**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

 **Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Jack Gray

 Organist: Ellie VandenBerg

 Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude – Is in Honor of the Cadets

Welcome

**\*Song – on screen “Ancient Words”**

\*God’s Greeting: II John 3

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law for the Second Sunday in Lent (on screen)

**\*Song – PH 530 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song – PH 571 “Jesus Loves Me”**

Scripture Lesson: **Ezekiel 36:22-32**

**Text: Jeremiah 32:37,38**

Message: **God’s Biblical Plan**

Outline: I. Yesterday II. Today III.Tomorrow

**\*Song –on screen “Thy Word Sheds Light upon My Path”**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing: II Corinthians 13:14

**\*Closing Song – PH 635 “Glory Be to the Father”**

\*Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**Welcome**: As we celebrate 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.

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.

**Dakota Sun Ministry next Sunday 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.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

 6:30 PM. Combined Lenten Service at First Reformed Church

Wed: 7:00 Jr. Hi Youth Group at First Reformed Church

**Prayer Concerns:**

1.  **Jerry Freeman** who has been a part of the men’s Bible Study requests prayer as he struggles with cancer.
2.  **Katie Hoogwerf** entered the Brookings hospital Tuesday night where  she is being treated for some  infections.  Hopefully she will be able to return home this weekend

**Announcements**:

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

 Around 11 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. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Advance Notice** the Council decided to have a building project informational

 Meeting on Sunday March 3rd after the church service

**6. Combined Lenten Services** - Continue 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. 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)

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

**Elevator Attendant for March:** Clyde Ulvestad

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: March 3: Volga Christian School & Budget

March 10: Option One & budget

March 17 Chairs of Hope & Budget

March 24 Brauning & Budget

March 31 Building Project & 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.

**Kids Corner: Names of God: The Righteous God** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Psalm 145:17 says, “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.” So, what is it like to be righteous? Is it like being right? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC’s Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork: The Curse Of The Cross** - We were rightly cursed by God for our failure to keep his covenant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Deuteronomy 28:1-19, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:4-11 to better understand the cursed nature of the cross and discuss the implications of this curse and Jesus’ death under it for our lives of faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.