

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 would like to thank the congregation for their continued prayers during the long and involved process of finding our next pastor. We have begun to receive applications from interested candidates. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we move forward. Thank you!

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

RYM 2020: We will be sending a group of our young people to Laguna Beach, FL, July 6-11 to participate in the Reformed Youth Ministries conference. We need your prayers as we work out the details. If you would like to help with individual expenses for those who want to go, it would be greatly appreciated. Indicate your donation is for RYM when contributing to the church offerings. If you have any questions, contact David Pruin 319/939-0502 or davidpruin@gmail.com. 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.

It is our joy to have **Coty and Kamille Albers** presenting their daughter, **Kierstyn Jean**, for **baptism** today. Kierstyn was born on January 17th.

Next Sunday, **Wings of Refuge**, a ministry to victims of Sex-trafficking, will be making a presentation during the Sunday School hour. All adults and High School youth are invited to attend.

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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

Eighth Sunday of the Year

February 23, 2020

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

For Reflection Before Worship

-- *Philippians 3:8*

I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

-- John Piper

When all is said and done, *God is the gospel*. This truth is crucial! Many people seem to embrace the good news without embracing God. There is no sure evidence that we have a new heart just because we want to escape hell. It doesn't take a new heart to want the psychological relief of forgiveness, or the removal of God's wrath, or the inheritance of God's world. All these things are understandable without any spiritual change. It is not wrong to want them. In fact, it is folly not to. But the evidence that we have been changed is that we want these things because they bring us *the enjoyment of God*. This is the greatest thing Christ died for! Why? Because we were made to experience full and lasting happiness from knowing God. The gospel of Christ is the good news that at the cost of his Son's life, God has done everything necessary to enthrall us with what will make us eternally and ever increasingly happy, namely, himself.

Prelude

Carol Krull

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

-- *Revelation 5:13*

*I heard every creature...saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
Let us reverence the Lord!*

***Hymn of Praise** GHF #3, *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

GHF #1, *O Worship the King* (1, 4)

***Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

-- *from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39*

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;**

**for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Call to Confession of Sin

-- *Isaiah 53:6*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

-- *Isaiah 53:5*

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

***Hymn of Confidence:** *You're the Word of God the Father*

Our Tithes and Offerings: Missions Fund

***Doxology**

***Greet One Another**

Baptism of Kierstyn Jean Albers

Reading of God's Word

-- *Philippians 3:1-11*

Sermon: *Guarding Our Joy*

Rev. Bill Massey

***Response** GHF #217, *Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness*

***Benediction and Postlude**

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 20

7:00 pm Men's Group

Sunday, March 1

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

Serving Sunday, March 1

Sanctuary Flowers: Available
Coffee Fellowship: Steinmeyer/ Samo
Greeters: Eldon & Linda Kruger, Leon & Sheryl Johnson
Elevator Attendant: Doug Wiers
Nursery Attendant: Launstein Family
SS Nursery Attendant: Sheryl Johnson
Camera: Steve Jones
PowerPoint: Cassie Borwig

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, Al Harberts

Current Deacons: Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Paul Smit,
Chuck Thoren, Doug Wiers, and Jesse Willis

- 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.
- **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

Please pray for the young people who are attending the Communicants' Class.

Colfax Church is joining other community churches in hosting **Lenten Lunches at the Community Center**. We will host on **Wednesday, March 4** from 11:45 to 12:45. Soup, bread, and dessert will be served. **Volunteers are needed** to help. Please contact Fran Harms at 641-869-3463

A new **Adult Sunday School** class, 'Life Explored' will be held for seven weeks **beginning March 15th**. During the class, we will uncover what people are living for and see how, in Christ, God meets our deepest desire for happiness

A **new members class, 'Intro to Colfax Church'** will be held for six weeks beginning **Sunday, March 29** with Pastor Bill. Find out more about Colfax Church. Indicate your interest on the registration pad

We will be having a card shower for Grace Ennenga's birthday on February 25. Grace will be 92 years old.

Address: Grace Ennenga
Bickford Cottage
5101 University Avenue
Room 133
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Today there will be a **diaper shower for Kierstyn Albers**, daughter of Coty and Kamille Albers. She uses pampers brand diapers. Size 1 and up would be great.

Cake will be served during **coffee fellowship** on **March 1** to celebrate Tom and Sandy Simms's 50th anniversary which is February 28

Timothy Christian School is planning their annual **benefit auction** on Saturday, **March 7** at the Wellsburg Memorial Building with bidding beginning at 10 AM. Every year there is a large variety of baked goods, household items, farm supplies, toys, tickets, gift baskets, and so much more on the auction block! Both a live auction and a silent auction will be happening. New this year: purchase \$50 Winner's Choice raffle tickets to possibly win a tropical cruise, trip to Cancun or trip to Sonoma/Napa Scenic California. Come enjoy our all-day concession stand. If you would like more information, please call 641-869-3679 or email dakkerman@timothychristianschool.net.

