

**Sunday,  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup>,  
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  
Praise Team

Prelude

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - Holy is the Lord (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

**Song - Living Hope (Screen)**

Mission Update - Steve & Sandra Brauning

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message - Sandra Brauning

**\*Song - PH 508 Jesus, with Your Church Abide**

Scripture Lesson: **2 Timothy 4:1-8**

Text: **2 Timothy 4:2**

Message: **Spiritual Gifts: Teaching & Exhortation**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 528 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 620 By the Sea of Crystal (Verse 3)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** As brothers & sisters in Christ, let us rejoice together in worship of our God. We extend a welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Please stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for October:** Gerald Feikema, Zachary Post;  
**Elevator Attendant for October:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Alternate: Gene Volkens

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
12:00 PM Potluck with Braunings  
Wed: 2:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study  
6:30 PM Cadets  
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

**This week is preparatory** with a view to celebrating the Lord's supper together next Sunday.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- May we keep **Steve & Sandra Brauning** and all other missionaries in our prayers, praying that the Lord would strengthen them in their work and ministry, and also that He would call and equip both faithful pastors and missionaries.

### **Announcements:**

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Welcome to the Braunings & Church Potluck** - We are excited to welcome missionaries Steve and Sandra Brauning this morning and to get to hear a ministry update from them! Following the Sunday School hour, we'll have a church potluck starting around **12 PM** for further opportunity to visit with the Braunings and hear about their ministry. Please bring a dish to pass.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 8: What Loving God Looks Like. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Katie Hoogwerf.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend and a Nerf Blaster!
- Cadets are selling puffins for our annual fundraiser. The funds are used to purchase lesson materials, project supplies, badges, Bibles, and registration for Camporee. We thank you for your support of our community Cadet club. Puffins are \$16. Please find a Cadet if they haven't found you. Or contact Steve at 690-6316
- **Women's Bible Study Opportunity** - A previous student of SDSU has started up a Bible study for women going through Elisabeth Elliot's book, *Passion and Purity*. They meet Thursday evenings, 7 PM, in SDSU Student Union, Lewis room 262. Books cost \$20. The study has begun, running from Oct. 2 through Dec. 18th. If you are interested, please reach out to Amber Couser at Amber 605-695-5492, Email Address: couseram@gmail.com
- **Church Library** - Are you looking for your next great read? Are you looking for some Bible study material, or a book on a certain topic addressed from a biblical

point of view? Check out our church library located right around the corner from the church mailboxes! If you have any questions, please reach out to Marla Volkers.

- **Re-forming of Council** - At our September council meeting, with office bearers completing their terms of service and new office bearers coming on to council, church council responsibilities were distributed in the following way: Doug Post (President of Council), Ashton Fey (Recording Clerk), Dale Algood (Correspondence Clerk), Will Davis (Head Deacon), and Conner Gross (Deacon for Sunday School). Please continue to keep all the men on council in your prayers as they carry out the duties of their respective offices.

### Looking Ahead:

- **Reformation Day Combined Service - Volga Christian Reformed Church** invites you to worship with us for a special Reformation Day service **Oct. 26th at 6:30 PM**. We will have a time of fellowship and snacks to follow after the service.
- **CALLED** - Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don’t know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for ‘CALLED’. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompfen, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school. Questions? Email [pastor@firstcrcoc.org](mailto:pastor@firstcrcoc.org).

### **Recent Births in Our Church Family:**

- Ryker Lee Van Norden 9/19/2025

### Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - In charge: Doug Posts’ / Katie Hoogwerf (Musician)
  - To visit: Hoogwerf’s, Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, Zach & Jacob Post

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place

### Offering Schedule:

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: Option 1 & Budget
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Brauning’s & Budget
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: VCS & Budget

### Nursery Schedule:

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: Runia Family
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Davis Family

### Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ashton Fey, Dale Algood, Doug Post, Larry Top
- Deacons: Connor Gross, Keith Tofte, Ryan Van Norden, Will Davis
- **e-mail address for council:** [volgacrcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:volgacrcouncil@gmail.com)

**Theme: Being good stewards of the spiritual gifts God has graciously given us.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ do We Teach and Exhort?

**Weekly Reflection: What opportunities do you have to be a faithful steward of these spiritual gifts in your day-to-day life? Who is God calling you to teach or exhort? May we ever heed His call wherever and to whomever that may be!**

### **Resources Used For Further Study:**

- *1 and 2 Timothy and Titus - To Guard the Deposit* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Commentaries on the Epistles to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon* by John Calvin
- *Galatians thru Philemon* by Mark L. Strauss
- *2 Timothy & Titus* by Daniel M. Doriani

“Thus, true doctrine should always produce piety and godliness.” - Daniel Doriani

“In closing, we recall that Paul delivered his charge to Timothy “in the presence of God,” the Judge, and by “his appearing and his kingdom” (2 Tim. 4:1). This is the context for the gospel ministry for all pastors. First, we do all in the presence of God. This is daunting because God, the Judge, is witness of every failing. But it is encouraging because the Judge justifies sinners. As a result, his presence blesses and empowers us (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5). Second, Christ the King will “appear,” that is, return to this world, to establish his perfect reign. This assures ministers that their work is never in vain, since all faithful labor pleases the Lord.” - Daniel Doriani