

**Sunday,  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

**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: Marge Kleinjan  
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 121

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 237 We Praise You, O God**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God's Law (Matthew 22:37-40)

Installation of New Office-bearers (PH Pgs. 1004-1006)

**Song - PH 288 Take My Life and Let It Be**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - PH 530 I Love to Tell the Story (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

Text: **Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

Message: **New Guard, Same Faithful God**

Prayer

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

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 630 Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's grace rest upon us and prepare us for the week ahead. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for August:** Jerry Runia, Brenda Volkers; Alternate: Zachary Post  
**Elevator Attendant for August:** Marla Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

**Prayer Concerns:**

- In light of the harvest season, may we keep our farmers and their families in prayer throughout the busyness of the season, praying for strength and safety.

**Announcements:**

- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week, **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson in our Colossian series, Lesson 6: Homesick for Christ. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Food provider: Kayla Carpenter.
- **Youth Group:**
  - **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!
  - **Youth Group Meal Sign-Ups** - With youth group starting back up, we usually provide a meal the third Wednesday of each month for the youth group. If you are interested in serving in this way, there's a sign up sheet out on the coffee counter in the church lobby. Thank you for your consideration!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, September 5th**, 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 9: Arm Yourselves.
- **Congregational Meeting Council Election Results** - At our annual congregational meeting last week, one new elder and one new deacon were voted in. Jerry Runia was elected as our new elder, and Ian Edwards was elected as our new deacon. A huge thank you to each nominee, and may we pray for these men as they serve in these capacities.
- The **Volga GEMS** are seeking a counselor for the upcoming season. If you are willing to work with this girls ministry, please contact Geraldine Runia. (605-690-5446)
- Copies of the Sep/Oct "**Today**" **Devotionals** are on the shelf back by the church mailboxes. Please help yourself to one!

**Looking Ahead:**

- **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.

- **Young Adult Groups** - Have you wanted a group in a similar stage of life as you, where you can get together to fellowship and grow in your faith? This fall, we'll be starting up a couple of young adult groups for couples and singles! From having some time to get to know one another, fun events, and especially digging into God's Word together, there's a lot we're looking forward to! Keep an eye out for further details.
- The **Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus** from Centerville, SD area will present a concert Sunday afternoon, **September 4 at 4 p.m.** at the **First Reformed Church** in Volga located at 601 E. 1st Street. This chorus is a large group of men who love singing a cappella harmonies in the barbershop style. You will hear many well-known hymns, some patriotic songs, and other favorites. Everyone is invited to stay for a meal with the choir. Invite a friend for this rare opportunity in our area.
- **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 13th**. 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, another opportunity to dump some water on Pastor Josh with the dunk tower, and other fun activities! Come on out for a great time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of another year growing in the Lord together!

### **Advance:**

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Sept 6<sup>th</sup>:**
  - In charge: Henrietta Molengraaf / Joan Bjorklund (Musician)
  - To visit: Knevelbaards', Gerald Feikema, Marge Runia
- \*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go for you
- **Ushers for Sept:** Dan Runia, Gerald Feikema; Alternate: Gene Volkers
- **Elevator Attendant for Sept:** Henrietta Molengraaf

### **Offering Schedule:**

- Aug 30<sup>th</sup>: Building Project
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls & Budget

### **Nursery Schedule:**

- Aug 30<sup>th</sup>: Davis Family
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: Knevelbaard Family
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup>: Kauk Family
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: 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

**August 30, 2026 | New Guard, Same Faithful God | Joshua 31:1-8**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**God Leading His People...**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Through** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Reflection: In what ways have you seen God's faithfulness in leading you throughout the course of your life?**

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

- *Deuteronomy - Loving Obedience to a Loving God* by Ajith Fernando
- *Deuteronomy thru Ruth* by Tremper Longman III
- *Deuteronomy-Ruth* by August H. Konkel
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 14: The Book of Deuteronomy” by Eugene H. Merrill
- “Arlington National Cemetery” webpage

“While Moses may be leaving, God will not be leaving, and the mission of the group will not change.” - Ajith Fernando