**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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

 Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg

 Pianist: Gerladine Runia

 Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 34:1-3

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 239  *Amid the Thronging Worshipers***

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law: Words of Jesus from the Gospels  (PH pg. 1013)

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 279 *O Word of God Incarnate***

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Text: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Message: **The Character of a Disciple**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 443  *I’ll Tell the World***

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

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**WELCOME:** A sincere welcome is extended to everyone who worships here today. As we reflect this week on the goodness and blessings of God upon our lives, may this day and this week be used to strengthen our resolve to live more faithfully and thankfully for Him in days to come. Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship after the worship service.

**Ushers for May:**  Cade Gross, Brenda Volkers Alternate: Jerry Runia

**Elevator Attendant for May** Henrietta Molengraaf

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism for High School

Tues: 7:00 GEMS Awards Night

Wed: 2:00 Ladies Bible Study. Pastor Josh leads lesson 2 “Glory In Our Grief”

 Lunch: Fannie

 7:00 Sr. Hi Youth Group at First Reformed Church in Volga

Sat: 8:30 AM. Men’s Bible Study / Breakfast (information below)

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1 :**Please keep our farmers in prayer as they prepare for the season ahead of them,

 praying for safety and strength for each day.

**Announcements**:

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

**2. Women’s Bible Study** meets this week Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 2: Glory in Our Grief.  Come and enjoy spending time in God’s Word and food and fellowship afterward.  Fannie Janssen to provide lunch.

**3. Men’s Bible Study** meets this week Saturday at 8:30 AM in the church basement.  Pastor Josh will lead Lesson 3: The Sheep Gate.  The main Bible passages we’ll be exploring are: John 10:1-10; Acts 4:8-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-5; 1 John 1:1-5, along with some other passages in the follow up questions.  Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship, followed by digging into God’s Word together.

**4. The Volga Ministerial** would like to invite you to the **2024 Baccalaureate service** to be held in the PAC at 7:00 pm. on May 15. This service will have music, prayers and blessings for the graduates, and an inspirational message to the graduates from Pastor Ron Smith from Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bruce.

V**acation Bible School registration** is on-line.  Be sure to sign up for an exciting week! We also need helpers!  Registration due May 3. Bible School is May 28-31

**Thank you** for the prayers, visits, cards and food brought in during my recovery from knee surgery. - - - Betty Scott

**Advance Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for May 5 (Next Sunday)**

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

**Please pray for Synod 2024!**- We need everyone to be involved. The theme for synod worship and prayer is God With Us. You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

**Our Offerings:**

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 28, 2024 | The Character of a Disciple | Matthew 5:1-12**

Theme: May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to be His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Character (vv. 1-9):

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 10-12):

Weekly Reflection: May we be asking the Lord to mold and shape us to be more and more like our Lord and Savior every day.