

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!

Welcome Randy Folkerts – He will be preaching during the Worship Service.

Dale Akkerman – Will be preaching Sunday, December 14.

Poinsettias in December – Let's fill the church with poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. Starting December 4, you can bring them on Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am, call Patti (319-823-0151) when here. Friday mornings 9-Noon, call Judy (319-464-2800) when here. You can also bring them on a Sunday. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared on the bottom of the plant.

Angel Tree Gifts – The gifts are due today.

Christmas Program - Sunday December 21 at 5:30 p.m. Colfax Center Kids will be presenting "Symbols of Christmas" Play with music. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687) or Karen Boomgarden (319-823-0108). A meal to follow the program.

Donation Envelopes – The little brown envelopes for donating for Christmas Sacks are in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate by December 21.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24, 5pm, we will have our traditional Christmas Candlelight Service, featuring the singing of Christmas hymns, a message and finishing with a candlelit singing of Silent Night. You won't want to miss it!

Newsletter – All content submission for the January-February Newsletter are due to Patti Norris by Sunday, December 14.



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Sunday December 7, 2025

Reflection Before Service

“And as [Aslan] spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

Prelude Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Eberline Family

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1, 4

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?... One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 91 – The First Noel
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession

Isaiah 8:11-15

For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

The Lord’s Prayer
(Back of Sermon Outline)

Assurance of Pardon

John 1:9-14

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*Song of Celebration

GHF 90 – It Came Upon...
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Worship Through Giving

Maintenance

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #60

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

*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 1:18-25

Sermon

“Immanuel, God with Us

Randy Folkerts

*Song of Response

GHF 99 – Angels from the Realms of Glory
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, December 7

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

Wednesday, December 10

6:15p – “Chaos”
7:15p – “Friends First”

Sunday, December 14

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, December 14

Coffee Chat: Elaine S

Coffee Fellowship: Tom & Sandy S

Greeters: Fran H & Maxine H

Nursery Worship: Karen B

Nursey (SS): Lori W

Elevator Attendant: Jesse W

PowerPoint: Steve J

Camera: Leon J

Sound: Sheryl J

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:

- 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, Jason Steinmeyer
- Our Children’s Ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Iowa Presbytery: - One Ancient Hope (Iowa City) – Rev. Will Bankston

Medical Prayer Request

Jill Steinmeyer – Healing from surgery.

Barbara Reiter – Healing from a car accident.

Laurie Kessler – Receiving radiation treatments for cancer.

Shelby Luwe – Receiving strong Chemo treatments for cancer.

Brian Schissel – Receiving treatments for a brain tumor.

Sheryl Johnson – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Aimee Wolfe – Healing from a broken foot.

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, Orene Eberline, Joyce Dreesman.

Sermon Outline
“Emmanuel, God with Us”

1. The Promise Immanuel began 4000 years ago.

A. My motive is: The benefits of Immanuel.

B. The objective is: You want people to understand our relationship with God with us.

2. God glorifies Himself.

3. The Benefits of I AM with you.

4. Conclusion.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.

Amen

