



# WCC UPDATE

## OCTOBER 2024

### PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR



To My Church Family,

I'm going to spend three weeks in October doing something that I never thought I'd do: preach and teach about politics. The fact that I'm crossing a long-standing boundary of our church—that is, we leave politics at the front door when we gather for worship—should indicate to you just how concerned I am about the upcoming election. The divisions within our country and in the Church (by this I mean the universal Church, not WCC) are substantial, and the election has the potential to make things worse. Much worse.

I also have deep concerns about the way that I have witnessed many Christians engaging in politics, namely by the way they “play” the political game using the world's rules. However, 1 Peter 2:9 reminds us that we are “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.” Among other things, this passage means that you and I are set apart from the world. Its ways are not our ways; rather, ours is the way of the Lamb. And the Lamb's way? It subverts the expectations, agenda, and methods of the world more often than not.

No, I won't tell you how to vote. Nor will I endorse a particular politician, party, or platform. Instead, I intend to help you formulate a vision of Christian political engagement that places the Lamb and His Kingdom at the center of all things.

I pray that this effort ultimately brings honor and glory to Him.

In the Name of the Lamb,

**Matt Stiveson**

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING AND CONSTITUTION/BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

All members of the General Board (that is, Elders and Deacons) are required to attend our next **General Board Meeting on Sunday, October 6 at 11:30 am**. If you are unable to attend, please let Matt or Ellen Cancino know ahead of time.

One of our main agenda items will be to approve the proposed amendments that have been made to the church's constitution and bylaws. If approved by the General Board, these amendments will be presented to the entire church for approval at our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 1. The amendments must receive 2/3 approval from eligible voters present at the congregational meeting in order to be accepted.

**Elders and Deacons, please check your e-mail** as Matt has e-mailed the proposed amendments—along with a separate document that explains the changes that were made.

## **MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE**

Hi Church Family!

I am so proud of the Sunday School Choir! The kids sang their program of ten songs during the Sunday morning service and did so well! They then went to The Gardens on Quail assisted living home to share their program. They received wonderful comments from the residents.

What a beautiful way to share the love of Jesus with those who truly need some joy. We want to come back again to share Christmas carols around the holidays if we can find the time!

On **Wednesday evening, October 16th, we will be having a hot dog and s'mores cookout at the church at 6:30** to welcome the arrival of pumpkin season.

Our group of children is really growing. This is an exciting time for all of us. The more the merrier!

God bless you all!

Teresa

**Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.**

## **2025 WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFICERS**

**Nominations for the 2025 church officers will be received through the end of October.** Anyone who has been a member of Westminster Christian Church for at least one year is eligible for nomination. All members of the congregation who are 16 years or older shall have the right to make nominations and to give their approval of the final slate of nominations. (You can find the nomination form in the weekly bulletin attachments.)

## 2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We're looking for a few more volunteers for this year's Advent Devotional. You can sign up by visiting the following link to SignUpGenius: <https://tinyurl.com/a4mb2vzk>

Submissions are due the church office by November 10.

## WCC WOMENS GROUP

The **next meeting will be on Saturday, October 19 at 11:30 am** at Carroll Butts Park or the church, depending on the weather. The group will be reviewing the past year and talking about what next year will look like. **Please bring your thoughts and ideas for activities, as well as a sack lunch.**

Carroll Butts Park  
4201 W 94th Ave

## WESTY FEST

Westy Fest is a FREE fall festival with carnival games, trick-or-treating, a spectacular hot air balloon glow, live musical performances by local bands, food trucks, jumping castles, and more. The event is going to be at **City Park on Saturday, October 19 from 12:00-8:00 pm**. Though our church won't be hosting a booth this year, we can still definitely represent the church by attending the event and making a connection to the wider community of Westminster!



**A fun community outreach event!**

**Friday, October 25**

**6:30 pm (until the candy runs out)**

Bring your pre-wrapped goodies and park in our parking lot. WCC has hosted this fun night for church and neighborhood kids for many years. The costumed kids parade through the parking lot as they collect goodies from our car trunks, happily displaying their costumes. It is a fun evening for kids and adults alike!

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

This year marks the 507th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. If you're unaware, The Reformation—which began on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany—marks a critical period of renewal and transformation within the Church. It was a time when faithful believers sought to rediscover the foundational truths of their faith and to restore the Church to a closer alignment with the teachings of Scripture.

We hope that you'll join us in worship on **Sunday, October 27** as we commemorate Reformation Day.

## PREACHING AND TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

### Preaching Schedule

October 6: Ecclesiastes 12:7-14 // *Living Life Backward* Chapter 10

October 13: Kings and Kingdoms (Daniel 2)

October 20: Kings and Kingdoms (Daniel 3)

October 27: Kings and Kingdoms (Daniel 4)

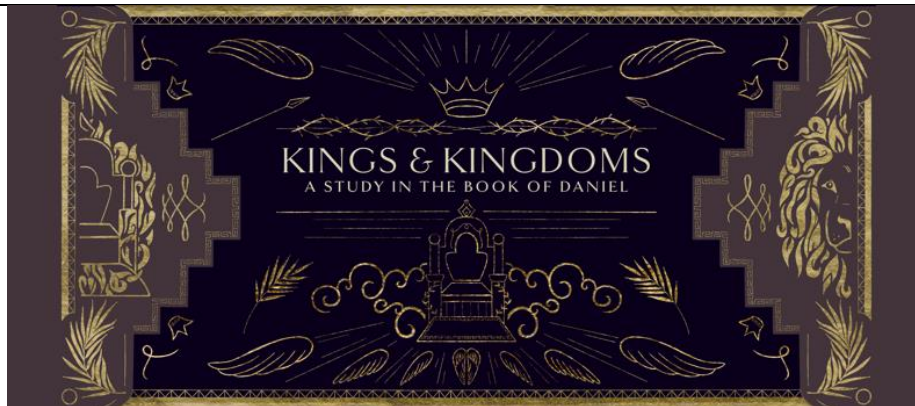
### Adult Study Schedule

October 6: Ecclesiastes 12:7-14 // *Living Life Backward* Chapter 10

October 13: The Politics of Jesus: Kingdom (John 3)

October 20: The Politics of Jesus: Truth (John 14)

October 27: The Politics of Jesus: Unity (John 17)



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS

October 2: Daniel 6

October 9: NO POTLUCK OR ADULT STUDY

October 16: Daniel 7

October 23: Daniel 8

October 30: Daniel 9

# OCTOBER

Suggested nominations for the 2025 WCC officers will be accepted during the month of October.

Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 <sup>th</sup> 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
Thursday afternoons	12:00 – 3:00 pm	Food Pantry
Sunday, October 6	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	General Board Meeting
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	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Wednesday, October 16	6:30 pm	<b>Kids' Ministry—hot dog and s'mores cookout at the church</b> to welcome the arrival of pumpkin season.
Saturday, October 19	11:30 am	<b>Women's Group</b> —meeting at Carroll Butts Park or the church depending on the weather. They will be reviewing the past year and talking about what next year will look like. <b>Please bring your thoughts and ideas for activities, as well as a sack lunch.</b>
	12:00 – 8:00 pm	<b>Westy Fest</b> —City Park
Sunday, October 20	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, October 22	9:30 am	<b>Church Women United</b> —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Friday, October 25	6:30 pm	<b>Trunk or Treat</b> —WCC parking lot
Saturday, October 26	12:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Grief Group</b> —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, October 27 Reformation Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages