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# COLFAX HEARTLINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF COLFAX CENTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PASTORAL TRANSITION

Please see the letter from Pastor Luke on the following page addressing his upcoming pastoral transition.



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Dear Colfax Members and Attenders,

It is with a heart full of both gratitude and sadness, I write to share that I have accepted the call to serve as the next Senior Pastor of Rocky Mountain Community Church in Billings, Montana. After much prayer, reflection, and counsel, I believe this is the direction the Lord is leading me and my family, and I trust wholly in His timing and sovereign plan—not only for us, but for Colfax Church as well.

Serving as your pastor has been one of the great privileges of my life. You have welcomed me and my family into your lives, extended deep grace, and walked with me through seasons of ministry, challenge, fruitfulness and growth. I have seen the Spirit of God at work among you, and I am thankful for the ways you have sought to be faithful to Christ and His Word. I carry with me countless memories of worship, laughter, tears, and the sweet fellowship we have shared.

This decision was not made lightly. Aimee and I have wrestled with the weight of this moment because we care deeply for this church and the community we have become a part of. Yet, I am confident that God goes before us all. He is not only leading me to a new call, but He is also already preparing the next chapter for Colfax Center Presbyterian Church. His faithfulness to this congregation stretches back for generations, and that same faithfulness will continue to uphold and guide you in the days ahead.

Transitions are never easy, but they are often the very soil in which God grows us in new and unexpected ways. I encourage you to remain united in Christ, grounded in the Word, and steadfast in prayer. The Lord is at work, and I believe He has good plans for you—plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

I will continue to pray for you as you discern what God has next. Know that you are deeply loved—not only by me and my family, but far more by the Good Shepherd who never leaves or forsakes His flock. The Colfax Session will be in touch in the coming weeks regarding a congregational meeting to formally approve this transition as well as the timeline for the coming months. In the mean time I will continue to preach and lead at Colfax as God has called me until that transition takes place.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for allowing me the honor of being your pastor. May the Lord bless you and keep you, now and always.

In Christ's love and service,

Luke Wolfe  
Pastor  
Colfax Center Presbyterian Church



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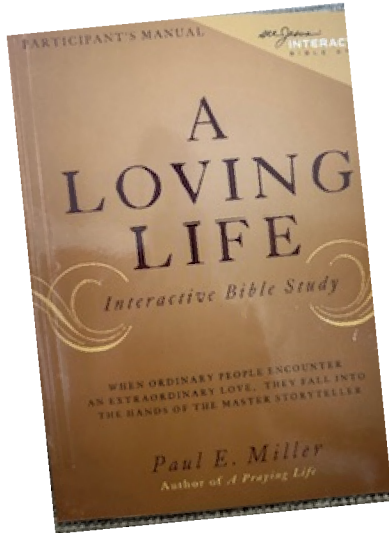
Kodie Christine Eberline Baptism  
Blake & Britny Eberline  
June 22, 2025



# LET'S CATCH UP

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## Women's Spring Bible Study



The women's study on Ruth wrapped up on May 6th with food, fellowship and a fun keepsake craft to remind us that God has us covered under his wings.

Ruth was an ordinary woman with extraordinary love: HESED!

We learned how that love was used by God to form the ancestry that would lead to king David and ultimately to King Jesus!

Stay tuned for information on our next study beginning this fall-you won't want to miss it!



# MINISTRY UPDATES



## WELLSBURG VBS



VBS will be held July 28th – August 1st from 5:30-8:00pm at Wellsburg Reformed Church. A meal will be provided each night. Friday night we will have a program with a meal to follow for kids and their families.

Please share with your families, neighbors and friends.

Everyone is welcome at VBS!

The link to sign up is [vbspro.events/p/wellsburgvbs2025.com](https://vbspro.events/p/wellsburgvbs2025.com)

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Mennenga at [maria.mennenga@gmail.com](mailto:maria.mennenga@gmail.com) or by phone: (319) 640-0304.

# MINISTRY UPDATES



## All Sunday School Church KICKOFF



All Sunday School Church KICKOFF will be on September 7 with a meal followed by a game of Kickball, Kids vs Adults. Don't miss out on a great time of food, fun and fellowship!! Watch for more details in the bulletin as the date gets closer.

The Sunday School teachers have met and updated class lists..  
Preschool unit will be God Created All Things,  
K-1 Unit is Living Together, 2nd-4th Unit is Worshiping God, and  
Middle School will continue exploring the Westminster Catechism.

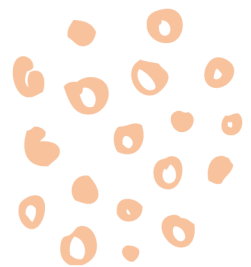
The Colfax Center Kids Ministry is in need of three substitute teachers for the year 2025-26. Individuals are needed to step in when a regular teacher is absent. If you enjoy working with children and want to share your faith, this is a wonderful way to get involved in this important program. You will be blessed. For more information, Contact Sandy Simms, 319-269-1687



# THANK YOU

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Melinda Schwarck would like to thank Pastor Luke and everyone who prayed for her as she underwent wrist and elbow surgery following her fall. She continues to heal and appreciates being in your thoughts and prayers. Praise God for His great kindness and loving care over her.



Thank you to everyone who helped make my birthday such a wonderful day. Your kindness and love will forever be a part of my memory garden. I hold Colfax Center in my daily prayers. I will be asking God to give you his wisdom and peace in the days ahead. Most Sincerely and in Christian Love,  
Joe Ann Ennenga

# BIRTHDAYS

## JULY

2 - CHUCK THOREN  
2 - BRIA STEINMEYER  
3 - MAGGIE BENINGA  
3 - KATIE WOLFE  
5 - SCOTT SMIT  
5 - HAILEY DIEKEN  
8 - AMBER GETTING  
9 - JUDY HARBERTS  
11- KEON VANHORN  
12 - RACHEL WERKMAN  
13 - ROGER MARTIN  
14 - LARRY FREED  
25 - DOUGLAS WEIRS JR.  
29 - PAUL SMIT  
30 - TREY MORRIS

## AUGUST

5 - CURT STAHL  
10 - FRANCYS HARMS  
10 - BLAKE STAHL  
12 - SHARON SMIT  
12 - KALENA DIEKEN  
18 - LORI WILLIS  
21 - TRENT DIEKEN  
27 - PATTI NORRIS  
29 - MAXINE HAYUNGS  
29 - DOREEN GETTING  
30 - ORENE EBERLINE  
30 - PAUL VOGT  
31 - MORGAN EILERS

## EARLY SEPTEMBER

2 - LYDIA STEINMEYER  
3 - DEE EILERS  
4 - BRYON HOOK  
5 - KAREN BOOMGARDEN  
7 - SANDY SIMMS

11 - COLTON STAHL  
12 - OAKLEIGH ALBERS  
15 - DYLAN SCHIPPER  
16 - JAMES STEINMEYER  
16 - WESLEY WILLIS



# VOLUNTEERS

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Jul 27  | Tom & Sandy S         |
| Aug 3   | Fran H & Wava H       |
| Aug 10  | Andrew & Amanda E     |
| Aug 17  | Elaine S & Lorraine M |
| Aug 24  | Curt & Julie T        |
| Aug 31  | Jesse & Lori W        |
| Sept 7  | Boomgarden/ Launstein |
| Sept 14 | Mike & Karen D        |
| Sept 21 | Chuck & Ruth/Jan W    |
| Sept 28 | Leon & Sheryl/Patti N |

## COFFEE CHAT

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| Jul 27  | Kasey & Erin L     |
| Aug 3   | Andrew & Amanda E  |
| Aug 10  | Shawn & Emily A    |
| Aug 17  | Jesse & Lori W     |
| Aug 24  | Trent & Brittney S |
| Aug 31  | Elaine S           |
| Sept 7  | Blake & Britny E   |
| Sept 14 | Amy Launstein      |
| Sept 21 | Kasey & Erin L     |
| Sept 28 | Andrew & Amanda E  |

## PPT & SOUND

|         |                |          |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| Jul 27  | Jane L         | Larry F  |
| Aug 3   | Greeley E      | Larry F  |
| Aug 10  | Steve J        | Sheryl J |
| Aug 17  | Steve J        | Sheryl J |
| Aug 24  | Bryleigh/Patti | Larry F  |
| Aug 31  | Jane L         | Larry F  |
| Sept 7  | Greeley E      | Larry F  |
| Sept 14 | Steve J        | Sheryl J |
| Sept 21 | Steve J        | Sheryl J |
| Sept 28 | Bryleigh/Patti | Larry F  |

## CAMERA & ELEVATOR

|         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Jul 27  | Steve J | Jim B   |
| Aug 3   | Steve J | Shawn A |
| Aug 10  | Leon J  | Trent S |
| Aug 17  | Leon J  | Jason S |
| Aug 24  | Steve J | Jesse W |
| Aug 31  | Steve J | Bryce E |
| Sept 7  | Steve J | Curt B  |
| Sept 14 | Leon J  | Coty A  |
| Sept 21 | Leon J  | Shawn A |
| Sept 28 | Steve J | Jim B   |

## GREETERS

|         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| Jul 27  | Harberts/Johnsons        |
| Aug 3   | Morris Family/Elaine S   |
| Aug 10  | Fran H & Maxine H        |
| Aug 17  | Joyce B/Mike & Karen D   |
| Aug 24  | Harberts & Johnsons      |
| Aug 31  | Curt B/Jim & Maggie B    |
| Sept 7  | Morris Family & Elaine S |
| Sept 14 | Fran H & Wava H          |
| Sept 21 | Joyce B/Mike & Karen D   |
| Sept 28 | Harberts & Johnsons      |

## NURSERY

|         | Worship            | Sunday School |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| Jul 27  | Kasey & Erin L     | n/a           |
| Aug 3   | Andrew & Amanda E  | n/a           |
| Aug 10  | Shawn & Emily A    | n/a           |
| Aug 17  | Jesse & Lori W     | n/a           |
| Aug 24  | Trent & Brittney S | n/a           |
| Aug 31  | Karen B            | n/a           |
| Sept 7  | Blake & Britny E   | n/a           |
| Sept 14 | Amy Launstein      |               |
| Sept 21 | Kasey & Erin L     | Kasey         |
| Sept 28 | Andrew & Amanda E  |               |

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