

**Sunday,  
Apr 12<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 31:1-5, 23-24

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord**

**\*Song – Love the Lord (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

GEMS Presentation

**\*Song – Holy Forever (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: GEMS & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - I Believe (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Samuel 25:1b-42**

Text: **1 Samuel 25:1b-42**

Message: **Stepping Out in Faith**

Prayer of Application

**\*Song - Goodness of God (Screen)**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: The Blessing (Screen)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** Great are the works of the Lord, they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds and His righteousness endures forever. (Psalm 111:1-2). We welcome everyone as we worship together today, and we pray that you'll join us for a time of fellowship in the foyer following the morning service.

**Ushers for April:** Jacob Post, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Preston Top  
**Elevator Attendant for April:** Brenda Volkers

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cadets – End of Year Banquet  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Please keep **Dale Algood** in your prayers as he will be having knee surgery this week.
- Please continue to keep **Betty Scott** in your prayers with her upcoming knee surgery.
- **Marge Kleinjan** was discharged from the hospital this past week and is back at Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls for some physical therapy. May we rejoice that the pneumonia has cleared, even as we continue to uplift her in our prayers as she continues recovering!

### **Announcements:**

- Today is **GEMS Sunday**. GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. GEMS is a Christ-centered discipleship ministry for girls in grades 1-8. Girls build friendships, engage in scripture, work on badges and crafts, and learn to follow Jesus in everyday life. Our mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living dynamic relationship with Jesus. There are 476 clubs in the US and Canada serving 12,279 girls. We also have clubs in 4 foreign countries. The Volga GEMS Club has 17 girls. This morning the girls will serve as greeters, take part in the litany, and help receive the offering.
- **Thank You!** - On behalf of the youth group, we want to extend a big thank you to everyone who came out this past Wednesday night for the taco feed fundraiser! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our young people!
- **Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation** would like to invite you to our **Annual Benefit Banquet** on Monday, April 13th, 2026  
Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Thursday, April 9 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org).
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 19: Warnings That Call Us to Faithfulness. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Kayla Carpenter.
- **Senior High Youth Group** - Senior High Youth Group meets this week, Wednesday at First Reformed Church, starting at **7 PM**. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!
- **Resonate Global Missions (CRC missionary support)** has a donor willing to match donations of up to \$275,000 to raise funds "where most needed" for our missionaries. If you are interested in having your gifts doubled, please visit <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double>.
  1. Ensure your gift is designated "Where Most Needed" and includes the phrase "Match Campaign"
  2. For gifts made via check please write 801210 on the memo line
  3. Donations for this match are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Looking Ahead:

- There will be a **bridal shower** for **Chloe Heinz**, the fiancée of Cole Gross, on Saturday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:30** in the church basement.
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **May** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at **12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, is Food and Fellowship Wednesday! It will run from **5:30-7 PM**. Swing on by for some food and fellowship; bring a friend, a neighbor, someone we can share the light and love of Christ with! Carry-out will also be available. April Menu: Sloppy Joes and Assorted Salads.
  - **Please note: This will be our final Food and Fellowship Wednesday for the school year. We look forward to starting up again come the fall!**
- **Building Project Informational Meeting** - On **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, following worship, there will be an informational meeting regarding the building project.
- **End of Sunday School Fellowship** - On **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a shortened lesson time for Sunday School & Catechism, after which we'll get to enjoy a time of food and fellowship with a churchwide potluck and cornhole tournament. Hope to see you there!

### Notes From Council Meeting:

- There will be a Congregational meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> following the morning service, with a focus on the Building Project.

### Offerings received in March:

General Fund.....	\$16,105.17	Building Project.....	\$57,741.00
Cadets.....	\$50.00	Volga Christian School.....	\$487.00
Option 1.....	\$584.00	Misc.....	\$384.00

### Offering Schedule:

- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunshine Bible Acad.
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: VCS & Budget

### Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Davis Family
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Knevelbaard Family

### Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ashton Fey, Dale Algood, Doug Post, Larry Top
- Deacons: Connor Gross, Keith Tofte, Ryan Van Norden, Will Davis
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

**April 12, 2026 | Stepping Out in Faith | 1 Samuel 25:1b-42**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ throughout \_\_\_\_\_.

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection: How may the Lord be calling you to step out in faith in your life? May we ever look to and trust in the Lord, responding in faith to His call throughout our lives!**

### **Sermon Resources for Further Study:**

- *1 Samuel* by Richard D. Phillips
- *1 Samuel thru 2 Kings* by Tremper Longman III
- *1 Samuel - Looking for a Leader* by John Woodhouse

“We must remember here that David was God’s king. Nabal’s foolish behavior was more than a personal insult to the man David. He was scorning God’s king.” - John Woodhouse

“If we, like David, are willing to receive godly appeals from wise and faithful voices like Abigail’s, we will avoid the ill effects of much folly and will be spared many regrets that would plague us in later life.” - Richard Phillips

“Moreover, it is worth noting that David’s ungodly response to Nabal came on the heels of his notable success in sparing King Saul. We tend to respond to spiritual success by relying on ourselves and loosening our dependence on God’s grace through prayer and God’s Word. Once his flesh was unrestrained by reliance on God, David was transformed into just another Saul. Saul reacted to a perceived affront by ordering the death of all the priests at Nob; now David intends to answer Nabal’s insult by slaying all the men of that household (1 Sam. 25:22).”  
- Richard Phillips

“It was important for David to have a good reputation with his neighbors. As one called to rule as king over Israel, he had to uphold not only the letter but also the spirit of the law, including its requirements for justice and mercy. Here David proved himself to be a good shepherd not only over his own flock but over the flocks of those nearby, demonstrating his fitness to lead God’s people. Since Nabal’s men stated that David’s force was “a wall to us both by night and by day,” we see that David embraced God’s requirement that we be our neighbor’s keeper (Gen. 4:9).”  
- Richard Phillips