**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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

 Organist Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - RB 320 *How Firm a Foundation* (Verses 1 & 2)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God’s Law by Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

**Song - PH 462 *Amazing Grace - How Sweet the Sound* (Verses 1-2 & 4-5)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Missionary David & Josie Skavdahl and Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - RB 147 *Standing on the Promises* (Verses 1, 2 & 4)**

Scripture Lesson: **Haggai 1:1-15**

Text: **Haggai 1:1-15**

Message: “**First Things First”**

 1. A Correcting Call | 2. A Repentant Re-prioritizing Response

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 263 *Come, Thou Fount***

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

**\*Song - RB 104 *Nothing But the Blood* (Verses 1, 3 & 4)**

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 473 *To God Be the Glory* (Verse 1)**

Postlude

 \* Please stand if you are able

**Welcome to worship on January 21, 2023.** St. Paul wrote wise words to the Colossians that seem quite appropriate for all Christians to consider as we have begun the year 2024: "Bear with each other and forgive..as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity .

 **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

Wed: 2:00: Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 3 “I AM The Sheep

 Lunch: Katie Gate”

 6:30 Men’s supper at 1st Lutheran Church (see note belowa0

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

**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, recently took a fall and broke her shoulder and will be going for a CAT scan on the 19th. 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.

**Announcements:**

**Thank you** all for your prayers for safe travels for Kayla and I while we went out to visit family last week in Michigan! We had a wonderful time with family getting to celebrate Christmas together and enjoying one another’s company. We are excited to be back with you all, our spiritual family, as we begin another year together of serving our Lord!

**1. High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM

2. .**Not too late** to join our church's daily Bible reading plan, Unfading Truth. We've teamed up with several other solid Reformed churches who will be reading through the Bible this year, using the Belgic Confession for an outline. Each weekday, you'll receive a notification with the day's Bible passage, and a link to a short devotional that summarizes the passage and applies it to your life. These posts are written by Pastor Joshua and other pastors you can trust! You can read or listen if you'd rather. Sign up at UnfadingTruth.org.

3. Yo**uth Group Meal Sign-Up** - With the second part of the school year underway, there will be 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

**4. The Volga First Lutheran Church** invites all men and young men to their

annual Men’s Supper on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm. Oyster Stew, Chili, and chicken noodle soup will be served in the basement of First Lutheran Church.

**5. 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.

6. **Church directory** – If you have not checked the printed copy of the Church Directory on the podium just outside the sanctuary, please do so as soon as possible! Thank you all for your help as we put together this new directory.

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

**Elevator attendant for February:** Henrietta Molengraaf

**Advence Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for February 4**

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

**Our Offerings:**

Today: January 21st: Skavadhl & Budget

Next Week: January 28th: Building Project & Budget

Feb. 3: Volga Christian School & Budget

Feb. 10: Cadets & Budget

Feb. 17: The Navigators & Budget

Feb. 24: 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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**Notes from Council**

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

**Today: Sunday, January 21, 2024,** is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This year, we are anchoring our Sanctity of Human Life commemoration in Our World Belongs to God, the Contemporary Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church, Article 44. Because of our call to treat all life with awe and respect—from the womb to the tomb—we invite you to visit our resource page (crcna.org/life) as we explore a holistic ethic of life as it relates to the unborn, disabled, and end of life issues. Learn more and find resources at crcna.org/churchyear.

January 14, 2024 | “First Things First” | Haggai 1:1-15

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