



WCC UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2025

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

February can feel like a bit of a lull. The excitement of the holidays has faded, the resolutions of the new year may already be struggling, and the long, gray days of winter can leave us feeling weary. It's the kind of month that can seem caught between what was and what's to come, neither here nor there.

But even in this midwinter lull, the light of Jesus continues to shine.

In John 8:12, Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." This promise is for every season—whether we feel the energy of a fresh start or the fatigue of the in-between. Jesus' light doesn't dim when the world around us feels quiet or uncertain. Instead, He calls us to keep walking, to keep trusting, to keep moving forward in faith.

February is a perfect time to reflect on the steady, unwavering presence of Christ in our lives. As we prepare for the journey toward Lent (which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5), we are reminded that Jesus walks with us in every moment, not just in the high points of celebration but also in the quiet, ordinary days. His love sustains us, His grace strengthens us, and His light continues to lead us forward.

So if you're feeling the weight of winter's lull, take heart. The light of Jesus is still shining, calling us to faithfulness, to love, and to hope. Let's embrace this season as an opportunity to draw closer to Him, knowing that He is always guiding us toward renewal and joy.

In Christ,

Matt Stiveson

VALENTINE'S DAY JOKES FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

What did one sheep say to the other?

I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?

You're not so baaa-d yourself.

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

They are very scent-imental creatures.



MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Greetings Church Family!

I hope everyone is able to stay warm in this extremely cold weather lately. I'm so thankful we all have a nice warm church where we can gather together every week for fellowship with our church family.

Our choir rehearsals are in full swing now, and before we know it, spring will be around the corner. We will be singing for you very soon during the morning worship service.

We will be starting Easter cantata rehearsals soon. We would love to have even more singers join us. The more, the merrier!

God bless all of you and stay warm!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Parents, we will begin using a new curriculum during our Sunday morning Bible studies. Wonder Ink is based on four core values:

- God Knows Me
- Jesus Loves Me
- The Holy Spirit Leads Me
- I Am a Child of God

The weekly lessons are enriched with these values—giving kids space to fully discover their place in God's big story and resulting in an understanding of how their lives can tell the world of His wonder.

This curriculum takes kids through the entire Bible in three years. Each year encompasses major Bible stories grouped into themed series, balancing each year with Old Testament and New Testament stories, and connecting the Bible as a whole. It even includes special Christmas and Easter series that clearly connect the Old Testament to the New Testament in God's big story! Rooted in the biblical truth that our identity is found in God's big story—where Jesus is the promised Savior and the Holy Spirit is present—Wonder Ink makes room for the big (and sometimes hard) questions kids have while leaving no doubt about who God is or who we are in Him.

The new curriculum will begin this month with a study of Jesus' "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John and Book of Revelation!

WCC WOMEN'S GROUP

Note: The Women's Group workshop has been changed from February 8 to Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am – Noon. We will be continuing a discussion facilitated by Dr. Melissa Luzzi about "the lies we often tell ourselves that interfere with us living in God's truth." Please bring a drink and snack for yourself if you wish.

TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS

February 5—The *Didache*
 February 12—The *Didache*
 February 19—The *Didache*
 February 26—The *Didache*

PREACHING AND TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

February 2—John 2
 February 9—John 3
 February 16—John 4
 February 23—John 5



Sunday, February 2 John 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
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Thursday afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study and Youth Group Choir
Sunday, February 9 John 3	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Matt will be taking photos in the Narthex for the WCC Directory immediately following worship. Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, February 15	12:00	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, February 16 John 4	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, February 22	10:00 am – Noon	WCC Women's Group —Continuation of conversation about “the lies we often tell ourselves that interfere with us living in God's truth.” Please bring a drink and snack for yourself if you wish.
Sunday, February 23 John 5	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, February 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