

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could worship with us today.

Our Nursery is open. Please have your child (3 years and younger) in the nursery by 9:25 am for worship.

The **pastoral search committee** asks for your continued prayers as our opening has been posted to organizations recommended by McGowan Search. Please pray that the man God is preparing for us senses the guidance of the Holy Spirit to respond to our need.

During this transition period, when the pastoral search committee is conducting its work, **Pastor Bill Massey** feels greatly privileged to be serving Colfax Center as its interim minister.

If you are not already part of an Adult Sunday School class, **join Pastor Bill for a new class, "The Prodigal God."** During this six-week class, **we'll watch a brief DVD session and then examine "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" in Luke's gospel.** We will gain helpful insights from each of the characters in Jesus' parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the father who lavishes his love on both.

Today, a diaper shower will be held for Andie Ellen Eberline, daughter of Blake and Britny. She wears pampers and is requesting size 3 or larger.

RYM for 2020: We are planning to support our young people and send a group to RYM at Laguna Beach, FL, July 6-11. Because our own student body is small, we will keep things simpler and not help sponsor students from other churches this year. Instead, the church will pay for travel, consistent with funding for individual mission trips. Parents are asked (where able) to pay registration (\$475). Given we are sending a small group, there will be no fund-raising events. We are proposing that the counselor(s) cover up to \$200 for their expenses. We greatly appreciate your individual support for our young people. Please prayerfully consider giving in the next few months to help cover individual costs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Pruin, 319/939-0502. Please indicate your donation is for RYM when contributing to church offering. Thank you.

If anyone is opposed to **Colfax Center** using their **photograph on the website**, please contact a member of the pastoral search committee. Otherwise we will use random photos from Church activities to add to the website on occasion. If anyone has questions, please contact a PSC member. Thank you.

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*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Lord's Day

Third Sunday of the Year
January 19, 2020

As you enter prepare yourself to worship. Please silence your phone.

For Reflection Before Worship

-- Deuteronomy 20:4

The LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.

-- Charles Spurgeon

We have no enemies but the enemies of God. We war not against men, but against spiritual wickedness. With these we contend earnestly, but not with sword or spear; the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. Jehovah, our God, abhors all that is evil, and, therefore, he goes with us to fight for us in this campaign. He will save us, and he will give us grace to war a good warfare, and win the victory.

Prelude

Carolyn Stahl

Announcements

*Call to Worship

-- Ephesians 2:19-21 (adapted)

We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. As the living temple of God let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise GHF #186, *The Church's One Foundation*

*Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

-- Heidelberg Cat. #1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**My only comfort in life and in death is
that I am not my own,
but belong—**

**body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head**

**without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Praise GHF #236, *Amazing Grace* (vs. 3)

Call to Confession of Sin

-- Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

-- John 17:20-21

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

*Hymns of Devotion: GHF #56, *I Am His and He Is Mine*

Speak, O Lord

Our Tithes and Offerings: General Fund

-- Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give.

*Doxology

*Greet One Another

Prayers of the People

Reading of God's Word

Philippians 2:1-4

Sermon: *Gospel Unity*

Rev. Bill Massey

*Response GHF #187, *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, January 19

- 9:30 am Morning Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship/Eberline diaper shower
11:00 am Sunday School
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

- 7:00 pm Young People Meet

Thursday, January 23

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 26

- 9:30 am Morning Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Sunday School
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Serving Sunday, January 26

Sanctuary Flowers: Available
Coffee Fellowship: Tom and Sandy Simms
Greeters: Fran Harms and Maxine Hayungs
Elevator Attendant: Chad Pruisner
Nursery Attendant: Willis Family
SS Nursery Attendant: Amy Launstein
Camera: Steve Jones
PowerPoint: Jordan Launstein

COLFAX CENTER PRAISES AND 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 Bill, Valerie and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church

Current Elders: Donn Anderson, Leon Johnson, David Pruin,
Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes

Current Deacons: Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Chad Pruisner,
Paul Smit, Chuck Thoren, Red Werkman

- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation

All of Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Those battling cancer: Karen Arends; Bill Aswegan; Glenn Beckwith,
Cindy Klaassen, Megan Hook; Kenny Luhring, Kay Schultz, Brad Wos

Medical prayer requests:

- **Bill Aswegan and Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Bob Getting** for comfort and healing from his fall
- **Kate Sandy** for comfort and healing from surgery
- **Kim Venenga** for a donor to be found for Kidney transplant
- **Richard Lamfers** for comfort and healing from surgery

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces; anxious, or discouraged; facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:

Pauline Arends; Mary Bakker; Phyllis DeNeui; Eldon & Elna Dieken;
Deloris Eilers, Grace Ennenga; Norma Hook; Anna Mae Klaassen; Verone Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain

If you left a tablet at the church please talk to the pastor or to Elaine Sents.



Alternatives Pregnancy Center

Who We Are

We exist to be a first stop for people facing an unplanned pregnancy, to address at risk sexual behavior, and to help build healthy families. Providing FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to the Cedar Valley.

What We Do

Since 1991, Alternatives Pregnancy Center has had the privilege of providing a wide range of services to thousands of citizens in the Cedar Valley area. Free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, free parenting education, free std/sti tests, pregnancy options information, material assistance, referral, and emergency diapers.

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