

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!

Ethel Buskohl – Will be celebrating her 98th birthday on November 26. The Care Team is having a card shower for her. Send cards to: Ethel Buskohl, 1009 3rd Street, Parkview Manor, Reinbeck, IA 50669.

Christmas Program - The Colfax Center Kids will be presenting “A Night Like No Other” on Sunday evening December 17 at 6 p.m. with reception to follow hosted by Pastor Luke and Aimee. Practices are being held at the start of Sunday school and Stage Practices will begin on Sunday December 3 for the entire Sunday School hour. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319)269-1687 or Karen Boomgarden (319)823-0108.

Christmas in Grundy County – We are excited to once again be partnering with other local churches for “Christmas in Grundy County”. Additional details on donations and volunteering can be found on your insert and in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Amber Eberline (319)404-0127

Donation Envelopes – The little brown envelopes for donating to Christmas Sacks and Pastor Luke and his family’s Christmas gift are in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate by December 17.

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 Dec.1. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared on the bottom of the plant.

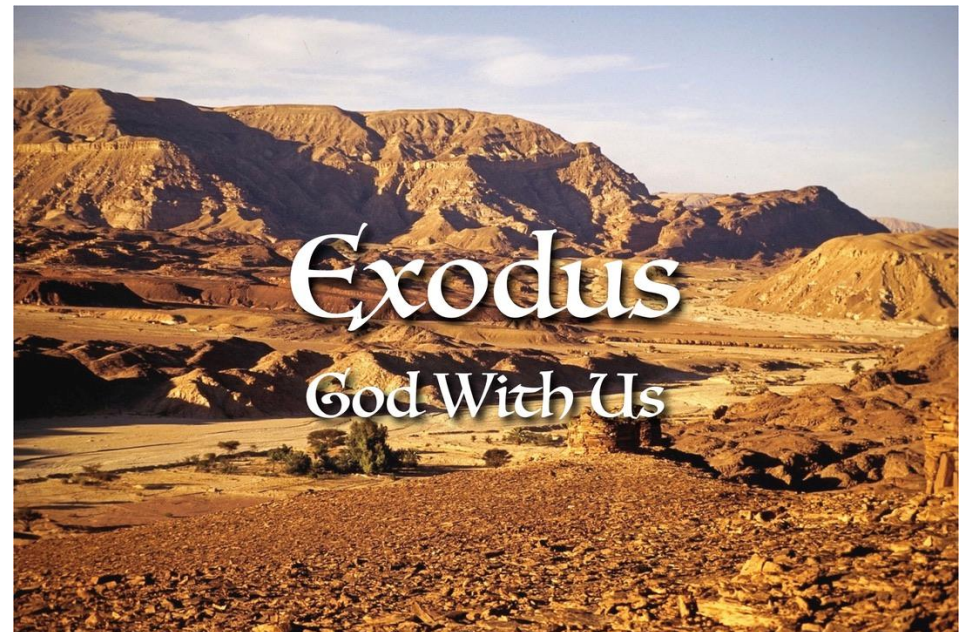
The Care Team - Is sponsoring The Angel Tree again this year with Wings of Refuge, organization which helps sex traffic victims, as our selected recipient. You are invited to take a tag or two off the tree, purchase the item(s), wrap or put in a gift bag and attach the tag. Please return to church by December 17 so we can deliver to WOF prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Steinmeyer, 319-269-1499.

Missions Committee – We are in need of volunteers to serve on our Mission Committee. The Committee is dedicated to supporting and praying for local and international ministries. Interested/Questions? Contact Donn Anderson (515)669-5480

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Sunday November 26, 2023

Reflection Before Service

The book of Exodus really is [Jesus'] story. Jesus is the Moses of our salvation, the mediator who goes for us before God. Jesus is the Lamb of our Passover, the sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is our way out of Egypt, the deliverer who baptizes us in the sea of his grace. Jesus is our bread in the wilderness, the provider who gives us what we need for daily life. Jesus is our voice from the mountain, declaring his law for our lives. Jesus is the altar of our burning, through whom we offer praise up to God. Jesus is the light on our lampstand, the source of our life and light. Jesus is the basin of our cleansing, the sanctifier of our souls. Jesus is our great High Priest, who prays for us at the altar of incense. And Jesus is the blood on the mercy seat, the atonement that reconciles us to God. The great God of the exodus has saved us in Jesus Christ.

Philip Ryken

Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

*Hymn of Praise

GHF 108 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

Call to Confession

Isaiah 59:1-3

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 21:1-3, 22-25

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.... And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

*Song of Celebration

GHF 126 – Rock of Ages

Worship Through Giving

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Short Catechism #58-59

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

*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

Exodus 40:1-15, 26-38

Sermon

"God with Us"

Pastor Luke Wolfe

*Song of Response

GHF 475 - Redeemed

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, November 26

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
6:30p – Women’s Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 28

9:30a - Women’s Bible Study
6:30p – Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29

6:15p – “Chaos”
7:00p – “Friends First”

Thursday, November 30

7:00p – Elder & Deacon’s Meeting

Sunday, December 3

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

Serving Sunday, December 3

Coffee Chat: Andrew & Amanda E
Coffee Fellowship: Chuck & Ruth T
Greeters: The Morris Family & Patti N
Nursery Worship: Andrew & Amanda E
Nurse (SS): Andrew & Amanda E
Elevator Attendant: Jesse W
PowerPoint: Caleb W
Camera: Steve Jones
Sound: Larry Freed

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.

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: - Trinity PCA (Cedar Rapids) – Rev. Isaac Ferrell

Medical Prayer Request

Wava Hemmen – Ongoing health troubles
Eldon Kruger – Receiving treatments for cancer.
Larry Dreesman – Receiving treatments for cancer.
Marcia Andersen – Receiving treatments for cancer.
Heather Wise – Recovering from surgery.

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; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey.

Sermon Outline
“God With Us”

1. Cut Off from the LORD

2. In Search of the LORD

3. In the Presence of the LORD