

**Sunday,
Aug 24th,
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
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Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship – Proverbs 14:12

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song – Jesus Name Above All Names**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God's Law by Jesus (NT Affirmations of the Ten Commandments)

Song – PH 556 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Missions & Budget

Children's Message

***Song – If You're Happy and You Know It**

Scripture Lesson: **Philippians 4:10-13**

Additional Texts: **Multiple Verses**

Message: **A Puzzling Life**

Prayer

***Song - PH 555 Lead On O King Eternal**

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1) We are very pleased that you have come to glorify God, our Redeemer, through Christ our Lord. Please stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

Ushers for August: Gene Volkers, Zachary Post;
Elevator Attendant for August: Cyndi Ulvestad

Alternate: Cade Gross

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Food & Fellowship
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

Prayer Concerns:

1. We would like to extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Ron & Delores Bothe as their son-in-law, Brad Clark, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 12th. Please especially pray for Brad's wife, Stacy, and their two daughters, as they navigate the days ahead.
2. Ashton & Kacey Fey's friend was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 brain cancer with an expected number of months left on this earth. Please pray for her, her husband, and all of their family members as they navigate the road that lies ahead.

Announcements:

- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **September** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, August 27th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - This week **Wednesday** 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.
- **Junior High Youth Group Kick-Off** – This week Wednesday, Junior High Youth Group starts back up! Come on out for some food and fun events. Bring a friend, and we hope to see you there! This will take place at the **First Reformed Church starting at 7 PM**.
- **Sunday School Teacher** - We want to thank Clyde Ulvestad for his years of faithfully instructing our little ones in the faith as a Sunday School teacher, as he will be stepping back from that this year. In light of that, we are looking for someone who would be willing to step into that role and serve as a Sunday School teacher. If you are interested, please reach out to someone on council.

Looking Ahead:

- **Sunday School Kick-Off** - The start of the school year has arrived, and right around the corner is the start of our Sunday School Year! Our kick-off will be **Sunday, September 7th**. Following morning worship, the kids will gather downstairs for some opening Sunday School activities, after which will follow

hamburgers and hot dogs outside with bounce houses, yard games, and another opportunity to dump some water on Pastor Josh with the dunk tower! Come on out for a great time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of another year growing in the Lord together!

- **New Member's Class** - Have you thought about making profession of faith, or reaffirming your faith and becoming a member of Volga CRC? If so, sometime this fall, Pastor Josh is hoping to have a new members' class where we'll talk about the Christian faith, what it means to be Reformed, and more. If you are interested in either making profession of faith or reaffirming your faith and becoming a member, please reach out to Pastor Josh and let him know.
- **Mid-America CME Conference** - You're invited to **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's** annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference on **October 3-4, 2025!** This year's theme is Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Sep 7th:**
 - In charge: Delores Bothe & Gert Dykhouse / Marge Kleinjan (Musician)
 - To visit: Edwards', Henrietta Molengraaf, Marge Runia, Gerald Feikema

*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for September:** Jerry Runia, Jacob Post; Alternate: Marla Volkers
- **Elevator Attendant for September:** Brenda Volkers

Offering Schedule:

- Aug 24th: Local Missions & Budget
- Aug 31st: Building Project & Budget
- Sept 7th: VCS & Budget
- Sept 14th: Navigators & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Aug 24th: Triebwasser Family
- Aug 31st: Post Family
- Sept 7th: Davis Family
- Sept 14th: Van Norden Family

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

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

This Week's Unfading Truth: Regeneration is an entirely supernatural work, one that is at the same time most powerful and most pleasing, which is not lesser than or inferior in power to that of creation or of raising the dead. Come to understand the power God has poured into you as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136 for a daily reminder.

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Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: