

**Sunday,
Apr 20th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, April 20th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 396 Low in the Grave Christ Lay**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

HC Lord's Day 16 & 17

Walk Up Choir - RB 563 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 391 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 24:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Text: **Luke 24:5b-6a**

Message: **Christ is Risen...He is Risen *Indeed!***

Prayer

***Song - Hymn of Heaven (Screen)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 400 Praise the Savior Now and Ever (Verses 1 & 4)**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: A special and sincere welcome we extend to everyone who has joined together here to worship our Lord this Easter Sunday! May you know Him as your God, love Him as your Savior, and profess Him today and always as your King. Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship.

Ushers for April: Zach Post, Clyde Ulvestad;
Elevator Attendant for April: Marla Volkers

Alternate: Jerry Runia

Calendar:

Today: 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM Morning Worship
Wed: 4:30 PM Youth Group (Air Madness)
5:30 PM Food & Fellowship Wed.
8:00 PM Council Meeting
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

Prayer Concerns:

- May we thank and praise the Lord for the gracious gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, His perfect life, death, and resurrection from the dead in order to reconcile us to Himself!
- Thank you all so much for your prayers as we traveled recently! The conference was a spiritually enriching and refreshing time. It was great getting to learn and worship with so many fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and now it is good to be home once again with our family here in Volga! - Pastor Josh, Kayla, and Ezekiel

Announcements:

- **Sunday School and Catechism will not** meet today. They will resume next week Sunday, **April 27th**.
- **Youth Group Air Madness** - This week **Wednesday, April 23**, the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be going to Air Madness for the evening! Everyone will leave from First Reformed Church at 4:30 PM to head down. The only cost will be the remainder of admission after \$10 from the Youth Group, Air Madness socks if you don't have any, and snacks. Please make sure to fill out a waiver before you go!
- **Thank You!** - We want to extend a big thank you to all who made this year's Lenten services possible!
- The Volga Christian School is once again selling Medary Acres gift certificates as a fundraiser. When you purchase the certificate, you get the full value and Medary Acres gives the school a discount when they purchase the certificates. Brenda and Jenn Volkers will have certificates to purchase through the first of June.

Looking Ahead:

- **GEMS Awards Night is Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 pm.**
- **GEMS Sunday** - On **Sunday, May 4th**, we will celebrate GEMS Sunday as a congregation.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for May 4th:**
 - In charge: Youth Groups & Pastor Josh / Vonda Bjorklund (Musician)
 - To visit: Tofte's, Kayla Carpenter, Arlan TeKrony

*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for May:** Gerald Feikema, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Conner Gross
- **Elevator Attendant for May:** Cyndi Ulvestad

Offering Schedule:

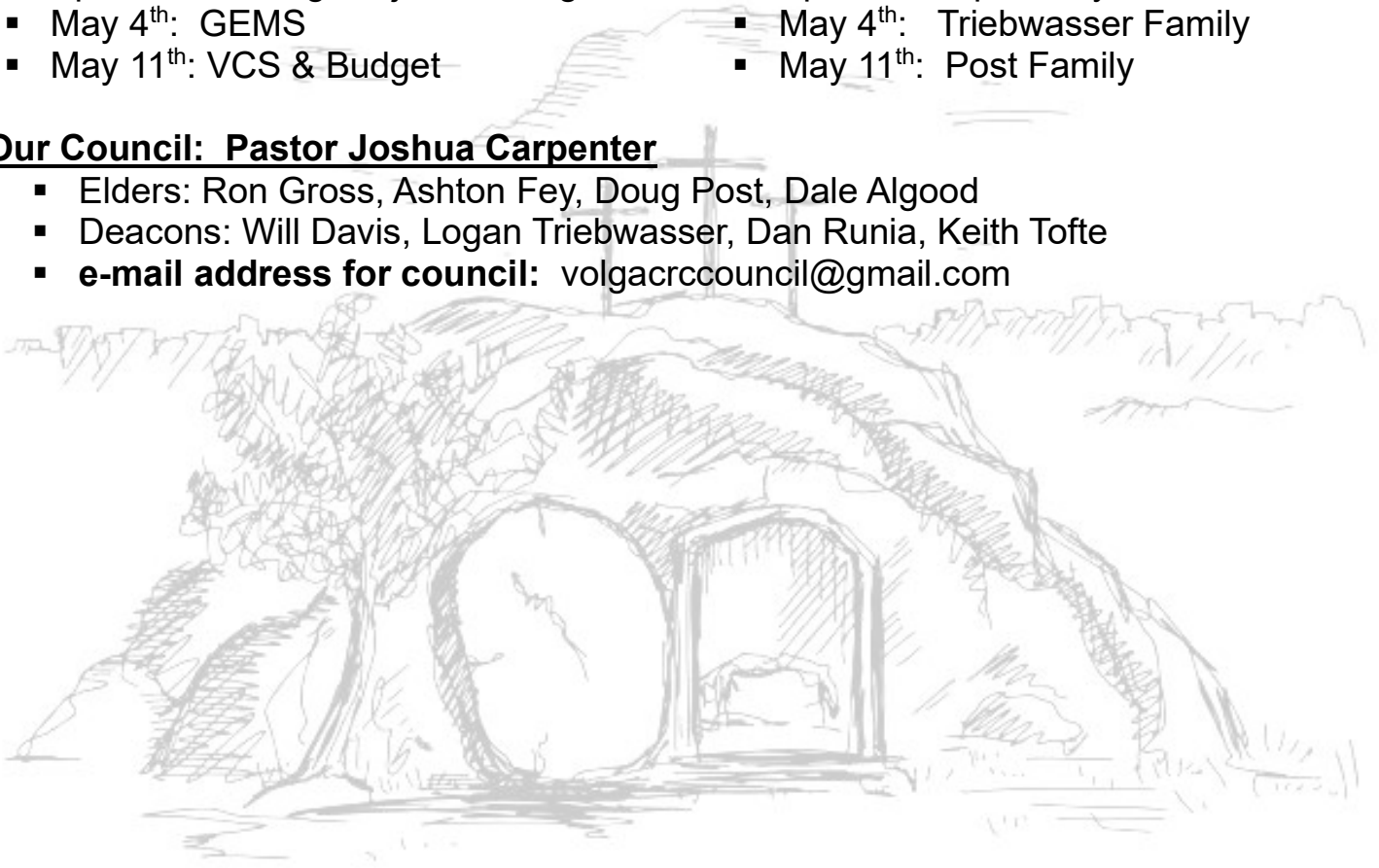
- Apr 20th: Option 1 & Budget
- Apr 27th: Building Project & Budget
- May 4th: GEMS
- May 11th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 20th: Runia Family
- Apr 27th: Top Family
- May 4th: Triebwasser Family
- May 11th: Post Family

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
- Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com



This Week's Unfading Truth: When people complain about the seeming unfairness of God's unconditional election, they miss the unspeakable comfort the doctrine provides. Join us for our final week in the first point of the Canons of Dordt as we read the Bible together each weekday. Text JOIN to 833-273-213

April 20, 2025 | He is Risen...He is Risen *Indeed!* | Luke 24:1-12

Theme: _____ in our _____, ascended, and _____ Savior!

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What are some ways Christ's resurrection from the dead has provides you with comfort in your life? Impacts the way you live? Happy Easter! Christ is risen...He is risen indeed!

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Reformed Expository Commentary: Luke Vol. 1 & 2* by Philip G. Ryken
- *Calvin's Commentary* by John Calvin
- *Preaching the Word Commentary: Luke Vol. 2* by Kent R. Hughes
- *Luke & John* by Robert Deffinbaugh & Stephen Leston
- *NIV Application Commentary: Luke* by Darrell L. Bock
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo

“When we say that Jesus rose from the dead, we are referring to his bodily resurrection. We are not merely saying that Jesus is alive in our minds, our hearts, or our memories. Nor are we simply saying that his soul is immortal. On the contrary, we are dealing with the objective facts and the physical reality of what happened to a dead man’s body. The physical body of Jesus was raised from death to life by the power of God. This was not simply a case of resuscitation: the coming back to life of a mortal body that would die again. Rather, it was a physical resurrection: the raising of Jesus Christ to the immortal splendor of a body that could never die again.” - Philip Ryken

“Yet this is not how the angels tried to convince the women at the empty tomb. They did not try to reason on the basis of the physical evidence. Nor did they make a case for Christ by refuting alternative explanations for what happened to the missing body. Instead, the angels simply told these women—and us—to remember what Jesus said: “Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise” (Luke 24:6–7). We are to believe in the resurrection on the basis of what Jesus said.” - Philip Ryken

“The great truth here for us is that the significance of the Resurrection is inseparable from Jesus’ prophetic word about his death and resurrection. It is the Word of God that makes sense of everything.” - Kent Hughes