**Sunday**

**Sept 1st**

 **2024**

**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: Katie Hoogwerf

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - Come Now is the Time to Worship (Screen)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law

**Song - At the Cross (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 6:19-24**

Text: **Matthew 6:19-24**

Message: **“Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”**

Prayer

**\*Song - LUYH 352 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

\*Nicene Creed

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**A sincere and warm welcome** we extend to all who worship with us today. May our worship truly teach us all how to serve our God and King better. May you truly know what it is to be a son or a daughter of the Living God whom we worship through the merit of Jesus our Lord. Please join us after the morning service for refreshments.

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

**Elevator Attendant for September:** Brenda Volkers

**Dakota Sun Ministry today:** In charge: Henrietta Molengraaf, Marge Kleinjan (Piano) To Visit: Darryl Clapp, Vonda Bjorkland. If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please find someone to go in your place.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 11:00 Dakota Sun Ministry

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 9 “Arm Yourselves”

 Lunch: Marge Kleinjan

 6:30 Cadet Kickoff

 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. This past week Thursday, Marge Runia’s grandson underwent hip surgery to help relieve pain that he has been experiencing.  Please keep him in prayer as he recovers from this procedure and that it may begin relieving the pain he’s been feeling.

**Announcements:**

1. **Sunday School Kick-Off -** Next week **Sunday, September 8th**, we will be having our annual **Sunday School Kick-Off!**  Mark your calendars for this time of food, fellowship, and fun as we kick off another year of Sunday School together.  There will be a photo opportunity available for you and your family if you still need to submit a photo for the new church directory.
2. **Ladies’ Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 9: “Arm Yourselves”.  Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.  Lunch Provider: Marge Kleinjan.
3. **Men’s Bible Study** will meet this week on **Saturday, September 7th**, in the church basement.  A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM.**  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 7: “The True Vine.”  The main passages of Scripture we’ll be taking a look at are John 15:1-10, Psalm 80, and Isaiah 5, plus some additional passages in the lesson questions.
4. **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!
5. **Dunk Tower Sign Up -** Last year we introduced a dunk tank at our Sunday School Kick-Off for the kids to have a chance to get to dunk the new pastor.  Pastor Josh wants to share the love and invite others to take a turn in this year’s dunk tower.  There will be a sign-up sheet out in the lobby if anyone is interested in joining Pastor Josh in getting soaked.
6. **Option 1 Fundraiser Dinner** – It is the time of year for the Option 1 Fundraiser Dinner at Club 71 on the SDSU Campus. We have some seats to fill for the dinner and a program. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to a council member for more information. The event is on Tuesday, September 10th with doors opening at 5:30.
7. **The Volga GEMS** are looking for a counselor for the upcoming season.  If you are willing to work with this ministry for girls, please **contact Geraldine Runia** (605-690-5446).
8. The community is invited to an **old-fashioned hymn sing and root beer floats** on **Sunday, September 8 at 7 p.m**. at the First Reformed Church. Come for an evening of inspiration and fellowship.

**Looking Ahead:**

* **Classis Minnkota** will be meeting on **Thursday, September 12th,** in Prinsburg, MN.  Please keep in prayer the deliberations and discussions of classis.
* **Cadet Kickoff** will be Wednesday, Sept 4th from 6:30-8:30. Cadets is a non-denominational boys ministry that focuses on them becoming Christ-like in all areas of life. We are lead by Christian men to encourage boys to grow socially, mentally, physically, and spiritually. We used Bible centered lessons, hands on projects, and badgework tying into God's World to achieve this. Boys in grades 2-8 are welcome. Please spread the word to boys outside of our church, so they can learn and grow in a Godly way to be a follower of Him. Please contact any counselor or **Steve Van Heerde 605-690-6316** for more information.
* **The Volga GEMS** will begin their new season with a kickoff meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 12**, 3:45 – 5:30

**Our Offerings:**

September 1st: Volga Christian School & Budget

September 8th: Braunings & Budget

September 15th: Option 1 & Budget

September 22nd: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council:**  Pastor Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

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**Thrive Faith Formation Tip**- Labor Day marks the beginning of a new season of school, church life, and work. As you engage in new and familiar activities this week, reflect on where you see God at work. Where have you witnessed love in action? Where have you seen people who are sad and lonely being befriended, those who are in need receiving help, and those who are excluded included? Make a list of the ways you see God at work in your life and in the lives of the people around you and give thanks to God for God’s ongoing love for the world. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/thrive

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