**Sunday**

**August 18**

 **2024**

 **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. 29

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - LUYH 500  *LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God’s Law by Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

**Song - PH 260 *Not What My Hands Have Done***

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 and Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - RB 303 O*pen My Eyes That I May See*  (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 6:5-15**

Text: **Matthew 6:5-15**

Message: **The Praying Disciple**

Prayer

\*Song - **RB 305  *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (Verses 1-2)**

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

\***Song - RB 108  *Glory to His Name***

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 473 *To God Be the Glory* (Verse 1)**

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**It is a genuine joy** to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. 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.

**This morning** we are privileged to celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are invited to come with gladness to the table of their Lord. There is a small dish of gluten free bread in the center of each tray

**Ushers for September:**  Gerald Feikema, Cade Gross; Alternate: Jerry Runia

**Elevator Attendant for September**  Brenda Volkers

**A few words from Katie:**

**1. This bulletin** is the last one that Katie makes as the official bulletin secretary. It has been a joy to make each bulletin and I want to thank everyone for their patience and words of encouragement through the years. (around 40 years) Special thanks to Brenda for her willingness to help me out when I needed someone to fill in for me. And a big thank you to Pastor Josh for getting all his information to me on time each week along with his encouraging words. And then I want to thank Kacey Fey for being willing to take over the job. It is my prayer that everyone wil show her the same respect, patience and words of encouragement that I enjoyed. We are so excited to have her start.

**2. Beginning next week’s bulletin** (August 25) Kacey Fey will be the new bulletin secretary. She wishes also to have all information to her **by noon each Thursday.**  You can e-mail to her at kacey0917@outlook.com or phone 605-270-9201 calls , texts

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Annual Congregational Meeting

 5:30 Smores Night at the Parsonage

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 8 “Blessing our Enemies”

 Lunch: Fannie

 7:00 Church Game Night

 7:00 Sr. Hi, Youth Group Kick-Off

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Please keep in prayer all those who are traveling before the school year begins, that the Lord will watch over and protect their coming and going.

**Announcements:**

1. **Congregational Meeting** - Today, immediately following morning worship, we will be having our annual congregational meeting.  Weather permitting, there will be some outdoor activities available for the kids over at the parsonage.  If the weather isn’t the greatest today, there will be some indoor activities in the church basement.
2. **Women’s Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 8: Blessing Our Enemies.  Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.  Lunch Provider: Fannie Janssen.
3. **August Summer Smores Night** - Tonight, 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!
4. **Church Game Night** - This 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 classi**cs.** Some light refreshments will beprovided.
5. **Senior High Youth Group Kick-Off** - This Wednesday, August 21st, at 7 PM is the Senior High Youth Group Kick-Off!  Come prepared to get soaked as the new youth group year kicks off!
6. **Looking Ahead -**
	1. 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.

**The deadline for information** to be included in the September issue of our church newsletter will be **August 28th.** Please submit information to Marge Kleinjan, Brenda Volkers, or Pastor Josh

**Volga Christian School** classes will begin on Tuesday, Augusst 20.

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

In charge – Henrietta Molengraaf, Marge Kleinjan (piano)

To visiit - Darryl Clapp, Vonda Bjorklund

**Our Offerings:**

August 18: Option One & Budget

August 25: Building Project & Budget

September 1: Volga Christian School & Budget

**Our Council:**  Pastor Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

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

**e-mail address for council:** **volgacrccouncil@gmail.com**

**For the congregational meeting**

**1.** We will be voting for two new elders: Nominees are Ashton Fey, Anthony Kauk,

 and Doug Post

 We will be voting for one new Deacon: Nominees are Keith Tofte, Steve Van

 Heerde

2. We will also vote on the proposed support for Missionary Brauning, Option One, the

 Navigators and local missions (Radio Ministry)

 **Thriving Essentials Overview** - Online August 22 - Thriving Essentials is a training course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. This one-hour webinar will give you an overview of what the full course involves including discussions on four key concepts of Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. Sign up to attend this preview on August 22 (3PM EDT) and discern if the full course is right for your church: crcna.org/Essentials

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