

Debt Retirement Campaign Update Many thanks to all who have submitted a pledge to this campaign. We are happy to report that 83 pledges have been returned, representing a very nice start to reaching our goal. We anticipate other pledges over the next several weeks, and we will keep you posted on the progress. During our last Capital Campaign over 90% of our members responded. Some of those responses were for prayer support. Pledges for prayer are a very important part of this campaign. If you are unable to financially support the campaign, your prayer support is welcome. If you wish to pledge to the campaign, please complete a pledge card (available from the church office or at Information Centers) and place it in a collection basket during worship. You also can mail a pledge card or if you prefer email your intent to . We also accept donations of appreciated stock and distributions from IRA accounts. Thanks again for all of the support you have provided this ministry at Cascade Fellowship.

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.

Cascade Station this Wednesday

GEMS Italian Dinner Join us from 5-6:30pm for the annual GEMS Italian Dinner fundraiser supporting Cascade Fellowship GEMS. Enjoy fellowship, spaghetti, stromboli, and dessert.

Celebrate Calm: Parenting Seminar After the Italian Dinner join us in the Upper Worship Center as Kirk Martin talks about practical ways to parent with love and calm, 6:45-8pm. Drop off your children for children's programs and take some time to be inspired and refreshed.

Other adult classes & small groups do not meet this week. (Financial Peace continues.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday

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

Monday

5:15pm Mobile Food Pantry
 6:30pm GriefShare
 7:00pm Worship Rehearsal (LWC)

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at Gathering Place
 9:30am Women's Bible Study
 12:30pm Full Staff Meeting
 6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)

Wednesday

12:30pm Wonder-full Wednesdays Bible Study
 5:00pm GEMS Italian Dinner
 6:30pm Cascade Station Programs
 6:30pm Financial Peace University
 6:45pm Celebrate Calm Parenting Seminar

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)
 12:00pm Meal (Hosts: CG#3)
 6:00pm High School Youth Ministry
 6:00pm Evening Gathering

Looking Ahead

November 23 Thanksgiving Worship 10am (UWC)
 November 26 No Sunday School

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Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church November 5, 2017

Welcome

We welcome you in worship today as, with hearts full of gratitude and mouths filled with praise, our Lord, the giver of all good things.

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: To the Glory of God Alone (*Soli Deo Gloria*)
Pastor James Karsten

Scripture: Romans 1:16-23, 11:33-12:2

Praise: *Let It Rise*
Made to Worship
Holy, Holy, Holy
To God Be the Glory

REFORMATION
Five hundred years ago
and today

Special Offerings

Today: Faith Promise Missions
Next Sunday:
Growing with the Lord
Building 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.

Missions Update

Next week we begin a two-week Mission Focus as we consider our missions program to reach those who have not heard the truth of Jesus Christ.

Today we hear from Dave G, our mission partner in M, during morning worship. Next week we hear from Dwight B, our mission partner in Dearborn, during Adult Sunday School and morning worship.

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School Join us next week at 9am for a missions-focused class with Dwight B, who works with Arabic people in the Arab American Friendship Center in Dearborn. (The Theology for Life class resumes next week.)

Evening Gathering Join us this evening at 6pm in the Cascade Room for praise, prayer, teaching, and fellowship. Dr. Dick H leads tonight.

Children's & Youth Ministries

Middle & High School Youth Middle School and High School youth groups meet today in the youth room. 6th-8th grade from 3:30-5:00pm and 9th-12th grade from 6-8:00pm.

Winter Retreat Winter retreat sign-ups were sent out via email this week. Please register before November 19. Didn't receive an email? Email Eric today at eric@cascadefellowship.org.

Women's Ministries

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.

Opportunities to Serve

Mobile Food Pantry is tomorrow in our rear parking lot. Registration begins at 4:30pm; volunteers, please arrive at 4:45pm. If you need food, contact your Service Deacon or the church office (949-4342) to make arrangements.

Operation Santa Claus Shopping day is November 27 at 8:30am. If you can help, please call Donna or Kathy by November 18. Future dates: sorting is December 1 at 8:30am; wrapping is December 6 at 1:00pm (call Donna); and final wrap and delivery are December 15 at 8:30am.

Dégegé Ministries Cold weather is upon us and Dégegé Ministries has an extreme shortage of blankets! The Service Deacons are collecting blankets to help those less fortunate stay warm this winter. Please drop new or gently used blankets in the collection box in the Hub.

Announcements

Gratitude During the month of November we focus on gratitude and thanks to the source of all good, our heavenly Father. Take time this month to write your thanks on a leaf and place it on the Gratitude Tree in the Hub.

First Sunday Meal Hosts and students participating in First Sunday today for a meal, please meet at the Information Center in the Hub.

November 5, 2017

REFORMATION



To the Glory of God Alone

Scripture: Romans 1:16-23, 11:33-12:2

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone) is the logical result of the first four *solas*. The first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The answer is, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." If it is by grace through faith in Christ alone that we are saved, then our life is to be directed back to God in gratitude and praise. God becomes the center of our attitudes and actions, not from duty but from joy.

Things to Think About

- 1) How do your beliefs about Jesus and the Gospel affect your day-to-day life?
- 2) Which of the five *solas* do you struggle with the most? In what ways?
- 3) How does your life (your attitude, motivations, and actions) reflect living to God's glory alone?
- 4) What are the areas of your life that you withhold glory from God?
- 5) What would it look like this week to "glorify God and enjoy Him"?

Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress: have mercy on me and hear my prayer. How long will you people turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false god? Know that the LORD has set apart His faithful servant for Himself. Psalm 4:1-3

Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. 18 Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. John 7:17-18

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" Revelation 5:13

Our being should be employed for God's glory: for how unreasonable would it be for creatures, whom he has formed and whom he sustains, to live for any other purpose than for making his glory known? John Calvin