

LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	10:30 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Set up for VBS
	4:00 pm	VBS
Monday, August 19th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	7:00 pm	Book Group
Tuesday, August 20th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, August 21st	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
		(Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
	8:00 pm	Administrative Council
Thursday, August 22nd	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Sunday, August 25th	10:30 am	Worship
Monday, August 26th	6:00 pm	ICD Sharing

Stop by the assembly table in the narthex on your way out of church today to help package the backpack gifts for the 25th. It will take just a few minutes of your time!

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held next Sunday. The service will include time for kids, prayers for God’s presence, and blessings on the new school year.

If you are interested in the education of our children and youth, please let Pastor Lee know!

Remember to continue to wear name tags as Pastor Paul and family learn to know us. You will find them in the Narthex.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Pat M., Zoe, Jolene, Pastor Lee & family, Pastor Erika, families suffering the loss of loved ones, all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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**Viroqua
 United Methodist Church**

August 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI
54665

Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "MEDITATION No. 7" Camille Van Hulse

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING

Bring your whole heart before God. All your grief, anger, frustration, joy, hope, and praise. God loves and welcomes you just as you are!

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

P: **May those who are grieving find comfort.**

L: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

P: **May those who are waiting find hope.**

L: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

P: **Let us worship the One who gives us life!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" UMH No. 64

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING EXODUS 3: 7-10 PEW BIBLE NO. 66

GOSPEL READING JOHN 11: 17-35 PEW BIBLE NO. 1298

L. This is the word of God for the people of God

P. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "GOD COMFORTS US"

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD" UMH No. 393

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" Albert Beck

**DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" UMH No. 672

SENT TO SERVE

**SENDING FORTH (in unison)

We have heard words of hope and new life. May these words help us live in the ways of God: ways of comfort and peace, ways of steadfast love and mercy. Praise be to God!

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES" TFWS No. 2071

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY" Benjamin Culli

The WVRQ radio broadcast and bulletins this morning are given by members and friends of the church.