



WCC UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2025

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

Last spring, Krista's school purchased a church building adjacent to their campus with the intention of relocating their pre-K program there (the preschool had been meeting in a temp building). The plan was to have the space ready by the beginning of this semester, which was good news for us as we were planning to have Nate begin pre-K at the same time. The first two weeks went by without a hitch. Unfortunately, everything changed by the third week—the school had been operating under the assumption that the state had given them permission to meet in the church while renovations were being finished. This ended up not being true and pre-K had to move back to the temp building.

I'll be honest with you and tell you that I was quite annoyed by this change. It's hard enough to get three boys to school by 7:45 in the morning. The church is conveniently located right where I park to drop-off Sam and Eli, which made dropping all boys off really easy. The temp building, however, is about a five-minute walk away from the car, making the morning drop-off routine take longer than it previously had.

A few days into the change though, Paul's words from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 came to mind: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I think God was gently convicting me that gratitude isn't dependent on my circumstances being easy, but rather a choice to see His goodness in the midst of them. Those longer walks to the temp building became unexpected gifts: extra moments to hold Nate's hand, a bit of exercise to start the day, time to drink my coffee, and chances to greet teachers and parents I might have otherwise rushed past. What I had seen as an inconvenience turned out to be an opportunity to slow down and notice God's grace woven through the ordinary.

Throughout November, our church will likewise take time to recognize and reflect on the various ways that God blesses us. We'll begin this coming by showing our appreciation to all of the volunteers who give of their time and talents in service to the church and its various ministries. Then, on Sunday November 9, we'll be showing our appreciation for all of the veterans in our church who courageously served in the military to protect our country and freedoms we enjoy. Finally, on Sunday, November 16, we'll be gathering for our annual Thanksgiving meal to feast in anticipation of an even greater feast to come.

May we all strive to give God our thanks in all of our circumstances!

In Christ,
Matt Stiveson

WCC THANKSGIVING DINNER



Our church family will come together to **celebrate Thanksgiving at our annual dinner on Sunday, November 16, at 4:00 pm.**

Please RSVP via the form in the bulletin so that we have an idea of how many to plan for.

Watch for the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up for items needed.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Hi Church Family!

We've just about made it to the holiday season! What a beautiful fall we've been having lately. Nature is so beautiful, and I feel so extremely lucky to live here.

Our choir has been working on our Christmas cantata, and this year you will hear a rather unique vibe to the music. The joy and hope of Christmas are celebrated in a Celtic-styled cantata filled with tuneful carols, thoughtful narration and sparkling orchestrations.

We will be presenting this cantata on Sunday, December 21st during our morning worship service. We hope to see you all there. Bring your friends and family!

God bless!

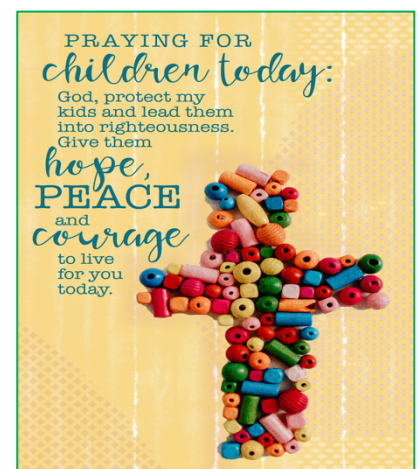
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STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

Relationships can't happen without communication, and our God is relational. He knows us and wants to be known by us. He is the God who speaks. Throughout His story, we see our Father talking to His kids. Whether in an audible voice or a gentle whisper, or through the godly advice of others, God speaks. And His words are always worth listening to.

This month, the students of our church will be exploring some stories from the Old Testament stories about who listened (and didn't listen) to God's voice, learning what it means to tune their ears to the kind voice of our loving Father.



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



As the church year nears its end, we look forward to celebrating **Christ the King Sunday on November 23**. This day proclaims that Jesus Christ reigns over all creation with love, justice, and peace. Before we enter the season of Advent, we pause to give thanks for the hope and wholeness found in Christ's eternal kingdom. Mark your calendars and join us in worship as we honor our King of Kings!



HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!

Get festive with us as we decorate the church for **Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 am**. Bagels, doughnuts, and warm drinks will be served.

2026 CHURCH BOARD APPROVAL PROCESS

Thank you for your participation in the nomination process. Our current Elders have discussed the responsibilities with the Nominees to seek their approval. These nominees will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, November 8.

The final approval will take place in our **congregational meeting on Sunday, December 7**.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE ORNAMENTS

If you are missing a loved one during the holidays, we hope you will join us as we decorate memorial Christmas trees. Memorial ornaments will be created to be placed on the trees and will remain throughout the holidays as a peaceful place to pray, meditate, and remember.

Please fill out the form in the bulletin or send an email to the church office with the name of the person you'd like to remember, your relationship to them, and lived from and to dates.

Thanks to Bonnie Pierce for her role in making these ornaments for many years!

(Please note: you need not complete this form if you have done so previously and an ornament was already made.)

WCC ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

For this year's Advent service project, we are once again collecting items for the church's food pantry. Our partnership with City Harvest has helped us tremendously. However, we are finding that there are still certain high-demand items that are difficult for us to keep in stock. We would like to resupply our back-stock as much as possible so that we can continue to provide these vital resources to those in need. Check out next Sunday's bulletin for a full list of recommended donations.

PREACHING AND TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

November 2: Obadiah
November 9: Haggai
November 16: Zechariah
November 23: Malachi
November 30: **XX**

TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS

November 5: Psalm 21 // Exodus
November 12: Psalm 22 // Exodus
November 19: Psalm 23 // Exodus
November 26: THERE ARE NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES THIS EVENING!





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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 main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study and Youth Group Choir Rehearsal No Choir on November 5.
Thursday Afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry No Food Pantry on November 27 (Thanksgiving Day). We will open the food pantry on Tuesday, November 25.
Saturday, November 1	10:00 am	"Living as a Christian in Today's World" Book and Discussion Group—Mere Christianity. See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.
Sunday, November 2 Turn Clocks Back	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
Sunday, November 9 Veterans' Recognition	9:30 am	Worship Publish Nominations for Church Officers for 2026
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, November 15	12:00 pm	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, November 16	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	4:00 pm	WCC Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 23 Christ the King Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Wednesday November 26 – Friday, November 28	Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday (November 27)	
Saturday, November 29	10:00 am	Decorate church for Advent Bagels, doughnuts, and warm drinks will be served.
Sunday, November 30 Advent Begins	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages 5th Sunday Fellowship —Doughnuts and Hot Drinks Immediately After Worship

Note: **Church Women United** will not meet during November.
The next meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 9:30 am.