**Remember the Easter Fellowship breakfast beginning at 8:00 AM.**

 **Invite your friends!**

 **Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

 **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

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

 Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg

 Pianist: Geraldine Runia

 Trombone: Mark Hoogwerf

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

\***Song – PH 388 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Reading of Resurrection Account - Matthew 28:1-10

**Song – PH 396,  *Low in the Grave Christ Lay***

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project and Budget

Children’s Message

Special Music - Bailey Van Heerde & Vonda Bjorklund

Scripture Lesson: **John 11:17-27**

Text: **John 11:17-27**

Message: “**I AM…The Resurrection and the Life”**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 405 *I Serve a Risen Savior***

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME**: A special and sincere welcome we extend to everyone who has joined together here to worship our Living Creator on this Easter Sunday. May you know Him as your God, love Him as your Savior, and profess Him tomorrow and always as your King. May our worship be pleasing and acceptable to Him. Please join us after the morning worship service for a time of fellowship.

**There will be NO Sunday** School classes today. Classes will resue next week.

**Ushers for April:**  Gerald Feikema, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Cade Gross

**Elevator Attendant for April:** Marla Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 8 “Before Abraham was, I

 Lunch: Gert Dykhouse AM”

 6:30 Cadets

 7:00 Sr. Hi Youth Group at First Reformed

Thurs: 6:30 GEMS Daddy Daughter Night

Sat: Cadet races with Volga, Hamlin, and Colton

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1.** We want to extend our sincere Christian sympathies to **the Gross family** in the passing of their relative Glenn Jung.  May the Lord’s peace that passess all understanding rest upon them throughout this time.

2. Please keep in prayer, **Julie Brown**, sister-in-law of **Claudia Tofte**.  In April, Julie will be going to the Mayo clinic to see if she qualifies for a lung transplant.

**Announcements**

**1. Sunday School** and Catechism will not meet today after the service.  We will pick up meeting once again the following Sunday, April 7th.

2. The GEMS will have their Daddy/daughter night on Thursday at 6:30

**3. Women’s Bible Study** will meet this week as we wrap our study of the “I Am” statements of Jesus.  We will, then, begin a new study series on the book of 1 Peter.  We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month here at church in the basement at 2 PM with a time of food and fellowship following the lesson.

**4, There are extra calendars available.** If you would like one, it is a free-will donation that will go toward the youth group.  If you are interested, please see a council member.

**5. Dakota Sun Ministry for April 7 (next Sunday)**

Sunday School K-5, Christy Van Heerde, Ashton & Kacey Fey, Gene & Lois Kleinjan, Marge Runia, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser, Darrel & Melissa Jensen (If you are unable to go at your scheduled time please find someone to go in your place

**6. We wish to thank all those** who donated a flower for our sanctuary this Easter

 The following have donated them in memory of a loved one.

 a. Marge Kleinjan has yellow Lily in memory of Dick.

 b. Thompsons for their flower in memory of Edith Mulder

 c. Jenn Volkers added a Calla Lilly in Memory of her family members that have

 passed away.

**Our Offerings:**

March 31 Building Project & Budget

April 7: Volga Christian School & Budget

April 14: GEMS and Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Larry Tjeerdsma, Dale Algood

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

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

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Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: May we take time to thank and praise our Great God for the eternal life we have received through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life!

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