**Sunday**

**Sept 15th**

 **2024**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

**Sunday, September 15th, 2024**

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

 Organist: Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 141:1-4

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - RB 86 Holy, Holy, Holy**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

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

**Song - RB 137 Rock of Ages (Verses 1-3)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Skavdahls’ & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 280 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 7:1-6**

Text: **Matthew 7:1-6**

Message: **“Judge Not…”**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 510 I Love Your Church, O Lord**

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

\***Song - PH 557 My Jesus, I Love Thee**

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

 \* Please stand if you are able

**May our hearts overflow with love for God and for one another.** Reach out in Christian love to welcome each other. We are pleased to have your presence today.

**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 September:**  Gerald Feikema, Cade Gross; Alternate: Jerry Runia

**Elevator Attendant for September:** Brenda Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism

Wed: 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 10 “How should Christians suffer?”

 Lunch: Joan Bjorklund

 6:30 PM Cadets

 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

**Prayer Concerns:**

As the harvest season begins, may we keep in prayer our farmers within our congregation and our community, praying for safety and strength for the long hours in store.

**Announcements:**

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **There is a Cadet Counselor’s Meeting** this Tuesday Sept 17 at Sioux Falls 1st CRC at 7:30.
3. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at First Reformed Church at 7 PM.  Bring a friend!
4. **Women’s Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 10: How Should Christians Suffer?. Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.  Lunch Provider: Joan Bjorklund.
5. **Youth Group Meal Sign Up -** With youth group starting back up, Volga CRC will be providing the meal on the third Wednesday of each month as has been done in the past.  If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up on the sign-up sheet out in the lobby, which you can find on the coffee counter.  Thank you for your consideration!
6. **Feedback From Congregational Meeting -** If you have any feedback regarding topics that were brought up at our annual congregational meeting, please send along correspondence, either letter or email, to the church council that can be presented at future meetings so we can take in everyone’s input on these matters.  Also, please feel free to send correspondence regarding other things you’d like to bring up to the council as well.  Thank you!
7. **Thank you!**  We want to express immense thanks to everyone for all the help with last week’s Sunday School Kick-Off, especially thanking all those who made the kick-off possible!
8. **The GEMS** are selling greeting cards, puzzles, and other misc. items as their annual fundraiser.  We appreciate your support when the girls contact you.
9. **Men's Quartet Sunday, Sept. 15th -** A free concert at 7 pm in Arlington, SD at Calvary Free Lutheran Church (located on N. Hwy. 81). All are invited afterwards to a time of fellowship & a dessert buffet. "Sing for the love of God, music & fun"

**Church School Classes Begin Today!**

* Please be in prayer for the students and staff as they study God’s Word together. Classes will be in session until 11:45.
* Room assignments and teachers are as follows:
	+ Preschool and Jr. K – Jane Algood (Basement cubicle)
	+ K & 1st grade – Jenn Volkers (Balcony room)
	+ 2nd & 3rd grade – Clyde Ulvestad (Back-room cubicle)
	+ 4th & 5th grade – Kacey Fey (Council Room)
	+ 6th – 8th grade – Larry Top (Cadet Room)
	+ 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 6-8 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 2024-2025 will go to Drs. David & Josie Skavdahl. David & Josie and their 4 adopted children live in Gabon, West Africa. They are serving in resource-poor medical settings. David is operating and training Christian African surgeons.  Josie is training new midwives and taking care of newborns. They are grateful to be a part of Bongolo Hospital, to see God glorified as people are healed, saved, equipped, and sent.

**Looking Ahead:**

1. The deadline for information to be included in the September issue of our church newsletter will be September 25th, 12 PM.  Please submit information to Marge Kleinjan, Brenda Volkers, or Pastor Josh.

**Offerings received in August:**

General Fund………………...$11,833.79 Missionary Brauning……………..$239.00

Building Project…………...….$1,209.00 Option 1…………………………..$412.00

Volga Christian School………$707.00

**Our Offerings:**

September 15th: Skavdahls & Budget

September 22nd: Hope Haven & Budget

September 29th: Building Project & Budget

October 6th: Volga Christian School

**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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