**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, February 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. 95:1-2

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (Screen)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law

**Song - *In Christ Alone* (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song -  *PH 282 Break Now the Bread of Life* (Verses 1 & 4)**

Scripture Lesson: **Haggai 2:10-19**

Text: **Haggai 2:10-19**

Message: **Salvation: Spiritual Cleansing from Sin's Defilement**

Prayer

**\*Song - *RB 54 The Solid Rock***

\*Nicene Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: *PH 620 By the Sea of Crystal* (Verse 3)**

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

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**WELCOME**  *This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it*. To everyone worshipping with us on this Lord’s Day, we extend a hearty welcome. May the Lord richly bless us as we worship and fellowship together, and may His name be praised. Please join us after the morning worship service for a time of

fellowship, cookies coffee in the foyer.

 **Dakota Sun Ministry for today: February 4**

In charge: Doug & Ginger Post, Bob & Katie (piano) Hoogwerf To visit: Greg & Jayne Loas, Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, William & Cindy Alden, Carolyn Hieb, Brent & Wendy Porter.  **(if you are unable to go on your assigned time please get someone to go in your place)**

**There will be an open house baby shower** for Kayla Carpenter on Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 in the afternoon in the church basement. Circle 3 is in charge and they would like to invite all ladies and girls to come to honor Kayla and baby. Kayla has a gift registry on Amazon.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45

 11:00 Catechism Class

 11:00 Dakota Sun Ministry

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 4, “The Good Shepherd

 Lunch: Fannie

 6:30 Cadets

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

Sat: 8:30 AM. Men’s Breakfast / Bible Study in church basement

 2:00 PM. Open House Baby Shower for Kayla Carpenter

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1. Please continue to keep Carla,** Claudia Tofte’s sister, in prayer. She is healing well but will need a second surgery in the future.

**2. Ross Tellinghuisen** is undergoing chemo treatment and has recently experienced a blood clot and is now on blood thinners, please continue to uplift him and his family in your prayers.

**3. A co-worker of Claudia’s**, Rhonda, broke her shoulder and is now in a brace as well as starting therapy.  Thus far no surgery has been mentioned.  Her husband is currently battling a kidney disease and is looking for a transplant. Please keep this family in your prayers throughout everything going on.

**4. Please continue to uplift Jennifer**, Ginger Post’s relative, in prayer as she undergoes her chemo treatment and battles this cancer, praying that the Lord would grant her healing from the cancer and strength as she undergoes treatment.

**5. Please keep in prayer** our shut-ins and those who are unable to join us in person for worship

**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. Ladies Bible study** will meet this upcoming Wednesday, February 7th, at 2 PM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 4: “The Good Shepherd.” We will now meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month Lunch: Fannie

**4. Men’s Bible study** will meet this upcoming Saturday, February 10th at 8:30 AM, where we’ll finish up our study of the Upper Room discourse, taking a look at Lesson 12: “His Deepest Desires Revealed.”. Scripture is John 17:6-26. Coffee, juice, and muffins will be provided. We will meet in the church basement.

**5 Combined Lenten Services -** In a couple of weeks, 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 fellowship meals all together, one at each church.  The schedule is as follows for which church will host each week and when fellowship meals will be:

Feb. 18 - Calvary OPC  (Fellowship & refreshments)

Feb. 25 - First Reformed Church

March 3 - Volga CRC  (Fellowship & refreshments)

March 10 - Volga CRC

March 17 - Calvary OPC

March 24 - First Reformed Church (Fellowship & refreshments)

**6. Volga Christian Schoo**l is selling fruit again. Please contact any VCS family to place an order. Orders are due by Thursday, February 8

**7 Youth Group Calendar Sale** - The youth group calendar sale is still going on to raise funds for the youth group. If you are interested in purchasing one, please reach out to a council member.

**Ushers for February:** Brenda Volkers, Zach Post; Alternate: Gerald Feikema

**Elevator attendant for February:** Henrietta Molengraaf

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: Feb. 11: Cadets & Budget

Feb. 18: The Navigators & Budget

Feb. 25: 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.