**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

 Organist; Katie Hoogwerf

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 115:1, 16-18

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

***\*Song - Not to Us*** (Screen)

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law

***Song - Grace Like Rain*** (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children’s Message

***\*Song - RB 363 Wonderful Words of Life*** (Verses 1 & 3)

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 6:1-4**

Text: **Matthew 6:1-4**

Message: **The Giving Disciple**

Prayer

***\*Song - PH 291 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***

\*Nicene Creed

\*God’s Blessing

*\*****Doxology: PH 320 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (Verse 1)**

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**We warmly welcome** all who have come to our church today to join us in worship and praise of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. May this day be a foretaste of the eternal Sabbath in which all believers will praise God forever and ever! There is coffee and cookies in the foyer for a time of fellowship after the worship service.

**Ushers for August:**  Connor Gross, Clyde Ulvestad Alternate; Zach Po **Elevator Attendant for August:** : Henrietta Molengraaf**Next Sunday**

**Pastor Duane Smith**, a former pastor of the Bemis CRC and is now retired and living in Sioux Falls, will be leading us in worship. Pastor Josh will have a Sunday of refreshment.

**Dakota Sun Ministry today:** In charge: Clyde & Cyndi Ulvestad, Joan Bjorklund – Piano To Visit: Dale & Karen Algood, Ken Fideler, Arlan TeKrony, Gene & Brenda Volkers. If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please find someone to go in your place.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 11:00 Dakota Sun Ministry

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 7 “Returning to

 Lunch: Katie Eden”

 7:00 Elders Meeting

 7:30 Deacons Meeting

 8:00 Council Meeting

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Please keep in prayer all those affected by the heavy rains from the storm this past week.

**Announcements**

1. **Congregational Meeting** - On 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.

Retiring: Greg Loss & Larry Tjeerdsma – elders; Sheldon Thompson-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

  **2. Women’s Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church

 basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 7: Returning to Eden.  Come and

 enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.

 Lunch Provider: Katie Hoogwerf

  **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.

4. **Bulletin Secretary -** With Katie retiring from serving as bulletin secretary

 at the end of August, we are looking for someone who is interested in serving as the new bulletin secretary.  Katie has mentioned that she would be willinghelp train whoever would be stepping into that role next.  If you are interested, please reach out to someone on council for further information

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**Our Offerings:**

August 4: Volga Christian School & Budget

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

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

 **August 4, 2024 | The Giving Disciple | Matthew 6:1-4**

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Giving (vv. 1-2):

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Giving (vv. 3-4):

Weekly Reflection: In what ways may you be tempted to help those in need in order to be seen?