

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!

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 today, at the All-Church Kickoff.

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 today, following the Worship Service and Coffee Fellowship. There will be Sunday School classes, lunch provided and kickball for all ages.

Newsletter – Printed copies of the September/October Newsletter are in the Narthex.



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“A Church in the Country, For the Community”

Sunday September 8, 2024

Reflection Before Worship

In the community empowered by the Spirit, the eschatological kingdom breaks into the present, much in the same way that heaven and earth meet in the risen Christ. A believing community—focused on the gospel, praising God, praying, and gladly putting the needs of others first—experiences, and shows to the world, the reality of heaven here and now. Brian Vickers

Prelude Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

***Hymn of Praise** GHF 40 – Great is Thy Faithfulness
(vv. 1, 3)

Call to Confession 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 John 1:5-10
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his words are not in us.

***Song of Celebration** How Deep the Father's Love

Worship Through Giving General Fund

***Doxology**

***Confession of Faith** *New City Catechism #7*

Q: What does the law of God require?

A: Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

***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 Acts. 2:42-47

Sermon “Values: Authentic Community” Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Song of Response** GHF 186 – The Church's One Foundation
(vv. 1-3)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, September 8

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00a – Sunday School
- All Church Kickoff
- 6:30p – Chaos Kickoff

Monday, September 9

- 1:00p – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, September 15

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

Serving Sunday, September 15

Coffee Chat: Coty & Kamille A

Coffee Fellowship: Jesse & Lori W

Greeters: Sheila S & Joyce B

Nursery Worship: Coty & Kamille A

Nurse (SS): Coty & Kamille A

Elevator Attendant: Trent S

PowerPoint: Caleb

Camera: Leon J

Sound: Sheryl J

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.

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

Marcia Andersen – Receiving treatments for cancer.

Sheryl Johnson – Receiving treatments for cancer & surgery.

Family of Eldon Kruger – Following his passing.

Family of Viola Vasey – Following her passing.

Family of Rose Beninga – Following her passing.

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.

Sermon Notes
“Values: Authentic Community”

1. The Necessity of Living in Community

2. The Appeal of Counterfeit Community

3. The Freedom of Gospel Community

Authentic Community

The church is a community of faith, the body of Christ united under our head the Lord Jesus. The grace of the gospel frees us to live authentic, vulnerable, open-hearted lives in communion with one another. We share our lives, confess our sin, forgive one another, reconcile our conflicts, pray for one another, and display the love of Jesus as our lives are transformed by the gospel. (*Acts 2:42-47*)