**Sunday**

**August 25**

 **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: Ellie Vanden Berg

 Pianist: Marge Kleinjan

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 42:1-2, 11

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 246 Come, Thou Almighty King**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law

**Song - LUYH 615 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 282 Break Now the Bread of Life**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 6:16-18**

Text: **Matthew 6:16-18**

Message: **The Fasting Disciple**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 237 Nearer, Still Nearer**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 638 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**Welcome to everyone** worshipping with us today. With the love for God and for each other we reach out in friendship to everyone present. Everyone is welcome to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

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

**Elevator Attendant for September:** Brenda Volkers

**Reminder that** Kacey Fey is the new bulletin secretary. She also wishes to have all information to her **by noon each Thursday.**  You can contact her via e-mail at kacey0917@outlook.com or phone 605-270-9201 calls or texts.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 7:00 Jr. Hi, Youth Group Kick-Off

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. We want to extend our sincere Christian sympathies to **Lawrence De Groot** and the rest of his family in the passing of his wife, **Johanna De Groot**.  Her funeral was held this past Friday.  May we come around the family during this time of mourning and may God’s peace that passes all understanding rest upon them in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead.
2. We also want to extend our sincere Christian sympathies to the family of **Spencer** **Murphy** as he suddenly died in an electrical accident.  May we especially keep in prayer his wife, **Stephanie**, their two young children, their third on the way, and the rest of the family during this time, asking that the Lord would grant them His peace and comfort throughout this time.
3. Gene & Brenda Volkers’ nephew, **Darrel Bonrud,** will have an angiogram on Thursday August 29th to check his heart. Praying the procedure will go well and he can continue with the next step to get on the transplant list for a new liver.

**Announcements:**

1. **Option 1 Fundraiser Dinner** – It is the time of year for the Option 1 Fundraiser Dinner at Club 71 on the SDSU Campus. We have some seats to fill for the dinner and a program. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to a council member for more information. The event is on Tuesday, September 10th with doors opening at 5:30.
2. **Junior High Youth Group Kick-Off -** This Wednesday, August 28th, at 7 PM is the Junior High Youth Group Kick-Off!  Come prepared to get soaked as the new youth group year kicks off!
3. **Smores Night -** Thank you to all who came out last week Sunday for our final summer S’mores Night!  It has been truly wonderful getting to join together over the course of this summer to enjoy some evenings of food and fellowship around the fire pit!  Thank you to everyone who has brought various side dishes and desserts over the course of the summer, and we can’t wait to do this again next summer!
4. **Congregational Meeting Update –** last week we had the privilege to meet as a congregation to discuss important topics. We want to thank you for your participation and prayers leading up to the meeting. A few notes:
	1. **Elders elected:** Doug Post, Ashton Fey
	2. **Deacon elected:** Keith Tofte
	3. The budget & missionary support were approved
5. **Youth Group Meal Sign Up** - With youth group starting back up, Volga CRC will be providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month as has been done in the past.  If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up on the sign-up sheet out in the lobby, which you can find on the coffee counter.  Thank you for your consideration!
6. **The Volga GEMS** are looking for a counselor for the upcoming season.  If you are willing to work with this ministry for girls, please **contact Geraldine Runia** (605-690-5446).

**Looking Ahead:**

* **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.
* **Cadet Kickoff** will be Wednesday, Sept 4th from 6:30-8:30. Cadets is a non-denominational boys ministry that focuses on them becoming Christ-like in all areas of life. We are lead by Christian men to encourage boys to grow socially, mentally, physically, and spiritually. We used Bible centered lessons, hands on projects, and badgework tying into God's World to achieve this. Boys in grades 2-8 are welcome. Please spread the word to boys outside of our church, so they can learn and grow in a Godly way to be a follower of Him. Please contact any counselor or **Steve Van Heerde 605-690-6316** for more information.
* **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.  There will be a photo opportunity available for you and your family if you still need to submit a photo for the new church directory.

**Advance:**  Dakota Sun Ministry for September 1st:

* In charge: Henrietta Molengraaf, Marge Kleinjan (piano)
* To visit - Darryl Clapp, Vonda Bjorklund

**Our Offerings:**

August 25th: Building Project & Budget

September 1st: Volga Christian School & Budget

September 8th: Braunings & Budget

September 22nd : Building Project & 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

 **August 25th, 2024 | The Fasting Disciple | Matthew 6:16-18**

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**2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Fast:**

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