

WCC UPDATE MAY 2023



For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

(Psalm 139:13-14 NRSV)

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

May is one of my favorite months. Spring—and the life that it brings—is in full-swing. The days are getting longer, while the weather is getting nicer. Endings, new beginnings, and celebrations are around every corner. For me, all of these things are evidence of God's grace, tangible reminders that God is always at work behind the scenes, bringing joy and hope to our lives.

May is also one of the busiest months of the year, especially in the life of Westminster Christian Church! For starters, May is Missions Month. Throughout the month, we will take a few minutes during worship each Sunday to highlight and provide updates on some of the missionaries and outreach partners that the church supports. We begin with the Gideons, who will be joining us on May 7.

In addition to being Missions Month, there are several other special activities that will be taking place during worship throughout the month. On May 14, we will be showing our appreciation to our moms for Mother's Day. On May 21, we will be celebrating with those within our community who will be graduating in the coming weeks. And on May 28, we will be remembering those who have passed away during the course of the past year.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to our music director, Dr. Teresa Crane, our dedicated WCC Adult Choir, and our guest musicians from Regis for their presentation of "No Greater Love."

Thanks also to everyone who assisted in planning, preparing and serving our Easter brunch. The kiddos loved the Easter Egg Hunt (both of them)! And thanks for all of your contributions!

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MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

What a wild ride our adult choir had this past month! I bet this is the first time in WCC history that the entire choir became ill so that we had to postpone the Easter Cantata!

Praise God that most of them are feeling better. I am so extremely grateful for the choir. They all put in so much rehearsal time for the cantata, and they sang *beautifully*. I am also thankful for the singers from Regis University and that they were able to help fill out our sound a bit more! I think everyone will need a bit of a rest after a rough month.

The next big event for our kids will be <u>Vacation Bible School</u>. It will be held on the <u>evenings of June 11-13 from 6:00-8:00 pm</u>. I know that this will be a very exciting event for our children!

"Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."

You can register your child via the bulletin attachment or online at: <u>https://www.myvbs.org/wccnow/</u>.

Please tell all of your neighborhood families about this fun three-day adventure!

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.



DAY OF PRAYER

THANKS, PASTOR MATT FOR REPRESENTING US!

On April 25, Mayor McNally and the City Council of Westminster made a proclamation that designates <u>Thursday</u>, May 4 as a city-wide day of prayer.

You are invited to join us at the church anytime between 10 am - 3 pm as we pray for strength to face the challenges of today, guidance to face the uncertainties of tomorrow, and to give thanks for all that God has given and done for us.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Last Sunday, we concluded our most recent sermon series on the Gospel of Matthew. During May, June, and July, we will be returning to Matthew 5-7 for an in-depth study of the Sermon on the Mount. Here are the passages that we will be looking at in May, both during worship and in our adult study time.

Sunday, May 7: Matthew 5:13-16 Sunday, May 14: Matthew 5:17-20 Sunday, May 21: Matthew 5:21-30 Sunday, May 28: Matthew 5:38-48

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE UPDATE

All Wednesday activities will be taking a brief hiatus beginning on May 10. Potluck, adult study, and youth group will resume on June 21, while choir practice will resume on August 23. We will have more details about plans for our summer study in next month's newsletter

God intends... our care of Creation to reflect our love for the Creator.

—John Stott





A YEAR WITH JESUS DEVOTIONAL		
May : 7, 14, 18, 21, 28		
Missions Month		
Sunday, May 7		Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and
Matthew 5:13-16	use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for	
	the church.	
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	General Board Meeting
Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study—Gospel of Mark—meeting at IHOP at 221
		W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for more
		information.
Wednesday, May 3	6:00 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share)
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study and Youth Group
	7:30 pm	Choir
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		have more details about plans for our summer study in next
		month's newsletter!
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	-	Join us at church anytime between 10 am and 3 pm as we pray
	3:00 pm	for strength to face the challenges of today, guidance to face the
		uncertainties of tomorrow, and to give thanks for all that God has
		given and done for us.
Sunday, May 14	9:30 am	Worship Service and recognition of Mothers
Matthew 5:17-20		
Saturday, May 20	12:00 –	Lessons in Grief Groupplease bring a sack lunch with you.
	2:00 pm	Contact Judy Clay, Sharon Keel, or Kay Stevens for more
		information.
Sunday, May 21	9:30 am	Worship Service and recognition of graduates within our church
Matthew 5:21-30		community.
	11:30 am	Safety & Security Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday, May 23	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, May 28	9:30 am	Worship Service and recognition of loved ones who have
Matthew 5:38-48		passed away over the past year.
	11:30 pm	Evangelism and Missions, and Worship Ministry Team Meetings
June 11-13	6:00 –	Vacation Bible School
	8:00 pm	You can register your child via the bulletin attachment or online
		at: https://www.myvbs.org/wccnow/.