**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

 **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

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

 pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 62:1-2

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - *All Creatures of our God and King*** (Screen)

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law: From the Epistles (PH pg. 1014)

**Song - *This is Amazing Grace***(Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 and Budget

Children’s Message

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: **John 10:1-10**

Text: **John 10:1-10**

Message: “**I AM…The Door”**

Prayer

**\*Song - *In Christ Alone*** (Screen)

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: *My Friends May You Grow in Grace* (Screen)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**This is the fourth Sunday in Lent.** May we worship as did the psalmist who wrote, “So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you” (Psalm 63:2-3). We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. Everyone is welcome to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**This; weeki is preparatory** with a view to celebrating The Lord’s Supper trogether nexrt Sunday morning.

**Marjorie Runia** will celebrate her 85th birthday on Tuesday, March 12th. Her family is hosting a card shower to help her celebrate. Greetings can be sent to Brookhaven Estates #108, 2400 Sunrise Ridge Circle, Brookings SD 57006.

Marge’s family is serving cake this morning in celebration of her 85th birthday.

**Ushers for March:** Jerry Runia, Connor Gross, Alternate: Gene Volkers

**Elevator Attendant for March:** Clyde Ulvestad

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

 6:30 PM. Combined Lenten Service in our Church

Wed: 7:00 Elder’s meeting; 7:30 Deacon’s meeting; 8:00 Council Meeting

 7:00 Sr. Hi Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Thurs: 3:45 GEMS

Sat: 8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study / Breakfast in church basement

**Youth Group Fundraiser** Everyone is invited to a Taco Supper at the First Reformed Church on Wednesday, March 20th from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a fundraiser to support all youth group activities, but especially for the Jr. High trip to “Power Connection”. They will be serving tacos, taco salads, walking tacos, and desserts.

**Painting on Silence Music Studio** will host its music recital in our church, on Friday March 22nd at 6:00pm. The public is invited to attend. Desserts and snacks will be served after the recital. Bailey VanHeerde and Vonda Bjorklund will be performing.

**Prayer Concerns:**

1.  **Jerry Freeman** who has been a part of the men’s Bible Study requests prayer as he struggles with cancer.

2. Please keep in prayer **Cathy Robeson**, relative of **Karen, Joan, and Vonda**, as she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.  She is scheduled to have surgery this upcoming Tuesday, March 12th.  Please pray for guidance for the doctors performing the surgery and that the surgery would be a success.

**Announcements**:

**1. High school catechism** will meet today after worship in the parsonage about 11am

**2. Combined Lenten Services** - Continuing this week, we have the blessing and privilege of joining together once again with Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church and First Reformed Church for combined Lenten services in the evenings leading up to Easter at a6:30 PM each Sunday.  This year’s theme that we’ll be exploring is titled “The Prophetic Sufferings of Jesus,” exploring how various Old Testament passages point us forward to Christ’s suffering for us.  Three times throughout these combined services, we will enjoy cookie and coffee fellowship times all together, one at each church.  The schedule is as follows for which church will host each week and when fellowship meals will be:

March 10 - Volga CRC

March 17 - Calvary OPC

March 24 - First Reformed Church (Cookie and Coffee Fellowship)

**4. The Men;s Breakfast/Bible Study** will meet on Saturday, March 16 at 8:30 AM in the church basement. Our lesson #1 “I AM The Bread of Life” Scriptures are

John 6:22-59 Luke 22:14-20, Exodus 3:1-22 and Exodus 16:1-36. Coffee, juice, muffins will be provided. All men are welcome

**5. There are calendars available** if you would like one. Freewill donation that will go toward the youth group If interested, see a council member.

**I wish to than**k everyone for your prayers and the many ways you showed your concern for me while I was in the hospital and recovering at home. It is appreciated very much - - - Katie Hoogwerf

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: March 17 Chairs of Hope & Budget

March 24 Missionaries Brauning & Budget

March 31 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

**e-mail address for council: volgacrccouncil@gmail.com**

**Advance Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for April 7**

Sunday School K-5, Christy Van Heerde, Ashton & Kacey Fey, Gene & Lois Kleinjan, Marge Runia, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser, (If you are unable to got at your scheduled time please find someone to go in your place

**March 10, 2024 | “I AM…The Door” | John 10:1-10**

Theme: Finding  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: May we take time to thank and praise God for providing abundant life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!