

**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!*

**Officer Nominations** – Today is the final day to submit nominations for the 2025 class of Elders & Deacons. 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)

**Communications** – We are rolling out a new way to receive church-wide communications using the “Church Center App” on your smartphone. Information will be provided at the All-Church Kickoff on Sept. 8.

**New Members Class** – A New Members Class will be hosted Sundays, Sept. 15-Oct.6 for anyone interested in Membership at Colfax. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Pastor Luke with any questions.

**Volunteer Opportunities** – We are looking for additional volunteers to serve this Fall in the Sunday School Classes, Missions Committee, and Worship team. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact Patti Norris (319-823-0151)

**All-Church Kickoff** – Join us on September 8, following the Worship Service and Coffee Fellowship. There will be Sunday School classes, lunch and kickball for all ages.

**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

## Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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



Sunday August 25, 2024

### Reflection Before Worship

Any time the gospel is preached accurately and passionately, it will bring conflict, and since people flee from conflict, every generation will tend to water down or hide the gospel... Anybody can believe *in* God. What it means to be a Christian is to *trust* Him when He speaks, which does not require a leap of faith or a crucifixion of the intellect. It requires a crucifixion of pride, because no one is more trustworthy than God.

R. C. Sproul

### Prelude

#### Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 40:9-10

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

GHF 37 – How Great Thou Art  
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

#### Call to Confession

Mark 8:34-38

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

#### 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 1:21-25

“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

#### \*Song of Celebration

GHF 128 – Rock of Ages

#### Worship Through Giving

Missions

#### \*Doxology

#### \*Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #6

*Q: How can we glorify God?*

**A: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.**

#### \*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

Romans 1:16-17

#### Sermon

“Values: The Gospel of Jesus Christ”

Pastor Luke Wolfe

#### \*Song of Response

GHF 334 – Be Thou My Vision

#### Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, August 25**

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

### **Monday, August 26**

- 1:00p – Women’s Bible Study

### **Thursday, August 28**

- 7:00p – Elders & Deacons Meeting

### **Sunday, September 1**

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

### **Serving Sunday, September 1**

**Coffee Chat:** Shawn & Emily A

**Coffee Fellowship:** Fran H

**Greeters:** Morris Family & Elaine S

**Nursery Worship:** Shawn & Emily A

**Nurse (SS):** N/A

**Elevator Attendant:** Blake E

**PowerPoint:** Greeley E

**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:** - Redeemer PCA – Des Moines (Rev. Wayne Larson)

### **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  
“Values: The Gospel of Jesus Christ”

1. What is the Call of the Gospel?
2. What is the Offense of the Gospel?
3. What is the Power of the Gospel?

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ**

The good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ changes every aspect of the life of the Christian. We believe, proclaim, and apply the gospel to every area of our own hearts, our church, and our community.

*(Romans 1:16)*