**Sunday**

**Sept 29th**

 **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: Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Ellie Vanden Berg

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 25:4-5

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 237 We Praise You, O God**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God’s Law

**Song - LUYH 696 Marvelous Grace**

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - RB 8 Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 7:13-20**

Text: **Matthew 7:13-20**

Message: **Of Roads and Fruit**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 573 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: PH 320 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Verse 1)**

Postlude

 \*Please stand if you are able

**This is the place for restoration** of souls, where the weary, the hurting, the confused, and those with lagging spirits can be uplifted. Psalm 23:3 says “He restores my soul.” We welcome all who have come to worship today and invite you to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for October:**  Jacob Post, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

**Elevator Attendant for October:** Cyndi Ulvestad

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 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

 7:30 PM Council Meeting

Sat: 8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. May we continue to keep in prayer our farmers as they work hard through the harvest season, praying for strength and safety, also thanking the Lord for the harvest He has graciously given.
2. May we keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence De Groot, and Laura Mans.

**Announcements:**

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **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!
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 11: Shepherds Who Show the Way.  Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.  Lunch Provider: Kayla Carpenter
5. **Men’s Bible Study** will meet this week on Saturday, October 5th, 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 the final lesson of the series, Lesson 8: “Before Abraham Was, I AM” The main passages of Scripture we’ll be taking a look at are John 1:1-18, and 8:31-59, plus some additional passages in the lesson questions.

**Looking Ahead:**

* **Reformation Day Combined Service - Calvary Presbyterian Church** invites you to worship with us for a special Reformation Day service **Oct. 27th at 6:30 PM**.  We will have a time of fellowship and snacks to follow after the service.
* **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's Center for Missions and Evangelism (CME) Conference** is coming up on **October 11-12, 2024**. Registration is set to

expire next **Friday, October 4th**, so don't miss this opportunity! Whether you plan to attend yourself, bring your family, or your Youth Group, or send other members from your congregation, be sure to register on the CME conference website today at [www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference](http://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference).

**Advance: Dakota Sun Ministry for October 6th:**

* In charge: Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, Katie Hoogwerf (piano)
* To visit: Bob Hoogwerf, Chester Vanderzee, Doug Post Family

**Our Offerings:**

* September 29th: Building Project & Budget
* October 6th: Volga Christian School
* October 13th: Option 1 & Budget
* October 20th: Local Missions (Radio Program) & 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

**Groundwork: Praise God for Our Living Hope** - Life is full of ups and downs, yet even in suffering we have reason for great joy: our living hope and identity in Jesus Christ. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:1-12 to discover the incredible value of our faith as Peter opens his letter by praising God for the living hope and inheritance we receive as a direct result of our faith in Jesus Christ. [www.GroundworkOnline.com](http://www.GroundworkOnline.com)

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip -** First Peter 3:15 urges us to be prepared to share with others the reason we have hope. As Christians, we have hope because Jesus loves us and promises that one day, there will be no more sadness, no more sickness, no more hurt (Rev. 21:4). Spend some time praying this week about whom you can talk with about Jesus. Consider with whom God may be calling you to share the hope you have in Christ.

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