

Year-End Giving As December 31 nears, it is important to our church's ministry to meet our 2018 General Fund budget and bring our Growing with the Lord Debt Elimination campaign to a strong completion to restore the levels of both our operating and replacement reserves. Your prayerful consideration of Cascade Fellowship's General Fund, Building/Debt Elimination campaign, Faith Promise and Sharing Fund needs for your year-end giving is appreciated. Thank you!
Administrative Board

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

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.

Thank You Thank you so much for the love you have shown our family through cards, flowers, visits, and prayers in the passing of our beloved father and grandfather. The family of God at Cascade was a blessing to him throughout his life and his death.
Jim & Carol B family
John & Mary K family
David & Sarah K family

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).

THIS WEEK at CASCADE

Sunday

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

Monday

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at the Gathering Place
7:00pm Ministering Elders Board Meeting
7:00pm Women's Min. Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday

12:30pm Wonder-full Wednesdays Book Club
1:30pm Senior Adults Bible Study
6:00pm Caroling

Thursday

7:00pm Office Tech Team Meeting

Sunday

9:30am Prayer (CG #7, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC)

Looking Ahead

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm
Cocoa & Cookies, 4:30pm
December 25, 26 Office Closed
December 24-28 Limited Office Hours

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Cascade Fellowship
Christian Reformed Church
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday 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: So Greatly Loved

Pastor James

Scripture: Hosea 2:19-20
John 3:16
Romans 5:8

Praise: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
Who You Say I Am
Silent Night
O Come, Let Us Adore Him
Jesus, Messiah

Revealed

Discovering God the Father
in Jesus our Savior

Featured Ministry

Today: External Ministries Fund
Next Sunday:
Community CRC

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.

We worship together Christmas Eve at 5pm in the Upper Worship Center. Enjoy fellowship together before worship with Cookies & Cocoa in the Hub at 4:30pm.

Prayers for the Family

Zack & Malorie DB (seminary intern) Zack & Malorie move back to Canada this week to care for her mother who is suffering from serious health issues. Zack will continue his studies long distance.

High School Students Please pray for our high school students as many face final exams, projects, and papers this week.

Focus on Missions

Faith Promise pledges will be collected through the end of December. 116 pledges have been made to support missionaries in 2019 for a total of \$. If you still want to make a pledge, cards are at Information Centers and can be turned in with your offering, or check the missions page on our website to pledge online.

Invitation: Lucas and Miia dS visit Cascade Fellowship on January 6. Make plans now to stay after the service to learn more about their work in Southern Europe. A light lunch will be available for those who want to stay for it. Kids welcome.

Adult Ministries

Sunday Evening Gathering No Gathering until March.

Sunday School Today was the last day of Sunday School for the holiday season. We resume January 9 at 9:10am as we look at the stories behind the songs we sing. Leader: Lynn S.

Children & Youth Ministries

Youth Groups Enjoy Christmas break! See you in January!

Sunday School No Sunday school during the holiday season. We resume January 6 at 9am.

Children's Worship Children's Worship for 3 year olds meets each Sunday, but Pre-K through 1st grade do not meet December 23 or 30.

Opportunities to Serve

We have many opportunities to participate in the life of Cascade Fellowship. Looking for ways to serve? You will be blessed and find new ways to make connections with others. Contact Julie at julie@cascadefellowship.org.

Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting At our annual Congregational Meeting last week the 2019 budget was approved by a majority vote.

Church Staff Position Available We are seeking to hire for a new position of Administrative Assistant to be the first contact and connection between the church staff, the congregation, and the community. Along with receptionist duties, this person will perform general office tasks, record keeping, and scheduling to name a few. Hours from 10am-4pm Monday through Thursday (24 hours/week). Hourly wage negotiated based upon skill and experience. In interested, please email Nick (nick@cascadefellowship.org).

Live Stream We need a volunteer to operate the livestream of our worship service each Sunday. Interested in bringing worship to those outside our building? Please contact Don L (don@cascadefellowship.org)

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 S (lynn@cascadefellowship.org).

So Greatly Loved

Hosea 2:19-20, John 3:16, Romans 5:8

This morning we look at God's love being revealed in Jesus. When God the Son became flesh, the whole basis of how we relate to God changed. No longer would it be based on the Law and our performance, now we are in a God-initiated relationship of love. Jesus reveals and demonstrates God's love and he calls His followers to love in the same manner.

Things to Think About

- 1) Do you believe that God loves you? On what basis?
- 2) What are the times and/or circumstances you don't feel that you are experiencing God's love?
- 3) What aspects of God's love seem real to you?
- 4) Love is relational. In what ways are you growing in your relationship with Jesus?
- 5) In what ways do others experience the love of God through your words and actions?
- 6) How can we as a congregation better experience and express the love of God through Jesus Christ?

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