

**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!*

**Newsletter** – All content submissions for the September-October newsletter are due to Patti Norris today. (secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org)

**Officer Nominations** – Nominations for the 2025 class of Elders & Deacons will take place in the month of August. Training will take place September-December. (Deacons Ending their term: Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers; Elders Ending their term: Tom Simms, Leon Johnson\*\*. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke.

(\*\*Indicates second term and mandatory 1-year sabbatical)

**Baby Shower** – The Care Team is hosting a baby shower for Anna Rust, daughter of Dan & Liz Rust, today at the start of coffee fellowship. Please consider showering the Rust family with gift cards or cash gifts in place of disposable diapers. THANK YOU!

**MTW Missionaries** – Rob and Jenny Ilderton are missionaries with Mission to the World serving in London. They are planting their second church in the West London neighborhood of Hammersmith. Rob and Jenny have three children Miriam (16), Gus (14), and Lottie (11). They will be speaking to us today at coffee fellowship following the baby shower.

**Arlington Place** - The Care Team will be having their monthly visit to Arlington on Tuesday, August 20, 2 pm sharing messages and devotions from the Bible, singing and fellowship with the residents. The Colfax congregation is invited to join.

**Card Shower** - The Care Team is sponsoring a card shower for Orene Eberline, who turns 93 on August 30. Her address is: PO Box 36, Wellsburg, IA 50680

**All Church Kickoff** – There will be lunch and kickball for all ages. Join us on September 8, following 9:30am Worship Service.

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**“A Church in the Country, For the Community”**



Sunday August 18, 2024

## Reflection Before Worship

“Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.””  
Genesis 12:1-3

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## Prelude Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** Isaiah 55:6-9  
“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**\*Hymn of Praise** GHF 31 – All Creatures of Our God and King  
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

**Call to Confession** 1 Corinthians 6:9-10  
Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

**Corporate Prayer** *The Lord’s Prayer*  
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”  
*Matthew 6:10–13*

**Assurance of Pardon** 1 Corinthians 6:11  
And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**\*Song of Celebration** GHF 62 – Crown Him with Many Crowns  
(vv. 1-3)

**Worship Through Giving** General Fund

## \*Doxology

**\*Confession of Faith** New City Catechism #5  
*Q: What else did God create?*  
**A: God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.**

**\*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** Jeremiah 29:1-14

**Sermon** “Mission: A Church in the Country For the Community”  
Pastor Luke Wolfe

**\*Song of Response** GHF 393 – Take My Life  
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

## Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, August 18**

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
  - Rust Baby Shower
  - Rob & Jenny Ilderton

### **Tuesday, August 20**

- 2:00p – Care Team – Arlington

### **Friday, August 24**

- 9-Noon – Presbytery Meeting at Colfax

### **Sunday, August 18**

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

### **Serving Sunday, August 25**

**Coffee Chat:** Blake & Britny E  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Boomgarden/Launstein  
**Greeters:** Thoren’s & Johnson’s  
**Nursery Worship:** Blake & Britny E  
**Nurse (SS):** N/A  
**Elevator Attendant:** Shawn A  
**PowerPoint:** Macy B  
**Camera:** Steve J  
**Sound:** Larry F

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email [secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto: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.**

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

**Iowa Presbytery:** - One Ancient Hope – Iowa City (Rev. Will Bankston)

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Eldon Kruger** – For healing of cancer.

**Marcia Andersen** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Sheryl Johnson** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Pray also for** - Our armed forces (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; Ethel Buskohl; Marvin & Verone Nederhoff; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey.

## Sermon Notes

“Mission: A Church in the Country for the Community”

1. God’s People in Exile

2. Failed Responses of the Exiles

3. Following the One Who Was Exiled.