

The Colfax Center Heartline

January-February 2022

Pastor Luke Wolfe

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Dear Colfax Members and Attenders,

As I think back on this past year, I can't help but smile and celebrate all that God has done in and through Colfax Center Presbyterian Church. While we said goodbye to some, and look with hope and celebrate their final union with the Father in heaven, we also had multiple families and kids join our congregation, enjoyed a wonderful 150th Anniversary Celebration, made updates and improvements to multiple spaces in the church, and even got to enjoy the Kids Christmas Program and Christmas Eve Service, both of which couldn't take place last year.

Our church continues to be a place where God's word is preached, lives are transformed by the Gospel and God's Spirit, our congregation fellowships together and prays for one another, bearing each other's burdens, and reaches out with the love of Christ to those in our community who need to hear and experience the truths of the Gospel.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to see where the Lord will bring us with new opportunities for Bible studies, discipleship, fellowship, and ongoing work to reach out to our community with the message of the gospel.

It is in that effort that I pray for our church, along with the apostle Paul, that we might "become all things to all people, that by all means [we] might save some."

1Corinthians 9:19-23 *For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.*



May the Lord bless you in this new year!

Pastor Luke

Thank you to:

All the families who shared poinsettias in memory of their loved ones.



Thank you for the many hands who helped put Christmas sacks together, provided Angel Tree gifts and provided meals through the www.takethemamealproject.com.



We don't even know how to say thank you appropriately for your prayers, cards, gifts, food, phone calls and concern. We are so happy to be a part of the Colfax family. You guys are the best!

*"give **thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Mike & Karen Dieken

Thank you so much to the congregation for your Christmas Gift to our family. We count ourselves abundantly blessed to call Colfax home, and are so grateful for your love and care for our family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Luke, Aimee, Caleb, Katie & Beckham

**2021 Annual Reports
for all funds
are due in the Church Office
by January 17.
Thank you!**

**2021 Audit of
Annual Reports
for all funds
are due in the Church Office
by January 23.
Thank you!**

Colfax Center's Annual Congregational Meeting

Please watch your email and further communications regarding this year's process.

Colfax Center's 2021 Annual Report

Please call the church if you would like a copy of the 2021 Annual Report mailed to you or you may pick up a copy in the Church Narthex in February.

God's New Blessings



Congratulations to Trent & Brittney
Siefken on the birth of their son,
Cooper Scott,
on November 10, 2021



Congratulations to Coty & Kamille Albers
on the birth of their son, Coty Kemper,
on November 20, 2021.

Sound and Camera Help Needed During Morning Worship

We would love more help running the sound system and camera for morning worship services. We will train you and depending on how many volunteers we get, you will only need to do it approximately one time per month or less.

Currently Steve Jones & Sheryl Johnson run the camera; Larry Freed, Mike Dieken & Leon Johnson rotate Sundays on the sound (One has hearing aids and the other can't hear, so we kindly request some help!)

Please contact Mike (319-240-0249) or Karen Dieken (319-240-2728 or mkdieken@gmail.com) if you are willing to help.



Funds Receiving Your Weekly Tithes & Offerings

★ 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays: **General Fund**

★ 4th Sunday: **Mission Fund**

★ 5th Sunday: **Building/Maintenance Fund**

The Deacon Fund (used for Mercy Ministries - those in need) & the Air Conditioning Fund do not have a Sunday assigned, so please designate as you feel led.

**You may designate any fund
on any given Sunday.**

Advent 2021

Thank you to the families who participated in Advent by doing the weekly readings. Pastor Luke and his family started us off on the first Sunday of Advent, new members, Curt Bakker, Maggie & Jim Beninga read the second Sunday of Advent.

Third Sunday was read by Paul, Sharon, Scott Smit & Lori Horne and the Albers and their families read the fourth Sunday.



Frist Sunday of Advent Readers:

Pastor Luke, Aimee, Caleb, Katie & Beckham Wolfe



Second Sunday of Advent Readers:

New members: Curt Bakker,
Maggie & Jim Beninga



Third Sunday of Advent Readers:

Paul, Sharon, Scott Smit & Lori Horne



Fourth Sunday of Advent Readers:

Coty, Kamille, Kierstyn & Kemper Albers
&
Shawn, Emily, Bryleigh & Adaleigh Albers

Sunday School Children's Christmas Program

This year we were able to return to our annual children's Christmas program, December 19, complete with singing, a Christmas story acted out by the children, high school students narrating and a solo by Colton Stahl.

Fran Harms fitted 18 young children in costumes for the program, this is highest number of children participating we have had in several years.

Special thanks to Karen Boomgarden for once again being willing to direct, along with Sandy Simms, music director, LuRae Eberline, accompanist, and Kristie Salo, who created the set décor.

We also wish to thank our Sunday School teachers for their assistance. Following the program, Pastor Luke and Aimee Wolfe hosted a wonderful reception with fun activities for children and adults, and the Colfax tradition of gifting Christmas sacks.

Thanks to Pastor and Aimee for the party, and to Aimee and Karen Dieken for ordering the ingredients and decorations for the beautiful sacks.





“Miracle in a Manager”





Children's Mission Project Final Results

Thank you everyone for your extremely generous support for the Sunday School children's project to send books, toys and stuffed animals to children in the Philippines. We filled 5 boxes and raised \$535 that paid for our shipping costs plus \$195 leftover. This money was gifted to missionaries, Shannon and Neila Ries, to pay for the shipping of more items they have collected.

Some of the Sunday School students pose with gifts donated to send to children in the Philippines. The two classes, *The Bible Buddies* and *The Jesus Squad*, competed to see who could raise the most, but the teachers had to call it a tie – there were too many donations to even count!

Staff Christmas Party @ The Wolfes



Good food, fun and
fellowship!



February Birthdays

- 1 - Eli Harberts; Sandy Wiers
- 3 - Steve Kruger
- 5 - Christine Heronimus, Ashton Wolters
- 6 - Michael Sents
- 12 - Carolyn Stahl
- 13 - Robyn Hunt
- 14 - Cathy Janssen
- 15 - Marlene Aalfs
- 16 - Michael Simms
- 17 - Amanda Nederhoff,
- 18 - Marge Diamond, Barrett Larson,
Kaeley Nisius, David Sents
- 19 - Al Harberts, Brodee Wolters
- 20 - Phyllis DeNeui
- 22 - Tim England
- 24 - Tim Kolder
- 25 - Beth Werkman
- 26 - Janet Aswegan
- 27 - Mitchell Ralston, Lorraine Sents

January Birthdays

- 1 - Wendell Voss
- 2 - Toni Arends
- 3 - Amanda Harken, Brett Morris,
Sarah Steinmeyer
- 4 - Ryan Stahl
- 5 - Angie Bech
- 10 - Linda Maske, Kim Venenga
- 11 - Mike Albers, Derek Weis, Kylie Willis
- 12 - Karen Dieken
- 13 - JoAnn Junker
- 14 - Bonnie Rust
- 15 - Curt Bakker, Danielle Krull
- 16 - Kathy Pruisner, Julie Tjepkes
- 17 - Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Kierstyn
Albers, Nathan Stahl
- 18 - Daniel Mennen, Brent Schipper,
Makenna Steinmeyer
- 19 - Tyson Albright
- 20 - Denise Grant
- 23 - Sarah Ringena
- 30 - Aiden Hook, Christian Hunt,
Trent Siefken
- 31 - Matt Morris

Early March Birthdays

- 1 - Sheila Steinmeyer, Ruth Thoren,
- 2 - Westin Steinmeyer, Beckham Wolfe
- 3 - Jim Heeren
- 4 - Kallianne Venenga
- 5 - Rigby Everts



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Monthly Planner

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