

Welcome visitors! We are glad you could worship with us today.

Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!

Lenten Lunches – Lenten Lunch will be hosted by Colfax at the Grundy Community Center, Wednesday, March 29, 12-1pm. Able to help serve? Please contact Fran Harms (641-869-3463).

Spring Women's Bible Study - Meets in the Church Parlor! Our Tuesday morning group (9:30a) offers a chance to participate WITH CHILDCARE, and our Tuesday night group (6:30p) allows you to come after your workday. We will be studying Paul Miller's "Grace Through the Eyes of Jesus," looking at the book of Luke. Busy Spring? No problem! This is a "no homework-just show up" study! Questions? Contact Aimee Wolfe (507-450-4204).

Easter Services – We're looking forward to hosting our traditional Easter services! **Good Friday** - 7p; **Sunday Son-Rise Service** - 8a; **Easter Breakfast** - 8:30a; **Easter Worship** - 9:30. Want to help with the Good Friday service (lights, readings, PowerPoint, music)? Contact Pastor Luke (pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org).

The Monday Women's Bible Study - Will resume monthly meetings starting April 3, and continue every first Monday of the month. The lesson in April will be on Week 9, Ecclesiastes, from "The Wisdom of God, Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books" by Nancy Guthrie. After our winter break, we look forward to seeing everyone!

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March 26, 2023

Reflection Before Worship

But the most excellent righteousness of faith, which God through Christ, without any works, imputes to us, is neither political, nor ceremonial, nor the righteousness of God's law, nor consists of works, but is contrary to these; that is to say, it is a mere passive righteousness, as the others are active. For in the righteousness of faith, we work nothing, we render nothing unto God, but we only receive, and suffer another to work in us, that is to say, God.

Martin Luther

Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 34 – Immortal, Invisible
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

Call to Confession

Galatians 3:1-6

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Song of Celebration

How Deep the Father's Love

Worship Through Giving

Missions

Special Music

He Will Hold Me Fast

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #19 & 20

Q. 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

*Greeting

Leader: "The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you"
Congregation: "And also with you"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Reading of God's Word

Galatians 1:1-5

Sermon

"The Urgency of the Gospel"

Pastor Luke

*Song of Response

GHF 49 – Our Great Savior
(v. 1, 2 & 5)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week Colfax

Sunday, March 26

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a - Morning Worship
10:30a - Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School for all ages
 "The Meaning of Marriage" Class
2:00p – Guys Group
6:30p – Women's Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 28

9:30a – Women's Bible Study
6:30p – Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 29

12-1pm – Lenten Lunch (Colfax Hosting)
6:15p – "Chaos"
7:15p – "Friends First"

Thursday, March 30

7:00p – Elders & Deacons Meeting

Sunday, April 2

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Colfax Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School for all ages
 "The Meaning of Marriage" Class
2:00p – Guys Group

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org of upcoming meetings to ensure building access and up-to-date calendars.

Please communicate all announcements to the church office weekly by 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Serving Sunday, April 2

Coffee Chat: Coty & Kamille
Coffee Fellowship: Elaine & Lorraine Murra
Greeters: The Morris Family; Patti Norris
Nursery Worship: Launstein Family
Nursey during Sunday School: Amanda Everts
Elevator Attendant: Shawn Albers
PowerPoint: Carlie Willis
Camera: Steve Jones
Sound: Larry Freed

CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:
Romans 12:12 ***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."***

Our nation and its leaders.

The ministries of our church:

- Pastor Luke, Aimee, and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church
- Current Elders: Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Larry Stahl, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, & Curt Bakker
- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Iowa Presbytery:

- Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (Ackley, IA)

Medical Prayer Request

Larry Dreesman – For receiving treatments for cancer.

Connie Doughan – For Bone Marrow Transplant; Address: Gift of Life Transplant Center, 707 – 2nd Street S.W., Room 54, Rochester, MN. 55902.

Tracy (Kolder) Scheib – For receiving treatments for cancer.

Cinda Pankratz – For receiving treatment for a blood infection.

Her Address: Cinda Pankratz, University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics, Room #2376, 200 Hawkins Dr., Iowa City, IA 52242

Pray also for - Our armed forces, especially Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and Jacob Eilers. Also, those who are anxious or discouraged, facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Verone Nederhoff; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey

Sermon Outline
“The Urgency of the Gospel”

1. The Importance of Apostolic Authority
2. The Danger of Adding On to the Gospel
3. The Passive Nature of Salvation