

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!

New Members Class – Part of the process to become a member at Colfax is participation in our New Members class. Pastor Luke will be hosting the next class July 14-15. It will be Friday night 5-8:30p and Saturday 8-11a. Supper (Friday) and Breakfast (Saturday) will be served. Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke (763-670-7337; pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org).

Summer VBS – Colfax will be participating in the Wellsburg Community VBS, hosted this year at the Wellsburg Reformed Church, 5:30-8:30, July 24-28th. Registration is now open for kids entering Kingergarten-6th Grade. You can find the link on the Colfax Facebook page, or by emailing Pastor Luke (pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org). Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (tsimms@gcmuni.net).



Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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Sunday July 9, 2023

Reflection Before Service

“The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.””
Genesis 21:1–7

Prelude

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 92:12-15

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

***Hymn of Praise**

GHF 34 – Immortal, Invisible
(v. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession

Romans 9:19-24

You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 9:14-18

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Children’s Message

Elder Leon Johnson

Song of Celebration

GHF 388 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord!
(v. 1, 3, 4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

***Doxology**

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism #33

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

***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

Galatians 4:21-5:1

Leader: “The word of the Lord”

Congregation: **“Thanks be to God”**

Sermon

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves, Right?”

Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Song of Response**

GHF 242 – Jesus, I Come
(v.1, 2, 4)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, July 9

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
- 6:30p – Prayer Group

Sunday, July 16

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship

Monday, July 17

- 1:30p – Women’s Bible Study

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, July 16

Coffee Chat: Joyce B

Coffee Fellowship: Curt & Julie T

Greeters: Sheila S, Joyce B, Jim & Betty H

Nursery Worship: Boomgarden Family

Nurse during Sunday School: No

Elevator Attendant: Coty A

PowerPoint: Macy B

Camera: Leon J

Sound: Sheryl J

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: Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, & Curt Bakker
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Iowa Presbytery: - Hospers Pres. (Hospers, IA) – Rev. Brian Janssen

Medical Prayer Request

Larry Dreesman – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Connie Doughan – Recovering from Bone Marrow Transplant.

Tracy (Kolder) Scheib – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Jim Steinmeyer – Recovering from an infection.

Marcia Andersen – Receiving treatments for cancer. Her address:
521 Autumn Lane, Unit A, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Pray also for - Our armed forces (Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and Jacob Eilers). Also, those who are anxious, discouraged, facing difficult family situations, struggling with sin, or do not know Christ.

Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Marvin & Verone Nederhoff; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey; Charlotte Mark.

Sermon Outline

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves, Right?”

1. The Children of Promise
2. The Children of Slavery
3. The Greater Child of Promise