Welcome visitors! We are glad you could worship with us today. Please fill out a <u>Welcome Card</u> in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!

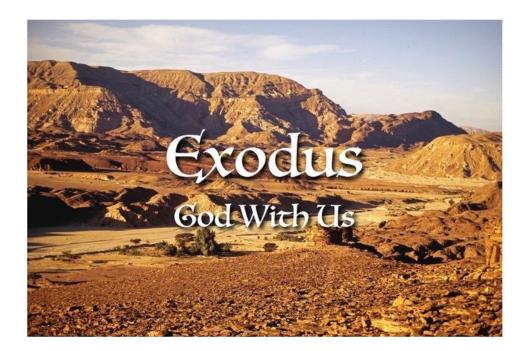
Fall Women's Bible Study – Starts this week in the Church Parlor! Our Tuesday morning group (9:30a) offers a chance to participate WITH CHILDCARE, and our Tuesday night group (6:30p) allows you to come after your workday. We will be studying Part 2 of Paul Miller's "Grace Through the Eyes of Jesus," looking at the book of Luke. Busy Fall? No problem! This is a "no homework-just show up" study! Questions? Contact Aimee Wolfe (507-450-4204).

Officer Nominations – The 2023 Officer Nominations for Elder and Deacon will take place **Sept. 17-Oct. 8.** All Communing Members are eligible to nominate men to these positions. Ballots are available as a bulletin insert and can be placed in the nomination box in the Narthex. (Elders Dean Salo and Curt Tjepkes, and Deacon Brian Boomgarden will be finishing their first 3-year terms.)

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Sunday September 24, 2023

Reflection Before Service

Pharaoh is a case study in the deceit of sin...The hardening of our hearts overthrows reason. We find excuses for our sinful and proud desires. We find reasons for doing what we want to do. When it all unravels, we wade further into sin, rather than accepting our terrible mistake and backing away from it. ... By nature, we go on, deeper and deeper. That is what Pharaoh did. And that is why we need others to encourage us to fight sin, and expose for us the deceit of sin when we cannot see it for ourselves. Tim Chester

Prelude Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-10

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 39 – This is My Father's World

Call to Confession

1 Timothy 1:12-14

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Receiving New Members

Macy Boomgarden Kasey & Erin Lyons

(Jane, Joy, James & Jack)

*Song of Celebration

In Christ Alone

Worship Through Giving

Missions

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #45-46

Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, You shall have no other gods before me.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

*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

Exodus 7:1-23; 9:13-18

Sermon

"Ten Plagues – The Insanity of Sin"

Pastor Luke Wolfe

*Song of Response

GHF 143 – Rejoice the Lord is King (v. 1, 2, 4)

Benediction and Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, September 24

9:00a – "Coffee Chat"

9:30a – Morning Worship

10:30a – Coffee Fellowship

11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

6:30p – Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

6:15p – "Chaos"

7:00p – "Friends First"

Thursday, September 28

7:00p – Elder & Deacon Meeting

Sunday, October 1

9:00a – "Coffee Chat"

9:30a – Morning Worship

10:30a – Coffee Fellowship

11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

Serving Sunday, October 1

Coffee Chat: Andrew & Amanda Coffee Fellowship: Donn & Pam A Greeters: The Morris Family & Patti N Nursery Worship: Andrew & Amanda Nursey during Sunday School: Amy L

Elevator Attendant: Blake E

PowerPoint: Macy B Camera: Steve J Sound: Larry F

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

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

COLFAX 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, 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.

<u>Iowa Presbytery:</u> - One Ancient Hope (Iowa City) – Rev. Will Bankston

Medical Prayer Request

Eli Harberts – Receiving treatment for infection on the Thyroid Gland. His Address: 1213 Wylie St. NE, Washington DC

Eldon Kruger – Recovering from surgery and cancer diagnosis.

Dorothy Westerman – at Arlington Place recovering from surgery.

Karen Kruger – For healing following a bowel perforation.

Larry Dreesman – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Marcia Andersen – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Pray also for - Our armed forces (Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and Jacob Eilers). Also, those who are anxious, discouraged, facing difficult family situations, struggling with sin, or do not know Christ.

Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:

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

Sermon Outline "Ten Plagues – The Insanity of Sin"

1. I AM the LORD

2. The Insanity of Sin

3. The Pain of Repentance