

**Sunday,
Sep 14th,
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: Christy Van Heerde
Praise Band

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 1

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - House of the Lord (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

Song - This is Amazing Grace (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 279 O Word of God Incarnate**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Text: **1 Corinthians 12:4-8**

Message: **Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom and Knowledge**

Prayer

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

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: RB 584 God Be with You (Verse 1)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: On this Lord's Day we gather in His house of prayer for worship. May our worship be acceptable in His sight through the merit of His Son Jesus Christ. Please join us for coffee and a time of fellowship after the morning worship service.

Ushers for September: Jerry Runia, Jacob Post;
Elevator Attendant for September: Brenda Volkers

Alternate: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's 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:

- Last week, **Ephraim Katz** had a second surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- May we keep in our prayers all those affected by recent violence in our country, both those who have been hurt and lost loved ones by school shootings, and the family of **Charlie Kirk**.
- The classis our church is a part of, **Classis Minnkota**, meets this week for its fall meeting. Please keep in prayer the delegates in their travels and the work of classis.

Announcements:

Spiritual Gifts Sermon Series - This week we'll be beginning a new sermon series on spiritual gifts which we'll explore this fall. God has graciously blessed believers with various spiritual gifts for the building up of the Church, and so we'll take some time to reflect on some of the different spiritual gifts found in the Bible and how we can be using these gifts of God's grace to help serve and build up one another in the faith.

- **Thank you!** - We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who made this year's Sunday School Kick-Off possible! Thank you to the Posts and circle for providing food this year and thank you to all who helped with set up and tear down!
- **Please be in prayer** for the students and staff as they study God's Word together beginning today. Classes will be in session until 11:45. Room assignments and teachers are as follows:
 1. Preschool/Jr. K – Jane Algood (basement cubicle)
 2. K/1st – Jenn Volkers (balcony room)
 3. 2nd/3rd – Still need teacher (back-room cubicle)
 4. 4th/5th – Kacey Fey (main basement)
 5. 6th-8th – Larry Top (cadet room)
 6. High School – Pastor Josh (parsonage)

****Preschool through 5th grade will meet down in the basement for music and opening exercises with Christy Van Heerde until 11:00. Grades 6th-8th will meet in the front of the sanctuary for music with the Praise Team on the 2nd Sunday of each month.**

****The Church School offerings for 2025-2026 will go to the Brookings chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This is a non-profit organization that builds and delivers beds locally to children who do not have one of their own. Their slogan: "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"**

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.

- **Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School** starts today, led by **Doug Wermedal!** While the kids meet for Sunday School and Catechism, this will be an opportunity for adults to gather and spend time digging into God's Word together, talking about various topics, and helping encourage one another in the faith!
- **CADET COUNSELORS MEETING** this Tuesday Sept 16 starting at 7:30 at Sioux Falls 1st CRC
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 6: Called to Believe & Obey. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Joan Bjorklund.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- The **Volga GEMS** will be selling greeting cards for their annual fund raiser. We appreciate your support for the GEMS ministry.

Looking Ahead:

- **Evening of Music** - The community is invited to an evening of music with Darwin Husby on Sunday, September 21 beginning at 7 p.m. at the First Reformed Church, 601 E. 1st St Street in Volga. Darwin will sing some of his favorite hymn selections. A short hymn sing will be included in the evening of music. A time of fellowship will follow.
- **Pumpkin Painting** - On **Sunday, September 28th**, we'll be doing some pumpkin painting here at church to enjoy the fall season together from **3-5 PM**. Snacks will be provided. If you have any pumpkins that you would like to donate for the event, please feel free to drop them off at church.
- **Worship Night - Preston Christian Church** invites us to a worship night at their church on **October 5th, at 6 PM**. The music will be contemporary and geared toward youth groups, but all ages are more than welcome. Snacks/fellowship to follow. All will be done around 8 pm, unless you'd like to visit longer.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Oct 5th:**
 - In charge: Darryl Clapp / Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
 - To visit: Knevelbaard's, Betty Scott, Fannie Janssen

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

Offering Schedule:

- Sept 14th: Navigators & Budget
- Sept 21st: Benevolence & Budget
- Sept 28th: Building Project & Budget
- Oct 5th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Sept 14th: Van Norden Family
- Sept 21st: Kauk Family
- Sept 28th: Fey Family
- Oct 5th: Top 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:** volgaccouncil@gmail.com

This Week's Unfading Truth: Regeneration does not reshape people as senseless blocks and stones. Rather, God revives, heals, and powerfully bends our will back to Him. Read the Bible with us each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com.

September 14, 2025 | Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom and Knowledge | 1 Cor. 12:4-8

Theme: Being good _____ of the _____ God has graciously given us.

How do we be good stewards of this/these particular gifts?

1. Spiritual _____:

2. _____ & _____:

Weekly Reflection: How can you share the wisdom and knowledge God has blessed you with with fellow believers?

Resources Used For Further Study:

- “Spiritual Gifts” Article from Ligonier
- “Cessationism” Article by Robert Rothwell
- *Commentaries on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians* by John Calvin
- *1 Corinthians-The Word of the Cross* by Stephen T. Um
- *Handbook on the Wisdom Books and Psalms* by Daniel J. Estes
- “Wisdom and Knowledge” Article by R.C. Sproul

“As the Corinthians abused the gifts of God for ostentation and show, and love was little, if at all, regarded, he shows them for what purpose believers are adorned by God with spiritual gifts—for the edification of their brethren.” - John Calvin

“The symmetry of the Church consists, so to speak, of a manifold unity,² that is, when the variety of gifts is directed to the same object, as in music there are different sounds, but suited to each other with such an adaptation, as to produce concord. Hence it is befitting that there should be a distinction of gifts as well as of offices, and yet all harmonize in one.” - John Calvin

“If Christians are not exercising and using their particular gifts, whatever they might be, for the common good, they are depriving the rest of the body.” - Stephen Um