

**Sunday,  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
2024**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Marge Kleinjan  
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 95:1-6

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 253 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Verses 1, 4)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

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

**Song - RB 188 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Verses 1-2)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Missionary Braunings & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - PH 279 O Word of God Incarnate (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Proverbs 4**

Text: **Proverbs 4**

Message: **Thankful For...Family & Friends**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 432 For the Beauty of the Earth (Verses 1, 3, 4)**

Lord's Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

**\*Song - LUYH 840 Behold the Lamb**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verse 1)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**Welcome:** On this beautiful fall Sunday, we lift up our praises of thanksgiving to God, our Father. We reflect on all that He has done in our lives and the numerous blessings that surround us. We feel grateful to worship together today. Please stay for coffee and fellowship after the service.

**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 tray.

**Ushers for December:** Gerald Feikema, Zach Post; Alternate: Jerry Runia

**Elevator Attendant for December:** Henrietta Molengraaf

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Wed: 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cadets  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. This past week, **Marge Runia's grandson**, who had hip surgery a while ago, underwent the second part of that surgery. May we keep him in prayer as he recovers from this procedure, praying for strength and relief from pain.
2. With the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday in the next couple of weeks, may we keep in prayer all those who will be traveling to see family and friends.
3. An update on Mitch Lengkeek, **cousin of Gene and Brenda Volkers**, it has been 10 months since Mitch's accident, he is able to drive himself to therapy. Mitch will be getting fitted with a leg brace that should help him get up and walk on his own. He will need another surgery on his abdomen after the first of the year. Mitch is still having nerve pain which does show his nerves are healing but the pain is hard on Mitch. We praise God for the process and healing Mitch has so far and we continue to pray for complete healing and a successful surgery in the new year.

**Announcements:**

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend! Please also take note that we **won't** be meeting the following Wednesday, Nov. 27th.
3. **Thankful Hearts Expressing Gratitude** - Having entered the month of November, Thanksgiving is right around the corner. We should express our gratitude to the Lord all year round, but especially this time of year, we take intentional time to express gratitude, expressing all the various things we are thankful for, and we want to do that together as a congregation! Over the next few weeks, as you think about the things you are thankful to God for, please take some time and write them down on a piece of paper and put them in the offering plates. They'll be collected and compiled so we can share them during our Thanksgiving Day service, expressing our thankful hearts to our great Redeemer and King!
4. **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the first lesson in the new series on the Sermon on the Mount, Lesson 1: The Beatitudes. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Katie Hoogwerf

5. **Thanksgiving Day Offering Envelopes** are located in your church mailbox.
6. There is a **Cadet Counselor's Meeting** this Tuesday, **November 19<sup>th</sup> at Sioux Falls 1<sup>st</sup> CRC at 7:30 PM.**
7. **VCS** thanks everyone for the support shown at this year's **Harvest Festival** a few weeks ago. The total income from this year's Festival was \$57,545.65.
8. **VCS** invites you to their annual **Christmas program**. It is Friday, **December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** It will take place at **First Reformed Church:** 601 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St in Volga.

### **Looking Ahead:**

1. **Single Senior Thanksgiving Supper - On Friday, Nov. 22,** Kayla and I want to extend the invitation once again for the widows, widowers, and singles sixty-five and up in our congregation to celebrate Thanksgiving together here at the church to enjoy some time of food and fellowship. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly how much food we will need. Doors will open at 5:30 PM and the meal will be served at 6 PM. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Kayla (269)-532-6893 or myself (269)-271-8603.
2. **Annual Bowling Night at The Lanes - On Wednesday evening, Nov. 27,** we will have our annual bowling night at The Lanes in Brookings from **7 PM – 9 PM.** Shoes are free and if you have a "bobcat card" or coupon from the phone book, you can get one hour free. Please let Vonda know if you plan to attend and if you have a discount card or coupon. She will be able to provide you with one if you don't but needs to know how many to get. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship!
3. **Thanksgiving Day Service - Thursday, Nov. 28, at 9:30 AM,** we'll gather together on **Thanksgiving Day** to worship our Lord together, coming before Him to praise His name, to express our gratitude and thankfulness to Him!

### **Advance: Dakota Sun Ministry for December 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- In charge: Ryan & Donae VanNorden Family, Joan Bjorklund (piano)
- To visit: Delores Bothe, Gert Dykhous, Betty Scott

### **Offerings received in October:**

General Fund.....	\$13,318.27	Local Missions.....	\$451.00
Option 1.....	\$545.00	Miscellaneous.....	\$300.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$716.00		

### **Our Offerings:**

- November 17<sup>th</sup>: Missionary Braunings & Budget
- November 24<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- November 28<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Offering
- December 1<sup>st</sup>: Volga Christian School & Budget
- December 8<sup>th</sup>: Option 1 & Budget

### **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

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**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ Family:**

**2. Godly \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Weekly Reflection: Who in your life are you thanking the Lord for this Thanksgiving season? May you take some time to express your gratitude to them as well!**