

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you could worship with us today.

**MEET YOUR PASTOR & AIMEE** - There is a signup sheet on the table by the south door if you are comfortable having coffee in groups of 8 or less in homes hosted by members of the congregation. We will do our best to social distance. Please note your preference of morning, afternoon or evening. We will communicate openings and homes as soon as we have enough people signed up. If you are willing to host these coffees, there is a place to sign up for that. **Pastor Luke & Aimee are anxious to get to know you.**

**Thank you for your contributions/shoeboxes in support of Operation Christmas Child.**

**We have received cards of thanks and appreciation from almost all of our supported missionaries.** Some are on the bulletin board outside the church secretary's office. They have asked that we pass on their gratitude for the prayers and financial support from Colfax Center.



The **little brown envelopes** for giving to the cost of **Christmas Sacks** and **Pastor Luke's Christmas gift** are on the table as you enter the south doors. Please place them in the offering plate or mail them to the church by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for our **Christmas Candlelight Service** on Wednesday, December 23, 7:00 pm! Christmas sacks will be handed out following the service!

It is not too late to share **poinsettias in memory of your loved ones.** Please place them outside Pastor Luke's office with a note taped to the bottom stating who it is in memory of.

There will not be a **Children's Christmas program** this year.

**If you are not being notified of church cancellations,** please contact Karen Dieken at [mkdieken@gmail.com](mailto:mkdieken@gmail.com) or 319-240-2728. Thank you!

Follow us on...  

## Colfax Center Church

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*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

December 13, 2020

### For Reflection Before Worship

“...a baby in a manger, wrapped in bands of cloth. What sort of sign is this? The sign to the shepherds does not take the form of an extraordinary demonstration of divine power—as was the case with Zechariah’s muteness and Elizabeth’s conception. ... In these cases, the sign helps to bring out the meaning of the message. ... the Savior-Messiah-Lord wrapped in strips of cloth lying in a feeding trough, “for no king has had a different beginning of existence” than to be “nursed with care in swaddling clothes.”” - Joel Green

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**Prelude** *Little Drummer Boy*

### Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** *Zephaniah 3:14-17*

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: ‘Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

**\*Hymn of Praise** GHF #89 - Angel’s We Have Heard on High

**Call to Confession** *Malachi 3:1-2*

*“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.*

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** *Malachi 3:3-4*

*He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi And refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.*

**Worship Through Giving**  
(We will continue to collect tithes and offerings in the narthex)

**\*Praise & Celebration** GHF #93 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Advent Candle Lighting** *Karen Kruger*

**Special Music - “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”** *Karen Kruger*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

**Reading of God’s Word** *Luke 2:1-20*

**Sermon:** “The Angels’ Song” *Pastor Luke Wolfe*

**\*Responsive Worship** GHF #91 - The First Noel

### \*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**Online Giving** - You can now give to Colfax Center Church online. Simply click the "Give" link on our website ([www.colfaxcenterchurch.org](http://www.colfaxcenterchurch.org)) or download the "Church Center" App on your smartphone and search for Colfax Center Church. Call or email Pastor Luke with questions.

**Colfax Center** will celebrate their **150th** Anniversary, **ROOTED IN FAITH - HONORING OUR LEGACY** on **June 12 & 13, 2021**. The Committee is Fran Harms & Sandy Simms (Co-Chairs), Elaine Sents, Aimee Wolfe & Al Harberts. If you have items or information to share, please contact a committee member.

Newsletter articles for the January-February 2021 newsletter are due December 16th. **Could the leader of each team (Missions, Christian Ed, Care Team, Archive Team, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team, etc.) please submit an article with updates on the projects you are working on and any dates** that should be added to the calendar. Thank you!

Tuesday, December 15, NE Iowa Food Bank Mobile Pantry will be at the Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Ave. Volunteers are needed to assist in unloading food items and assisting guests. Volunteers & guests are expected to maintain social distance, wear a mask & sanitize. Masks will be provided if needed. **Younger volunteers are needed so our older people can stay home.** Please contact Ruth Thoren if you are willing to help.

Tomorrow, December 14, Bernerd & Ethel Buskohl, 1101 12th Street, Grundy Center, IA 50638, will celebrate their **75<sup>th</sup>** Wedding Anniversary! It's not too late to send a card.

**The Congregational Meeting** to make a small change to our church Bylaws will be voted on at our Annual Congregational meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Pastor Luke will share the Bylaw change then.

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, December 13**

9:30 am Morning Worship

### **Tuesday, December 15**

9:30 am Archives Team

NE Iowa Foodbank @ Grundy Center Community Center

### **Wednesday, December 16**

7:00 pm Youth @ Orchard Hill

Jan-Feb 2021 Newsletter Articles Due

### **Sunday, December 20**

9:30 am Morning Worship  
Assembly of Christmas Sacks following worship

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7:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service  
Christmas Sacks Will be Handed out Following the Service

\*\*Could you please let Karen Dieken know if a team is meeting? You can reach her at 319-240-2728 or [mkdieken@gmail.com](mailto:mkdieken@gmail.com). We are trying to be diligent with keeping our calendar up-to-date and want to make sure the church is unlocked for groups/individuals needing access.

Thank you, Pastor Luke

### **Serving Sunday, December 20**

**Elevator Attendant:** Jesse Willis

**PowerPoint:** Lorraine Sents

**Sound:** Larry Freed

## COLFAX CENTER PRAISES & 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 Luke, Aimee, and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church  
Current Elders: Donn Anderson, Al Harberts, Leon Johnson  
Current Deacons: Mike Dieken, Paul Smit, Chuck Thoren,  
Doug Wiers, Jesse Willis
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Those battling cancer: Cindy Klaassen

### Medical prayer requests:

- **Bruce Harberts** for treatments he is receiving for several cancers
- **Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Victoria deFrancisco Pruin’s brother-in-law, Frank, who is** newly diagnosed with cancer and her brother, **Paul**, with complications from recent mini strokes following a massive stroke several years ago
- **Kim Venenga** for a kidney donor to be found
- **Red Werkman** who unexpectedly lost his son-in-law, Jay Spieker.
- Those suffering with COVID.

Pray also for those who on active duty in our armed forces, especially **Cassidy Borwig**, those who are 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:

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui;  
Eldon & Elna Dieken; Deloris Eilers, Anna Mae Klaassen;  
Verone Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain