people, hiked our way to the most breathtaking vistas and lakes, and ate far too many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I am beyond grateful to Jen+, Stacey+, and Mark for their leadership and ministry that afforded me the time to be away to make such amazing memories with my family. My heart is so full.

This week, I am attempting to play catchup on emails, visits, and phone calls, however I won't be with you in worship for a little while longer. Back in April when I had my emergency appendectomy, the doctors discovered that I also needed a hysterectomy. Despite my attempts to have the surgeon perform both surgeries that night in April, my efforts were futile. Turns out, it doesn't work that way 😊. Instead, I have been scheduled for surgery this Friday, August 2. The recovery time will depend on whether I am able to have laparoscopic surgery or not. My hope is to be back by the end of August as we gear up for the program year. I ask your prayers for Dr. Ruzsak, my surgeon, and medical team. Toss a few prayers in there for John, Ruthie, and Caleb, too, please.

As always, you continue to be in my prayers, and I can't wait to be back with you in worship and ministry. I am so excited to hear about your summers and where you have encountered God's presence. We will have much to catch up on in the coming months! Until then, know you are loved by the creator of every canyon, lake, and mountain peak.

I remain faithfully yours,

Amanda +



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