**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Guest Pastor: Duane Smith

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

***\*Song - Behold Our God*** (Screen)

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law  Responsive Reading of the Law as a Rule of Gratitude PH page1017

***Song - Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*** (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Missionaries Stephen & Sandra Brauning and Budget

Children’s Message: Tiffany Runia will bring the chldren’s message

***\*Song - Living Hope (***screen)

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 22:39-46**

 **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Message: **Jesus’ Journey to Joy**

Prayer

***\*Song – RB # 344 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (The Heavenly Vision)***

\*Apostles Creed

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**It is a genuine joy to welcome** all who have come to worship the Lord. The Lord reassures us of his grace and abiding love. May our faith be strengthened and our commitment be renewed. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**We extend a very warm welcome** to Pastor Duane Smith and his wife Renata , Duane is a former pastor of the Bemis CRC and is now retired and living in Sioux Falls, He will be leading us in worship. Pastor Josh will have a Sunday of refreshment.

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

**Ushers for August:**  Connor Gross, Clyde Ulvestad Alternate; Zach Post

**Elevator Attendant for August:** : Henrietta Molengraaf

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Mon: 7:00 Worship Committee meets in the church office

**Prayer Concerns:**:

1. As summer draws to a close and the school year is right around the corner, may we keep all our students, teachers, administrators, and so many others who make the school year possible in prayer as they begin another year of learning.

**Announcements:**

1. **Congregational Meeting** - Next week Sunday, August 18th, following morning worship, we will be having our annual congregational meeting.  Please keep an eye out for various pieces of information in your mailboxes leading up to the meeting.  At the congregational meeting, we will also be voting on two new elders and one new deacon.
* Elder nominees are: Ashton Fey, Anthony Kauk, and Doug Post.
* Deacon nominees are: Keith Tofte, and Steve Van Heerde.

Please be prayerfully considering these nominees and praying for them.  **Absentee ballots** will be available for those unable to attend the meeting.  Weather permitting, there will be some outdoor activities available for the kids over at the parsonage.  If the weather isn’t the greatest that day, there will be some indoor activities in the church basement.

1. **The Worship Committee** will meet Monday, August 12th, at 7 PM here in the church office.
2. **August Summer Smores Night -** Next week Sunday evening, we’ll be having our last s’mores night in the backyard of the parsonage.  We’ll have hot dogs available for roasting along with smores, so we’ll begin around 5:30 PM.  All you’ll need to bring is yourselves, some camping chairs, roasting forks.  Also, if you would like you can bring a side or additional dessert to pass.  We’re looking forward to having you all over once again as we close out the summer together!
3. **Church Game Night** - On Wednesday, August 21st, at 7 PM, there will be a game night in the church basement.  Bring along your favorite game(s), try some new games, or enjoy some classics.  Some light refreshments will be provided.

**Looking Ahead -** On **Sunday, September 8th**, we will be having our annual **Sunday School Kick-Off!**  Mark your calendars for this time of food, fellowship, and fun as we kick off another year of Sunday School together.

**Advance:**  Dakota Sun Ministry for Septemgber 1:

In charge – Henrietta Molengraaf, Marge Kleinjan (piano)

To visiit - Darryl Clapp, Vonda Bjorklund

**Offerings received in July:**

General Fund……………………...$11,419.80

Building Project and Addition……… 891.00

Local Home Missions……………….. 785.00

Option One……………………………. 554.00

Volga Christian School……………… .691.00

**Our Offerings:**

August 11: Braunings & Budget

August 18: Option One & Budget

August 25: Building Project & 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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**World Renew**

**Pray for People Affected by Tropical Storm Debby**- As Tropical Storm Debby swamps the US East Coast, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) asks for your prayers for those most affected by the storm. After hitting the Florida panhandle as a Category-1 hurricane last weekend, Debby continued across Georgia, the Carolinas, and beyond. More than a foot of rain fell in some locations, forcing evacuations, creating significant flood risks, and causing six deaths. Please pray for safety for those who must evacuate or shelter in place. Pray for wisdom and strength for volunteers and emergency responders. Ask God to protect 500 residents in Sarasota, FL, who were evacuated last week due to flooding, even as DRS continues to respond to Hurricane Ian needs there from 2022. You can find more about the work of World Renew DRS in responding to 2024 hurricanes and other North American disasters at worldrenew.net/drs

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