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COLFAX HEARTLINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF COLFAX CENTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HELLO, COLFAX CENTER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE AS YOUR PASTOR, WRITING THIS COLUMN! IT IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE. WE LOVE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY, IN THE MANSE THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR US.

THERE ARE TWO GREAT VIEWS FROM THE MANSE. THE FIRST VIEW IS OF THE COLFAX CHURCH BUILDING, WHICH CAN RESEMBLE A CASTLE, A FORT, OR AN OASIS DEPENDING ON TIME OF DAY, THE WEATHER, OR ONE'S FRAME OF MIND. IT IS A BUILDING WHERE GOD HAS CALLED HIS PEOPLE FOR A CENTURY-AND-A-HALF TO WORSHIP HIM, TO PRAY, TO FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND RECEIVE STRENGTH FOR LIVING WHETHER TIMES ARE GOOD AND BAD. THERE IS SOMEONE SOLID TO WHICH OUR BUILDING POINTS, AND THAT SOMEONE IS THE "GOD OF THE BUILDING". IT IS GOD'S HOUSE.

BABIES ARE BAPTIZED HERE, AND THEY GROW UP BEING TAUGHT AND WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH LIFE HERE. YOUNG PEOPLE GETTING STARTED, MOVING INTO CAREERS AND ESTABLISHING FAMILIES OF THEIR OWN, ARE REMINDED THAT WHATEVER TWISTS AND TURNS THEIR PATH IN LIFE WILL TAKE, THERE IS A CHURCH -- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE GOD OF HIS CHURCH WHO LOVES THEM AND WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM. AND WE OLDER PEOPLE HAVE THIS PLACE TO REMIND US THAT THE GOD WHO SAVED US WILL NEVER LEAVE OR FORSAKE US; WE CONTINUE TO BE NURTURED AND FED AS WE WALK WITH GOD ALL THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

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THE OTHER GREAT VIEW IS OF THE CORNFIELD. CURRENTLY IS IS FURROWS WITH THE LAST BIT OF SNOW. SOON IT WILL BE SEEDLINGS AND GREEN GROWTH AND CORN -- AND THEN THE HARVEST. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WATCHING THIS PROCESS PLAY OUT BEFORE OUR VERY EYES, WAVE UPON WAVE, SEASON AFTER SEASON. IT'S VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT COLFAX FOR THE PAST CENTURY-AND-A-HALF. OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THROUGH TIMES BOTH GOOD AND BAD, ABUNDANCE AND DRAUGHT, PEACE AND WAR. WORK TO BE ENJOYED, AND GOD GIVING THE INCREASE.

WHAT IS THE SEED THAT IS SOWN AT COLFAX? THE GOSPEL.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? THE GOOD NEWS THAT THERE IS A REDEEMER, A SAVIOR, A SUBSTITUTE -- THAT THOUGH WE ARE BORN IN REBELLION TO GOD AND WHAT IS GOOD, GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS. JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE AND WENT TO THE CROSS TO PAY THE WAGES OF SIN FOR HIS PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN BE CHRISTIANS! WE GET TO WALK WITH GOD HERE AND THEN GO TO HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY. AND WE SOW THAT SEED INTO OUR COMMUNITY -- "REPENT OF YOUR SINS AND PLACE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST." "FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD" (ROMANS 6:23).

I LOVE YOU, COLFAX CHURCH CONGREGATION. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPERIENCING WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR US AS WE LIVE FOR HIM.

**IN CHRIST,
PASTOR HUTCH**

LET'S CATCH UP

PASTOR DAVID HUTCHINSON'S INSTALLATION



LET'S CATCH UP

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN
MADE VALENTINES FOR PASTOR HUTCH & PAULA
AND ALL OF THE COLFAX CENTER SHUT-INS.**

**KID'S NAMES: BRYLEIGH ALBERS, QUINTEN EBERLINE, JEMMA EBERLINE, MAESA EVERTS,
JOY LYONS, AND SADIE STEWART. TEACHERS KALENA DIEKEN & SANDY SIMMS**



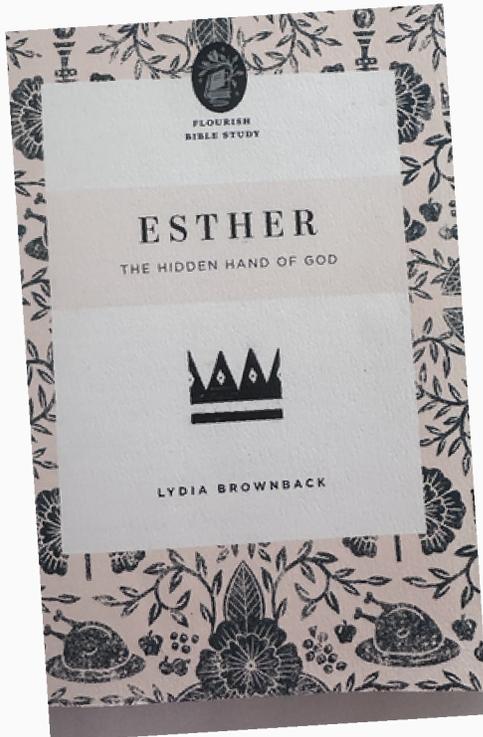
UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER SERVICES WILL BE ON
APRIL 5, 2026

AT THE SONRISE SERVICE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PRESENT
"THE EMOJI EASTER STORY"

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
STARTING APRIL 13TH RUNNING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14TH.
THE INFO ON WHAT STUDY WILL BE COMING IN THE BULLETIN IN MARCH.
WE WILL MEET THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 1:30 PM .



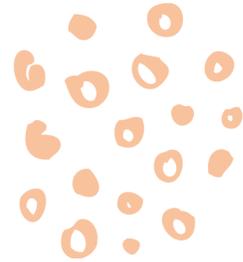
What can we learn from a book of the Bible that doesn't even mention the name of God? Turns out we have lots to learn from Esther! God is not mentioned, not even once... but He is all over this story!

TUESDAYS APRIL 14-MAY 19
9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM

Kristie Salo 319-640-0141

THANK YOU

Dear Colfax Center Church:
Thank you all for the prayers, memorials and beautiful cards
in the passing of Drew. Your presence at the visitation
and funeral as well as your calls and texts
were all just so very comforting and meaningful.
May each of you be blessed as much as you have blessed me.
I miss you and love you all so very much!
Love, Cathy Janssen



Dear Care Team,
We were so touched by your unexpected card and prayers.
Thank you for thinking of us and may God continue to bless
you and the good work you do in His Name.
Love, Cathy Janssen & Family



Dear Pastor David & Paula, my family, Colfax Church family,
and the Care Team for Christmas greetings and goodies,
devotions and treats on the 3rd Tuesdays,
also, Pastor David for your messages and introduction of yourself.
Thank you, Pastor David & Paula, for coming to get acquainted
when I spent several days at GCM Hospital.
May God continue to bless Colfax Center family,
Pastor Hutch & Paula.
In Christian Love,
Orene Eberline

*I would like to thank everyone for their prayers,
concerns and cards while I am healing from my
heart issues. All this is greatly appreciated.
Carolyn Stahl*

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

1 - RUTH THOREN
1 - SHEILA STEINMEYER
2 - WESTIN STEINMEYER
3 - JAMES HEEREN
5 - RIGBY EVERTS
6 - HEATHER LAMFERS
7 - TAYLOR LAUNSTEIN
10 - DOUG HAYUNGS
10 - DAVID STEINMEYER
12 - KYLER EBERLINE
13 - KAMILLE ALBERS
17 - ALECIA MORRIS
19 - JIM BENINGA
21 - ERIN LYONS
22 - DAWSON STAHL
27 - LIZ RUST
30 - MARLENE MENNEN

APRIL

1 - SHERYL JOHNSON
4 - DALE LAUNSTEIN
9 - BRETT EBERLINE
12 - SHARON MARTIN
14 - AMY LAUNSTEIN
14 - ADALEIGH ALBERS
15 - JEREMY STEWART
20 - BRYCE EBERLINE
21 - JANICE STEINMEYER
23 - PEG STAHL
23 - SHAWN SAMO
26 - STACI SCHIPPER
26 - KIPLYN AALFS
27 - JESSE WILLIS
27 - MACY BOOMGARDEN

EARLY MAY

1 - JUSTIN STAHL
1 - SAMATHA MACKIE
8 - ERIN AALFS
10 - KAITYLYN HAYUNGS
11 - VICKEY BENSHOOF
13 - ELAINE SENTS
14- BRIAN BOOMGARDEN
16 - JOYCE BLYTHE
17 - BENJAMIN WIERS
18 - JEMMA EBERLINE
18 - KODIE EBERLINE
19 - JERRY EBERLINE

VOLUNTEERS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Mar 15 Fran, Wava & Vickey B
 Mar 22 Andrew & Amanda E
 Mar 29 Mike & Karen D
 Apr 5 Boomgarden & Launstein
 Apr 12 Curt & Julie T
 Apr 19 Chuck, Ruth & Jan W
 Apr 26 Elaine S & Lorraine M
 May 3 Leon, Sheryl & Patti
 May 10 Jesse & Lori W
 May 17 Tom & Sandy S

COFFEE CHAT

Mar 15 Erin L
 Mar 22 Shawn & Emily A
 Mar 29 Jesse & Lori W
 Apr 5 Blake & Britny E
 Apr 12 Andrew & Amanda E
 Apr 19 Erin L
 Apr 26 Shawn & Emily A
 May 3 Jesse & Lori W
 May 10 Blake & Britny E
 May 17 Erin L

PPT & SOUND

Mar 15	Steve J	Sheryl J
Mar 22	Greeley E	Larry F
Mar 29	Bryleigh A	Larry F
Apr 5	Jane L	Larry F
Apr 12	Steve J	Sheryl J
Apr 19	Steve J	Sheryl J
Apr 26	Jane L	Larry F
May 3	Bryleigh A	Larry F
May 10	Steve J	Sheryl J
May 17	Steve J	Sheryl

CAMERA & ELEVATOR

Mar 15	Leon J	Jason S
Mar 22	Steve J	Curt B
Mar 29	Steve J	Bryce E
Apr 5	Steve J	Coty A
Apr 12	Leon J	Shawn A
Apr 19	Leon J	Jim B
Apr 26	Steve J	Jason S
May 3	Steve J	Curt B
May 10	Leon J	Mike D
May 17	Leon J	Bryce E

GREETERS

Mar 15 Joyce B / Mike & Karen
 Mar 22 Harberts & Johnsons
 Mar 29 Jim & Maggie B / Curt B
 Apr 5 Morris Family & Elaine S
 Apr 12 Fran H & Maxine H
 Apr 19 Joyce B / Mike & Karen
 Apr 26 Harberts & Johnsons
 May 3 Morris Family & Elaine S
 May 10 Fran H & Maxine H
 May 17 Joyce B / Mike & Karen

NURSERY

Worship	Sunday School
Mar 15	Lyons' Family Kasey L
Mar 22	Shawn & Emily A
Mar 29	Jesse & Lori W
Apr 5	Blake & Britny E
Apr 12	Andrew & Amanda E
Apr 19	Lyons' Family Kasey L
Apr 26	Shawn & Emily A
May 3	Jesse & Lori W
May 10	Blake & Britny E
May 17	Lyons' Family Kasey L

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