

# We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out [westwoodcc.org](http://westwoodcc.org).

## Communion

Today we will experience communion. We invite everyone who is a follower of Jesus to participate. You do not need to be a member of Westwood Community Church. The bread and cup will be passed to you as you are seated. Hold each element until everyone has been served. We will eat and drink together. Gluten-free bread is available at the usher stations in the back.

## Raise Your Game at Vacation Bible School

Kids age 4-incoming 5th graders will "raise their game" at VBS. Register online ahead of time and save on the cost! Miss the deadline? Don't worry. You can still do walk-in registration the first night. Interested in volunteering? Go to our website and sign up to join the fun!

Bush Lake: Monday, June 17–Thursday, June 20, 6:00–8:15pm  
Chanhassen: Monday, June 17–Thursday, June 20, 6:00–8:15pm  
Minnetonka: Monday, June 24–Thursday, June 27, 6:00–8:15pm

## CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

### Racial Reconciliation: Awareness and Understanding

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9–10

Guest: a dialogue with Reverend Richard Coleman

## Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:  
What does it say?  
What does it mean?  
How can I live this out today?

- Revelation 7:9–10
- Daniel 7:14
- Isaiah 2:2–5
- 1 Corinthians 12:12–20
- 1 Corinthians 12:21–27



## You make ministry happen

Thank you for your financial giving! It allows the ministries at Westwood to continue throughout the year. In addition to our giving envelopes, here are some convenient ways you can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving:



**Online:** A convenient and secure way to give is through our website. You can give a one-time or recurring gift.



**Westwood App:** Text westwoodapp to 77977 to get a response with a link to download the app.



**Giving Kiosks:** Small giving kiosks are located on the Chanhassen campus at the Info Spots.



**Text To Give:** Text the keyword "westwoodbsl", "westwoodchn" or "westwoodmtk" to 77977.

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Crucial Conversation  
*Racial Reconciliation: Awareness and Understanding*  
May 29, 2019

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Read John 4 again. What is the quiet implication of the disciples question in John 4.27?
2. What has been your experience in dealing with racism? Where are you on the spectrum of taking time to deepen awareness or engage in learning about this subject – low interest or great interest or somewhere in between? Share why?
3. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ connect to the issue of race? Read Jesus' prayer in John 17. What does it say to you about who we are as believers and how we connect with each other relationally?
4. John Perkins says this is not a black church can't fix this. The white church can't fix this. It must be a reconciled Church, black and white Christian imaging Christ to the world. Do you agree?
5. Share one idea that our guest Richard Coleman shared that was helpful for meaningful to you.
6. Are you glad Westwood is making a concerted effort as a church to open this conversation and encourage engagement? Why or why not?
7. If we understand that this issue is not first political, but gospel then what ideas do you have that may give us practical ways to live this dream of reconciliation out.
8. If your group has stories to be shared and questions to address, then assign a person to communicate them in the designated link on Westwood's homepage. Please and thank you!
9. We're a predominately white church in a predominately white neighborhood, but our neighborhoods are changing. If you are among the diverse population at Westwood, where would you like to see this conversation about race take us as a church? If you are white, how would you like to see the conversation shape us?
10. Close by spending time praying that Jesus' prayer for unity grows in and through us.