

NEW DENVER MONTHLY

The official newsletter of New Denver Church

Celebrating Nova Church

BY NORTON HERBST

A few months ago the people of Nova Church celebrated their 5-year anniversary. This is a big deal to us. New Denver Church helped plant (or start) Nova! Here's the backstory.

Corona Presbyterian Church started in the Capitol Hill area of Denver in 1904 (the area was originally called the Corona neighborhood). It has had a long and illustrious history; President Eisenhower and his wife attended in the 1950s. In recent years, the church dwindled to about 50 members who realized they needed a new vision to reach a new generation of younger people.

In 2018, the leadership of Corona Pres reached out to us at New Denver about possibly helping them. In 2019, they hired a couple—Chuck and Katie Fowler—to lead the older congregation of Corona and start a new church at the same location. The vision was that the new church would be more suited for younger people and one day the two congregations would merge.

But starting a new church from scratch is not easy. So we lent them a hand. Chuck and Katie did a “residency” of sorts at New Denver during 2020-21. Basically, they spent a lot of time with us and we told them about every mistake we made and lesson we learned when we started New Denver in 2009.

Nova Church (nova means “new” in Latin) started in 2021. You may not know this but the majority of new churches close within a few years (just like new restaurants). It's really hard to make it work financially when your only “income” is from donations. But here we are five years later and Nova is thriving!

We couldn't be more grateful for this. We love partnering with Nova in so many ways. And we're excited about their future. Remember the vision that the new church (Nova) and the old church (Corona) would one day merge? Well, it's about to happen. And we want to help again. Stay tuned.

D-GROUP DIRECTORY

Looking Ahead:

AUG 2 - AUG 30 REGISTER FOR NDC KIDS IN AUGUST - IT'S VERY IMPORTANT

AUGUST: D-GROUPS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

AUG 8 WOMEN'S COFFEE AND CONNECT - 9 - 11 AM AT BREANNA STEWART'S HOUSE
REGISTER HERE

AUG 9 DISCOVERING NDC - FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW OR FEEL NEW TO NDC
AFTER BOTH SERVICES IN THE LOFT

AUG 9 SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH - AFTER SERVICE
A SOCIAL GROUP FOR WOMEN IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S WHO GRAB BRUNCH AFTER CHURCH

AUG 16 BACK TO TWO SERVICES AT 8:30 & 10 AM

AUG 16 PRAYER DOWNSTAIRS BETWEEN SERVICES AT 9:30 AM

AUG 16 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION DAY
ALL RISING KINDERGARTENERS ARE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED TO THE ELEMENTARY ENVIRONMENT

AUG 23 NDC STUDENTS FALL KICK-OFF EVENT
5 - 7 PM AT NDC

SEP 11 MOMCO FALL KICK-OFF MEETING
9:30 - 11:30 AM AT NDC. ALL MOMS ARE WELCOME! REGISTER HERE

OCT 2 - 4 MEN'S RETREAT
REGISTER HERE

OCT 9 - 10 RESET - A ONE-DAY RETREAT JUST OUTSIDE DENVER
REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

APR 30 - MAY 2 WOMEN'S RETREAT 2027 - SAVE THE DATE!



What Does The Bible Say About Immigration?

WEDNESDAYS 6 - 7:30 PM AT MEGAN'S HOME - OPEN TO WOMEN

Led by Megan Airington, this study hopes to explore a rich, biblical framework for immigration and emerge more able to attach confidence to your compassion.

You will receive a pdf study guide to go along with the content. You can either access it digitally or print it out to work through it and share in the group discussion. Megan lives near Cheesman Park, and the group starts September 9.



Reimagining Place D-Group

TWICE PER MONTH MONDAYS 6:30 - 8 PM
VARIOUS LOCATIONS! OPEN TO ANYONE

Michelle Stinson and Jennifer Coggins lead this twice-a-month D-Group, which offers an invitation to 'Reimagine Place' through online and local engagement with the book *Every Somewhere Sacred: Rescuing a Theology of Place in the American Imagination* by Ben Norquist and Brian Miller (IVP Academic, 2026).

Starts August 31.



Women's Afternoon Bible Study D-Group

TUESDAYS 2 - 3:30 PM

Nancy Kane and Debbie Chapman will be facilitating the discussion on the last half of the book of John, considering historical context and how the gospel relates to our lives now. We encourage discussion. Light snacks will be provided, but no childcare. We are excited about learning together!

Starts September 1.



Faith In Fiction: C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8 PM AT NDC - OPEN TO ANYONE

What would your life be like if you received an email every morning from your new supervisor... who happened to be a Demon? Come find out as we read C.S. Lewis' satirical -yet-insightful "The Screwtape Letters" together! (Please, no real demons allowed.) This group will run for 7 weeks and involve reading 20ish pages per week. And you WILL receive your daily readings by email!



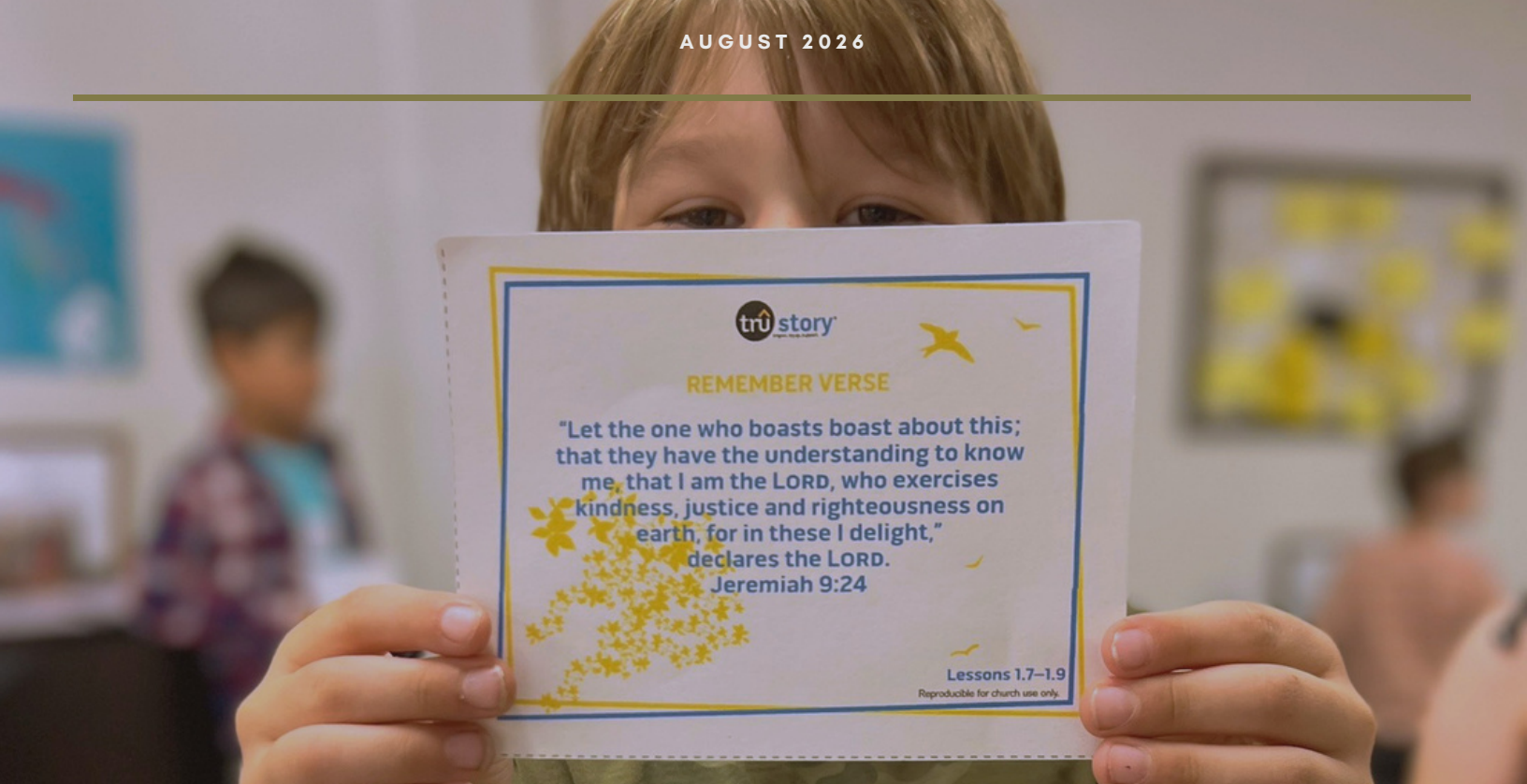
The Seven Deadly Proverbs D-Group

TUESDAYS 6:30 - 8 PM AT NDC

Scott Harrison will lead this group as they explore the Seven Deadly Sins through the lens of the book of Proverbs. The group will be highly interactive and fun to be a part of. We will explore the concepts of pride, envy, lust, greed, anger, sloth, and gluttony with the Old Testament writers of Proverbs as our guide. Don't be slothful; sign up now, or you will be angry with yourself for not doing so.

Starts September 15.





Environment transitions in **ndckids**

Families of rising Kindergarteners:

Mark your calendars for August 16! That Sunday, your child will officially be welcomed and transition into the Elementary environment at NDC. It will come with a thorough introduction of what to expect in Elementary and allow your Kindergartener to get acquainted with some new rhythms and materials! After all, this is where they will be spending the next SIX years on Sundays.

Remember verses

ELEMENTARY

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART.
DO NOT DEPEND ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING. OBEY HIM IN EVERYTHING
YOU DO. THEN HE WILL HELP YOU GO THE
RIGHT WAY.
PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NIRV & ERV, ADAPTED)

PRESCHOOL

SPEAK, LORD. I'M LISTENING.
1 SAMUEL 3:9 (NIRV)

ndcstudents

AUGUST 23, 5-7 PM AT NDC
FALL KICK-OFF EVENT FOR NDC STUDENTS (6TH GRADE AND UP)

Welcoming Prayer

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

*I welcome everything that comes to me today, because I
know it's for my healing.*

*I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,
situations, and conditions.*

I let go of my desire for power and control.

*I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval,
and pleasure.*

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

*I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition,
person or myself.*

*I open to the love and presence of God and God's
action within.*

Amen.

--Father Thomas Keating