

The Colfax Center Heartline

March-April 2021

Pastor Luke Wolfe

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“Concentric Circles of Ministry.”

Greetings Colfax Center Members and Attenders,

We have officially entered 2021! We made it through the holidays, the winter storms, the pandemic cancellations and even the Annual Congregational Meeting (Praise the Lord!). It was so much fun to see so many of you this past Sunday for worship and I look forward to seeing so many more as the weather continues to warm. It's hard to believe that as I write this, Easter is just six short weeks away and we eagerly anticipate the buds on the trees, the birds singing, the spring storms rolling in and celebrating Christ's resurrection.

I love the Spring season. Not only does it completely transform the landscape, but it's a signal of new life from the cold and new opportunities for the year. As I think about what this year has in store for our church, especially as we celebrate 150 years of ministry and look to the future, it reminded me of Jesus' final words to his disciples in the book of Acts.

Just before he ascends into heaven he tells them, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Jesus calls his disciples to be witnesses to the message of the gospel in a progressively wider spanning ministry from local, to regional, to national, and eventually global; “Concentric Circles of Ministry.”

As I was considering all of this a popular new song by *The Casting Crowns* called “Start Right Here” came on the radio. Its message to Christians is that they can fall prey to mindset that the “mission” and the “ministry” of the church is only “out there,” far away in the unreached nations and cultures of the world. But Jesus is clear, our mission and our ministry is not just far away, it starts right here, where we live, eat, work and breathe. As the gospel transforms us as individuals and families, we in turn seek to see our neighborhoods, communities, towns and regions transformed as well. Consider some of the lyrics:

*“We got a Rockstar preacher, Who won't wake us from our dreams.
We want our blessings in our pocket, We keep our missions overseas.
But for the hurting in our cities, Would we even cross the street?”*

*I'm like the brother of the prodigal, Who turned his nose and puffed his chest.
He didn't run off like his brother, But his soul was just as dead.
What if the church on Sunday, Was still the church on Monday too?
What if we came down from our towers, And walked a mile in someone's shoes?*

*'cause we wanna see the heart set free and the tyrants kneel,
The walls fall down and our land be healed
But church if we want to see a change in the world out there
It's got to start right here; It's got to start right now
Lord, I'm starting right here; Lord, I'm starting right now...*

In light of that, I would challenge all of us. As we embrace the Spring season, as people begin to open their doors again and enjoy the sunshine; as we begin to see some relief from the Covid Pandemic and start to gather together again; this is our opportunity as a church to minister to those in our midst. We are called to be Jesus' witnesses, both with our words, and with our lives. Let us begin with prayer, for our own transformation, and for the transformation of our families, our neighborhoods, our towns and our communities. Let us “start right here,” and see the ministry and mission of Colfax Church work it's way out “to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Blessings,

Pastor Luke



Good Friday & Easter Plans @ Colfax

★ **Good Friday Services**
7:00 pm at Colfax

★ **Easter will be celebrated right here at Colfax with a Sunrise Service,
followed by breakfast and morning worship.**
Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Easter Sunrise Plans For Our Children!

All children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to participate
in Easter Sunrise Service!

We would love to have your children (age 4 through 3rd grade) participate. They need not have attended Sunday School before but please begin joining us at 11:00 a.m. weekly. Let's invite all children that might be interested! We will be learning the songs and preparing to participate in celebrating Christ's Resurrection!

Please watch our weekly bulletin and our website (colfaxcenterchurch.org) for details.



We are pleased to share a donor has started a fund to install air conditioning in the Educational Wing.

Two companies have been asked to provide quotes for the project. The deacons will oversee the project.

If you would like to contribute, please write "A/C for Ed Wing" on the memo line of your check.

2021 Colfax Leadership & Team Membership

Pastor Luke Wolfe

Elders: Al Harberts, Leon Johnson, David Pruin, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes

Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Mike Dieken, Scott Graves, Doug Wiers, Jesse Willis

150th Anniversary Team: Sandy Simms & Fran Harms (co-chairs), Al Harberts, Elaine Sents & Aimee Wolfe

Care Team: Sheila Steinmeyer (chair), Karen Boomgarden, Alan Harberts, Fran Harms, Wava Hemmen, Sheryl Johnson, Becky Randall, Elaine Sents, Ruth Thoren, Curtis Tjepkes, Pastor Luke & Aimee Wolfe.

Christian Education Team: Victoria Pruin DeFrancisco (chair), Leon Johnson, Trey Morris and Cathy Janssen

Mission Team: Pam Anderson, Blake Eberline, Doreen Getting, Linda Kruger, Sheryl Johnson and Kathy Puisner



Funds Receiving Your Weekly Tithes & Offerings

- ★ 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays: **General Fund**
- ★ 4th Sunday: **Mission Fund**
- ★ 5th Sunday: **Building/Maintenance Fund**
- ★ **Deacon Fund** - please designate any Sunday

Mission Team Update

The Mission Team recently donated to "Share The Love on KNWS" - donating nights at a homeless shelter. With the extremely cold temperatures we were happy to provide a safe warm place for several nights and several homeless people. Thank you for giving your tithes and offerings on the fourth Sunday of each month to help sponsor these types of local mission projects. Next steps for the team are to welcome new team members, begin discussions on 2021 goals, determine speakers and dates for Mission Feast etc.

Your 2020-21 Mission Team: Pam Anderson, Karen Dieken, Blake Eberline, Doreen Getting, Sheryl Johnson, Linda Kruger, Kathy Puisner & Harold

2020 Nursery, Pastor's Office, Parlor Updates

Thanks so much for your contributions!



It is so exciting to update the church to accommodate our young families!

The pictures above are updates to the Nursery and the picture to the left is an area in the Parlor for Nursing Mothers on Sunday mornings.

More pictures on page 4.....

Pastor Luke Wolfe's Office Updated!



Updates
to the
Parlor

The Archive Team Exhibit Update

Your Colfax Archives Committee continues to meet each week, moving forward with preparations for the archives display. The installation of the cabinets is finished. Just a little work remains on the lighting in the display drawers. The items to be used are set aside, and it is our hope to have the cabinet exhibit finalized over the next few weeks.

In addition, historic newspaper clippings are being prepared for wall displays. Many large photos have been selected for wall arrangements. And, scores of snapshots are being scanned and identified to be used in a DVD presentation in the sitting area adjoining the archive alcove. Once the DVD is ready, we hope you will visit the sitting area and enjoy viewing the Colfax memories.





Colfax Center to Celebrate 150 YEARS!!!

The 150th Anniversary committee has been working to finalize Colfax Center's big celebration.

On Saturday evening, June 12, there will be a family-friendly community event with games, food, fellowship and an evening climax with fireworks.

On Sunday, June 13, there will be a worship service in the morning with Pastor Larry Hoop as speaker. This will be followed by a catered meal and a time of extended fellowship.

We are making a Colfax 150th Anniversary Memories Book for you. We would love for you and your family's memories to be included. Could you please send them to tsimms@gcmuni.net or Sandy Simms, 17921 2015th Street, Grundy Center, IA 50638 **by March 31st?**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us to celebrate God's goodness to Colfax Center Presbyterian Church for 150 YEARS!!!

Thank you!

Your 150th Anniversary Team: Sandy Simms & Fran Harms (co-chairs),
Al Harberts, Elaine Sents & Aimee Wolfe

Thanks

The family of Karla Hayungs would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorial gifts and words of comfort since the passing of our beloved sister. Special thanks to Pastor Luke for his special message. Knowing others care softens our sadness.

Fran Harms & Carol Smith

Thank you for the calls, cards and especially your prayers. We are so grateful for everything. It has been a long road, but slowly improving every day. We feel so blessed.

Curt & Julie Tjepkes

Christian Education Committee

Providing Christian education during a year of COVID and more recently cold temperatures, has been challenging to say the least. However, we have a committed, enthusiastic group of teachers who continue to persevere and we anticipate the number of young students will grow. We have several things to celebrate.

For the first time we have three teachers rotating lessons in the 4-5 year-old class and 1st-3rd grade class. This helps provide flexibility for the teachers' schedules and gives some continuity for the students' sake. Thank you new and experienced volunteers for stepping up to teach. They are: Karen Boomgarden, Claire Belson and Linda Kruger for the 4-5 year old class, and Sandy Simms, Cathy Janssen and Victoria Pruin DeFrancisco, for the 1st-3rd grade class.

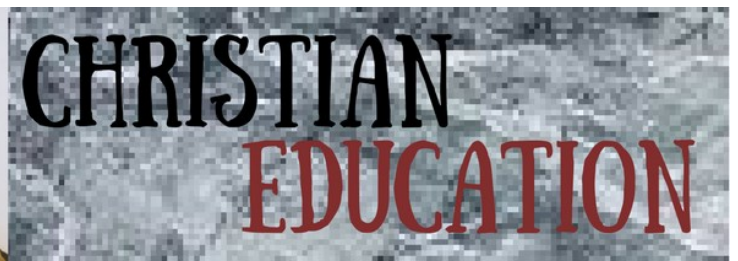
In addition, Sandy Simms and LuRae Eberline are providing music at the beginning of class time for both younger classes. If you get a chance, walk by the music room on the second floor of the Educational Wing during Sunday School. The teachers are inspiring and the children sing out their love of Jesus with great joy.

This spring we will be looking for an opportunity to share the students' joyful singing with the congregation and hopefully return to a more traditional Summer Bible School.

We have added several health precautions: the purchase of child-sized masks available at the entrance of the church, fellowship hall and classrooms; hand sanitizer; more physical space between student seats, and less activities that require close interactions. Special thanks to our parents for encouraging students to wear masks and to our teachers for upholding these measures wherever possible.

Finally, please join us in thanking Harold Whitsell for teaching the junior high class these past years. Harold has resigned from teaching to prepare for the next steps in his life. He has been an invaluable, deeply committed and knowledgeable member of the education team.

The Christian Education Committee – Victoria Pruin DeFrancisco, chair (2019-2021), Leon Johnston (2020-), Trey Morris (2019-2021) and Cathy Janssen (2019-2021). If you would like more information about the committee responsibilities and/or are willing to serve on the CEC, please contact Pastor Luke or Victoria.





March Birthdays

- 1 - Sheila Steinmeyer, Ruth Thoren,
- 2 - Beckham Wolfe, Westin Steinmeyer
- 3 - Jim Heeren
- 4 - Kallianne Venenga
- 5 - Rigby Everts
- 6 - Claire Belson, Heather Lamfers
- 7 - Taylor Launstein
- 8 - Jenny Kruger
- 9 - Beau Arends, Jay Arends
- 10 - Doug Hayungs, Eldon Kruger,
David Steinmeyer
- 13 - Kamille Albers, Leah Jensen
- 15 - Pat Neessen, Molly Sherman
- 17 - Taryn Annesley, Alecia Morris
- 18 - Pastor Bill Massey
- 19 - Jim Beninga
- 22 - Dawson Stahl
- 23 - Jean Ralston
- 24 - Steven Eilers
- 26 - Jason Arends
- 30 - Marlene Mennen

April Birthdays

- 1 - Sheryl Johnson
- 4 - Adaleigh Albers, Dale Launstein,
Cole Norris, Koby Sherman
- 6 - Mary Praisner
- 8 - Abigail Beck-Brunk
- 9 - Brett Eberline
- 10 - Philip Harberts
- 12 - Sharon Martin
- 14 - Amy Launstein
- 19 - Jim Albers, Jill Borchardt
- 20 - Bryce Eberline
- 21 - Janice Steinmeyer
- 23 - Shawn Samo, Peg Stahl
- 25 - Brittany Kopf
- 26 - Kiplyn Aalfs, Jensen Nederhoff,
Staci Schipper
- 27 - Macy Boomgarden, Jesse Willis
- 30 - Kaibree Nisius

Early May Birthdays

- 1 - Samantha Lamfers, Justin Stahl
- 2 - David Pruin
- 3 - Kyle Venenga

Need A Ride?

Please call a member of our
Transportation Team if you need a ride
to church, doctor appointments
or any other transportation need.

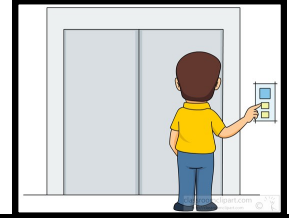
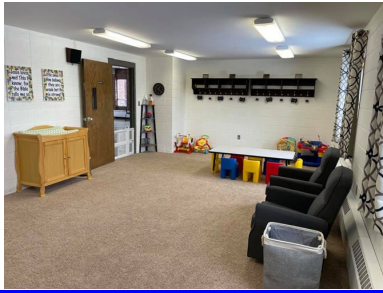


In March:

Chuck/Ruth Thoren 319-824-6521 (home) 319-239-1354 (cell)
Tom Simms 319-824-6879 (home) 319-404-5272 (cell)

In April:

Chuck/Ruth Thoren 319-824-6521 (home) 319-239-1354 (cell)
Sheila Steinmeyer 319-824-6020 (home) 319-269-1499 (cell)



March - April 2021 Nursery Attendants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Mar 7	Launsteins	Kristie Salo
Mar 14	Willis Family	Ruth Thoren
Mar 21	Boomgardens	Amy Launstein
Mar 28	Shawn & Emily Albers	Lori Willis
Apr 4	Blake & Britny Eberline	Kristie Salo
Apr 11	Aimee Wolfe/Jim Beninga	Ruth Thoren
Apr 18	Coty & Kamille Albers	Sandy Wiers
Apr 25	Andrew & Amanda Everts	Amy Launstein
May 2	Ruth Thoren/Kristie Salo	Lori Willis

Elevator Schedule

Mar 7	Doug Wiers
Mar 14	Scott Graves
Mar 21	Mike Dieken
Mar 28	Jesse Willis
Apr 4	Brian Boomgarden
Apr 11	Doug Wiers
Apr 18	Scott Graves
Apr 25	Mike Dieken
May 2	Jesse Willis



MARCH -APRIL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Mar 7	Steinmeyer/Samo
Mar 14	Fran H; Carol K, Wava H
Mar 21	Leon & Sheryl Johnson
Mar 28	Donn & Pam Anderson
Apr 4	Easter
Apr 11	Elaine and Lorraine Sents
Apr 18	Eldon & Linda Kruger
April 25	Jesse, Lori, Mardean Willis
May 2	Mike & Karen Dieken/Red



Sound

PowerPoint

7-Mar	Larry Freed	Karen/Caleb
14-Mar	Mike Dieken	Ally Boomgarden
21-Mar	Larry Freed	Trey Morris
28-Mar	Mike Dieken	Macy Boomgarden
4-Apr	Larry Freed	Wes Willis
11-Apr	Mike Dieken	Carlie Willis
18-Apr	Larry Freed	Lorraine Sents
25-Apr	Mike Dieken	Jordan Launstein

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