

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

Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!

Operation Christmas Child – Colfax was able to send 50 boxes, Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for the delivery of these boxes to the children they will be matched with this Christmas and thru the coming year & also that they would be open to the gift of the gospel that comes with these boxes. Thank you for participating in this amazing mission!

Diaper Showers – The Care Team will be hosting diaper showers during coffee fellowship the next two weeks. **Sunday, December 4**, for Shawn & Emily Albers and their daughter Oakleigh. Diapers requested is Pampers size 2 and up. **Sunday, December 11**, for Luke & Aimee Wolfe and their son Graham. Diapers Pampers or Huggies size Newborn and up.

New Custodian – The deacons are hiring a new Church Custodian as Elaine Sents will be retiring at the end of the year. Any questions or interest please contact Jesse Willis (319-415-8642).

Christmas in Grundy County! – We are excited to partner with other churches and individuals in the community to support “Christmas in Grundy County.” There are opportunities to donate your time and money. Additional information is available in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Amber Eberline (319-404-0127)

Poinsettias in December - Let’s fill the church with poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. You can bring them to the lobby of the Educational Wing beginning December 1st. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared on the bottom of the plant.

Sunday School Christmas Program: This year’s program will be on Sunday evening, December 18. Parents, please be sure to send your child regularly to Sunday School so they can learn the songs and participate in the program. Thank you! Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687)

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Thou Long Expected Jesus



November 27, 2022 - The First Sunday of Advent

Reflection Before Worship

God had appointed a time—not just the year or the week or the day, not even just the hour or the minute, but the very second. From all eternity, God said, “In that precise second, the virgin will give birth to My Son.” That was the day the glass was filled to overflowing by the providence of God. The birth of Jesus into this world was not an accident. It was according to God’s divine purpose, down to the very second.

R. C. Sproul

Prelude

Announcements

The Advent Wreath

Fran Harms & Maxine Hayungs

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1, 3-4, 13-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ... I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 99 – Angels from the Realms of Glory
(v. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession

Hebrews 10:35-38

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Sacrament of Baptism

Graham Louis Wolfe

Luke & Aimee Wolfe

*Song of Celebration

GHF 83 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(v. 1, 4, 5)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #49

Q: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

*Greeting

Leader: “The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you”

Congregation: “And also with you”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Reading of God’s Word

2 Peter 3:1-13 & Galatians 4:4-7

Sermon

“The Fullness of Time”

Pastor Luke

*Song of Response

GHF 84 – Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week Colfax

Sunday, November 27

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

Monday, November 28

6:30p – Missions Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

6:15p – "Chaos"
7:15p – "Friends First"

Thursday, December 1

7:00p - Elders & Deacons Meeting

Sunday, December 4

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Albers Diaper Shower
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org of upcoming meetings to ensure building access and up-to-date calendars.

Please communicate all announcements to the church office weekly by 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Serving Sunday, December 4

Coffee Chat: Joyce Blythe
Coffee Fellowship: Steinmeyer/Samo
Greeters: Morris Family; Patti Norris
Nursery during Worship: Boomgarden Family
Nurse during Sunday School: Amanda E.
Elevator Attendant: Blake Eberline
PowerPoint: Taylor Launstein
Camera: Sheryl Johnson
Sound: Leon Johnson

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, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline
- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Iowa Presbytery:

- Redeemer PCA (Des Moines) – Rev. Wayne Larsen

Medical Prayer Request

Wolfe Family – Continued prayer for the Wolfe family as they have welcomed Graham home.

Dale Launstein – Recovering from having 2 stents put in.

Larry Dreesman – For receiving treatments for cancer.

Connie Doughan – For receiving treatments for cancer. Her

Address is: 1007 13th Street SE, Orange City, IA 51041

Family of Anna Mae & Cindy Klaassen, who recently passed away.

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces, especially **Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, Jacob Eilers** is duty. 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:

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Verone Nederhoff; Dixie Spain; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman

Sermon Outline
“The Fullness of Time”

1. Waiting on the Lord – *Anticipating His Arrival*

2. What’s He Waiting For? – *Why Perspective overpowers Patience.*

3. The Fullness of Time – *The Patience of God for the sake of Redemption*

Thank You’s:

Thank you, Colfax Family, for all your encouragement, prayers, meals, and gifts as we welcomed little Graham into the world. The Lord has provided abundantly in protecting and caring for Graham and Aimee and we are excited for him to join the Colfax Congregation.

~ the Wolfe Family

Angel Tree - This year again the Care Team has selected Wings of Refuge for the the Angel Tree project at Colfax. The tree is set up in the narthex. Let's show our Christian love and share some joy to victims of sex trafficking.

Please pick an angel tag off the tree, purchase the gift and return wrapped or in a bag WITH the tag attached.

The Care Team will be delivering the gifts to Wings of Refuge. To facilitate this delivery we ask that you **please have the tagged gift under the tree by 12/18/22.**

Thank you so much for your support and concern for these women.

Any questions contact Sheila Steinmeyer (319-269-1499)