**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

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

 Organist; Katie Hoogwerf

 Pianist: Jodi Hoogwerf

**Prelude**

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 43

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

***\*Song – PH. 428 O Worship the King***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Communion Preparation

***Song - LUYH 682 Before the Throne of God Above***

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option One & Budget

Children’s Message

***\*Song - As the Deer (Screen)***

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 42**

Text: **Psalm 42**

Message: **Hope for the Downcast Soul**

Prayer

***\*Song - PH 489 When Peace like a River***

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

***\*Doxology: PH 635 Glory Be to the Father***

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

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**Welcome: Scripture**  affirms that, “A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance” (Proverbs 15:13). There is no better place than a house of worship to change a sad heart into a glad one. Let us ask God to give a glad heart to each of us, which in turn will bring us each a cheerful countenance. May we welcome God into our hearts and show hospitality to one another. There is coffee in the foyer

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

**Ushers for July:**  Jerry Runia, Gene Volkers: Alternate; Connor Gross

**Elevator Attendant for July**: Marla Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study: Pastor Josh leads lesson 6, “Living in Two Worlds”

 Lunch: Gert Dykhouse

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Please continue to keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence and Johanna De Groot, and Laura Mans.

**Announcements:**

1. The **2024 Abide Project** convention will be held **July 30th-31st at First CRC, Sioux Center.**  The theme this year is drawn from Titus, “contend for the faith!” Join us for two days of instruction from God’s Word, fellowship and discussion. The cost is $100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary July 30th beginning at 7pm. He will be giving a talk on “The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)” This portion of the conference is free, and all are encouraged to attend! Please go to www.abideproject.org to register. We hope to see you there!
2. **July Summer Smores Night** - This evening we’ll be having another smores night in the backyard of the parsonage.  We’ll be expanding to have hot dogs available for roasting along with smores, so we’ll begin around 5:30 PM.  All you’ll need to bring is yourselves, some camping chairs, roasting forks.  Also, if you would like you can bring a side or additional dessert to pass.  We’re looking forward to having you all over once again!

 **3. Bulletin Secretary -** With Katie retiring from serving as bulletin secretary at the

 end of August, we are looking for someone who is interested in serving as the

 new bulletin secretary.  Katie has mentioned that she would be willing to help train

 whoever would be stepping into that role next.  If you are interested, please reach

 out to someone on council for further information.

**Advance Notices:**

1. We are excited to invite you to our Annual Society Meeting which will be held at

 Volga Christian School on July 29th at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there

 and sharing about all the amazing things God is doing through and for Volga

 Christian School

2. Dakota Sun Ministry for August 4: In charge: Clyde & Cyndi Ulvestad, Joan

 Bjorklund To Visit: Dale & Karen Algood, Ken Fideler, Arlan TeKrony, Gene &

 Brenda Volkers’ If you are unable to attend at your assigned time, please find

 someone to go in your place.

**Offerings received in June:**

Budget………………...$13,751.73 Missionaries Brauning……………..$383.00

Building Project…… ….$6,251.00 The Navigators……………………..$579.00

Volga Christian School…. $673.00 Missionaries Skavdahl…………..$1,963.00

**Our Offerings:**

July 21: Local Missions & Budget

July 28: 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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***World Renew DRS Response to Iowa Flooding***- After heavy rain and severe flooding in northwestern Iowa last weekend (6/22/24), World Renew DRS is making plans to help the homeowners and churches who were most affected to clean up and rebuild as the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions, for DRS volunteers and staff, and others working to assist people in need. You can help flood survivors in Iowa and across the U.S. with your financial gift at http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024-donate, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with “Spring Storms 2024” in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

  **July 14, 2024 | [Sermon Title] | Psalm 42**

Theme: May we \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our Hope, amidst the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Weekly Reflection: What are some times you’ve been downcast in soul?  How did you handle it?  Through whatever you face, may you look to the Lord, placing your hope in Him!