

**Come join us on June 10
to celebrate the 40 year ministry of Pastor Mark Peterson as he retires!**

Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

8:00 and 10:15 AM
(No RSVP required)

Coffee reception at Bethlehem Lutheran

9:15-10:15 AM
(No RSVP required, but appreciated)

Afternoon Celebration

The Oak Room of the Tasty Weasel, 1800 Pike Rd, Longmont, CO
(please drive around back following signs and balloons!)

1:00-4:00 PM, with an “elegantly casual” program

honoring Pastor Mark beginning at 1:45 PM

Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served
as well as a heavy appetizer buffet
(RSVP strongly appreciated)

RSVP <http://evite.me/RxfqchTpY2> or Bethlehem Lutheran office at 303-776-3290 by June 1

WITH MANY THANKS...

Monday, May 14th, members of Light of Christ delivered dinner and desserts to the Longmont Police Department for the Fallen Officers Memorial Dinner. We want to send out a special Thank You for taking time out of your day to help out. It was greatly appreciated by all there!

BODY & SPIRIT WOMEN'S WORKSHOP



The Women's Spirituality Workshop called **Body and Spirit** is now scheduled for **Saturday, June 2, 1-4 PM in the Fireside Room.**

Rev. Sheila Dirks will lead the event that celebrates the uniqueness of women. The workshop will explore the spiritual dimensions of the female body/soul which calls to mind a phrase addressed to Mary when she was carrying Jesus: “Blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Participants will experience prayer, stories, poetry, and plenty of laughs.

There is even a hands-on art project.

You may contact Sheila for more information and to register at 303-449-4302 or reverendsheila@lightofchristecc.org. The retreat is free but a small donation is appreciated to cover the cost of art materials.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

The Sunday that is seven weeks (roughly 50 days) after Easter is the Feast of Pentecost. This is the day that Catholics celebrate the fulfillment of the promise that Jesus gave to his disciples before he ascended into Heaven: that he would send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to them as an advocate (John 15:26) to provide courage, strength, and guidance for them as they shared God's Good News with the world.

Traditionally, we have remembered this day as the commissioning of regular, ordinary folks like ourselves to go out and become the hands and feet and words of Christ. For this reason, Pentecost is known as the "birthday" of the church. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is often interpreted as breath or fire entering our hearts and radiating outward from us as we strive to build the Reign of God here and now, in our daily lives.

You will see balloons throughout our church as well as a red cloth blowing in the wind to help remind us of the Breath of Life that the Holy Spirit signifies. We wear red to symbolize the fire and joy of the Holy Spirit as She creatively dances, weaves, and breathes Her way into our lives.

Additionally, Pentecost is the "birthday" of Light of Christ! The balloons and decorations contribute to our community's celebration as we remember who we are and what unites us. May the creative energy of the Holy Spirit remain with us as we dream together the ways that we hope to spread our wings and take flight in the coming year.

Red is symbolically the color of the Holy Spirit, as it signifies the fire and joy of the Spirit's presence in our lives. We celebrate together the creative passion of the Holy Spirit weaving its way through our community and out into the world! Happy Pentecost!
And Happy Birthday, Light of Christ!

PENTECOST

WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?

Stephen Ministers are members of Light of Christ who have gone through 50 hours of training in providing high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, loss of job, death, illness, relocation, changes in the family or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver with whom they meet for about an hour once a week. This caring relationship continues for as long as there is a need. If you would like more information call the Church Office (303-772-3785) or Chuck Cooper at 303-324-3800.