**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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

Organist: Katie Hoogwerf

Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

Praise Band

Prelude

Welcome

**\*Songs: “Lord Reign in Me” (Screen)**

\*God’s Greeting: Philippians 1:2

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law for Christ Coming Again

**Song: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budgets

Children’s Message

**\*Song: PH # 548 “Trust and Obey”**

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 10:27-32

Text: Luke 4:19

Message: 2024AC

Outline: I. Three Pointer II. Layup III. Slam Dunk

**\*Song: RB # 207 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing: Numbers 6:24-26

**\*Doxology:PH # 638 “ Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”**

\*Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**Oh, Happy Day** that fixed my choice on Thee, my Savior and My God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, and tell its raptures all abroad. Welcome we invite everyone to stay after the morning service for coffee, cookies and fellowship.

**Pastor Jack Gray** will lead us in worship this morning as Pastor Josh and Kaylaon vacation to see family. They plan to be home Tuesday if a need arises before they return please contact a council member.

**Dakota Sun Ministry** today, in charge Gene & Brenda Volkers & Ron & Angie Gross, pianist Joan Bjorklund, to visit The Davis Family, Kauk Family, Betty Scott and Fannie Janssen, (If you are unable to go on your assigned week please find someone to take your place.)

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

10:45 Sunday School

11:00 Catechism Class

11:00 Dakota Sun Ministry

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study Pastor Josh leads lesson 3 “I’m the Sheep Gate”

Fannie: Lunch

7:00 Elder’s Meeting, 7:30 Deacon’s Meeting, 8:00 Council’s Meeting

7:00 High School Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Thurs: GEMS 3:45-5:00

**Ushers for January:** Cade Gross, Jerry Runia, Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

**Elevator attendant for January:** Marla Volkers

**I thank you very** much for all the cards and greetings I received in honor of my birthday. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring Christian community!

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**Thank you for** your acts of kindness, concern and comfort shown to me when my sister Peggy was stricken with a severe stroke and confinement to a nursing home for four and half years until our good Lord took her home on December 12, 2023 in peace to be with Him. We thank God for Peggy’s life and her life with us. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Verdella Gross

**Prayer Concerns**:

1. Bob Hoogwerf returned home from the hospital Thursday afternoon. The antibiotics given for the infection are working and Bob is improving a little each day. We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and words of concern and encouragement. Above all we thank God for healing. Bob, Katie, and family

2. Carla, Claudia Tofte’s sister, continue praying for her healing and adapting to new life style changes. Carla will still need a second surgery in the future when she is well enough.

3. Please uplift Ross Tellinghuisen and his family with prayers as he continues treatment for his cancer.

4. Jennifer, Ginger Post’s relative, started her chemo on Friday, January 5th, continue to keep her in your prayers for complete healing of her cancer.

**Announcements:**

1. **Catechism class** today in the parsonage at 11am. Jerry Runia will be leading the class.

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. **Calendar Sale –The** Youth Group are still selling Calendars for their fundraiser. Please see a member of the council to purchase your calendars!

4. **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.

**Advance Notice:** The Volga First Lutheran Church invites all men and young men to their annual Men’s Supper on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm. See more information on the flyer in the foyer.

**The Jan/Feb Today Devotionals** are in and by the mailboxes

**Hope Haven’s Dueling Duo’s:** Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show on Thursday, January 11 at the District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Hoven! Doors open at 7pm and the show begins at 8pm. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

**Mark your Calendars:** Hope Haven Presents Dylan Scott on Thursday, March 14 at the District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7pm and the show begins at 8pm. Mark Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category of “New Male Artist of the Year”

Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

**Our Offerings:**

Today: January 7th: Volga Christian School & Budget

January 14th: Option 1 & Budget

January 21st: Skavadhl & Budget

January 28th: 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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What is the “AD” in the years after Christ’s birth?

How does a sport help us remember the first message of 2024AD?

Describe the theme of Proverbs 20:27-32 as a three pointer.

Why is Luke 4:19 considered a layup?

Six things could make 2024AD a slam dunk for Volga CRC. List them with a comment.

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What do think would make 2024AD an excellent year in the Volga CRC?