

Annual Congregational Meeting Our annual Congregational Meeting on the 2019 budget is Sunday, December 9, immediately after worship. Important information is in mailboxes today.

Giving Update Giving through October for Cascade Ministries, our general operating fund, totals \$; and while slightly ahead of the same period last year, is below budget. Our expenditures, while also under budget to date, exceed our receipts. We rely heavily on December contributions to meet our budget; last year 24% was received in December! This year \$ is needed in November and December to reach our annual operating budget of \$. Cumulative receipts on pledges to our Growing with the Lord Debt Elimination campaign total \$ (72.1% of total pledged); \$ of pledges remain to be collected through the campaign end date of January 31, 2019. Your prayerful consideration of Cascade Fellowship's general fund, building/debt elimination, and faith promise needs for your year-end giving is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Winter Travelers To keep up with church news while out of town this winter, please notify the church office of your winter address and the dates you will be gone. The office will send the contents of your mailbox each month. You may read the bulletin online (cascadefellowship.org) or request the office mail you a printed bulletin weekly.

Community Bible Experience

Experience the Bible as a Community of Believers Are you ready to deepen your time in the Bible? Coming in January—we read the Bible (Genesis-Kings) as a community and discuss its impact in small groups. Plan to join in this life-changing 8-week experience.

Discussion Leaders needed Help lead a small group through five simple discussion questions as we read the Bible as a community and talk about it together eight weeks beginning January 27. If you are willing to help facilitate discussion in a small group, please contact Melinda H (melinda@cascadefellowship.org).

THIS WEEK at CASCADE

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #4, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
3:30pm Middle School Youth Group
6:00pm High School Youth Group
6:00pm Evening Gathering

Monday

5:15pm Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at the Gathering Place
9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)
7:00pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday

1:00pm Operation Santa Claus wrapping
1:30pm Senior Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Wednesday Night Worship

Thursday

7:30pm Building & Grounds Team Meeting

Friday

6:15am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #5, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
11:45pm Annual Congregational Meeting
3:30pm Middle School Youth Christmas Party
6:00pm High School Youth Christmas Party
6:00pm Evening Gathering:: Lessons & Carols

Looking Ahead

December 16 Youth Christmas Service
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
December 26 Office Closed

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Cascade Fellowship
Christian Reformed Church
December 2, 2018
First week of Advent

Welcome

We welcome you as we prepare our hearts, minds, and lives to celebrate the miracle of a Savior. Join us in worshipping the One who came to save!

We invite guests to stop at the Information Center to find out about our ministries and activities.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Hub after the worship service.

Mission and Vision Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples wherever we go. Our vision is to see lives transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Nursery & Children's Worship

Nursery is available on the lower level for infants through two-year-olds. A nursing room is also available for mothers. Our **Children's Worship** program provides age-appropriate worship for children ages three through 1st grade. Children are dismissed from the Worship Centers early in the worship service to go to their worship rooms after check in. Parents, please pick up your children personally using the parent card after the service.

Today in Worship

Message: Righteousness Revealed

Pastor James

Scripture: Colossians 2:9-10
Isaiah 9:6-7
Romans 1:16-17

Praise: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Cornerstone
Lord, I Need You
Joy to the World

Revealed

Discovering God the Father
in Jesus our Savior

Featured Ministry

Today: Faith Promise Missions
Next Sunday:
World Renew

Worship Notes

This morning we begin the season of Advent, a time to reflect on the amazing gift of a Savior. In a busy time and demanding culture, we encourage you to take time each day to focus on who God is and how He, in Christ, has changed you and continues to change you every day.

Revealed: The Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians, "in Christ all the fullness of God lives in human body." Join us as we look at how God's righteousness, sovereignty, love, salvation and glory are revealed in Jesus. What does this say about our God and what does this mean for us?

Prayers for the Family

Zack & Malorie DB (seminary intern) Pray for them as Malorie's mother is experiencing serious health issues, and they consider moving back to Canada to care for Malorie's parents.

AI & Jan V (#5) Doctors are still determining the best course of treatment for Jan to address the tumors in her brain.

John & Shirley W (#1) Shirley is home recovering from treatment to dissolve blood clots.

Focus on Missions

We are receiving 2019 Faith Promise pledges. We have received pledges for \$, and we hope to raise \$ supporting missions in 2019. You may fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering or pledge online at our website, cascadefellowship.org under ministries/missions. The 2018 pledge has not yet been met. If you made a pledge for 2018, please prayerfully consider giving toward your pledge.

Adult Ministries

Sunday School: The Gospel According to... Join us in December as Melinda H leads a three-week Advent focus exploring how each Gospel prepares us differently for the Good News. Renew your mind and heart during this busy season by focusing on what His birth in the past means to you in the present. Join us any week (December 2, 9, 16) in room 220, 9:10-10:10.

• **Sunday Evening Gathering** Join us at 6pm as Dick H leads. Next week is our Festival of Lessons & Carols. **Reservations by tomorrow!**

• **Senior Adult Bible Study** We meet this Wednesday at 1:30pm. Lessons available on Information Center counters.

• **Children & Youth Ministries**

• **Youth Groups** Middle School Youth Group today 3:30-5pm; High School Youth Group today 6-8pm. Christmas parties for both next week!

• **Opportunities to Serve**

• **Mobile Food Pantry** Join us tomorrow in our rear parking lot to serve the hungry. Registration at 4:30pm; volunteers, please arrive at 4:45pm.

• **Announcements**

• **Practice Hospitality Christmas Eve** Offer a smile and a sweet snack Christmas Eve. We'll gather at 4:30pm for Cocoa & Cookies prior to the 5pm worship service. Can you bring ready to serve treats or host a cocoa station? Please sign up in the Hub or contact the church office.

• **Cascade Fellowship Livestream** We need a volunteer to operate the livestream of our worship service each Sunday. Interested in bringing worship to those outside our building? Contact Don L (don@cascadefellowship.org).

• **First Sunday** Hosts and students signed up for First Sunday, meet at the Information Center in the Hub after worship.

• **Meals & More** Are you interested in being part of a ministry to college students? We're hosting a potluck meal at noon December 16 in the Cascade Room. Sign up to be a part of the fun on the bulletin board in the Hub.

• **Festival of Lessons & Carols** Everyone is invited to join the Evening Gathering next Sunday at 6pm for this Christmas worship tradition and a catered chicken dinner. For reservations contact Nancy VN or Marylou L. **Deadline for reservations is tomorrow!**

Righteousness Revealed

Isaiah 9:6-7, Romans 1:16-17

This morning we look at God's righteousness as revealed in Jesus. In our world where it seems everyone does what is right in their own eyes, what does Jesus revealing God as the objective standard of right/truth mean? How does the birth of Christ give us hope?

Things to Think About

- 1) What is your measure of what is right or wrong, good or bad? Is this always subjective?
- 2) What are the implications of a wholly righteous God on your attitudes and actions?
- 3) How does Jesus reveal and extend God's righteousness to us?
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