

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.

Today, **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

Ninth Sunday of the Year

March 1, 2020

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

For Reflection Before Worship

-- Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi...

-- John Piper

One of the greatest heartaches in the Christian life is the slowness of our change. We hear the summons of God to love him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. But do we ever rise to that totality of affection and devotion? We cry out regularly with the apostle Paul, “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Rom. 7:24). We groan even as we take fresh resolves: “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own” (Phil. 3:12). That very statement is the key to endurance and joy. “Christ has made me his own.” All my reaching and yearning and striving is not to belong to Christ (which has already happened), but to complete what is lacking in my likeness to him. One of the greatest sources of joy and endurance for the Christian is knowing that in the imperfection of our progress we have already been perfected—and that this is owing to the suffering and death of Christ. “For by a single offering [namely, himself!] he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified” (Heb. 10:14). This is amazing! In the same sentence he says we are “being sanctified” and we are already “perfected.” The basis for this? “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

Prelude

Carolyn Stahl

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

-- Romans 8:37

We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

***Hymn of Praise** GHF #2, *Love Divine*

GHF #70, *Holy, Holy, Holy* (1, 2)

***Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

-- John 10:11, 27; Psalm 23

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, said, “I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

Call to Confession of Sin

-- Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; is love endures forever.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

-- Psalm 40:11, 17

You will not restrain your mercy from me: your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

***Hymns of Devotion** GHF #256, *It Is Well with My Soul*

Our Tithes and Offerings: General Fund

-- Matthew 10:8

***Doxology**

***Greet One Another**

Reading of God's Word

-- Philippians 3:12-16

Sermon: *Pressing On For the Prize*

Rev. Bill Massey

The Lord's Supper

***Response** GHF #171, *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

***Benediction and Postlude**

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

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

Thursday, March 5

7:00 pm Men's bible study

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am	Morning Worship
10:45 am	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am	Sunday School
1:15 pm	Care Centers worship services beginning at Arlington Place
6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting

Serving Sunday, March 8

Sanctuary Flowers: Available

Coffee Fellowship: Fran Harms, Carol K, Wava H.

Greeters: Karen Kruger, Marlene Aalfs, Jim & Betty Heeren

Elevator Attendant: Chuck Thoren

Nursery Attendant: Willis Family

SS Nursery Attendant: Sheila Steinmeyer

Camera: Steve Jones

PowerPoint: Wes Willis

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
- **Kay Hentges** for healing and comfort

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

Cake will be served during **coffee fellowship** today to celebrate Tom and Sandy Simms's 50th anniversary which was 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.

Pastor Bill will be leading the **worship services** on Sunday afternoon, March 8th at **Arlington place at 1:15, the Grundy Care Center at 2:00, and Creekside about 2:45pm.**

Women's **World Day of Prayer** in Wellsburg is **cancelled**.

