

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!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes – Today we will be praying for and sending off our Christmas Shoeboxes. All Kids can gather in the Narthex during the Assurance of Pardon to bring our shoeboxes to the front of the church where we will pray for them and hear our children's message.

Ethel Buskohl – Will be celebrating her 98th birthday on November 26. The Care Team is having a card shower for her. Send cards to: Ethel Buskohl, 1009 3rd Street, Parkview Manor, Reinbeck, IA 50669.

Christmas Program - The Colfax Center Kids will be presenting "A Night Like No Other" on Sunday evening December 17 at 6 p.m. with reception to follow hosted by Pastor Luke and Aimee. Practices are being held at the start of Sunday school and Stage Practices will begin on Sunday December 3 for the entire Sunday School hour. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687) or Karen Boomgarden (319-823-0108).

Christmas in Grundy County – We are excited to once again be partnering with other local churches for "Christmas in Grundy County". Additional details and opportunities to volunteer can be found on your insert and in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Amber Eberline (319) 404-0127

Donation Envelopes – The little brown envelopes for donating to Christmas Sacks and Pastor Luke and his family's Christmas gift are in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate by December 17.

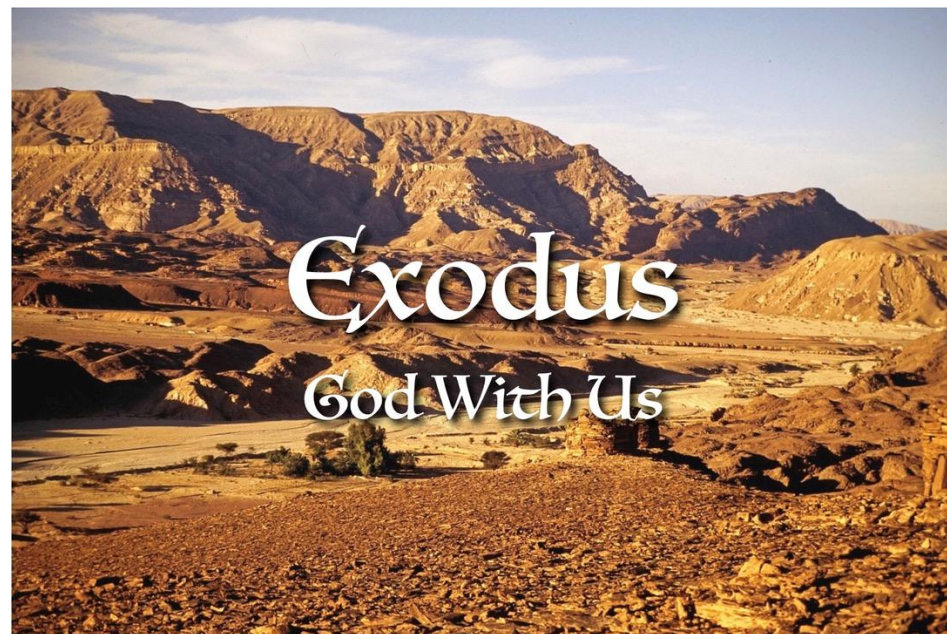
Newsletter – The November/December Newsletter was sent via email and is available in print in the Narthex.



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Sunday November 19, 2023

Reflection Before Service

A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living. An idol has such a controlling position in your heart that you can spend most of your passion and energy, your emotional and financial resources, on it without a second thought. ... An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, “If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.” There are many ways to describe that kind of relationship to something, but perhaps the best one is *worship*.

Rev. Tim Keller

Prelude

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 97:1, 6-7, 12

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ...

“The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!” ... “Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!”

***Hymn of Praise**

GHF 70 – Holy, Holy, Holy
(v. 1, 3, 4)

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 8:17-20

Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:31-34, 38-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any

charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.... For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Operation Christmas Child & Children’s Message

***Song of Celebration**

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

***Doxology**

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Short Catechism #57

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, *Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.*

***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 32:1-24, 30-35

Sermon

“The Seduction of Self-Worship:”

Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Song of Response**

GHF 125 – Jesus Paid it All

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, November 19

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

Tuesday, November 21

9:30a - Women’s Bible Study
2:00p – Care Team - Arlington
6:30p – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, November 26

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
6:30p – Women’s Prayer Group

Serving Sunday, November 26

Coffee Chat:

Coffee Fellowship: Mike & Karen Dieken

Greeters: Thoren’s & Johnson’s

Nursery Worship: Karen Boomgarden

Nursey (SS): Amy Launstein

Elevator Attendant: Blake E

PowerPoint: Macy B

Camera: Steve Jones

Sound: Larry Freed

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.

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.

Iowa Presbytery: - Trinity PCA (Cedar Rapids) – Rev. Isaac Ferrell

Medical Prayer Request

Wava Hemmen – Ongoing health troubles

Eldon Kruger – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Larry Dreesman – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Marcia Andersen – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Heather Wise – Recovering from surgery.

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; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey.

Sermon Outline
“The Seduction of Self-Worship”

1. Set Apart – A Holy Nation
2. Quick to Compromise – The Seduction of Self-Worship
3. The Need For Intercession