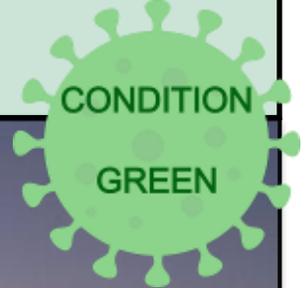


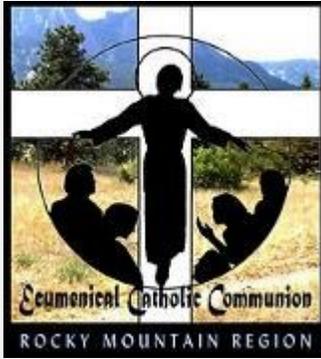
***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

***All Are Welcome!***



***5th Week in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2023***

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## A Letter From Bishop Kae Madden



Hi all,

I hope this finds you warm and well. The winter season gives us lots of opportunities to “let our lights shine” since it is bleak outside : )

Just a quick “save the date” invitation: Our very first regional synod will be **April 22, 9:30 -4:30** at **Mary of Magdala** in Fort Collins. Hooray! We will celebrate a Chrism Mass during our gathering, an opportunity to strengthen our bonds of love for one another, bless the sacred oils for our communities and for all of us to re-member and re-commit to our service of God. I hope you will mark you calendars and plan to participate in this traditional sacramental moment.

The synod planning team is a wonderful group of members. If you’d like to join the team, “more hands make light work,” contact your regional council rep and you’ll get connected. The teams include Liturgy, Food, Hospitality, Education, A/V Tech, Social Justice, and Cross-Pollination. We are planning for break-out sessions including education, social justice project, cross-pollination of communities, and of course good food and liturgy. A bountiful day!

More details will be coming.

Love and peace,

Kae

(Light of Christ’s Regional Representatives are Chuck Howard and Jack Wolfe)

## Happenings and announcements

- **2023 Time, Talent and Treasure Drive:** Our 2023 Time, Talent and Treasure Drive is being held through Saturday, **February 4th**. Please click on the link and complete the [Time and Talent Survey](#) and the anonymous [Financial Pledge Form](#) by **February 4th**. Thank you, and if you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.
- **AFC Racial Justice Book Sharing:** February is Black Awareness month and members of the Adult Formation Committee (AFC) would like to share the books on racial justice they have been collecting and reading over the last four years. A book display will be set up in the Narthex for you to browse and sign out, either **before or after Mass** on **February 4th**.
- **Adult Mission Trip Book Sale:** The Adult Mission group will be holding a book sale on **Saturday, February 18** after Mass. They are looking for donations of books and all proceeds will go towards the Adult Mission Trip this spring. Please contact the Church Office for more information.
- **Pot-luck dinner and annual All Parish Meeting:** Come join us on **Saturday, February 25th** after Mass for a pot-luck dinner and the annual All Parish Meeting hosted by Parish Council.

The Adult Formation Committee will provide a choice of ham and bean soup, chili, and creamy potato soup. Will you bring an item that will go with any of those soups? We could use a veggie tray, rolls, crackers, salads, desserts, or something of your choosing. And, don't forget to bring your own dishware and utensils.

At the meeting, Parish Council will be sharing information about a thorough review of the finances in the context of the last five years, the state of the community as well as a projection of 2023 based upon the stewardship response. Additionally, there will be a discussion of pathways going forward to implement our strategic vision.

### Events Week of February 4

#### Tuesday (Feb 7)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

#### Wednesday (Feb 8)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Thursday (Feb 9)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Saturday (Feb 11)

11 am - 11th hour bellringing

5 pm - Mass (hybrid/Facebook Live)

## Lenten Events

- **Ash Wednesday Services:** Light of Christ will be holding combined services with Bethlehem Lutheran on **Wednesday, February 22**, at **Noon** and **6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary co-presided by Fr. Teri and Pastor Katie. Ashes will be available at each of these services.
- **Lenten Evening Prayers:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding joint Midweek Lenten Evening Prayers in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at **6:30 PM** from **March 1st - 29th**. There will be a pre-service soup supper each week starting at **5:30 PM**. Please bring your own dishware and utensils.
- **Online Lenten Retreat:** You are invited to join us in an Online Lenten Retreat. This year's theme is "Be a Light". Each day you will receive an email with materials to contemplate and pray with, as well as an invitation with some journal activities. You can engage these sources in a way that is beneficial to you. If you are interested in joining us, please **send an e-mail** to Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) by **February 18th**. If you are already part of our online retreat, you do not need to do anything to sign up.



The retreat will begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd**. All are welcome. You are welcome to share the retreat with a friend who is not part of Light of Christ.



## February is Black Awareness Month

February is Black Awareness Month and the 2023 theme is about **black resistance**. African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings," since the nation's earliest days. February was chosen for this honor primarily because the second week of the month coincides with the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Lincoln was influential in the emancipation of slaves, and Douglass, a former slave, was a prominent leader in the abolitionist movement, which fought to end slavery.

We are keenly aware that racism and environmental justice are closely linked. In June 2020, 25 Black environmental leaders published an open letter calling for an end to the 'systemic and pervasive racism within the environmental field'. They called for an end to negative narratives around Black people and their relationship with nature in the US, Europe and Africa and listed solutions to eradicate racism, from education to ensuring access to wildlife.

From environmental justice advocates to scientists and social entrepreneurs, we call out the names of just a few of the many Black environmentalists who have contributed to our global understanding of the need to look after our planet. Each week in February, we highlight a different Black hero who has contributed to the work of environmental justice. This week's hero is a woman.

Wangari Maathai, the first African woman given the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her work in environmental sustainability in Africa. She was born in Kenya in 1940 and studied in the US, Germany, and Kenya with a PhD in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Nairobi. It was while she served in the National Council of Women that she introduced the idea of planting trees with the people in 1976 and continued to develop it into a broad-based, grassroots organization whose main focus is the planting of trees with women groups in order to conserve the environment and improve their quality of life. It was through the **Green Belt Movement** that she empowered women to plant more than 20 million trees on their farms and on schools and church compounds.

**Bell Ringing:** Please join us on **Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 AM** for our monthly bell ringing which sounds the alarm for the urgency of the climate crisis. This month we will celebrate Black scientists, activists and ecologists who have contributed to the environmental justice movement.

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Pick up the book, Unbowed: A memoir by Wangari Maathai. It's the story of how the environmental conservation movement started in Africa and the life story of the woman who led the effort.

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pete Conti; Linda Moses  
 Sharon Farnsworth; Gina;  
 Wes Evans; Buelah McMaster;  
 RoseMary; James Triche  
 Michael Degnan;  
 Judith Link; Nancy Busick



*We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.*

## DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays for scripture readings [Link here](#). We are currently reading I Samuel.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Council Lectionary for 2023. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

## STEWARDSHIP

	November	December	Year To Date
Donations	\$9,315.56	\$12,240.00	\$120,388.90
Grocery Cards	0.00	0.00	\$1,224.63
Advertising Revenue	0.00	0.00	100.00
Interest	\$7.97	\$12.44	\$1,743.80
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$7.47	\$2,050.00	\$9,786.80
Total Income	\$9,331.00	\$14,302.44	\$133,244.13
Expenses	\$10,887.03	\$13,019.56	\$148,807.44
Balance	\$(1,556.03)	\$1,282.88	\$(15,563.31)

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

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Scott is John and Dibbie's son-in-law.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

**Jack P. Wolfe**  
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 Real Estate  
 Small Business  
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## ASSISTANCE

**Prayer Partners:** These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org) and someone will reach out to you.

**Home Eucharist Team:** If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

**Rite of Reconciliation:** The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

**HOPE Longmont**, located at:  
 804 Lincoln St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE OUR CENTER**, located at:  
 220 Collyer St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE ROUND PANTRY**, located at:  
 Westview Presbyterian Church  
 1500 Hover St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501