



For He will command

His angels

concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:11-12

“God’s Power vs. the world’s power” By. Pastor Ethan Larson

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

**Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE a time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation**WELCOMING WORDS** (please sign the attendance sheets)****CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* *Psalm 111: 1-4**Praise the Lord.***I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.***Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them.***Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord whose righteousness endures for ever,***Who has caused His wonderful works to be remembered;***The Lord is gracious and merciful.******OPENING PRAYER** “Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany” *Unison*Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*****HYMN OF PRAISE** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles Creed” No. 881**ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS****PASTORAL PRAYER****LORD’S PRAYER** No. 895**CHILDREN’S MOMENT****THE FIRST READING** *Mark 1: 21-28* Insert**SPECIAL MUSIC (LP)****THE SECOND READING** *I Corinthians 8: 1-13* Insert****HYMN OF PRAISE** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 110**SERMON** *God’s Power vs. the world’s power* Rev. Ethan Larson**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****THE LORDS SUPPER** See Insert****CLOSING HYMN** “Thou Art Worthy” No. 2041****BENEDICTION******THREEFOLD AMEN******POSTLUDE****VIROQUA & LIBERTY POLE MISSION STATEMENT**

The Viroqua & Liberty Pole UMC exist for the purpose of carrying out Christ's Great Commission by enabling all who come to personally know the joy of God's love and forgiveness and to lovingly share this joy in the fellowship of the church and in reaching people throughout the world.

Mark 1: 21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

I Corinthians 8: 1-13

¹ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But the man who loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

Ritual of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Altar set before us is God's Altar, it is God's table. God invites to share in this meal every person who earnestly repents of their sins, seeks to live a holy and righteous life and desires to live at peace with all people. Let us Confess our sins before God and each other.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart; we have failed to be an obedient Church; we have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbor and we have failed to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News; you are forgiven!

All: You are forgiven!

Pastor: Almighty God, You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ to suffer and die upon the cross for us and for our salvation as the one perfect sacrifice. Consecrate these elements of bread and wine, the symbols that He gave us for His Body and Blood, which were broken and shed for us, may they be for us His true food bringing us to wholeness and holiness and making us partakers of the divine nature through Him.

On the night that He was betrayed He took the Bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take and eat, for this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise after the meal He took the Cup, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying, "Take and drink all of this, for it is My blood of the New Covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink of it in remembrance of Me. Amen.

Invitation to share the Elements:

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we Your humble servants desire Your Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; we

most humbly ask You to grant that, by the merits and death of Jesus Christ and through faith in His blood, we and Your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins and all of the other benefits of His passion. Here, we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice to You; humbly asking You that we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction. And though we are unworthy, because of our many sins to offer to You any sacrifice, yet we beg You to accept this our necessary duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be given to You, Heavenly Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

BASIC LAY SPEAKING

Dates:

Sundays, February 19th, February 26th, March 4th & March 11th, 2012

Place:

Lancaster United Methodist Church
216 South Monroe St., Lancaster, WI 53813

Teacher/Facilitator: Pastor Barbara Cook

Theme: This is an introduction to the lay servant ministries of speaking, caring and leading, with an emphasis on preaching and worship preparation. Those completing this course will become Basic Lay Speakers.

Prerequisites: Students must be active members of a United Methodist Church for at least one year prior to the first day of class.

Registration fee is \$20.00 and can be paid on the first day of class.

Make checks payable to the Lancaster United Methodist Church.

Please register by February 1st, 2012.

To register email: dbcook@tds.net or call (608) 723-4332

The Viroqua School Pantry For Homeless Students

needs the following items:

Food (that does not need to be refrigerated)

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cans of ready to heat/eat (like ravioli, spaghetti, beans, Easy Mac, etc.)
- Cans of meat, tuna, chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Granola bars or breakfast bars
- Juice boxes
- Single serve fruit cups
- Full size or Individual boxes of cereal
- Crackers
- Packages of seeds or nuts

School Supplies

- Notebooks
- Loose leaf paper
- Pencils/Pens
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Scissors
- Manual pencil sharpeners
- Glue sticks
- Presentation boards

Personal Hygiene

- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar soap or body wash
- Facial tissue
- Toilet paper

Money-

If you choose to make a monetary contribution it may be made directly to the school or we can do the shopping for you and include the items with all other contributions when we deliver them to the school pantry. We will try to buy in bulk at discounted prices to get the most for our dollars.

