

**Sunday,  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Doug Wermedal  
Organist: Marge Kleinjan  
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship – Philippians 2:9-11

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH #471 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (Vs 1-3)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

**Song - Red Hymnal #377 He Keeps Me Singing**

Congregational Prayer – Elder Doug Post

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - Red Hymnal #64 Blessed Be the Name**

Scripture Lesson: **Multiple Verses Referenced**

Text: **Revelation 20: 12 & 15**

Message: **What's In a Name**

Prayer

**\*Song - Blessed Be Your Name (Worship Song)**

Lord's Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

**\*Song – PH #315 Blessed Be the Tithe that Binds (Vs 1-2)**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

Greetings, and a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today. Psalm 32:11 tells us to "rejoice in the Lord and be glad." We are glad that you are here today to rejoice in the Lord's goodness and love. Everyone is welcome 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 March:** Gene Volkers, Conner Gross; Alternate: Zach Post

**Elevator Attendant for March:** Henrietta Molengraaf

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
5:00 PM Game Night  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cadets?  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

**Prayer Concerns:**

- **Chester Vander Zee** passed away in the early hours of Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep in prayer the rest of his family. We pray God gives them strength, and His peace that passes all understanding throughout this time.
- **Gerald Feikema** is out of the ICU! Please continue to keep him in your prayers even as we rejoice and praise the Lord for this progress and healing so far.
- Please continue to keep **Willa Triebwasser** in your prayers as she continues to recover from her hip surgery.
- **Claudia's sister, Carla**, will be having a lengthy surgery on **February 20th** to repair her aorta. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Thanks be to the Lord that **Ezekiel's** surgery went well! The cochlear device has been successfully put in, and Lord willing, will be turned on **February 24th**. Thank you all so much for your prayers going into this surgery! -Pastor Josh, Kayla, and Ezekiel
- Please keep the **Katz family** in your prayers as they head to Mayo Clinic for Ephraim's surgery to remove a tumor on his hip, which will take place on the **19th**.
- Mitch Lengkeek, Gene and Brenda Volkers' cousin is scheduled to have surgery on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> for abdominal reconstruction and ostomy reversal.

**Announcements:**

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Game Night - Tonight**, starting at **5 PM**, we'll have a Bunko and Puzzles night, a mixer for young and old alike! Come and go as you need and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship before heading into a new week! Food will be provided
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 6: Love Your Enemies. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Joan Bjorklund.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and/or prayed for the Harvest Table event. It went very well. We served a smaller than normal crowd (58) due to the weather conditions. But it was well received and successful. (Vonda)

- The deadline for information to be included in the March issue of our church newsletter will be **February 19th, 12 PM**. Please submit information to Marge Kleinjan, Brenda Volkers, or Pastor Josh.
- **Volga Christian School** is selling fruit through February 21<sup>st</sup> for the General Fund. If you are interested in purchasing any, please reach out to a VCS family.
- Volga Christian School is having a **Kindergarten Prep Open House** on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. If you have a child who will be 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come and visit our teacher and see the classroom.
- All ladies are invited to the **World Day of Prayer** service at **First Reformed Church** on **Saturday, March 8** beginning with refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with singing and a time of prayer. Robyn Mulder will be speaking on "The One Who Knows Us Best," based on Psalm 139:1-18. Bring a friend to worship with you.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - On the **fourth Wednesday** of each month, the Fellowship Committee would like to introduce an opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community by way of Food and Fellowship Wednesdays. We'll provide and serve a meal to any and all who would like to attend. It will run from **5-7 PM**. Swing on by for some food and fellowship; bring a friend, a neighbor, someone we can share the light and love of Christ with! Carry-out will be also available. February Menu: Soup (Chili, Broccoli Cheese, and Chicken Soup) and Dessert.
- **2025 Lenten Services:** Our combined Lenten services with **Calvary OPC** and **First Reformed Church** are right around the corner! This year we'll be exploring the **Seven "I Am's" of Jesus** together throughout the Lenten season. The services will begin at **6:30 PM**. Please see the following schedule for service locations as well as times of coffee and cookie fellowship following some of the services:
  - **March 9** - Volga CRC (Fellowship)
  - **March 16** - Calvary OPC
  - **March 23** - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)
  - **March 30** - Volga CRC
  - **April 6** - First Reformed Church
  - **April 13** - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)

#### **Advance: Dakota Sun Ministry for March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- In charge: Marla Volkers & Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
- To visit: Ron & Angie Gross, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place.

#### **Offering Schedule:**

- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: Option 1 & Budget
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls & Budget

#### **Nursery Schedule:**

- Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: Fey Family
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: Runia Family
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Top Family
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family

#### **Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter**

- Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
- Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

**Sermon Notes:**

**Total number of obituaries =**

**Number of Women =**

**Number of Men =**

**Number of obituaries with photos =**

**Youngest person =**

**Oldest person =**

**Average Life Span =**

**Male Life Span =**

**Female Life Span =**

**Number of Veterans =**

**Weekly Reflection:**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCED IN TODAY'S SERMON**

- Old Testament: Genesis 17: 1-7, 32: 22-28; Exodus 32:33; and Psalms 69:28
- New Testament: Luke 10: 19-20; Acts 13: 7-12; Romans 6: 23; Philippians 2:9-11; Philippians 4:3; and Hebrews 9:27