

Featured Ministry The featured ministry this week is World Renew. The mission of World Renew is to join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. They focus on community development, disaster response, and advocating for peace and justice. The service deacons support this ministry because our church has sent several teams to various parts of the US to help rebuild houses and clean debris with their disaster response division. We plan to send a team again this year over spring break. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Lisa G.

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

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).

Cascade Station this Wednesday

Meal 6-6:30pm. Grab a quick meal with your family before programs start! Recommended donation: adults/teens \$3, kids (under 10) \$1
This week: roast beef

Children's Programs 6:30-8:pm

Nursery: infants-age 2
Son Seekers: ages 3-1st grade
GEMS: girls 2nd-8th grade
Cadets: boys 2nd-8th grade

Adult Options 6:45-8pm

Class: *Ask It* (a video study by Andy Stanley); led by Pastor James, room 220
Wednesday Women: topical discussion, by Hub windows, led by Andrea K

THIS WEEK at CASCADE

Sunday

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

Monday

4:00pm Missions Support Team Meeting

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at the Gathering Place
6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)
7:00pm Administrative Board Meeting
7:00pm Service Deacon Board Meeting

Wednesday

12:00pm Wonder-full Wednesdays Bible Study
6:00pm Cascade Station Meal
6:30pm Cascade Station Programs

Friday

6:15am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Operation Santa Claus final wrap

Saturday

9:00am Community CRC Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #6, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
12:00pm Meal for College Students, Guests
6:00pm Youth Christmas Service

Looking Ahead

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
December 26 Office Closed

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Cascade Fellowship
Christian Reformed Church
December 9, 2018
Second 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: Jesus is Lord!

Pastor James

Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-11
Colossians 1:15-20

Praise: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Here I Am to Worship
Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Revealed

Discovering God the Father
in Jesus our Savior

Featured Ministry

Today: World Renew
Next Sunday:
External Ministries Fund

Worship Notes

During this season of Advent, we 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.

This morning we share in the sacrament of Communion. We pray the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in His redeeming death brings joy to us and glory to Him. So we may truly live out Paul's direction in I Corinthians, "one body, one loaf," all our communion bread is gluten free.

Prayers for the Family

AI & Jan V (#5) Jan has completed a round of chemotherapy and anticipated moving back home from rehab this week.

Wendell & Mary W (#6) The W family mourns the loss of Wees' sister, Marilyn B, Wednesday.

College Students Please pray for our college students as they face final exams, projects, and papers this week.

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.

New newsletters from the Ms, Ws, and Gs are available at the Information Centers.

Adult Ministries

Sunday Evening Gathering We enjoy a Festival of Lessons & Carols tonight at 6pm in the Lower Worship Center. We resume meeting in March.

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. Join us any week in room 220, 9:10-10:10am.

Children & Youth Ministries

Youth Groups Christmas Parties today! Middle School Youth Group from 3:30-5pm; High School Youth Group from 6-8pm.

Opportunities to Serve

Community CRC's Mobile Food Pantry is Saturday at 9am at 150 Burt Street. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to unload the food truck, sort food, greet people, and load cars.

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting Our annual Congregational Meeting on the 2019 budget is today immediately after worship. Important information was in mailboxes.

Exam Bags for College Students College students, please take an exam bag filled with study treats (by the Information Center) and know that we are in prayer for you as you work on final projects, papers, and exams.

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.

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

Youth Christmas Service Join us next Sunday evening in the Lower Worship Center at 6pm for a Christmas worship led by our middle school students and elementary students (Joyful Jewels & King's Kids). Family and friends all welcome!

Caroling Families and individuals of all ages are invited to bless our neighbors in Christmas caroling Wednesday, December 19, at 6pm. We go caroling in the neighborhoods around church then enjoy hot chocolate and dessert at church afterwards. If you'd like to join us, contact Lynn (lynn@cascadefellowship.org).

Jesus Is Lord!

Isaiah 40:9-11, Colossians 1:15-20

This morning we look at God's sovereign power being revealed in Jesus. Years before Jesus was born, Job declared of God, "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." God is in complete control of everything. In and through Jesus, He reveals His power and accomplishes His will and purpose for us and all of creation.

Things to Think About

- 1) In what ways do you try to control the circumstances of your life?
- 2) If God is both righteous and sovereign, how can/do you relate to Him?
- 3) Just before he ascended, Jesus declared, "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." How does this give you comfort?
- 4) Is there any area of your life that is not yielded to Jesus? Why or why not?

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