

**Debt Elimination Campaign Update** We have received 107 pledges, representing approximately 60% of our families. Those pledges total \$ of our \$ goal before application of the 50% matching funds. Praise God! The campaign team thanks the congregation for the prayer and financial support during this campaign. We are very close to our goal, and we are hopeful that we can reach that goal by the end of the year. Pledge cards are still available or you can email Nick S.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** Our annual Congregational Meeting to affirm the 2018 budget is Sunday, December 10, after morning worship. Important information will be in mailboxes next week. Please note, CRC Synod 2016 called for a task force to “re-imagine” the ministry share system, including possibly changing the basis to calculate ministry shares. Our Council has voted to maintain our Ministry Share giving at 80% until the denomination completes its study.

**Festival of Lessons & Carols** Join the Evening Gathering Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6pm for this Christmas worship tradition and a catered chicken dinner. For reservations contact Nancy VN or Marylou L.

**Winter Travelers** To keep up with church news, 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](http://cascadefellowship.org)) or request the office mail you a printed bulletin weekly.

**Cascade Station this Wednesday**

- Meal begins at 5:30pm, Children’s Programs at 6:30, Adult Programs at 6:45.
- Please use the Hub entrance. For our children’s safety, the rear parking lot is closed Cascade Station evenings.
- Help is needed for food preparation, serving and clean-up in the kitchen. Please sign up on black bi-fold in the Hub.
- The meal this week is breakfast foods.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday**

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

**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

**Wednesday**

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

**Friday**

6:15am Men’s Bible Study

**Sunday**

9:00am Sunday School  
9:30am Prayer (CG #8, Prayer Room, #201)  
10:30am Worship (UWC &LWC)  
3:30pm Middle School Youth Ministry  
6:00pm High School Youth Ministry  
6:00pm Evening Gathering

**Looking Ahead**

December 10 Festival of Lessons & Carols  
December 17 Children’s Christmas Program  
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 5pm

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# Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church November 26, 2017

## Welcome

We welcome you in worship today as, with hearts full of gratitude and mouths filled with praise, we worship 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: Living According to God's Grace  
Pastor James Karsten

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8  
Micah 6:6-8

Praise: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
*Across the Lands*  
*We Praise You, O God*  
*Praise the Father, Praise the Son*  
*Today*

**TRANSFORMING  
LIVES TOGETHER**  
Focusing on Missions

## Special Offerings

Today: Christian School Tuition  
Assistance Fund  
Next Sunday:  
Faith Promise Missions

## Worship Notes

This morning we conclude a series of Missions Focus as we consider how God has gifted us as a congregation and as individuals to love Him and our neighbors and truly transform lives together.

We continue to collect Faith Promise pledges through the end of the year to support our missionaries in 2018. We've received pledges of \$ towards our goal of \$. Pledges may be placed in offering plates or in collection boxes at Information Centers.

We rejoice with Eric & Kristeen VW (#1) this morning as they claim the promises of God in the baptism of their children. This morning we baptize Jackson Andrew, Nora Lynn, Lincoln James, and Joanna Henriette in the covenant of Jesus Christ.

## Prayers for the Family

**Paul & Lynn B (#7)** Paul is scheduled to have a pacemaker put in Monday.

**Bob & Janet B (#7)** We praise God that Janet has completed chemotherapy and a recent scan shows no evidence of cancer.

**Lorry T (#7)** Lorry is in the hospital after breaking her pelvis in a fall Tuesday.

**Jason & Kellie VH (#7)** The VH family rejoices in the birth of a healthy baby boy, Luke Ezra Parker, on Tuesday.

**Jean W (#8) and Chris & Jodi (W) B (#4)** The W and B families mourn the death of son, father, and grandfather, Jerry W, Wednesday.

## Adult Ministries

**Adult Sunday School** Join us next week for a series on Advent.

**Evening Gathering** No Gathering tonight.

## Children's & Youth Ministries

**Sunday School** Sunday School resumes next Sunday at 9am.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Neighborhood Outreach Opportunity** Volunteers Needed! Wednesday, December 6 from 3:30-5:30pm we bring Christmas greetings and poinsettias to neighbors in our immediate church community, a ministry we have enjoyed almost 20 years. If you can help, please let us know! Call Pastor Milt, the church office (949-4342), or sign up in the Hub.

**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.

**Refugee Family Needs** A baby girl is coming! The Congolese refugee family is having a baby soon. If you have or wish to donate infant items, please place them in the pack-n-play crib across from the nursery. To determine specific needs, please email Laura C.

**Dégagé Ministries** Cold weather is upon us and Dégagé Ministries has an extreme shortage of blankets! Please drop new or gently used blankets in the collection box in the Hub.

**Practice Hospitality (Romans 12:13)** Offer a meal to college students on the next First Sunday, December 3. Hosts and students, please sign up today at the bulletin board in the Hub. Questions? Contact Julie B, 949-4342 or julie@cascadefellowship.org.

## Announcements

**New City Kids** New City Kids (supported through our External Ministries Fund) presents a Christmas program Thursday, November 30 at 20 Monroe Live, 7-8:30pm. Cascade Fellowship members will be serving the children and staff supper before the program from 4:45-5:30. Please contact Jim V if you are interested in helping. Free tickets are available at New City Kids' Grand Rapids website.