**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 13

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song -  *Holy is the Lord*** (Screen)

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

GEMS Presentation

**Song - *Forever*** (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: GEMS & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - *Word of God Speak*** (Screen)

Scripture Lesson: **Isaiah 40:9-31**

Text: **Isaiah 40:27-31**

Message: “**I Will Wait Upon the Lord”**

Prayer

**\*Song - *Everlasting God***(Screen)

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

**\*Doxology: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace* (Screen)**

Postlude

 \* Please stand if you are able

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 **We warmly welcome** all who have come to our church today to join us in worship and praise of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. May this day be a foretaste of the eternal Sabbath in which all believers will praise God forever and ever! You are all invited to join in a time fellowship and coffee in the foyer after our worship service.

**Today is GEMS Sunday**.  GEMS, Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior is a Christian girls' club with a mission of bringing girls into a relationship with Jesus.  GEMS Clubs number over 570 throughout the US, Canada, and 14 additional countries.  The Volga GEMS Club has 19 girls and 5 counselors.  The girls will serve as greeters, participate in a Litany and help receive the morning offering.  We appreciate your support for the GEMS ministry.

**Ushers for April:**  Gerald Feikema, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Cade Gross

**Elevator Attendant for April:** Marla Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism for High School

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study Pastor Josh leads the first lesson in our new

 books - A Tract for our Times. (lessons from 1 Peter) Lunch: Katie

 7:00 Sr. Hi.Youth Group at First Reformed Cnurch

Sat: 8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study / Breakfast in church basement. (note below)

 6:00 PM. Cadet year end banquet

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1.** It’s really begun to feel like Spring!  May we thank and praise the Lord for the warmer temperatures that He has blessed us with this past week.

**Announcements:**

**1. High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around

 11 AM.

**2. Our New Church Directory is live!** - People can now download the Instant Church Directory app on their mobile devices, create a login account using the email listed in the directory, and be automatically connected to our church’s directory.  From there, you can use the menu button in the top left of the screen, select Edit My Family, and submit any updates, including photo submissions, to be processed by the administrative team.  The app can be downloaded from both the Apple store and Google Play store, and the directory can also be accessed online at the following link: https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/  Thank you all for your patience as we put together this new directory.

**3. Men’s Bible Study** will meet this week on Saturday April 20th 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 Lesson 2: “The Light of the World.”  Here are some of the Scripture passages we’ll be taking a look at: John 1:1-18; 7:37-8:20; 9:5; Revelation 21:22-27, plus some additional passages in the lesson questions.

**4. The idea of restarting a** **church newsletter** has been raised.  If anyone would be interested in that idea and taking part in it, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

**5. There are extra calendars available.** If you would like one, it is a free-will donation that will go toward the youth group.  If you are interested, please see a council me

**6. Vacation Bible School** is coming your way May 28-31. Mark your calendars! Watch for registration forms and more details later.

**7. This week is a preparatory** with a view to celebrating The Lord’s Supper together next Sunday morning.

**Advance Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for May 5**

Sunday School : middle school and high school, Vonda Bjorklund, Duane Walburg, Deb Landegent, Josh & Kayla Carpenter, Tim Gross, Verdella Gross. (If you are unable to go on your assigned date please find someone to go in your place.)

**Medary Acres Certificates** are available for sale. This is a very good fund raiser for Volga Christian School. If you are interested in buying them for all your garden and flower needs please talk to Brenda Volkers. Brenda has them available for you to buy in many different sizes ($ 10, $ 20, $ 50, $100 volkersb3@gmail.com 605-690-3434

**Council Notes**

1. Effective April 8th, Larry Tjeerdsma choose to resign as elder. The counsel has

 decided to wait until next fiscal year to fill his position.

2. Note from Deacons: Offerings from March:

 Budget: Received - $17,715.81 Disbursed - $15,241.08

 Braunings: $341.00 Building Project: $15,785.00 Chairs of Hope: $314.00

 Option One: $420.00 Vollga Christian School: $711.00

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week:: April 21: Navigators & Budget

April 28: Building Project & Budget

May 5: Volga Christian School & udget

May 12: Local Missions & Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

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