## LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Worship Set up for VBS
Monday, August 19th	4:00 pm	VBS R DEADLINE
Monday, August 19th	7:00 pm	Book Group
Tuesday, August 20th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, August 21st	8:00 am (Call 606 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) 5-5009 with prayer concerns or to join) Finance Committee Administrative Council
Thursday, August 22nd Sunday, August 25th	10:30 am	Exercise Group Worship
Monday, August 26th	10:30 am 6:00 pm	ICD Sharing

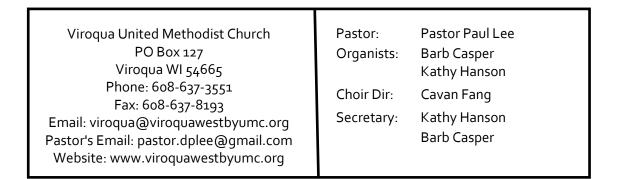
Stop by the assembly table in the narthex on your way out of church today to help package the backpack gifts for the 25th. It will take just a few minutes of your time!

**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.



# Viroqua United Methodist Church

August 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.





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

## <u>Our Prayer</u>

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
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### "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

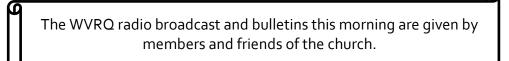
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Exodus 3: 7-10	
Gospel Reading	John 11: 17-35	

PEW BIBLE NO. 66

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"								
<b>**Hymn Of Affirmation</b>		ATION	"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	2 C								
	**Closing Hymn	"God Be W	/ITH YOU TILL WE M	eet Again"	UMH No. 672					
<u>Sent To Serve</u>										
**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									
	<b>**Benediction Res</b>	ponse "Je	esus, Name Above Ali	LNAMES"	<b>TFWS NO. 2071</b>					
	**Ringing Of The b	BELL								
	**Postlude	"PRAISE T	O THE LORD THE ALMI	GHTY"	Benjamin Culli					



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