Matthew 4:12-25 "Come Follow Me"

**Main Point:** Because Jesus is a Savior like no other, we must follow him and listen to his message.

1. The Power of the Message (4:12-17)

2. The Power of the Call (4:18-22)

3. The Power of the Proclaimer (4:23-25)

# Faith Reformed

February 2, 2025

Prelude Congregational Sharing \*Greeting One Another

APPROACH TO GOD

 \*Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-3
\*Song of Praise Crown Him With Many Crowns
\*Prayer of Praise
\*Song of Praise On That Day

	<b>RENEWAL IN CHRIST</b>
Confession of Sin	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Colossians 2:13-15
*Song of Assurance	
It Was Finished Upon that Cross	

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message Equip (Ages 3-5) Scripture Reading Matthew 4:12-25 Sermon "Come, Follow Me"

#### **RESPONSE TO GOD**

Offertory Prayer		11
Song of Response	"Lead On, O King Eternal"	Hymn #460
*Affirmation of Faith	Apostle's Creed	
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		Mary Holle

\*Congregation standing if able

Nicole Velzke

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## FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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#### Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a "visible word" from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD.** We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

#### **Reflections**

"These miracles...are intended to show us Christ's heart. He is a most compassionate Saviour: he rejects no one who came to him; he refused no one, however loathsome and diseased: he had an ear to hear all, and a hand to help all, and a heart to feel for all. There is no kindness like his. His compassions fail not." (J.C. Ryle, *Matthew*, 25)

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for February is Jim Meinen (920-889-3223).

### Prayer Guide

**Praises and Thanksgivings** Jesus Resurrection Our living hope in Jesus

#### Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb For people to hear the gospel hope A heart of submission to Christ Spiritual wisdom and discernment Commitment to be reading Scripture Discipline and courage to obey To be guided by Scripture, not culture Courage to stand firm for the gospel Our ministry in the PCA Pastor Zach Tarter Jon Damkot - Youth Director Lincoln Rus – Pastoral Apprentice **Disciple making at Faith Reformed** Spiritual revival Our government leaders Our youth to grow in Christ Those serving in the military The Unity of Cedar Grove churches Those with addictions/in jail or prison Our persecuted brothers & sisters

#### Health

Lloyd DeRuyter – had back surgery on Tuesday, prayers for a quick recovery Linda Dykstra – prayers for continued healing and strength Ruth Ann Wieberdink –prayers for continued healing Donna Caljouw – prayers that her cancer would stay in remission, and she would be less tired and have less pain Don Teunissen – continued prayer for healing and strength as he starts therapy Kristy Weiss – Is now home and in a wheelchair until next appointment on February 11

#### Shut-ins

Wayne Navis

Delores Droppers – is at Samaritan Health Care in West Bend, room #386 and being treated for an infection. Herb Dirkse – Cedar Grove Gardens, Building 2 – room 10

Jean Schreurs – Pine Haven Sheboygan Falls - Haven Drive Campus

#### **Mission & Outreach**

Pioneers – Bill & Liz Ferguson - Croatia Pine Haven Christian Home Future Church Planting Efforts For our unchurched neighbors

## Schedule

#### TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am Sunday School for all ages – 10:30am Core – 6:00pm

Monday – 6:30pm Women's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect -6:30pm Quest -6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday – 1:00pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday – 8:00am – 12:15pm Women's Conference

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:**

February 11 – Blood Bank February 13 – Food Pantry February 26 – Youth Pasta Fundraiser at Calvary

Ushers for February: Jeff Broetzmann, Gil Meinen, Brian Beernink

Nursery for February 2: Beth Rauwerdink, Lauren Hopeman, Wyatt Dolfin Nursery for February 9: Tanya Arentsen, Carissa Konzak, Ben Torrenga

Refreshments for February: Care Group #3 (Mary & Melissa)

Greeters February 2	– Narthex: Jason & Jeni Hopeman Family
	- Great Room: Gary & Debbie Meeusen
<b>Greeters February 9</b>	- Narthex: Andy & Kari Meinen Family
	- Great Room: Ward & Debbie Meinen

Serving in the Military: Jackson DeRuyter 49 EMS PO Box 1338 Holloman AFB, NM 88330

# Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 35 families at the January Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, February 13th. We are currently low on cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables & fruit. If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

**For Love INC in February,** we will be collecting the following items for their **Kitchen Kit Ministry and Refugee Settlement:** pots, frying pans, 9 x 13 pans, casserole dishes, mixing bowls, baking sheets, kitchen knives, cutting boards, measuring cups and spoons. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Jodi Danforth (920-254-1385). Thank you!

The <u>2025 Women's Conference</u> at Faith is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for February 8th from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM. This is a morning of teaching, worship, fellowship, food, crafts, and shopping. Please register here: <u>https://faithcedargrove.breezechms.com/form/00d18792807783</u> or sign up on the sheet in the information center.

This year we have the pleasure of hearing from author and speaker Sarah Ivill on the theme "Living Water". Using Scripture, she will help us understand why we are drawn to broken cisterns that hold no water and lead us to the Fountain of living water, who is the only One who will transform our hearts and eternally satisfy our thirst. Sarah is the author of several books and women's Bible studies and has served in many positions in ministry.

All women are welcome, so invite your family, friends, and coworkers by simply sharing the link! Please make sure to sign up by the end of January. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the women's ministry team.

**Salvation Army Meal** -Thank you to all those who have signed up to make/bring food for the past year. They are always very appreciative. There is a **sign-up sheet for February** in the information center. If you have any questions, please see Wendy Wonser.

**Ladies of Faith** will meet on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. They will do Bible Study lesson #9 which will be led by Carolyn Bruggink. Hostesses are Carolyn Bruggink and Shirley Wieberdink. You can pick up a copy of the secretary and treasurer reports in the information center.

**The February Newsletter** was sent out this week. However, if you prefer a paper copy, you can pick one up in the information center.

## **Family Life at Faith**

**God bless** everyone that made my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special. Thanks for the cards, gift, and prayers. God is good all the time. *Edie Beernink* 

All are welcome to First Reformed Cedar Grove to hear the Pine Haven's Men Chorus for their first concert of the year. The concert is tonight, February 2 at 6:00pm. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Bring your friends and neighbors with you.

**The Care Connection** is asking for volunteers to continue to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink and is living at Trempealeau County Health Care Center. She really enjoys getting cards from us. Let's continue to make her feel that she is being thought of and prayed for even though she is separated from family and people she is familiar with. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center. **There is just 1 spot left**.

**Please continue to be in prayer** for Mara (Jeff and Paula Risseeuw's daughter) and her unborn twin boys. The C Section is scheduled for February 14th. We continue to pray for the safety and normal development of the twins and for a healthy delivery.

**Save the Date! Secret Church 25:** The Gospel of Matthew on April 11, 2025! This 6-hour gathering starting at 6pm will take a deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew and learn more about how to lock arms with brothers and sisters around the world to make Jesus known in our neighborhoods and all nations. Our church will host a viewing session. Signups will be by the mailboxes soon! See a mission team member if you have questions.

**Inquirer's Class**: We are looking to have our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, February 15th, from 9:00-1:00. This is for anyone interested in learning more about the church, or for those who would like to pursue communing membership. We spend time considering what it means to be a Christian, the value of the church, the meaning of membership, and how this comes together at Faith Reformed Church. A sign-up is in the Narthex (\*if you are interested but the time doesn't work for you, please sign-up and indicate that on the sheet).

## **Youth News**

**CORE** (Grades 6-12) - *Tonight*, **February 2nd** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM**!

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - Wednesday, February 5th students are invited to Connect with each other and God at Faith Reformed from 6:00-7:30PM! Worship begins at 6:20.

**QUEST** (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, February 5th** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:00.