**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

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

 Organist; Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Ellie Vanden Berg

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 103:1-5; 20-22

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

***\*Song - LUYH 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

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

***Song - PH 255 God, Be Merciful to Me (Verse 1 & 3)***

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Local Missions & Budget

Children’s Message

***\*Song - RB 8 Be Thou My Vision***

Scripture Lesson: **1 Samuel 4:1-11**

Text: **1 Samuel 4:1-11**

Message: **Not a Good Luck Charm**

Prayer

***\*Song - LUYH 565 God Himself Is with Us***

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

***\*Song - PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verses 1-2)***

\*God’s Blessing

***\*Doxology: PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verse 3)***

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

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**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 t

**Ushers for August:**  Connor Gross, Clyde Ulvestad Alternate; zach Post**Elevator Attendant for August:** : Henrietta Molengraaf

**Welcome:** A sincere welcome is extended to everyone who worships here today. As we reflect this week on the goodness and blessings of God upon our lives, may this day and this week be used to strengthen our resolve to live more faithfully and thankfully for Him in days to come. Please stay for coffee and fellowship after our service this morning in the foyer

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 5:30 Smores Night at the parsonage

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. **Next weekend,** a number of the Junior High Youth Group will be attending Power Connection.  Please keep them and the leaders who will be joining in prayer, praying for safe travels, and that it would be a great weekend of learning more about and growing in the Lord.
2. **Gene Bjorklund** continues to make progress and is getting stronger every day.   We are specifically asking for prayers to get his equilibrium back now.  Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

**Announcements:**

1. The **2024 Abide Project** convention will be held **July 30th-31st at First CRC, Sioux Center.**  The theme this year is drawn from Titus, “contend for the faith!” Join us for two days of instruction from God’s Word, fellowship and discussion. The cost is $100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary July 30th beginning at 7pm. He will be giving a talk on “The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)” This portion of the conference is free, and all are encouraged to attend! Please go to www.abideproject.org to register. We hope to see you there!
2. **July Summer Smores Night** - This evening we’ll be having another smores night in the backyard of the parsonage.  We’ll be expanding to have hot dogs available for roasting along with smores, so we’ll begin around 5:30 PM.  All you’ll need to bring is yourselves, some camping chairs, roasting forks.  Also, if you would like you can bring a side or additional dessert to pass.  We’re looking forward to having you all over once again!
3. **Church newsletter -** Last week, the church newsletter restarted!  Our aim is to have it go out monthly, and so the deadline for submitting items for the August newsletter will be July 24th.

 **4. Bulletin Secretary -** With Katie retiring from serving as bulletin secretary at the

 end of August, we are looking for someone who is interested in serving as the

 new bulletin secretary.  Katie has mentioned that she would be willing to help

 train whoever would be stepping into that role next.  If you are interested, please

 reach out to someone on council for further information

Advance Notices:

1. We are excited to invite you to our Annual Society Meeting which will be held at

 Volga Christian School on July 29th at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there

 and sharing about all the amazing things God is doing through and for Volga

 Christian School

2. Dakota Sun Ministry for August 4: In charge: Clyde & Cyndi Ulvestad, Joan

 Bjorklund To Visit: Dale & Karen Algood, Ken Fideler, Arlan TeKrony, Gene &

 Brenda Volkers’ If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please find

 someone to go in your place.

**Our Offerings:**

July 21: Local Missions & Budget

July 28: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council:**  Pastor Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

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  **July 21, 2024 |Not a Good Luck Charm| 1 Samuel 4:1-11**

Theme: Humbly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What are some ways that we diminish God to viewing Him merely as a sort of good luck charm in our own lives?  May we ask the Lord to reorient our hearts and minds to have a proper view of Him through the working of the Holy Spirit.