



WCC UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2025

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

When you hear the word “prophet,” you might immediately think of someone who has the ability to predict the future. But in the Bible, prophets are much more than fortune-tellers—they are God’s messengers, sent to guide, correct, and encourage His covenant people.

Let me set the stage for you. Early in their history, the people of Israel begged God for a king (they wanted to be like the other nations, even though God set them apart to be different). God warned them that a human king would bring challenges, even oppression, but the people persisted. God eventually granted their request and made Saul the first king of Israel. There were a couple of good kings who followed Saul, but for the most part the kings of Israel were wicked men who led the people into cycles of idolatry and injustice.

The Minor Prophets were sent into these times of struggle. Their primary role was to call God’s people back to Himself. They urged Israel to repent, to live justly, and to embrace their identity as a set-apart people chosen by God. Each prophet had a distinct voice and style: some were poetic, others blunt and confrontational, yet all conveyed God’s heart for His people.

This fall, we’ll be spending twelve weeks studying the Minor Prophets together. Don’t let their name fool you though; they are called “minor” simply because they are shorter than the Major Prophets, not because they are less important than them! In this series, we’ll explore themes that resonate today as much as they did thousands of years ago: faithfulness in the face of temptation and compromise, the call to live justly in community, the courage to hear hard truths and respond with repentance, and hope in restoration that comes from trusting God’s promises.

We’ll be reading through the Minor Prophets chronologically instead of how they are ordered in the Bible. Here’s the reading schedule for the next twelve weeks (interestingly, several of these books contain prophecies about the coming of the Messiah, so this series will provide a smooth segue into Advent).

September	October	November
September 7: Jonah	October 5: Joel	November 2: Obadiah
September 14: Amos	October 12: Nahum	November 9: Haggai
September 21: Hosea	October 19: Zephaniah	November 16: Zechariah
September 28: Micah	October 26: Habakkuk	November 23: Malachi

I’m looking forward to seeing the ways that God will use these ancient voices to challenge and encourage our church!

In Christ,
Matt Stiveson

UPDATE ON FALL RETREAT

Pastor Matt would like to **meet briefly with those who expressed interest in attending the fall retreat immediately after worship this Sunday, August 31.** Our goal is to have plans finalized by the following Sunday.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Greetings Church Family!

I am looking forward to beginning our Wednesday night activities again. This means that fall is right around the corner, and cooler weather and beautiful colors are coming! I loved the summer, but I also love our fun times together during choir practice. I know I'm not the only one who sometimes would rather just stay home on Wednesday evenings, but after an hour with our church family, I *a/ways* feel better than I did before I came! We really do need each other. It's amazing how much love I always feel from my Christian family, and I want to make sure you all understand how important you are to me. It has been seven years since I started as the music director, and I am so grateful that I developed so many beautiful relationships at our church. Time really flies!

Love always and God bless!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

100 IN 100 CAMPAIGN

The 100 in 100 Campaign is off to a great start! Thus far, we have raised funding to purchase 26 Bibles and 24 Sing! Hymnals—that's a quarter of the way to our goal. Please use the form attached to the bulletin if you would like to donate a Bible and/or Hymnal in memory/in honor of a loved one.

A PRAYER FOR AUTUMN'S ARRIVAL

Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need
and to trust your timing in every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn—
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.
May this season deepen my gratitude,
renew my spirit,
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



FIVE WISHES ADVANCE CARE PLANNING SEMINAR

Pastor Matt will hold a seminar on **Sunday, September 21 at 11:30 am** for those interested in learning more about the Five Wishes Advance Care Planning Document. This has been recognized as a helpful way to work through end-of-life planning issues.

PREPARE HIM ROOM THE 2025 WCC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We are continuing our tradition of compiling a devotion booklet with meditations created by members of our congregation for use each day of the Advent Season. **This year's theme is Prepare Him Room.** We say "created" because we include different forms of expression. **Along with traditional written devotions, we would like to include poetry, drawings, photographs, or short stories—**anything that will convey the meaning of the assigned scripture of the day.

Watch for the signup sheet in the bulletin during the month of September, or send the church office an email indicating your desire to be part of this project.

Participants will draw their Scripture assignments following worship on September 28.




STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

In the fateful moment when Adam and Even took the fruit and ate it, God already had a plan. His heart was set on relationship, and His plan was to restore all that was lost in that moment. How would this be possible? He would use a family—His family—to make it happen.

This month, the students of our church will explore four stories of God's faithfulness to the earliest members of His family. They'll journey alongside Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob as they learn that God has a plan, keeps His promises no matter what, and is always faithful. It is from this very family that one day God would send the One who would make all things right again, the One through whom we are all invited into the family—Jesus.

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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, September 3	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 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 6	10:00 am	"Living as a Christian in Today's World" Book and Discussion Group — Mere Christianity, Book III, chapters 9-12. See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.
Sunday, September 7	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, September 14	9:15 – 11:45 am	Vitalant Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, September 20	12:00 pm	Lessons in Grief Group —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, September 21	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	Five Wishes Seminar —Pastor Matt will lead participants through the use of this helpful end-of-life planning tool
Tuesday, September 22	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.
Saturday, September 27	10:00 am	Dads' Breakfast and Book Group
Sunday, September 28	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages