**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!

**Welcome Rev. Michael Mudlaff** – He will be preaching today during the worship service.

**Missionary Ross Floyd** – Ross and his wife Angela are Missionaries in Panama City, Panamá and are with Mission to the World. Ross will be speaking next Sunday, September 14 during the worship service.

Pastor Search Team Survey - "You will be receiving a survey from the Pastor Search Team in the mail this week. We ask you return it by mail by Sep 21 to "Colfax Center Church, 18935 K Ave, Holland, IA 50642" or give to Patti Norris. Each member of your family should fill one out. Our team cannot express enough how much we need your input. Please direct all questions to a member of our team - Curt Bakker, Karen Dieken, Britny Eberline, Judy Harberts, Leon Johnson, Kasey Lyon, or Kristie Salo." Thank you!

**Fall Sunday School** – Fall Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, September 14. We will have classes for all ages, 4 and up, and nursery available for ages 0-3.

Mission Feast – See the insert.

**September-October Newsletter –** Printed copies of the newsletter are in the Narthex.

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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"A Church in the Country, For the Community"







# Sunday September 7, 2025

#### **Reflection Before Service**

Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14

Prelude

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 105:4-8

(Call and Response)

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

\*Hymn of Praise

GHF 2 – Love Divine (v. 1, 3, 4)

Call to Confession

Psalm 73:25-28

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

#### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

\*Song of Celebration

GHF 50 - Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1, 3, 4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

\*Doxology

\*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

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"It's Not Fair!"

Rev. Michael Mudlaff

\*Confession of Faith

(Back of Sermon Outline)

Apostles' Creed

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

\*Song of Response

Behold the Lamb

Benediction and Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand

#### This Week at Colfax

# Sunday, September 7

9:00a – "Coffee Chat" 9:30a – Morning Worship 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship

# Monday, September 8

1:30p – Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, September 10

6:15p – "Chaos" 7:15p – "Friends First"

# Sunday, September 14

9:00a – "Coffee Chat" 9:30a – Morning Worship 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship 6:30p – Prayer Group

#### **Milestones**

Sept. 7 – Sandy Simms 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

# Serving Sunday, September 14

Coffee Chat: Amy Launstein

Coffee Fellowship: Ruth T & Jan W

Greeters: Fran H & Maxine H
Nursery Worship: Amy Launstein
Nursey during Sunday School: Amy L

Elevator Attendant: Coty Albers

PowerPoint: Steve Jones Camera: Leon Johnson Sound: Sheryl Johnson

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.

#### 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:

- > Elders & Deacons as they lead the church.
- Current Elders: Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Paul Smit, Kasey Lyons
- Current Deacons: Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, Curt Bakker, Trent Siefken, Jason Steinmeyer
- 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**

Samantha Mackie – Healing from the return of benign brain tumors.

Mark Benshoof – For his prostate and PSA levels.

Mardean Willis- Recovering from Pacemaker Replacement surgery.

Brian Schissel - Receiving treatments for a brain tumor.

**Chuck Thoren** – Healing for heart, kidney issues and from hip surgery.

**Sheryl Johnson** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Pray also for -** Our armed forces (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; Margie Kuhlman, Shirley Luwe.

# Sermon Notes "It's Not Fair!"

1. We have an unequal opportunity God.

2. We have an unfair God.

3. We have a just God.

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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