

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!

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 Showers – The Care Team will be hosting diaper showers during coffee fellowship, today for Shawn & Emily Albers and their daughter Oakleigh. Diapers requested is Pampers size 2 and up. Also next **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)

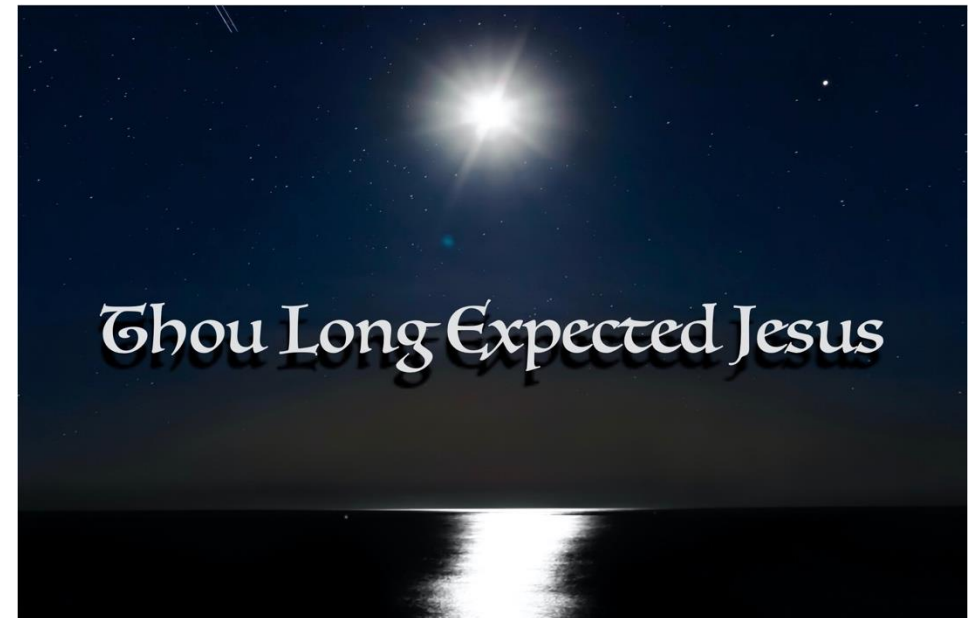
Poinsettias in December - Let's fill the church with poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. You can bring them to the lobby of the Educational Wing beginning December 1st. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared on the bottom of the plant.

Sunday School Christmas Program: 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 4, 2022 - The Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection Before Worship

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Malachi 4:5-6

Prelude

Announcements

The Advent Wreath

The Getting Family

*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 89 – Angels We Have Heard on High
(v. 1-3)

Call to Confession

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

*Song of Celebration

GHF 90 – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
(v. 1,3,4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

*Doxology

*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 1:5-25

Sermon

“The God Who Hears”

Pastor Luke

Confession of Faith

Apostle’s Creed
(Back of Sermon Outline)

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

*Song of Response

Behold the Lamb

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week Colfax

Sunday, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

1:30p – Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

10:00a – Klaassen Visitation and Memorial

Sunday, December 11

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Wolfe 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 11

Coffee Chat: Andrew & Amanda Everts
Coffee Fellowship: Donn & Pam Anderson
Greeters: Fran & Maxine; Larry & Carolyn
Nursery during Worship: Andrew & Amanda Everts
Nurse during Sunday School: Amy Launstein
Elevator Attendant: Brian Boomgarden
PowerPoint: Greeley
Camera: Sheryl Johnson
Sound: Mike Dieken

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
“The God Who Hears”

1. Prayer to the Lord
2. Our Unbelievable Prayers
3. The God Who Hears

Memorial Service – For Anna Mae Klaassen, will be Thursday, December 8. 10a – Visitation; 11a – Service, with meal to follow.

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)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*Universal