**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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

 Organist: Marge Kleinjan

 Pianist: Joan Bjorklun

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 119:33-40

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**PH 624  *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

**\*Song - PH 253 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Verses 1, 2 & 4)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

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

**Song - PH 32 *How Blest Are They Whose Trespass* (Verses 1-3)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 528 *Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak***

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 4:18-22**

Text: **Matthew 4:18-22**

Message: **Discipleship: Called to Follow Christ**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 252  *I Surrender All* (Verses 1-3**)

Lord’s Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

\***Song - LUYH 174  *I Stand Amazed***

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

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**Welcome:**  God, in His love, is blessing us with time for rest and worship. We welcome everyone to our fellowship with the Lord in his church today. May you be filled with the Spirit and may you go forth with praise on your lips. Please join us after the morning worship service for a time of fellowship and coffee in the foyer

**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.

**Ushers for April:**  Gerald Feikema, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Cade Gross

**Elevator Attendant for April:** Marla Volkers

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism for High School

Wed: 7:00 Jr. Hi. Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Thurs: 3:45 GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1. May we thank** and praise the Lord for the rain that He has sent this past week to

 replenish the earth!

**2. May we continue** to keep in prayer the family of the girl who was killed in the

 accident the other week, all those involved, and the Brookings Community.  May

 everyone experience God’s peace and presence in a special way throughout this

 time.

**3. Please keep in prayer** our shut-ins and those who are unable to join us in person

 for worship.

**Announcements:**

**1. High school catechism** will meet after worship in the parsonage around 11:00AM

**2. Our new Church Directory** is live! - You can now download the Instant Church

 Directory app on your mobile device through both the Apple store and Google Play

 store, as well as online at the following link:

 https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

 You will need to create an account using the email listed in the directory which will

 then link you to our specific directory.  From there, you can update your information

 via the Edit My Family tab under the menu in the top left corner of the app.  Thank

 you for your patience as we put together this new directory.

**3. Discipleship -** This week, we’ll be beginning a new series exploring the topic of

 discipleship, of living as a citizen of God’s Kingdom and what that looks like in our

 day-to-day lives.  This week we’re taking a broader look at discipleship, exploring

 some particular aspects of it that we see in Jesus’ call of some of His disciples in

 Matthew chapter 4.

**4.  Next week**, we’ll begin walking through the Sermon on the Mount.

**5. The idea of restarting** a **church newsletter** has been raised.  If anyone would be

 interested in that idea and taking part in it, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

**6. Vacation Bible School** is coming your may May 28-31. Mark your calendar

 Watch For reservation forms and more details later

**7. Advance Notice**: The Men’s Bible Study next meeting will be Saturday, May 4.

**Advance Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for May 5**

Sunday School : middle school and high school, Vonda Bjorklund, Duane Walburg, Deb Landegent, Josh & Kayla Carpenter, Tim Gross, Verdella Gross. (If you are unable to go on your assigned date please find someone to go in your place.)

**Medary Acres Certificates** are available for sale. This is a very good fund raiser for Volga Christian School. If you are interested in buying them for all your garden and flower needs please talk to Brenda Volkers. Brenda has them available for you to buy in many different sizes ($ 10, $ 20, $ 50, $100 volkersb3@gmail.com 605-690-3434

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: April 28: Building Project & Budget

May 5: Volga Christian School & udget

May 12: Local Missions & Budget

May 19: Option One & Budget

May 26: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

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

**e-mail address for council: volgacrccouncil@gmail.com**

 **April 21, 2024 | Discipleship: Called to Follow Christ | Matthew 4:18-22**

 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-19, 21a):

 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Response (vv. 20a, 22a):

 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20b, 22b):

 Weekly Reflection: What are some ways that being a disciple of Christ impacts your day-to-day life?