

DEAR LIGHT OF CHRIST...



I will not be worshipping with you the next two weekends (Feb 16 and 23), but I wanted you to know that all is well. This weekend, we are trying something new in the Rocky Mountain Region, and pastors from different communities are trading places. I am celebrating worship with Church of the Beloved in Northglenn, and their pastor Mother Kae Madden is worshipping with you. We hope this is an opportunity to connect local ECC communities with one another and help us all get to know each other a little better. If you haven't met Mother Kae, I think you will find her delightful. If you have met Mother Kae, you are probably doing a happy dance right now and know exactly what I mean.

Before this exchange was planned, I had already made arrangements to go to St. Louis next weekend to visit my son. While I am there, I will be going to Bishop Francis' church for worship and I will share your blessing with him and all the members of St. Clare and Francis ECC. Mark and Mary Lu Stenson will be leading a Communion Service while I am gone on Saturday the 23rd. I am confident that you will all enjoy a spirit filled worship service together.

I will miss you while I am gone, and will keep you in my prayers. It is my honor to be part of Light of Christ, and I hope that light shines brightly through me as I travel. I promise not to "skimp on the bait" while I am gone. I look forward to worshipping with you again on March 2nd. Yay God!! Blessings, Fr. Teri

DONATIONS FOR ST. PATRICK'S

I bet you have items around your house that you need to get rid of, or your spouse wants you to get rid of! **Well, the Adult Mission Group needs them for this year's Silent Auction which will be held along with the St Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 16th.** You can also donate an hour of your time, talent or service (i.e. handyman work, baby/dog sitting, yard cleanup, craft work, wine baskets...). **Donations should be clean and have a resale value of at least \$15. Items can be brought to the Church Office starting March 3rd.** Proceeds will help fund this year's Adult Mission Trip. Contact the LOC office or Irene Yap for more information.



YOUR VOICE & OPINION MATTER!

The City of Longmont is eager to hear from citizens about the ways that gun violence might be reduced in our community. It is time to move from talk to action! **Please consider joining the second Community Conversation on Reducing the Risk of Gun Violence that is planned for February 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Longmont Museum.** Small group conversations will be led by leaders of Longmont's faith community. If you want more information contact Stevan Kukic at: stevankukicis@gmail.com. Registration is open to the first 150 residents at: <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/public-information/a-community-conversation-on-reduction-of-the-risk-of-gun-violence>. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference.



ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT



The Weekly Advent E-mail Retreat went very well. **We have decided to offer a similar retreat for Lent, with the theme of "Noticing Peace".** 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 Lenten E-mail Retreat send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org and indicate that you want to participate in the e-mail retreat.** You should expect to receive your first Weekly Lenten E-mail Retreat the day before Ash Wednesday on Tuesday March 5th. 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 Sunday March 2nd.** Blessings.

HABITAT BUILD



BL has invited us to join them in a Habitat Build in Poplar Grove in Longmont on Friday February 22nd. All skill levels are welcome. Sign up on the WEST bulletin board in the

Narthex, and see BL member Bob Cotton with any questions. There will be six builds this year that we hope to join hammers with BL in building and repairing homes with Habitat for Humanity.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Light of Christ is a partner church with Westview Presbyterian's Round Pantry. Many of you have made donations when we've had Round Pantry food drives. Several LOC members have volunteered at The Round



Pantry including members of the Growth Youp. The Round Pantry organizers and volunteers are very grateful for our time and contributions and are looking forward to building on the relationship we have formed. Here's how you can get involved:

~ **Consider becoming a volunteer** to help set up on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm or to help when The Round Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 2:00-7:00 pm. You can decide how often to volunteer and how much time to volunteer during those hours. For first time volunteers, orientation will be on set-up Mondays at 3:00 pm. Call Westview Presbyterian at 303-776-3242 so someone will be available to meet with you.

~ **Donate food.** A basket will be placed in the Narthex labeled Round Pantry. We will list the most needed items for the next time The Round Pantry is open. **Look for the "Round Pantry Shopping List" in our bulletin. This list will change about every 2 weeks.** Contact Bill Knoche at 303-772-3642 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229 for more information.

ROUND PANTRY SHOPPING LIST



The Round Pantry needs for February 25th are:

**Canned Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
Pasta or Rice side dishes
Canned meals.**

FEEDBACK TO REGIONAL PROCESS



As discussed at the All-Community Gathering in January, the Regional Council is looking for feedback on two questions related to the process of moving forward together in 2019 in calling a local bishop.

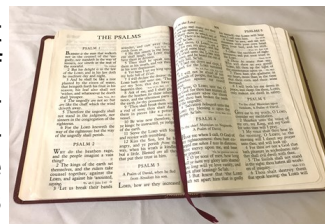
The two questions are:

1. What is missing right now in the region that we need to consider in this developmental stage?
2. What ideas and concerns do you have for these teams (teams include the Polity and Constitution Team, and the Election Process Team)?

Write your comments on sticky notes in the Narthex and post them on the poster board hanging on the east Bulletin Board. If you have any questions, talk to our Regional Council representatives Jack Wolfe and Fr. Teri. All comments received before February 10th were compiled into one document. Jack Wolfe has copies of those documents tonight, February 16th, and is happy to share them with you if you are interested. **The Regional Holy Conversation planned to take place on Saturday March 2nd at 9am here at Light of Christ.** All are welcome to be part of this process. Submit your ideas, and plan to attend the Regional Holy Conversation on March 2nd.

PSALMS GATHERING

You are invited to join in at an exciting study of Psalms for the Justice-Seekers and Peace-Makers. The Church of the Holy Family is hosting this Psalms gathering



Saturday, March 9th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This event is free and open to everyone! **Fr. Teri will be attending the Saturday session so if you'd like to attend and would like to carpool, meet here at the Church Office on Saturday, March 9th at 7:45 am.** Call the Church Office to let Fr. Teri know. There is more information for you on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex and instructions on how to sign-up for this event.

