

**Sunday,
July 27th,
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
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 40:1-5

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 408 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law - From the Epistles (RB Pg. 1014)

Song - PH 483 How Great Thou Art (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - RB 61 He Giveth More Grace**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 40**

Text: **Genesis 40**

Message: **Waiting Upon the Lord**

Prayer

***Song - RB 54 The Solid Rock**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 638 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: On this beautiful summer day, we want to extend our sincerest welcome to all who have come to worship with us! We pray you feel the love of Christ as we join in fellowship together. Please join us after worship for coffee.

Ushers for July: Gerald Feikema, Conner Gross; Alternate: Jerry Runia
Elevator Attendant for July: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
5:30 PM S'mores Night
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

- May we keep in prayer the **Junior High Youth Group** as they are at Power Connection and will be traveling home today.

Announcements:

- **Summer S'mores Night** - Our next Summer S'mores Night of the season is **tonight!** Come on out for some food and fellowship at the Carpenters. Fire will be going around **5:30 PM**. Hot dogs and s'mores components will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, but don't feel obligated either. Hope to see you there!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, August 2nd**, 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 10: Walking in the Spirit.
- **Sunday School Superintendent** - We are currently looking for someone who would be willing to step into the role of Sunday School Superintendent and serve in this way. Please be prayerfully considering the opportunity. If you are interested, please reach out to one of the council members, and if you have any questions about the role, please feel free to reach out to Geraldine with those.

Looking Ahead:

- **Lake day** is one week away! Boating, tubing, skiing, swimming and fishing are available. If water is not your thing, come enjoy lawn games, food, and fellowship. Sit, visit, and relax. Burgers and hot dogs provided; bring a dish to pass. **Sunday, Aug 3rd** starting at 3:00- come and go as you please. All happening at the Jerry Runia residence (2145 SE Lake Drive, Estelline). Google maps doesn't like the address so come in on 196th St. and go 4 houses north of 214 SE Lake Drive. Rain or shine we will still have supper and fellowship.
- **Congregational Meeting** - On **Sunday, August 17th**, we will be having our annual congregational meeting following morning worship. At this meeting we will be voting on one new elder and two new deacons.
 - Elder Nominees: Jerry Runia, and Larry Top.
 - Deacon Nominees: Conner Gross, Anthony Kauk, and Ryan Van Norden.*Please prayerfully consider these nominees as well as be praying for them.
- **Mid-America CME Conference** - You're invited to **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's** annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference on **October 3-4, 2025!** This year's theme is Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Aug 3rd:**
 - In charge: Ken Fideler & Will & Erica Davis / Christy VanHeerde (Musician)
 - To visit: Duane Walburg, Deb Landegent, Ulvestad's, VanHeerde's

*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for August:** Gene Volkers, Zachary Post; Alternate: Cade Gross
- **Elevator Attendant for August:** Cyndi Ulvestad

Offerings received in June:

General Fund.....	\$12,325.08	Building Project.....	\$5,200.00
Hope Haven.....	\$476.00	Option 1.....	\$434.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$903.00	Brauning's.....	\$527.00

Offering Schedule:

- July 27th: Building Project & Budget
- Aug 3rd: VCS & Budget
- Aug 10th: Option 1 & Budget
- Aug 17th: Brauning's & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- July 27th: Van Norden Family
- Aug 3rd: Fey Family
- Aug 10th: Runia Family
- Aug 17th: Top 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

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves" at www.kidscorner.net. Want to hear a cool story about a kid God spoke to at night? Samuel was just a kid like you, and God used him in amazing ways—this devotion will inspire your whole family to listen for God's voice, obey with courage, and shine his light every day! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner eBook Collection: Faith Practices.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As a part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the disciples, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matt. 6:26, NIV). Spend some time this week watching birds. Go on a hike near a body of water, put a bird feeder in your backyard, or simply watch for birds as you travel throughout your day. As you observe these creatures, be reminded of God's care and provision. Make a list of the ways God provides for you daily. Place it somewhere in your home where it can serve as a daily reminder of God's care for you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

This Week's Unfading Truth: The gospel is proclaimed to all people. Many reject it, but those whom God has chosen find it irresistible. Learn more about how your election makes grace irresistible as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136 for a daily reminder.

July 27, 2025 | Waiting Upon the Lord | Genesis 40

Theme: _____ and _____ in the Lord.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: Are you currently in a season of waiting and trusting in the Lord? If not, ask the Lord to be preparing you for when that season comes. If yes, may the Lord continue to strengthen you amidst this season, helping you to keep your eyes fixed upon Him.

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 R. Kent 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

“Besides, he not only guards himself against presumption; but, by declaring that whatever he has received is from God, he ingenuously testifies that he has nothing from himself. He does not, therefore, boast of his own quickness or clear-sightedness, but wishes only to be known as the servant of God. Let those who excel, follow this rule; lest, by ascribing too much to themselves, (which commonly happens,) they obscure the grace of God.” - John Calvin

“Joseph’s split-second response revealed a profoundly God-dependent man. His decade of ups and, mostly, downs had created an intimate dependence on God. Turning to God was the habit of his mind (cf. 39:9; 41:16, 51, 52; 45:8)—an essential for godly leadership. In this, Joseph was also foreshadowing the way Christ himself would live.” - R. Kent Hughes

“Fellow believers, Joseph’s dissonance is where the faithful often live. And this is where growth takes place. As the Apostle James would write to the persecuted church, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (James 1:2–4). Joseph was on the way to being a man who lacked nothing—a leader to be emulated.” - R. Kent Hughes