

LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship
	11:45 am	Pizza & Video Watch
Tuesday, August 25th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, August 26th	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns)
Thursday, August 27th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Sunday, August 30th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship-Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students of all ages and teachers will be blessed and prayed for as they start a new school year. Students, bring your backpacks.

Reception of New Members on September 13th. See Pastor Paul with requests or questions about this.

Fall Potluck: Sunday, September 13th.

Silent Auction—A Week in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

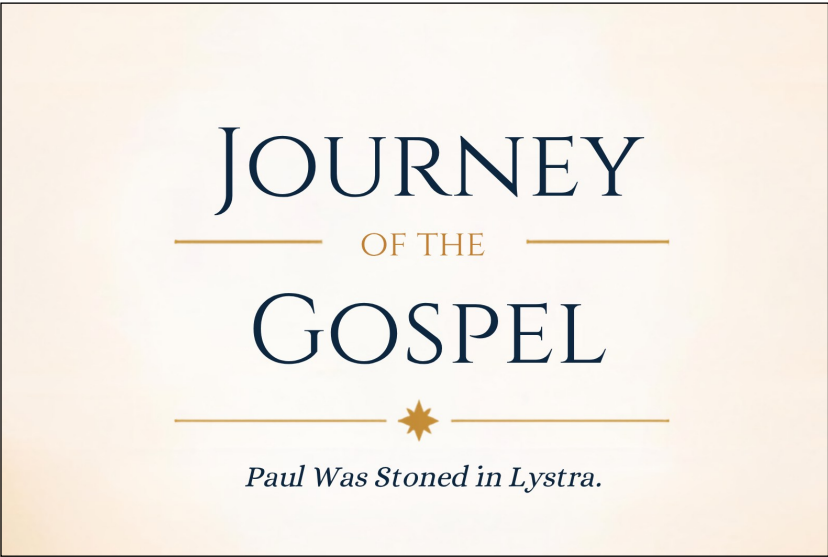
Our church was gifted with this beautiful vacation offer to use as a fundraiser. The Silent Auction has begun and will continue until November 1st. For more information on the resort and bidding, pick up a flier in the Narthex.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Zoe, Ryleigh, Pat M, Jolene & Dale G, Ardith O., Chris D., Hester N., Janice P., Pete G., Irene F, Janet W., Jim H., all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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**Viroqua
United Methodist Church**

August 23, 2026



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.

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



August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Viroqua UMC Worship Service

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics
**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "PASTORALE" Domenico Zipoli

RINGING OF THE BELL (remain seated)

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP
L: We gather this morning as people who have walked through difficult days.
P: Some of us carry wounds. Some of us carry joy. All of us are here to meet God.
L: Paul was stoned and left for dead, yet he rose up and continued on in faith.
P: We do not know what today will bring, but we trust the One who walks with us through it.
L: Let us worship the God who meets us in every season, drawing us closer.
P: We come to worship. We come to draw near.

**APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 451

**HYMN OF PRAISE "BE THOU MY VISION" UMH No. 451

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)
Gracious God, we come before You this morning carrying all that our lives hold. Some of what we carry is hard. Some of it is good. All of it can bring us closer to You, if we let it. Open our hearts this morning to hear Your word. Show us where our lives are drawing us nearer to You, and where they are pulling us away. We pray this in the name of Christ, who was faithful even through suffering. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING ACTS 14: 8-20 PEW BIBLE NO. 1339
L. This is the word of God for the people of God
P. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME" Michael W. Smith
Piano & Organ Duet, Barb Casper & Kathy Hanson

MESSAGE PAUL WAS STONED IN LYSTRA

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "TRUST AND OBEY" UMH No. 467

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING/DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" UMH No. 374

SENT TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "LORD, BE GLORIFIED" (vs. 1) TFWS No. 2150

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "POSTLUDIUM" Gordon Young

If this is your first time to worship here at Viroqua UMC, WELCOME!
Be sure to get one of our red welcome bags as you leave!

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

The radio broadcast this morning is in honor of David Peterson's birthday on September 1st, given by his family.