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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Sun. Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Sun. Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

January 11, 2009

Baptism of the Lord

*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - VIR.

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 29:1-4*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) "For God's Gifts" Hymnal No. 489

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 117

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) the Nicene Creed Hymnal No. 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Hymnal No. 895

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE - VIR.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:1-7* (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

CHOIR ANTHEM - VIR. "Redeeming Love"

THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored by the Liberty Pole Church.

THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS today are sponsored by Carter and Ramona Thompson.

THE VIROQUA BULLETINS today are given in honor of John Eumurian for his birthday on January 14.

CALENDAR

Tues.	4 PM	Viroqua Care & Nurture Committee meeting
Tues.	7:30PM	Viroqua Trustees Committee meeting
Wed.	6 PM	choir practice at Viroqua
Thurs.	4:30 PM	prayer service at Viroqua
Sat.		youth group lock-in at Viroqua Church
next Sun.		Human Relations Sunday — special offering
next Sun.		Liberty Pole serves evening meal at Fortney Hotel

A **Basic Lay Speakers Course** will be offered at the Viroqua Church on Saturday, February 21 and Saturday, February 28, from 8:45AM to 2:30PM. The course will be taught by Pastors Ethan Larson, Laverne Larson, and Bill Busch. A fee of \$27 will cover the cost of books and noon lunches. This course will help you to study and research Scripture, prepare and present a sermon, and prepare a worship service. Registration forms are available in the January newsletter and in the church office.

Viroqua Church: Please pick up your **2008 offering statements** from the box in the narthex. Thank you!

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

³ For I am the LORD, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴ Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give men in exchange for you,
and people in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ.

¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened
²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.