

*Do not fear,
only believe*



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *II Corinthians 8:7-15* (insert)

*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu" No. 432

SERMON "Good Grief" Pastor Ethan

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*CLOSING HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 402

***BENEDICTION**

*THREEFOLD AMEN (unison) Hymnal No. 898

***POSTLUDE**

LIBERTY POLE

VIROQUA

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LITURGISTS Sandra Marohl Janet Welch

Last Sunday's attendance: 42 56

Last Sunday's offering: \$430 \$2015

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THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored by Monica Fortney in memory of her sister, Beverly Ann Zitzner.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Chuck and Priscilla Metz in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary, which was on June 25.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are sponsored by Kristen Parrott in memory of her grandmother, Wilma Kirlin, who was born June 28, 1913, and died May 21, 2009.

CALENDAR

today **noon - 2** **Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social, at Viroqua**
Thurs. **1:15 PM** **prayer meeting at Viroqua**
next Sun. **communion**

Today is the annual **Pie and Ice Cream Social** at the Viroqua Church, sponsored by the Viroqua Missions Committee. The Social begins at noon and goes until 2PM. The menu includes barbeques, potato salad, pie, ice cream, coffee, and lemonade. All proceeds will be used to help feed hungry people around the world. Be sure to come, and bring your friends!

Get ready for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. The next **IG-Nite** will be July 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Viroqua Fellowship Hall. We will have a spaghetti supper, games and puzzles for all ages, a recipe exchange for your favorite summer recipes, a discussion on managing your money in a tough economy, and a book group to explore The Shack by Wm. Paul Young (see below). Child care and children's activities will be provided. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend or neighbor too. See you all at IG-Nite!

A **book discussion** will be a part of IG-Nite on July 15. The Shack by Wm. Paul Young is the book that will be discussed. If interested, read the first 3-5 chapters before that night. Copies of the book may be obtained at Wal Mart or Bramble Press.

The annual **Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream Social** will be held on the 4th of July on the lawn of the Sherry-Butt House, on North Main St. in Viroqua. Serving time is from 1-7PM. There will be a concert at 2PM by the Viroqua Community Band followed by the Viroqua Men's Chorus. This event is sponsored by the Vernon Co. Historical Society, and all proceeds will go to the continued restoration of the House and to the elevator addition to the Vernon Co. Museum. In case of inclement weather, the Social and the concert will move to the Youth Building at the Vernon Co. Fairgrounds.

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II Samuel 1:1 & 17-27

¹ After the death of Saul, David returned from defeating the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days.

¹⁷ David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan,
¹⁸ and ordered that the men of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

¹⁹ "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights.
How the mighty have fallen!

²⁰ "Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines be glad,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised rejoice.

²¹ "O mountains of Gilboa,
may you have neither dew nor rain,
nor fields that yield offerings of grain.
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.

²² From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.

²³ "Saul and Jonathan—
in life they were loved and gracious,
and in death they were not parted.
They were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

²⁴ "O daughters of Israel,
weep for Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet and finery,
who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.

²⁵ "How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.

²⁶ I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful,
more wonderful than that of women.

²⁷ "How the mighty have fallen!
The weapons of war have perished!"

II Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷ But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

¹⁵ as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."