

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Pianist: Christy Van Heerde  
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 119:9-16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - There's Joy in the House of the Lord (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Cadet Litany

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Cadets & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - Word of God Speak (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Timothy 4:6-16**

Text: **1 Timothy 4:12**

Message: **Lead the Way**

Prayer

**\*Song - Living for Jesus (Screen)**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: The Blessing (Screen)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for His boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come to worship. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for February:** Jerry Runia, Jacob Post; Alternate: Gerald Feikema

**Elevator Attendant for February:** Cyndi Ulvestad

**This week is preparatory** with a view to celebrating The Lord's Supper together next Sunday morning.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Tues: 7:00 PM Worship Committee Mtg  
Wed: 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
8:00 PM Council Meeting  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Please continue to keep in prayer **Chester Vander Zee** as he has been moved to Peaceful Pines for care. May the Lord bless him and the rest of the family with strength, and His peace that passes all understanding throughout this time.
2. **Gerald Feikema** continues his hospitalization at Avera-Sioux Falls battling various viruses and conditions. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he is in the ICU.
3. Please continue to keep **Willa Triebwasser** in your prayers as she recovers from her hip surgery earlier this week.
4. **Ezekiel's** surgery, where he will get the cochlear implant for his right ear, Lord willing, will be this week on **Tuesday**. Please pray that the surgery will go smoothly and that Ezekiel will bounce back well afterward. Thank you all for your continued prayers for us throughout this journey! - Pastor Josh, Kayla, and Ezekiel
5. **Claudia's sister, Carla**, will be having a lengthy surgery on **February 20th** to repair her aorta. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Announcements:**

1. **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. Our church has the opportunity to serve the **Harvest Table** in Brookings **tomorrow, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**. 12-15 Servers are needed from **5-7 PM**. If you can help, please let Vonda know. This takes place at the Methodist Church Community Center at 625 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Brookings.
3. **The Worship Committee** meets tomorrow evening, **February 10th**, at **7 PM**, here at church.
4. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
5. **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<sup>th</sup>** - Volga CRC (Fellowship)

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Calvary OPC

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** - Volga CRC

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** - First Reformed Church

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)

6. Upcoming February Fellowship Events:

1. **Game Night** - On **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.
1. **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.

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

**Nursery Schedule:**

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

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** Election is defined as God's gracious, sovereign choice of a certain number of persons to redemption to Christ. The better you understand it, the more comfort you will gain knowing that God's grace is stronger than you are. Join us as we read the Bible each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com. Text 'join' to 833-273-2136.

**February 9, 2025 | Lead the Way | 1 Timothy 4:12**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus with the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. External Example (Speech and Conduct):**

**2. Internal Character (Love, Faith, and Purity):**

**Weekly Reflection: What are some other ways that you can lead the way by setting a godly example in these areas of your life?**