

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.

I'm sorry in my haste to get an article in the newsletter I misread and reported incorrectly, RYM is run by a board of Directors, RUF is used as a resource, I'm very sorry, David Pruin.

I would urge you though to read their whole mission statement on the RYM web site it is truly inspiring. Thank You for your support!

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

March 8, 2020

The Tenth Lord's Day

For Reflection Before Worship

-- Romans 6:13-14

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

-- Sinclair Ferguson

When I was a little boy, one of the songs played regularly on the BBC was "The Ugly Duckling" by Danny Kaye. It told the story of a self-conscious little duckling mixing with other birds and feeling very sorry for himself because of his "feathers all stubby and brown." Then one day the "ugly duckling" looked down and saw something marvelous. He no longer had brown, ugly feathers, but was arrayed in the splendid white feathers of a swan! And off he went shouting, "I'm a swan, I'm a swan." Although he had thought he was a duckling, he had never been a duckling. He had been a swan all the time. But the real difference came when *he saw what he really was. The recognition of his true identity was the beginning of new joy!* Precisely the same is true of us. The great mistake many of us make is to look *only* at our sin and failure, and then ask, a little despairingly, "What can I do?" But our need is not *to do*, it is first of all *to understand what God has done*. To see what he has made us through his Son is a man or a woman who has died with Christ to sin's dominion and has been raised with Christ to newness of life. Like the "ugly duckling" then I may say: "I'm not under sin's dominion! I am a new creature! I am not what I thought I was, nor what I once was! I'm not an 'ugly duckling' Christian, I'm a child of God!"

Prelude

Pat Neessen

Announcements

*Call to Worship

-- Isaiah 41:10

Fear not for I am with you. Be not afraid for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

*Hymn of Praise GHF #268, *How Firm a Foundation*

*Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

-- Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Call to Confession of Sin

-- Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

-- Isaiah 12:2

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

*Hymn of Confidence: *The Power of the Cross*

Offering *None Other Lamb*

Linda Kruger
Elaine Sents

*Doxology

*Greet One Another

Prayers of the People

Reading of God's Word

-- Philippians 3:17-21

Sermon: *Our True Citizenship*

Rev. Bill Massey

*Response GHF #336, *O for a Closer Walk with God*

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 12

7:00 pm Men's bible study

Sunday, March 15

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

Serving Sunday, March 15

Sanctuary Flowers: Available
Coffee Fellowship: Leon and Sheryl Johnson
Greeters: Nathan & Amy Stahl, Jesse & Lori Willis
Elevator Attendant: Jesse Willis
Nursery Attendant: Wiers Family
SS Nursery Attendant: Amy Launstein
Camera: Steve Jones
PowerPoint: Carlie 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

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.

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

SPRING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

Announcing the Spring Women's Book Study: "Need to Know" by Gary Millar, This is a gentle and practical text on basic Christian belief and a 'how-to' manual for Christian life. The perfect resource for telling others about following Christ.

The 7-week study will be **begin Tuesday March 24**. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Books will be ready to pick up on March 15. The schedule of locations and hostesses will be on a bookmark with the books.

All women of the church are invited to join in this study!

"**Many thanks to Fran Harms and her team** of men and women from Colfax who hosted a wonderful **Lenten Lunch** at the Grundy Community Center this past Wednesday!"

Thank you for all the cards and congratulations for our **50th** Anniversary. We appreciate all your thoughtfulness, We thank the Lord for giving us many blessings in our fifty year journey together. Thanks to you all!

Tom & Sandy Simms

Everyone is invited to enjoy **Timothy Christian School's Annual Swiss Steak Supper** on **Tuesday, March 17**. This family-style meal of swiss steak, freshly mashed potatoes, homegrown corn, rolls, jello, and homemade pie will be served from 4:30-7:30 PM at the First Christian Reformed Church at 12420 185th Street (2.5 miles west of Wellsburg). Carry-outs: For those who are purchasing carry-outs only, those will be served at the United Reformed Church of Wellsburg at 608 S Adams Street (south of the Brick Bungalow).

