

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

Please pick up the 150th Anniversary insert in the Narthex **to make your reservation** for our catered meal following morning worship on June 13th. You may place it in the offering plate or give to Sandy Simms.

We are in need of more nursery volunteers. Please consider this opportunity to serve the young families of our church. It is approximately a once every 10-week commitment. Please contact Pastor Luke (763-670-7337; pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org) or Karen Dieken (319-240-2728; mkdieken@gmail.com) with questions.

A memorial was given to start an **air conditioning fund for the education wing**. If you would like to donate to this fund, please designate it on your check or the online giving site.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to **join Pastor & Aimee and a small group over coffee**. We have hosts ready and will begin scheduling for morning, afternoon and evening times. Pastor Luke & Aimee are excited to get to know attendees of Colfax.

Graduation Sunday - Join us Sunday, May 2nd during Coffee Fellowship as we celebrate, honor and pray for our graduating seniors (Trey Morris, Mary Pruisner, Tanner VanZuuk, Wes Willis). There will be no Sunday school that day. Please contact Becky Randall (bslifer@yahoo.com) with questions.

If you would like old pictures or Bibles that are duplicates from what the Archive Team is using, please help yourself. They are in the elevator room near the archives.

Newsletter articles for the May-June newsletter are due Wednesday, April 21st. Could each team submit an article with your projects and any dates the congregation may need? Thank you.

2021 Vacation Bible School (VBS) August 14-15 – We will host a weekend VBS in August for pre-K – 3rd grade students. All are invited. We hope it will serve as an outreach and kick off to the fall Sunday School program. We are also creating a children’s “goody” bag to help promote our Christian Education program at the 150th celebration. If you would like to help, please contact Victoria Pruin DeFrancisco 319/939-1213.

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Sunday, April 18, 2021

For Reflection Before Worship

John 5:2-9, 14-18

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. . . . Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Prelude

Pat Neessen

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24:1-2

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

***Hymn of Praise**

GHF 37 – How Great Thou Art
(v. 1, 3 & 4)

Call to Confession

Romans 1:18-20

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Worship Through Giving

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

Special Music

The Power of the Cross

***Praise & Celebration**

His Mercy is More

***Confession of Faith**

New City Catechism #26

Q: What else does Christ's death redeem?

A: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sermon

“God's Design in Creation”

Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Responsive Worship**

GHF 17 – Come Thou Fount

***Doxology**

***Benediction and Postlude**

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, April 18

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Sunday School

Monday, April 19

6:30 pm Missions Team

Tuesday, April 20

9:30 am Archives Team
4:00 pm Praise Team

Wednesday, April 21

Newsletter Articles Due

7:00 pm Youth @ Orchard

Sunday, April 25

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Sunday School

**Please let Karen Dieken (319-240-2728 or mkdieken@gmail.com) know if a team is meeting? We are trying to be diligent in keeping our calendar up-to-date and want to be sure the church is unlocked for those needing access.

Thank you, Pastor Luke

Serving Sunday, April 25

Coffee Fellowship: Jesse, Lori, Mardean Willis

Elevator Attendant: Mike Dieken

Nursery during Worship: Andrew & Amanda Everts

SS Nursery Attendant: Amy Launstein

PowerPoint: Jordan Launstein

Sound: Mike Dieken

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: Al Harberts, Leon Johnson,
David Pruin, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes
Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Mike Dieken,
Scott Graves, Doug Wiers, Jesse Willis
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.
- The Grundy Center and surrounding communities.

Medical prayer requests:

- **Orene Eberline** who is recovering from knee replacement.
- **Bruce Harberts** - treatments he is receiving for several cancers
- **Linda Kruger** - diagnosed with ischemic optic neuropathy which has led to blind spots in Linda’s eyes.
- **Ron Randall** – recovery from cancer of the tongue surgery
- **Rod Schwab** - encouragement, wisdom and direction
- Those suffering with COVID, **especially Barry Harrenstein & Richard Lamfers**

A kidney donor has come forth for **Kim Venenga** so she is now in the “Paired Program”. Please continue to pray the process goes smoothly!

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces, especially **Cassidy Borwig and Jacob Eilers**. Also, 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:

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

Sermon Notes:

“God’s Design in Creation” – Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. Creation Reveals God’s Design

2. Creation Reveals God’s Dominion

3. Creation Reveals Man’s Dependence