**Sunday**

**Sept 8th**

 **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

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Proverbs 3:5-6

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - How Great is Our God (Screen)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Communion Preparatory

**Song - How Deep the Father’s Love for Us (Screen)**

Installation of New Office-bearers - Elders

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - Speak, O Lord (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 6:25-34**

Text: **Matthew 6:25-34**

Message: **Don’t Worry…Seek First God’s Kingdom**

Prayer

**\*Song - His Eye is on the Sparrow**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: My Friends May You Grow in Grace (Screen)**

Postlude

 \* Please stand if you are able

**With gratitude we come** to give thanks to the Lord for God’s boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come to worship. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**This week is preparatory** with a view to celebrating The Lord’s Supper together next Sunday morning.

**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 Kick-Off

Wed: 7:30 PM Council Meeting

Thurs: 3:45 PM Gems Kick-Off

**Prayer Concerns:**

We want to extend our sincere Christian sympathies to the family of **Frank Feldis** as he passed away this past week.  He filled pulpit supply here at our church in the past.  May God’s peace that passes all understanding rest upon the family throughout this time.  Funeral service plans are still pending.

**Announcements:**

1. **Sunday School Kick-Off - Today**, we will be having our annual **Sunday School Kick-Off!**  Make sure to stick around for this time of food, fellowship, and fun as we kick off another year of Sunday School together.  Immediately following the worship service, there will be some opening activities for Preschool through Fifth grade downstairs.  There will also be a photo opportunity available for you and your family if you still need to submit a photo for the new church directory.
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. **Feedback From Congregational Meeting -** If you have any feedback regarding topics that were brought up at our annual congregational meeting, please send correspondence to the church council that can be presented at future meetings so we can take in everyone’s input on these matters.  Thank you!
4. **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.
5. 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.
6. The **Volga GEMS** will have their kick-off meeting on **Thursday, Sept. 12, 3:45-5:30** at the church.  All girls in grades 1-8 are invited.
7. **Sunday School and Catechism** classes will begin on Sept. 15.  Please watch next week’s bulletin for classes and room assignments.  Join us today for the Sunday School kick off!

**Looking Ahead:**

* **Classis Minnkota** will be meeting on **Thursday, September 12th,** in Prinsburg, MN.  Please keep in prayer the deliberations and discussions of classis.

**Our Offerings:**

September 8th: Navigators & Budget

September 15th: Skavdahls & Budget

September 22nd: Hope Haven & Budget

September 29th: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council:**  Pastor Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte

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**Kids’ Corner-** Church: We Belong to God - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God brought all of us together so that we could be thankful for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and to help each other live like him. The Church reminds us that we belong to God as part of his family. Check out all the great content at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), like the Church in Action comic book.

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip**- The Bible teaches us that God is redeeming the world, reversing the effects of the fall into sin, and restoring every area that is infected by sin. God invites us to join in this redeeming work as people who have experienced God’s love and grace (2 Cor. 5:17-21). One way we can join in is by reflecting God’s hospitality, welcome, and love to the people around us. Consider someone at school or work who could use a friend. In what small ways can you show kindness and be a friend to the person God has placed on your heart?

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