

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!

Grundy Care Facilities – Colfax will be hosting the Grundy Care Facility Services on Thursday Dec. 22. All are welcome to join as we love and bring the hope of Advent to those who can't attend worship. 1:00p – Creekside; 1:40p – Grundy Care; 2:20p – Arlington. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke.

Donation Envelopes – The little brown envelopes for donating to Christmas Sacks and Pastor Luke & his family's Christmas Gift are in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate by December 18.

Angel Tree – The Angel Tree in the Narthex is hosted by the Care Team to benefit Wings of Refuge, a local ministry to victims of Sex Trafficking. Please select an angel tag from the tree and return the wrapped gift WITH the tag attached. **Please have the tagged gift under the tree by 12/18/22.** Thank you so much for your support. Questions? Contact Sheila Steinmeyer (319-269-1499).

Diaper Shower – The Care Team will be hosting a diaper shower during coffee fellowship today, for Luke & Aimee Wolfe and their son Graham.

New Custodian – The deacons are hiring a new Church Custodian. Any questions or interest please contact Jesse Willis (319-415-8642).

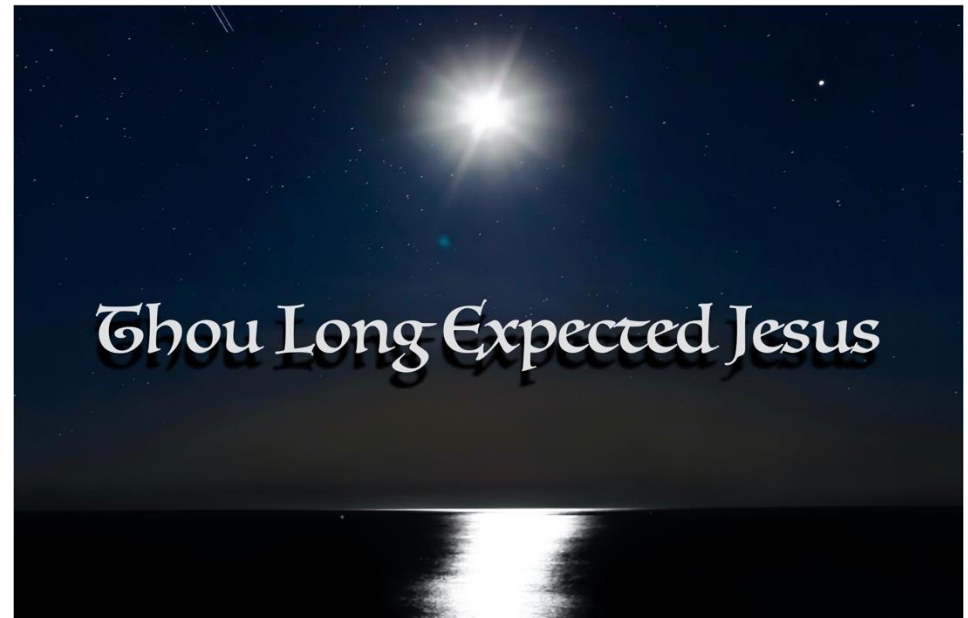
Poinsettias in December - Let's fill the church with poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. You can bring them to the lobby of the Educational Wing beginning December 1st. Please attach your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared.

Sunday School Christmas Program: Join us Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6pm for the Christmas Program led by the Christian Ed. Committee, followed by a reception featuring a light meal and hot chocolate bar hosted by Pastor Luke and Aimee. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687)

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December 11, 2022 - The Third Sunday of Advent

Reflection Before Worship

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:34-35

Prelude

Announcements

The Advent Wreath

The Dieken Family

*Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-4

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.” You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever and build your throne for all generations.’”

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 94 – What Child is This?

Call to Confession

Matthew 19:23-26

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Children’s Message

*Song of Celebration

GHF 92 – O Little Town of Bethlehem
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

*Doxology

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #52

Q: How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?

A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

*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

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

“The Impossible Gospel”

Pastor Luke

*Song of Response

GHF 91 – The First Noel
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week Colfax

Sunday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 18

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
6:00p – S.S. Christmas Program

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 18

Coffee Chat: Launstein Family
Coffee Fellowship: Fran, Carol K. & Wava
Greeters: Fran & Maxine; Larry & Carolyn
Nursery during Worship: Launstein Family
Nurse during Sunday School: Lori Willis
Elevator Attendant: Jesse Willis
PowerPoint: Macy Boomgarden
Camera: Leon Johnson
Sound: Sheryl Johnson

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:

- Trinity PCA (*Church Plant*) (Cedar Rapids, IA) – Rev. Isaac Ferrell

Medical Prayer Request

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – We will host a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday Dec. 24 at 5pm. Those who would like to help lead the service with music or scripture reading, please contact Pastor Luke. (763-670-7337; pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the nice goody box you prepared for me. I have the card sitting on the kitchen counter to remind me of all of you folks at Colfax Center. The bright “Hello” is a nice greeting & Becky thank you for making the drive down to deliver it to me. And for the good visit we were able to share together. You have served a long time on the Care Team and brought happiness and the feeling of being remembered to many of us. Thank you all for all you do.

Most Sincerely,
Joe Ann