

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

MEET YOUR PASTOR & AIMEE - Please sign up on the sheet on the table by the south entry door if you would like to be a part of a small group. If you are willing to host these coffees, there is a place to sign up for that as well. **Pastor Luke & Aimee are anxious to get to know you.**

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 today.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for our **Christmas Candlelight Service** on Wednesday, December 23, 7:00 pm. Special 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. They will be on display through December 27.

Pastor Luke and his family will be on vacation December 24-January 3, 2021. Please contact your Shepherd with any needs. Thank you.

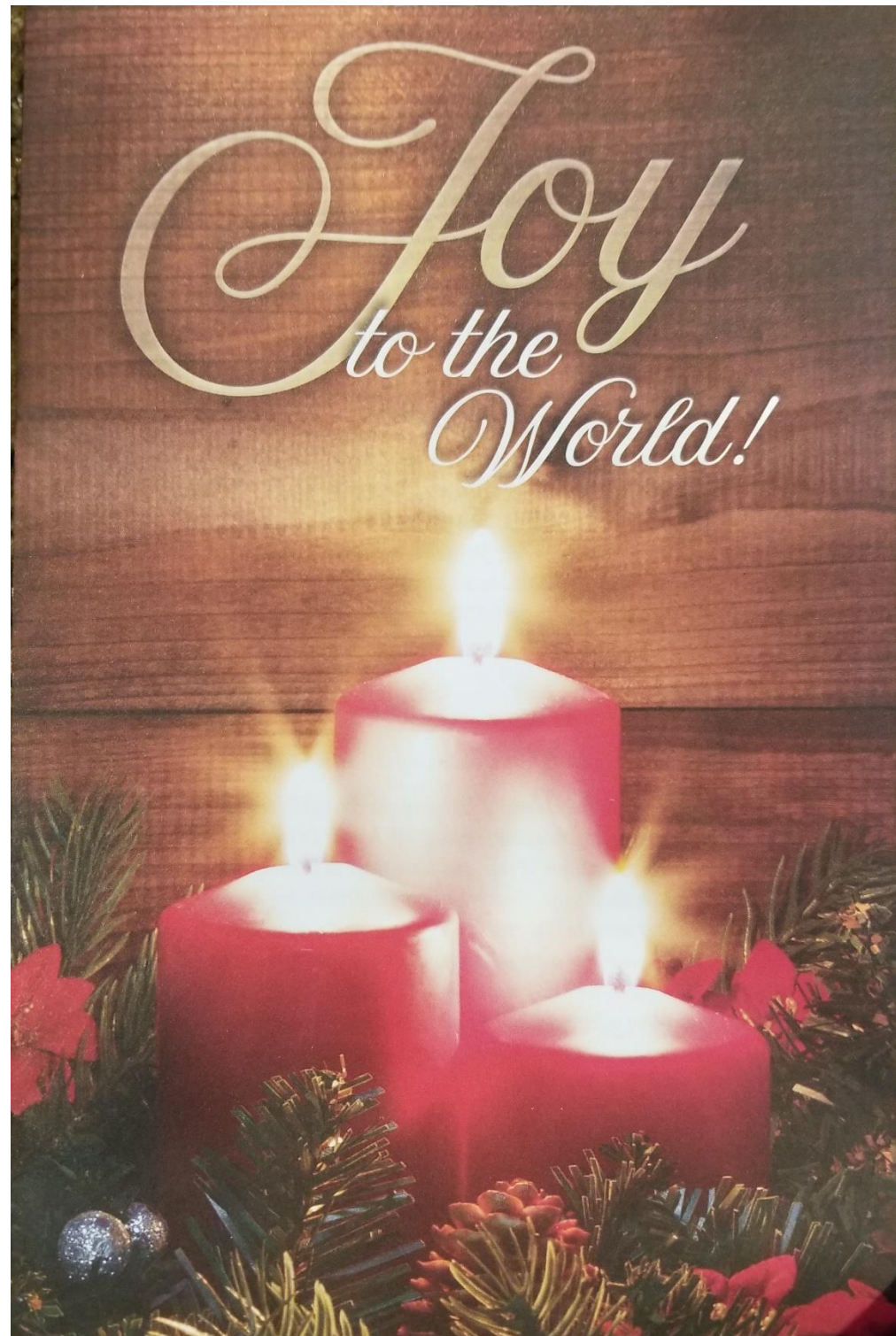
The 2020 Angel Tree project is being funded by the Care Team and is supporting four boys at the Eldora Boys Training School. No tags were requested from the congregation due to the pandemic.

There are **15 of the old folding chairs with a dark brown seat** available on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact one of the deacons or Elaine Sents for pickup.

Colfax Center's 150th Anniversary, "Rooted in Faith - Honoring our Legacy" will be celebrated June 12 & 13, 2021. Please contact Fran Harms & Sandy Simms (Co-Chairs), Elaine Sents, Aimee Wolfe or Al Harberts with items or information.

Online Giving - Simply click the "Give" link at www.colfaxcenterchurch.org or download "Church Center" App on your phone. Search for Colfax Center Church.

Follow us on...



For Reflection Before Worship – John1:1-5; 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light, which gives light to every-one, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prelude Pat Neessen

Announcements

***Call to Worship** Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Advent Candle Lighting Eberline Families w/Grandma Orene

***Hymn of Praise** GHF # 100 - O Come All Ye Faithful

Call to Confession Hebrews 10:1-6

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 10:9b-14

"[Christ] does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

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

***Praise & Celebration** GHF #83 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1,4,5)

***Doxology**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Reading of God's Word Luke 2:21-35

Sermon: "Simeon's Song" Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Responsive Worship** GHF #87 - Joy to the World

***Benediction and Postlude**
**Those who are able, please stand*

Sermon outline:

“Simeon's Song” - Luke 2:21-35:

1. A Light to the Gentiles

2. A Light in the Darkness

3. The Light of the World

Poinsettias Given in Memory of Our Loved Ones



Dad & Mom (Shawn & Emily Albers), Bryleigh & Adaleigh
in memory of Mayleigh Albers

Pauline Arends & family
in memory of Lee Arends

Joyce Blythe
In memory of Wayne & Treye Blythe

Mike & Karen Dieken
in memory of Elmer & Marlys Dieken and
Lawrence & Henrietta Schrage

Brenda & Terry; Bryon & Lori; Julaine & Brian & families
in memory of Dennis & Norma Hook

Sheryl Johnson & family in memory of
Tom Morris

Carol, Danielle & Shane Krull in memory of
Lewie Krull; Manly & Helen Bakker and Alfred & Lena Krull

Marlene, Dan Mennen, Sarah, Travis, Addyson &
Cecelia Ringena in memory of:
Merlyn & Kevin Mennen; Herman & Annie Paterni;
Bruno & Henrietta Mennen

COLFAX CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, December 20

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

Tuesday, December 22

5:00 pm Praise Team

Wednesday, December 23

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

December 24-January 3, 2021

Pastor Luke and family on vacation

Thursday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Sunday, December 27

9:30 am Morning Worship

**Please let Karen Dieken know if a team is meeting? You can reach her at 319-240-2728 or 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 27

Elevator Attendant: Paul Smit

PowerPoint: Trey Morris

Sound: Mike Dieken

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, Paul** who has complications from recent mini strokes following a massive stroke several years ago
- **Kim Venenga** for a kidney donor to be found
- **Curt & Julie Tjepkes** who are both recovering and Curt who is experiencing high heart rate.
- Those suffering with COVID.

With sympathy, friendship and prayer, please remember **Lee Arend’s family, Red Werkman’s family in the loss of Red’s son-in-law, Jay Spieker and Dave & Victoria DeFrancisco Pruin** in the loss of Victoria’s brother-in-law.

Pray also for those 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