

**Sunday,
July 6th,
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
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Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 119:33-40

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - Come Now is the Time to Worship (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

Song - How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - Speak, O Lord (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 37:1-11**

Text: **Genesis 37:1-11**

Message: **Heeding Our Heavenly Father**

Prayer

***Song - Be Thou My Vision (Screen)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME, members and visitors, to our worship service today. What a privilege it is to gather together to sing praises, offer prayers and gifts, and hear our Lord speak to us through His Word. Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship following the service.

Ushers for June: Gerald Feikema, Conner Gross;

Alternate: Jerry Runia

Elevator Attendant for June: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
11:00 AM Potluck Fellowship
Fri: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Dakota Sun Ministry today, July 6th:

- In charge: Vonda Bjorklund / Joan Bjorklund (Musician)
- To visit: Jensen's, Thompson's, Wermedal's
*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place

Prayer Concerns:

1. Please continue to keep **Karlin, Carolyn Hieb's** newest great-grandchild, in your prayers with the complications of breathing after being born.
2. Having just celebrated Independence Day, may we thank the Lord for the wonderful freedoms that He has blessed us with in our country, and especially thank Him for the freedom that we have through Christ's sacrifice on the cross!

Announcements:

The Life of Joseph - This Sunday, we are beginning a new sermon series walking through the life of Joseph. From God's Sovereignty and Providence to learning how to walk in faith and obedience in real-life situations and circumstances, there is much for us to learn from Joseph's life and walk with God through the various trials and suffering he faced over the course of his life.

- **Welcome!** - We want to officially welcome **Ian and Alyssa Edwards** in their transfer of membership here to Volga CRC! We're excited to have you join and hope and pray the Lord's blessings on you both as we worship and glorify God together!
- **July Fellowship - Today** we will be having a potluck and yard games following morning worship! We'll have a bags tournament, so if you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet out in the lobby. Other yard games will be available as well. Feel free to bring a dish to pass.
- **Feedback** - As a council, we have been discussing changing the frequency of celebrating Communion, and we'd love to get your input and feedback! If you have any thoughts or insight that you would like to share with the council on this topic, please send us your feedback in writing so we can take it into consideration. Thank you!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Friday, June 11th**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 9: A Heavenly Helper.

- **Congratulations to Bob and Katie Hoogwerf**, who will celebrate their **50th wedding anniversary** on August 8. In honor of their anniversary, the family will be serving cake to the congregation following the morning service on **July 13. (Next Sunday)**
- The Volga Christian School is requesting nominations to the **School Board** for a 3-year term. Per our Constitution, nominations must be submitted prior to our regular monthly meeting which is **July 15th**. Nominees must be confessing members, in good standing, of a Christian Church. The election will take place at the VCS annual society meeting on **July 28, 2025, at 7:00pm** at the school. Discussion will be held at the society meeting for amendments to our Constitution in regard to Article 4: VCS Board and Article 5: Officers. All society members are strongly encouraged to attend this annual meeting. Please submit nominations to any board member by July 15.

Looking Ahead:

- **Summer Lake Day** - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 3rd** as we'll be having a summer lake day up at Lake Poinsett. Come and go as you please starting at 3 PM. More details to come.
- **Congregational Meeting** - On **Sunday, August 17th**, we will be having our annual congregational meeting following morning worship.

Offering Schedule:

- July 6th: VCS & Budget
- July 13th: Navigators & Budget
- July 20th: Skavdahl's & Budget
- July 27th: Building Project & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- July 6th: Post Family
- July 13th: Davis Family
- July 20th: Kauk Family
- July 27th: Van Norden 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

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In Joshua 4, God instructs the Israelites to gather twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River as a reminder of what God has done for them. As we move into the second half of the year, create your own remembrances from the first half of the year. What moments serve as reminders of God's care, provision, and lovingkindness? Write them on a poster and hang them in your home as a sign of God's faithfulness. Or gather rocks, paint them, write keywords on them, and display them along a walkway outside or in a common room in your home. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

This Week's Unfading Truth: Even those in the dark about God have seen His light. But sin suppresses that light and distorts the truth it reveals. Join us each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com to uncover the truth that sets you free.

July 6, 2025 | Heeding Our Heavenly Father | Genesis 37:1-11

Theme: _____ God's _____ to us.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What are some ways God has been speaking to you recently? What are some things He's been trying to tell you? Has your heart been open or resistant to what He's had to say? May the Lord ever help us to heed His word to us.

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Commentary on the First Book of Moses Called Genesis* by John Calvin
- *Genesis thru Numbers* by Tremper Longman III
- *Genesis - Beginning and Blessing* by Kent R. Hughes
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 10: The Book of Genesis” by Michael A. Grisanti
- *NIV Application Commentary: Genesis* by John H. Walton
- biblehub.com Language resources
- *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon* by Francis Brown, Samuel Rolles Driver, Charles A. Briggs

“...we have not only a most beautiful example of Divine Providence, but also two other points are added especially worthy of notice: first, that the Lord performs his work by wonderful and unusual modes; and, secondly, that he brings forth the salvation of his Church, not from magnificent splendour, but from death and the grave.”
- John Calvin

“Rather, he was ordained to be chief, by the mere good pleasure of God, in order that he might show kindness to his brethren. Now, since the Lord was, at that time, wont to reveal his secrets by two methods—by visions and by dreams—one of these kinds is here noted. For no doubt Joseph had often dreamed in the common manner: but Moses shows that a dream was now divinely sent to him, which might have the force and weight of an oracle. We know that dreams are often produced by our daily thoughts...but whenever God intends to make known his counsel by dreams, he engraves on them certain marks, which distinguish them from passing and frivolous imaginations, in order that their credibility and authority may stand firm. Thus Joseph, being certainly persuaded that he had not been deluded by an empty spectre, fearlessly announced his dream as a celestial oracle.”
- John Calvin

“Ultimately, and above all, the story of Joseph is about God working his will through the everyday events of life. There are no miracles here. God does not suspend his natural laws to make things happen. The story is about the hidden but sure way of God. God’s hidden hand arranges everything without show or explanation or violating the nature of things. God is involved in all events and directs all things to their appointed end.” - Kent Hughes