**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

 **Sunday, February18, , 2024**

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

 Organist: Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 40:1-5

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - RB 278 *O for a Thousand Tongues* (Verses 1, 3 & 5)**

\*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: The Navigators & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 280 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **John 6:22-59**

Text: **John 6:22-36; 48-59**

Message: “**I AM…The Bread of Life”**

Prayer

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

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

\***Song - RB 392 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* (Verses 1 & 3)**

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**Welcome**: It is the time of the year when the Lord may choose to send snow, rain or sunshine , cold weather or warm weather all in the span of one week, We come together in this house of prayer to bring praise to our King of Kings. We acknowledge that we are His subjects. We extend a warm hearted welcome to each and every visitor with us today. Please join us after the morning worship service for coffee and a time of 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.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

 6:30 PM. Combined Lenten Service at Calvary Presbyterian Church follow

 with a time of fellowship and refreshments

Wed: 2:00 Ladies BibleStudy. Pastor Josh leads lesson 5: “The Resurrection

 Lunch: Marge Kleinjan and The Life”

 6:30 Cadets

 7:00 Sr. Hi Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Thurs: 3:45 GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Mitch is off the vent, he was able to have some food on Wednesday. He is still

 really uncomfortable, but he is doing better in general. Mitch and his family still

 have a long road of healing ahead.  Ashlynn, his daughter, had her follow-up

 checkup, and the checkup went well. Praying for improvements in her

 movements.

2. As we begin this Lenten season, may we take time to reflect on Christ’s death and

 resurrection, and the forgiveness and reconciliation with God we have received

 through Christ as believers, thanking God for His amazing grace to us.

**Announcements**:

**Thank you! -** Thank you to everyone for the cards and gifts!  It is quite evident that this baby already is so loved!  Also, a big thank you to Circle 3 for organizing and putting on such a fun baby shower! - Kayla Carpenter

1**. High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage

 around11 AM.

**2. Youth Group Meal Sign-Up** - With the second part of the school year underway,

 there is a new sign-up sheet placed over by the lost and found for anyone who

 would like to serve by providing a meal for the youth group on the third

 Wednesday of each month. Please see the sign-up sheet for further details.

**3. The “I Am’s” of Jesus** - This week, we are beginning a new sermon series on

 what are commonly called the “I Am’s” of Jesus that are spread throughout

 John’s Gospel account.  We’ll be exploring each of these different “I Am’s” over

 the course of this Lenten season together in the mornings, exploring what Jesus

 says about Himself in each of these statements

**4. There are extra** calendars available.  If you would like one, it is a freewill donation

 that will go toward the youth group.  If you are interested, please see a council

 member.

**5. Advance Notice”** **All ladies are invited to The World Day of Prayer** Service

 which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Calvary Presbyterian Church,

 309 Astrachan Ave. in Volga. The speaker will be Jessica Hardt, Executive

 Director of Option 1. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin

 at 10:00 a.m.

**6. .Combined Lenten Services** - Starting this week, we have the blessing and

 privilege of joining together once again with Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian

 Church and First Reformed Church for combined Lenten services in the evenings

 leading up to Easter at 6:30 PM each Sunday.  This year’s theme that we’ll be

 exploring is titled “The Prophetic Sufferings of Jesus,” exploring how various Old

 Testament passages point us forward to Christ’s suffering for us.  Three times

 throughout these combined services, we will enjoy cookie and coffee fellowship

 times all together, one at each church.  The schedule is as follows for which

 church will host each week and when fellowship will be:

Feb. 18 - Calvary OPC  (Cookie and Coffee Fellowship)

Feb. 25 - First Reformed Church

March 3 - Volga CRC  (Cookie and Coffee Fellowship)

March 10 - Volga CRC

March 17 - Calvary OPC

March 24 - First Reformed Church (Cookie and Coffee Fellowship)

**Notes from Council**

**1.** Council voted to donate $1000.00 to “Fields of Grace Project” in Arlington

2. Pastor Jack Gray will fill out pulpit on Sunday, February 25

3. Council decided to have a building project informational meeting on March 3 after church.

**Offerings received in January**

Budget received: $12,484.27 Disbursed: $9,838.26

Local Home Missions: $225.00

Drs David & Josie Skavdahl: $465.00

Volga Christian School: $536.00

Building Project: $433.00

**Ushers for March:** Jerry Runia, Connor Gross, Alternate: Gene Volkers

**Elevator Attendant for March:** Clyde Ulvestad

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: Feb. 25: Building Project & Budget

March 3: Volga Christian School & Budget

March 10: Option One & budget

March 17 Chairs of Hope & Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

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

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

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**Classis Minnkota is March 7th** in Pipestone MN. Delegates: Pastor Josh, Elder Larry Tjeerdsma, Deacon Dan Runia. Alternates Elder Ron Gross, Deacon Sheldon Thompson.

**Dakota Sun Ministry for March 3**: In charge: Dan & Tiff Runia, Doug & Ginger Post, Marge Kleinjan – piano; To visit: Gerald Feikema, Henrietta Molengraaf, Keith & Claudia Tofte. If you are unable to go on your assigned week, please find someone to go in your place.