

““The water of life is abundant to overflowing, and there is no charge.”

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“River of Life”, the VBS theme for this year, encouraged me to think about water and waterways that we see in the Driftless Area. The photos in this letter are from locations in southwestern Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota. Can you guess where each was taken? (Please take a minute now to respond, before I tell you the answers.)

Here are the answers--

Photo 1--This was taken at a Scenic Overlook on Highway 35, just north of Stoddard. It shows the Mississippi River.

Photo 2--The lily pond in the Chinese section of the International Friendship Gardens in La Crosse's Riverside Park.

Photo 3--The waterfall (part of the Root River) in Lanesboro, Minnesota.

Photo 4--The water flowing from a rock at the intersection of County Highways' P and X near Cashton.

We thank God for the beauty of these waters. And we thank God that in our baptism, we receive the water of life that is "abundant to overflowing!" May we celebrate the many different kinds of life-giving water that God provides for us!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy