

**Sunday,
Apr 26th,
2026**

Volga Christian Reformed Church

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

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Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Doug Wermedal
Organist: Ellie Vandenberg
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 388 Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Song - PH 410 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 384 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Scripture Lesson: **John 20: 19-20**

Text: **Mathew 28, Luke 24, John 20-21, & I Corinthians 15**

Message: **Easter Echoes**

Prayer of Application

***Song - PH 267 And Can It Be**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 315 Bless Be the Tie that Binds**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: Psalm 13:6 "I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me." We welcome you as we, too, sing to the Lord because of His goodness. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee after 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
10:30 AM Building Project Meeting
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Tues: 7:00 PM GEMS Awards Night
Wed: 7:00 PM Sen & Jun High Youth Group
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

We are grateful to have Doug filling in for Pastor Josh as he enjoys a week of refreshment. We appreciate him being willing to serve in this way!

Prayer Concerns:

- As the planting season is underway, may we keep our **farmers and their families** in prayer, even as we pray that the Lord would send some **rain** to replenish the earth as well.

Announcements:

- **Building Project Informational Meeting - Today**, following worship, there will be an informational meeting regarding the building project.
- **Youth Group Fun Night** - As the school year draws to a close, this **Wednesday night**, we'll have a combined fun night for both **Senior and Junior High**. Pizza will be provided over at First Reformed Church at **7 PM**, and from there, the kids will head out for a scavenger hunt around town. Come on out for a night of fun and fellowship, bring a friend!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, May 2nd**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 6: Living in Two Worlds.
- Copies of the May/June **Today devotional** are back by your mailboxes – regular and large print are available.
- **Thank You!** - The Fellowship Committee wants to thank everyone who has attended Food and Fellowship Wednesdays over the past year! It has been a pleasure getting to serve you, your families, and our community in this way! We hope to see you next school year!
- **Bob & Katie Hoogwerf** are now residents at Dakota Sun in Volga. They wish to thank everyone for the help they received in the moving process: Pastor Josh, Larry Top, Ashton Fey, and Ryan Van Norden. Also, a big thank you to Henrietta Molengraaf for all of her care and help.
- **Volga Christian School** is selling **Medary Acres gift certificates**. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Ashley Triebwasser.

Looking Ahead:

- Next Sunday, **May 3rd**, we will have a **Gideon speaker** talking about the work of the Gideons. There will be an offering taken at the door, and there is an insert in your mailbox today with more information.

- **End of Sunday School Fellowship** - On **Sunday, May 17th**, 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!
- **Annual Golf Scramble** - On **Sunday, June 7th**, our annual golf scramble! This event is for all ages and all skill levels. Tee times will start about 3:30. There will be hot dogs, s'mores, and a bonfire that evening at the Carpenter's at 6:00. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, but don't feel obligated to.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for May 3rd:**
 - In charge: Junior High & High School / Christy Van Heerde (Musician)
 - To visit: Pre-K – 5th Sunday School / Any other visitors welcome
- *If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go for you
- **Ushers for May:** Preston Top, Gerald Feikema; Alternate: Zack Post
- **Elevator Attendant for May:** Marla Volkers

Offering Schedule:

- Apr 26th: Building Project
- May 3rd: VCS & Budget
- May 10th: Skavdahls & Budget
- May 17th: Navigators & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 26th: Davis Family
- May 3rd: Knevelbaard Family
- May 10th: Kauk Family
- May 17th: Van Norden 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:** volgacrcouncil@gmail.com

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