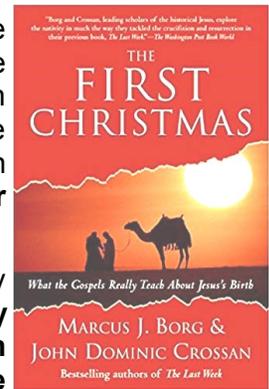




## AN ADVENT EXPLORATION

Are you curious about what the Gospels really teach about the birth of Jesus? If so, here's an opportunity for you to explore that question with others on **Sunday mornings - December 3, 9, and 16** - during Advent.



All you have to do is get a copy of ***THE FIRST CHRISTMAS***, by **Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan**. Read the **Preface and Part I**, show up at the **LOC Office on Sunday, December 2, at 9:30 am** ready to delve into these accounts of Jesus' birth thus enhancing the way we see and live our lives.

We'd appreciate your signing up on the form located on the bulletin board in the narthex so we have an idea about how much coffee to make. If you have any questions call Mary Franch @ 303-678-5453.

## WEEKLY ADVENT E-MAIL RETREAT



We have decided to offer once again a **weekly online Advent Retreat**. If you sign up to participate, you will receive the retreat once a week in your e-mail. At home, you will have

the opportunity to spend time with 5-6 different activities. You can spend as much time as you want on each one. You can even skip one. You can do them all in one day, or spread them out throughout the week. You will keep a journal during the week following prompts from the e-mail retreat. **To be part of this Weekly Advent E-mail Retreat send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) and indicate that you want to participate in the e-mail retreat.** You should expect to receive your first Weekly Advent E-mail Retreat on Saturday December 1st. If you do not have e-mail, contact Fr. Teri and she will make a hard copy of the retreat for you. If you have any questions, talk to Fr. Teri. **Deadline to sign up for the retreat is Tuesday November 27th.** Blessings.

## ADVENT FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER



We will have **Advent Friday Morning Prayer offerings in December on the 7th, 14th, and 21st**. We start at 6:30am in the Church Office and are done by 7am. We are focusing on peace, and the Prayer of St. Francis. Everyone is welcome to join us for 1, 2, or all 3

weeks. It is a wonderful time of quiet reflection together and a sacred start to the day.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BELL RINGING!

The holiday season is quickly approaching and it's time to prepare for this year's Bell Ringing Campaign!

Each year, The Salvation Army in Longmont helps low-income families with shelter, rent and utilities through funds collected from the annual Red Kettle Campaign.

**Light of Christ will be reserving Saturday, December 1st as the day when you can volunteer to ring those bells at the King Soopers located at 2255 North Main Street in Longmont.**

You can sign up for one or two hour blocks and All Are Welcome! Get your family and friends involved in helping the less fortunate this holiday season. The more the merrier!!!

Stop by the bulletin board in the Narthex to volunteer!



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As you may know, we at Light of Christ provide the Round Food Pantry with assistance in providing food for many families who find themselves in need.

**The Outreach Committee is putting together a Thanksgiving Food Drive.**

**Some of the items that are in need this season are listed below:**

- brownie/cake mixes,
- flour,
- sugar (white, brown, powdered),
- Bisquick,
- shortening and oil,
- baking powder and baking soda,
- canned fruit (not Cranberries)
- pie crusts and pie fillings.



***There will be a collection box located in the Narthex starting this weekend. We will collect food items for the next 3 weekends in November. During this time of year there is an increased need for those special extras that make someone's day!***

## INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP ON CENTERING PRAYER



You are invited to attend an introductory **Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, November 10th** in the main floor library at Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church located at 4775 Cambridge Street, Boulder. **Registration is at 8:15 am and the workshop goes from 8:30 - noon.** Centering Prayer is a silent prayer and meditation practice that invites God's presence and action within. Attend to learn more about this simple, receptive prayer method. To pre-register, email Steve at [outercirque@gmail.com](mailto:outercirque@gmail.com). Donations are invited and walk-ins are welcome. For more information or questions, please contact Chuck and Jan McCallister at 303/678-7604.

### WITH MANY THANKS!

There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes on during the week to keep our worship space in order and running smooth. This week we are Thankful for the members of Light of Christ who volunteered to **mow the Church lawn and surrounding grounds over the Summer!**

Your support is greatly appreciated...**THANK YOU!**



### WELCOME VISITORS!

**We are glad to have visitors and we welcome you!** Please sign our guest book in the Narthex. If you wish to register as a member of the Light of Christ community, you may do so at any time. Registration forms are available on the kiosk in the narthex and in the Church Office. Please feel free to call the office with any questions.



## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, & Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Church are hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday November 21st at 7pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1000 W 15th Avenue).** All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic celebration. **We invite you to bring a table cloth from home**

**that you will be using for your Thanksgiving Meal.** Table Cloths will be combined for a display near the altar & there will be a special Table Cloth Blessing during the service. After the service, you are welcome to stay for Fellowship & Pie as we count our blessings together. If you have any questions, please talk to the pastors of these hosting communities.