



WCC UPDATE

MARCH 2024

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

As we journey through Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter, it's essential that we pause and reflect on the profound significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These events aren't merely confined to history; instead, they are dynamic realities that shape our daily lives, including the way that we relate to others.

The crucifixion reminds us of the profound love of God. Jesus willingly bore the weight of our sins on the cross, enduring unimaginable pain and separation from the Father. This sacrificial act serves as a constant reminder that love isn't just an emotion, but a deliberate choice to put others before ourselves. In our daily interactions, the crucifixion challenges us to extend love, grace, and compassion to those around us.

The resurrection, in turn, breathes new life into our interactions. The victory over sin and death heralded by the empty tomb infuses our relationships with hope. Moreover, as we navigate the complexities of human connection, the resurrection teaches us that no situation is beyond redemption. It inspires us to believe in the possibility of renewal and transformation, both in ourselves and in those we encounter.

As we navigate the intricate web of relationships in our lives, let us be mindful that the crucifixion and resurrection aren't distant events, but daily realities. May they guide our attitudes, responses, and interactions, shaping us into a community that reflects the transformative love and hope found in Jesus Christ!

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory," (Colossians 3:1-4).

In Christ,
Matt Stiveson

[The resurrection of Christ means] everything sad is going to come untrue and it will somehow be greater for having once been broken and lost."

—Tim Keller,
The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism



MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Hi Church Family!

It is starting to feel more and more like spring lately, and Easter is already almost here!

The choir's **Easter cantata is called "Calvary's Love."** It offers an "inspiring reminder of the gifts of love and life that are available because of the price Jesus paid at Calvary. The choir just started rehearsing for the cantata with the singers from Regis University. We have a great group of students returning to help us create a beautiful service for all of you!

Our trip to the Spaghetti Factory was a blast with the kids and their families! I would like to plan regular outings or special events about once a month with the kids going forward. Everyone is always welcome! We have a great deal of fun, and it is just a good way to bond with everyone!

The **kids have been practicing for the play on March 17th.** It is called "**Judas' Betrayal and Peter's Denial.**" These plays really help minister to the children by helping them remember the important stories of the Bible. This is the most dramatic play we have done yet, and I pray it will be a blessing to everyone!

God bless you all!

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, beginning with **Palm Sunday**. The week is significant in that it commemorates the earthly life of Jesus Christ—beginning with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus' last supper with His disciples, and His arrest and crucifixion.

The Membership Ministry Team invites everyone to an **Easter celebration brunch following the Palm Sunday worship service on Sunday, March 24.** This is a fun tradition, and all are welcome! Watch for a posterboard in the Narthex to sign up for food and supply needs.

On **Maundy Thursday**, we will be hosting a potluck in remembrance of Jesus' final meal with His disciples. We ask that everyone bring a main dish to share, and last names A-M bring a side, and last names N-Z bring a dessert.

Good Friday will be a regular preaching service.

Our choir will be performing the **Easter Cantata, "Calvary's Love," on Sunday, March 31.** As we've done in the past, Teresa will be adding some vocalists/musicians from Regis University to our group of regular participants. We would like to raise \$600 in sponsorship funds for this effort. We invite donations via check, cash, or online contribution (the online Fund drop down will have an option for Easter Musicians). Thanks in advance!

Following worship on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Egg hunt for children!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children following worship. **Please bring your pre-filled plastic eggs to the church by Saturday, March 30.**

There will be treats for children (and adults)!



WCC WOMENS GROUP

There is no meeting in March. Our **next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00 am.** This will be a continuation of last month's discussion with Dr. Melissa Luzzi on "Living Life as an Emotionally Healthy Christian." See Sue Libra for more details.

CPR AND AED TRAINING

There will not be training during March. This will be scheduled at a later date.

PREACHING AND TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 3—Fostering Healthy Communication (James 1:19-27)

Sunday, March 10—Uniting Together Through the Power of Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:25-32)

Sunday, March 17—Building Trust in Relationships (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Sunday, March 24—Living Peaceably with All (Romans 12:9-21)

WEDNESDAY STUDY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March 6—Introduction to the Book of Romans

March 13—Romans 1

March 20—Romans 2

March 27—NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES



MARCH

Sunday, March 3	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
Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —Book of Luke—meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday March 6	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study, Youth Group Choir
Saturday, March 9	10:00 am	Seminar with Pastor Matt— Facilitating Healthy Relationships
	1:30 pm	Choir Cantata Rehearsal
Sunday, March 10 Time change— spring forward	9:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study, Youth Group Choir
Saturday, March 16	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
	1:30 pm	Choir Cantata Rehearsal
Sunday, March 17	9:30 am	Youth Sunday and Kids' Play —“ Judas' Betrayal and Peter's Denial ”
Wednesday, March 20	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study, Youth Group Choir
Saturday, March 23	1:30 pm	Choir Cantata Rehearsal
Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
	10:30 am	Easter Celebration Brunch following worship All are welcome!
	11:30 am	Evangelism and Missions, and Worship Ministry Teams Meet
Tuesday, March 26	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.
Wednesday, March 27	No Wednesday night activities (Holy Week)	
Thursday, March 28	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Potluck in remembrance of Jesus' final meal with His disciples. We ask that everyone bring a main dish to share, last names A-M bring a side, and last names N-Z bring a dessert.
Friday, March 29	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, March 31 Easter	9:30 am	Easter Worship and Cantata —“ Calvary's Love ” Presented by Dr. Teresa Crane and the WCC Choir with guest musicians from Regis University
	10:30 am	Kids Easter Egg Hunt We will have an Easter Egg hunt for the children following worship. Please bring your pre-filled plastic eggs to the church by Saturday, March 30.