

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, July 18th	9:00 am	Outdoor Worship/Brunch
	10:30 am	Radio Broadcast
Tuesday, July 20th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	Administrative Council
Wednesday, July 21st	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
		(Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
Thursday, July 22nd	10:00 am	Pastor Erika @ Norseland
	5:00 pm	Yard Sale Prep
Friday, July 23rd	7:00 am	Yard Sale Set-up
	8:00 am—??	Yard Sale
Saturday, July 24th	8:00 am—12:00 pm	Yard Sale Monday
Monday, July 26th		Youth movie event – time and place TBA

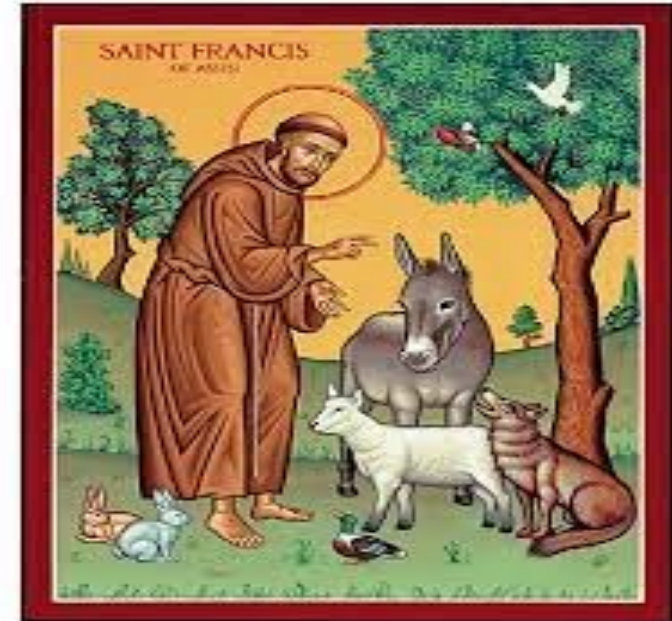
Church-Wide Yard Sale—Workers needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

Bake Sale - The Missions Committee will hold a bake sale on Friday, July 23, as part of the church's yard sale. Money raised will help support our missionary, Temba Nkomozepi, who works at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in Zambia. Please help support this project by bringing baked goods for the sale, and/or by buying what others have baked!

Family Vacation Bible School—August 8th, 4:00—7:00 pm at the Westby Church. This is an active family event including outdoor games, learning stations, hotdogs, and s'mores. Miracles of Jesus theme. Mark your calendars now!

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Janet, Pat, Lisa, Leslie, Kathy, Daniel, Margarite, Eric Snowdeal family, Cathy, Youth Program, those suffering from COVID.

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Westby/Viroqua United Methodist Churches

Outdoor Worship

July 18th, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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 on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joint Outdoor Worship

Viroqua/Westby—Sunday, July 18, 9:00 A.M.

GATHERING

L. Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

P. We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.

L. Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

**P. We ask for your blessing, your shalom,
on the creatures present here that we love and, on all creatures, celebrating
in the wild.**

L. In the name of God, who creates all life,

In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life, and the name of the Spirit, who
renews all life, we cry with all in the circle of life:

P. Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!

GATHERING SONGS

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our
partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as ex-
pressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 148

HYMN OF PREPARATION "All Creatures of our God and King" 62 UMH (1,4,7)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6: 25-29

SERMON

"STEWARDS OF THE EARTH"

PASTOR ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

HYMN

"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" by Maurice Greene

Chorus: All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

1. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo

2. The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls
3. Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees
4. Singin' in the nighttime, singing in the day
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way
The 'possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself
5. It's a simple song of living sung everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator the hawk above
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove

CIRCLE OF BLESSING: Blessing of the Pets & Their Humans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

OFFERING PRAYER

**God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to
share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the
animals and other creatures that have enriched our lives. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

**Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compas-
sion, to serve Earth by caring for her creatures. Will you care for creation?
We will care for creation! We will nurture our animals! We will celebrate
the circle of life with them!**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONGS**