

W C C UPDATE

AUGUST 2026

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

When Jesus began His public ministry, He could have introduced Himself in any number of ways. He could have stood before the crowds and announced that He was the long-awaited Messiah. He could have declared that He had come to take away the sins of the world. He could have explained that He was the eternal Son of God made flesh. All of those things are true, of course. Yet Matthew tells us that Jesus' public ministry began with a remarkably different announcement: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near," (Matthew 4:17).

This raises an important question: what did Jesus mean by the kingdom of heaven? For many Christians, the word kingdom simply brings to mind heaven as the place believers go after they die. But as we read the Gospels, it quickly becomes clear that Jesus meant something much bigger than that. In fact, the kingdom is the central theme of His preaching, the lens through which He explains His miracles, and the hope that shapes His followers' lives.

New Testament scholar Patrick Schreiner writes, "The Bible is most fundamentally a narrative, and the kingdom of God is the thematic framework for that narrative." In other words, the Kingdom isn't just one doctrine among many; it's one of the Bible's great unifying themes. From the opening chapters of Genesis to the closing vision of Revelation, Scripture tells the story of the King exercising His power over the His people in the His place.

Beginning this month, we'll spend eight weeks tracing that story together. Along the way, we'll discover that the Kingdom isn't merely about a future destination, but about God's reign breaking into the present through Jesus Christ. My prayer is that as we learn to see the Bible through the lens of God's Kingdom, we'll come to know our King more deeply, trust Him more fully, and joyfully submit to His gracious rule!

In Christ,

Matt Stiveson



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MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Hi Church Family!

I am looking forward to once again working with the adult choir near the end of this month! We will be meeting at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings **beginning August 26**. We will be ministering in music a couple times a month during the Sunday morning worship service.

The children will be taking a break from practicing after church on Sunday mornings until the choir resumes Wednesday evening rehearsals. They will resume singing during worship again in September. Song suggestions for either the adult choir or children's choir are *a/ways* welcome!

God bless all of you, and thank you for volunteering your precious time to worship with us!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

We wander from God to do things our way. And still, God is faithful. He invites us to repent—to think again—about our sinful choices, to think again about who He is. Sound familiar? It's a pattern God's people know well. Our next Sunday School series explores five Old Testament stories of people who wander from God. Cain kills his brother, and people build a tower to reach God on their terms. Later the Israelites worship a golden calf, complain in the desert, and experience God's mercy through the judges. Every time, God invites His people to think again. And every time, He is faithful.

NEWS FROM LES AND ANITRA ROCK

WCC former pastor Les Rock and his wife, Antra, have requested prayer upon the passing of Anitra's mother, Evelyn Hopper.

Here is the mailing address for Les and Anitra if you'd like to mail a card—

15220 Fulton Street
Brighton, CO 80602



A WORD OF THANKS

Speaking of our student ministries, we want to give a big word of thanks to **Jacquelyn Dennis**, the **Dion family**, **Ross Wasserman**, and **David Wilson** for planning several fun outings for the kids of our church throughout the summer. We all enjoyed the time we were able to spend together.



A LITURGY OF COURAGE TO LIVE WHAT I BELIEVE

Grant me wisdom to discern
in a given situation, O God, what
is good, and right, and just, and then
give me courage to act upon those
convictions, so that I would not find
myself acceding by degrees to what is
merely easy, convenient, expedient,
advantageous, or popular in the
culture around me.

I would rather choose to be identified
with you, Jesus—with your love and
with your truth—even when it proves
to be costly. Even when it means
I must follow in the way of the Cross,
enduring a dying to my own
pride or desire or reputation.

Stir in me such a holy willingness,
O God, for I cannot kindle such
convictions on my own. In every
moment of need, let my weakness be
met and transformed by the power
of your Spirit, that your great strength
would be made manifest in me.

Amen.

By Douglas McKelvey

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP—AUGUST 30

Join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, August 30** for our **Fifth Sunday Fellowship!** We'll be enjoying ice cream and root beer floats together. We hope you'll plan to stay after the service!



Tuesday Mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share) Adult and Youth Bible Studies Choir Rehearsal resumes on August 26!
Thursday Afternoons	12:00 –2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Saturday, August 1	10:00 am-12:00 noon	“Living as a Christian in Today’s World” Book and Discussion Group — <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> . See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.
Sunday, August 2	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	Worship
	11:30 am	Elders’ Meeting
Sunday, August 9	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, August 15	12:00 noon	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, August 16	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, August 23	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, August 25	9:30 am	Church Women United —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Sunday, August 30	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fifth Sunday Fellowship —ice cream and root beer floats!