**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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

 Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg

 Pianist: Gerladine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 33:1-5, 20-22

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - PH 237 *We Praise You, O God***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law (Exodus 20:1-17)

**Song - RB 137 *Rock of Ages***

Baptism - Sonny Allen Davis (PH Pgs. 960-962)

\***Song - *Here I Am to Worship*** (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project t & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 279 *O Word of God Incarnate*** (Verse 1)

Scripture Lesson: **Haggai 2:1-9**

Text: **Haggai 2:1-9**

Message: **Encouragement for the Discouraged**

 1. The Lord working in and through His people | 2. What the Lord will do in the future

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 5 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 630 *Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God***

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**Welcome** as we celebrate the **sacrament of baptism of Sonny Allen Davis, infant son of Erica and Will Davis.**  Let us remember the words of Jesus, “Let the childen come to me, do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God” Mark 10:14b

**(updated) Dakota Sun Ministry for next Sunday: 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)**

 **Advance Notice:**  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 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

Wed: 6:30 Cadets

 7:00 Sr. & Jr. High 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, 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 continue to uplift** all those who are battling various illnesses throughout this winter season, that the Lord would grant healing and strength.

**Announcements**:

**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. Youth 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. 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. 4: Volga Christian School & Budget

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 Ron Gross, Sheldon Thompson.

**January 28, 2024 | [Sermon Title] | Haggai 2:1-9**

Theme: The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Encouraged by…

1. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-5):

2. What the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-9):

Weekly Reflection: What are some ways the Lord has encouraged you over the course of your life?  Take some time this week to thank the Lord for His encouragement.