



# WCC UPDATE

## APRIL 2025

### PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR



The days of Holy Week invite us into the most profound moments of the Christian faith. From the joy of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the sorrow of His crucifixion, and ultimately, to the glory of His resurrection, Holy Week is a journey through the depths of love, sacrifice, and hope. As we reflect on the passion of Christ, we are drawn into a deeper understanding of His immense love for us and the gift of salvation He offers.

During this week, we have the unique opportunity to walk closely with Jesus, remembering the events that changed the course of history and continue to transform our lives today. It's a time to gather as a community, to worship, to reflect, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

I'd like to warmly invite you to join us for the following Holy Week services and activities:

#### **Palm Sunday – April 13**

- **Worship at 9:30 am:** We will begin the week by remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, as the crowds welcomed Him with palm branches, proclaiming Him as King.
- **Brunch at 10:30 am:** Join us for a time of fellowship and food as we begin the journey through Holy Week together.

#### **Maundy Thursday – April 17**

**Worship at 6:30 pm:** On this evening, we will read through John 13-17, focusing on Jesus' teachings and actions during the last hours with His disciples before His arrest. We will reflect on His act of washing the disciples' feet, His command to love one another, and His prayer for unity and strength.

#### **Good Friday - April 18**

**Tenebrae Worship Service at 6:30 pm:** The Tenebrae service is a moving and contemplative service that walks us through the darkness of Christ's passion and crucifixion. "Tenebrae" means "shadow", and throughout the service, we gradually extinguish candles, symbolizing the encroaching darkness as Christ approaches death.

### **Easter Sunday – April 20**

- **Choir Cantata at 9:30 am:** On Easter morning, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a beautiful cantata!
- **Doughnuts and Egg Hunt at 10:30 am:** After worship, join us for a time of fellowship with doughnuts and coffee. Children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection.

I look forward to walking through this Holy Week with you, preparing our hearts to celebrate the new life we have in Christ.

In Christ,

**Matt Stiveson**



*Being members of the WCC family is such a blessing. The cards, flowers, and visits made our anniversary special. We also appreciate the many continuing prayers that help us get through some difficult times. Thank you and love to you all.*

**Jack and Charlotte Ellsworth**

### **MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE**

Hello Church Family!

Happy spring to everyone! Our choir has been working hard to prepare the Easter Cantata entitled "Praise the God of Resurrection!"

"Praise the God of Resurrection! traverses the breadth of human emotion found in the passion story of our Lord. From hours of solitude and rejection to glorious alleluias, the pervading theme is that ultimately God is in control. Walking through the last days of Jesus' earthly life, this short cantata is a moving reminder of the power of the living God."

I hope you are all able to join us on Easter Sunday at 9:30am!

God bless you all,

Teresa

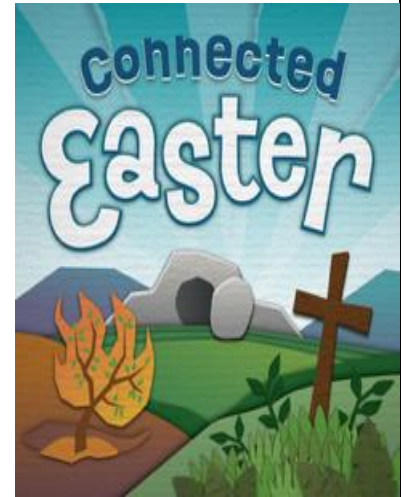
**Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.**

## STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Throughout the arc of God's big story, we see God at work executing a rescue plan to bring His people from slavery to freedom, death to life.

During the Easter season, we remember that God's own Son, Jesus Christ, came once for all, offering the way into God's presence by way of His life and His blood. In a new five-lesson series, the students of our church walk through what it looks like for God to show up, promise His presence, and make the way where there was none.

Students will connect the long journey of God's people from slavery to freedom, from Moses and the Israelites in Egypt to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus is alive, and because of Him, we can transition from slavery to freedom, from death to life—now those are connections worth celebrating!



## WEDNESDAY STUDY SERIES

On Wednesday, April 2 and 9, we will be comparing and contrasting Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John's accounts of Holy Week/the crucifixion/and the resurrection. This is a really fun study (and a helpful way to prepare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday), so please consider joining us!

On April 16 and 23, there will be no Wednesday activities.

Then, on April 30, our adult Bible study will begin reading through the entire Bible, beginning in Genesis 1. Yes, you read that right--we are going to read through the entire Bible together, from start to finish! This is something I have wanted to do for a long time, and I couldn't be more excited to see the grand narrative of God's love, redemption, and faithfulness unfold with those of you who participate. Whether you've read the Bible many times or are diving in for the first time, this study will definitely deepen your understanding of Scripture and strengthen your faith.

## PREACHING AND SCRIPTURE READING SCHEDULE DAYS

Sunday, April 6: John 11  
Sunday, April 13: John 12  
Thursday, April 17: John 13-17  
Friday, April 18: John 18-19  
Sunday, April 20: John 20  
Sunday, April 27: John 21

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Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	<b>Potluck dinner</b> (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) <b>Adult Bible Study and Youth Group</b> <b>Choir</b>  <b>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ON APRIL 16 AND 23</b>
Thursday afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry</b>
Sunday, April 6 John 11	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>
	11:30 am	<b>General Board Meeting</b>
Sunday, April 13 <b>Palm Sunday</b> John 12	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Holy Week Brunch</b>
Thursday, April 17 John 13-17	6:30 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Worship Service</b>
Friday, April 18 John 18-19	6:30 pm	<b>Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service</b>
Saturday, April 19	10:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Easter Cantata Choir Rehearsal</b>
	12:00	<b>Lessons in Grief Group</b> —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, April 20 <b>Easter Sunday</b> John 20	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b> <b>Choir Cantata</b> "Praise the God of Resurrection!"
	10:30 am	<b>Easter Egg Hunt for the Children</b> <b>Doughnuts and coffee fellowship</b>
Tuesday, April 22	9:30 am	<b>Church Women United</b> —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers
Sunday, April 27 John 21	9:30 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Study for All Ages</b>