

Weekday Reflections Carry Sunday's message into your life and week. Watch your email this month for brief reflections and applications of Sunday's topic three days a week.

Practice Hospitality (Romans 12:13) Offer a meal to college students on the next First Sunday, November 5. Hosts and students, please sign up today at the bulletin board in the Hub. Questions? Contact Julie B, 949-4342 or julie@cascadefellowship.org

GEMS Italian Dinner & Stromboli Order Join us Wednesday, November 8, for the annual GEMS Italian Dinner fundraiser supporting Cascade Fellowship GEMS. Enjoy fellowship, spaghetti, stromboli, and dessert, 5pm-6:30pm. If you'd like to take prepared and frozen stromboli home, order by November 3 using the form in your mailbox or online at cascadefellowship.org/GEMS.

Celebrate Calm: Parenting Seminar We host Kirk Martin as he talks about practical ways to parent with love and calm. Join us Wednesday, November 8 (at Cascade Station) from 6:45-8pm for a free seminar for parents and leaders of children and teens.

Event Help To allow GEMS & Cadet leaders, parents, children & youth leaders to attend Celebrate Calm, volunteers are needed to help with nursery, childcare, greeting, and dinner cleanup. If you are able to help Nov. 8, 6:15-8:15pm, please sign up on the bi-fold, online at cascadefellowship.org, or email Laura B at laura@cascadefellowship.org.

Visionary Family Conference Dr. Rob Rienow will be at Bauer CRC, Hudsonville Nov 4 & 5. Visionary Parenting portion on Nov 4 is designed to motivate and equip parents and grandparents to help their children and grandchildren grow in Christ. See bauercrc.org/405-2 for details and registration.

THIS WEEK

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #2, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
12:00pm Meal (Hosts: CG #5)
3:00pm High School Youth Unique Night Out
6:00pm Evening Gathering

Monday

6:30pm GriefShare
7:00pm Worship Rehearsal (LWC)

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at Gathering Place
9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)
7:00pm Full Council Meeting

Wednesday

12:30pm Wonder-full Wednesdays Bible Study
5:30pm Cascade Station Meal
6:30pm Cascade Station Programs
6:30pm Financial Peace University
7:00pm Worship Rehearsal (UWC)

Friday

6:15am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #3, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
12:00pm Meal (Hosts: CG #4)

Looking Ahead

November 8 GEMS Italian Dinner
Celebrate Calm Parenting Seminar
November 23 Thanksgiving Worship 10am (UWC)

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REFORMATION

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Welcome

We are pleased to worship with you today as together we worship the one true God who faithfully controls the seasons of our world and of our lives.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to stop at the Information Center to find out about our ministries and activities.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship 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 age three through 1st grade. Children are dismissed from the Worship Centers early in the worship service and should be checked in at Check-In Centers. Parents, please pick up your children personally using the parent card after the service.

Today in Worship

Message: Faith Alone
Pastor James Karsten

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 2:15-16,
Romans 3:21-26

Praise: *How Can I Keep From Singing*
O Praise the Name
There Is a Redeemer
By Faith

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Five hundred years ago
and today

Special Offerings

Today: Christian School Tuition
Assistance Fund
Next Sunday:
Sharing Fund

Worship Notes

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements for discussion) on the door of All Saint's Church in Wittenberg. The impact of those hammer blows began the reformation of the Church. In the course of the reformation, five key principles were established and affirmed. In Latin they are *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone), *Sola Gratia* (grace alone), *Sola Fide* (faith alone), *Solus Christus* (Christ alone) and *Soli Deo Gloria* (to the glory of God alone). On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we spend five weeks looking at each of these principles, considering why they are still true and relevant to us today.

Prayers for the Family

Prayer Ministry: Praying for our students If you would like to join a group of people praying for our students, contact Melinda H (melinda@cascadefellowship.org) to receive a weekly email guide.

Missions Update

Mani K has sent news and pictures from N. Pick up a copy of his newsletter at the Information Centers in the Hub or by the Canopy entrance. If you'd rather get news from him by email, he can put you on his list. His contact information is in the new church directory.

Adult Ministries

Evening Gathering Join us tonight at 6pm for praise, prayer, teaching, and fellowship in the Cascade Room. Tonight Rev. Ed M leads. No Gathering next week. We are invited to a Reformation Sunday Hymn Sing at Ada CRC at 6pm.

Adopted, Transformed, and Held The Adult Sunday School class (9:10-10:10am) discusses biblical truths and a Reformed faith which can change the way we live today in this confusing and challenging world. Leader: Jessica M. Any adult welcome any week!

Women's Ministries

Snack & Shop Shoppers needed! Reserve November 2 for our 3rd annual Snack & Shop event! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to our church!

Looking for Bakers Ladies, do you love to bake? We're looking for more donations for the Snack & Shop bake sale table (November 2). All proceeds are donated to charity. Contact Kellie VH if you are willing to contribute.

Prepared to Carry On Women, please don't get caught unprepared! Join us November 16 at 7pm for *Prepared to Carry On: When Life Defining Moments Happen*. This down-to-earth presentation offers practical steps and personal application. For women of all ages, career paths, marital status, and stages of life. Tickets are FREE, but required. Call the church office (949-4342) or register at lifedefiningmoments.eventbrite.com.

Children's & Youth Ministries

High School Youth Unique Night Out this week at Treetops Adventure Park. **3-6pm**. Meet at the main entrance of Treetops at 3pm. Cost is \$30 and all students need a completed waiver.

Announcements

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor James, our friends, and the congregation for the cards and prayers during Nancy's surgery and rehabilitation. The Lord is good.
Casey & Nancy S

Thank you for the prayers and cards you gave to us as we suffered the loss of our son-in-law, Mike. We are so very grateful for the love and concern shown from this caring congregation!
Bill & Karen P

GriefShare Join us Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, for help working through the grieving process. Newcomers always welcome. Questions? Contact Julie, julie@cascadefellowship.org.

REFORMATION



Faith Alone

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 2:15-16; Romans 3:21-26

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

What makes us righteous in God's eyes? If grace is a gift completely unmerited and unearned, how do we receive it? The key understanding of faith is not to ask how strong it is, but what or whom do you place your faith in. Sola Fide points to faith alone in Christ alone.

Things to Think About

- 1) How do you define faith?
- 2) Which of these statements is the best understanding of faith: “Believe, obey, and be saved” or “Believe, be saved, and obey? Why is this important?
- 3) How is faith more than simply a belief? What does trust have to do with faith?
- 4) In what ways have you acted more from pride or self righteousness than from humble faith? Why is self-justification such a burden?
- 5) How does faith change our attitude toward others? What is the difference between doing something nice and loving people as Christ loves them?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— Romans 3:23-25

We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:15-16

Every week I preach justification by faith to my people, because every week they forget it. Martin Luther

We have been clear upon the fact that good works are not the cause of salvation; let us be equally clear upon the truth that they are the necessary fruit of it...Christ justifies no one whom he does not at the same time sanctify. John Calvin

And we, too, being called by His will in Christ Jesus, are not justified by ourselves, nor by our own wisdom, or understanding, or godliness, or works which we have wrought in holiness of heart; but by that faith through which, from the beginning, Almighty God has justified all men; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Clement of Rome, 1st Pope after Peter