

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!

22nd Week of Ordinary Time
August 31, 2024



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First Fruits



In May of 2019, the Light of Christ community planted a tree out back. It had been part of our Lenten journey that year. Every year it has grown and blossomed but never produced fruit.

This year it is dripping with fruit for the first time.

Here are a few pictures from 2019 and today. We did think it was a pear tree but turns out to be a plum tree. There's a homily in there.....



And here is what we said when we posted about the tree in 2019:

The Light of Christ community gathered after Mass for a tree blessing and planting of this pear tree last Saturday. May this tree be a sign of our hope in a future we do not yet know. We know that God has asked us to be good stewards for this tree and all the earth. During the tree planting we experienced rain, a rainbow, and sunshine.



Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of August 31

Saturday (August 31)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (September 3)

Office Closure

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

Wednesday (September 4)

9 am - Mass

Thursday (September 5)

9 am - Walk and Talk (Pelle Crossing)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

7 pm - Mens Group

Saturday (September 7)

4:30pm - Religious Education

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

6 pm - Potato Bar Fundraiser

- **Office Closure:** The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, **September 3rd**, in observance of Labor Day.

- **Women of the Spirit:** The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on **Thursday, September 5 at 1:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. You are welcome to bring a snack or your lunch as we gather around the table to share ideas and plan for the months ahead. We're always open to new members and new ideas, so consider attending our meeting and be uplifted and blessed with the sisterhood we share. For more information, contact Judy Nielsen at 303-772-9466 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229.

- **Online Scripture:** Our online Scripture reading will start Tuesday **September 10th**

at 10:00am on Facebook. This year Fr. Teri will be reading out loud from "The Story Bible" by Pearl S. Buck. You do not need to have a copy to follow along, but if you already have a copy you might want to have it handy. Fr. Teri will read every week on Facebook on Tuesdays at 10:00am. Videos stay on the website so that you can watch them at any time.

- **Parish Council Nominations:** Hello LOC! Thank you for your continual prayers and discernment for nominations of new parish council members. We need two community members who will provide leadership and guidance for the whole community. Who has an open heart to serve the common good? Who is willing to dedicate time and energy to serve on council?

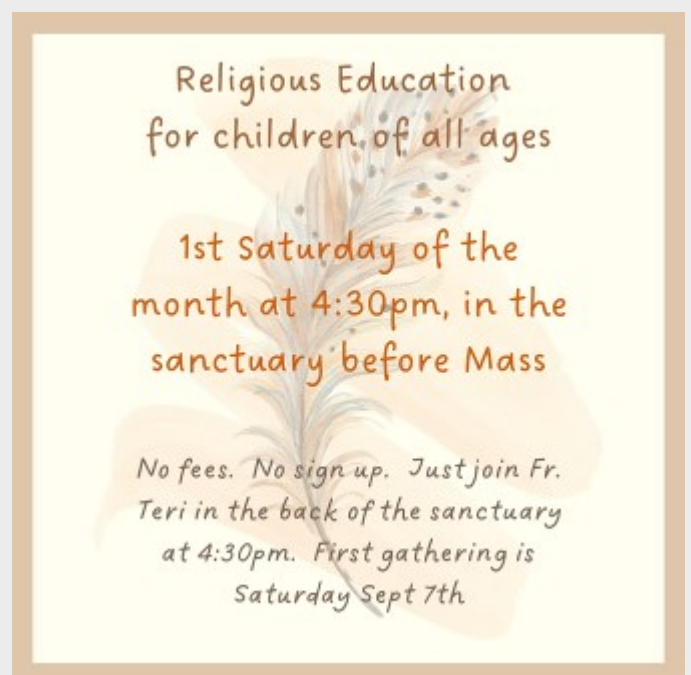
If you would still like to nominate someone for Parish Council, you have time. The deadline for nominations is September 3rd. We will be accepting nominations in the Narthex after Mass. If you cannot attend Mass, please email your nomination to the Church Office. Please continue to invite the Spirit to infuse your thoughts and lead us to those individuals. Questions?: Marlene Rogers @ 970-663-4465

Potato Bar Fundraiser: Our Light of Christ Synod delegates will be hosting a potato bar fundraiser and presentation about the upcoming Synod on **Saturday, September 7th after Mass**. Tickets will not be sold but donations are welcome as we raise funds to send our delegates to Synod in October.



Back to School Blessing: Bring your backpack to Mass on **Saturday September 7th** for our back to school blessing. Place your backpack and/or lunchbox in front of the altar before Mass for the blessing. This is for all students, teachers, and others who work in education.

Religious Education: As our children return to school, Light of Christ is starting a new course in Religious Education. Join us at **4:30pm** on the **first Saturday** of each month throughout the school year.





- **Biggest need for Synod 2024:** As folks from around the country gather for Synod, we have a great opportunity for us to show the bold hospitality that makes Light of Christ so special.

Bethlehem Lutheran has given us use of their big van to drive folks from Light of Christ to Estes Park, but there is a need for drivers to get people from DIA to the church on Friday, October 11th and return them to DIA on Monday, October 14th. Whether or not you are attending Synod, this is a great way to help out. If you are interested in helping, please email Kelly de Haas at 2024SynodTransport@gmail.com

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- **Ribbon Thank you:** Last week, we asked for ribbons for Synod and, wow did you respond. Thanks to your generosity, we have plenty of fire to bring to Synod. Thank you so much for the amazing support.

Climate Change and The ECC

For the past month, we have been looking at what US Catholics are doing to respond to the Pope's call for environmental stewardship and protection of the planet. Perhaps you are wondering where the ECC stands in relation to creation care. At LOC, the Adult Formation Committee (AFC) has embraced the challenge of working on goals and actions that address the climate crisis. Specifically, we do the following:

- Meet monthly to ring the church bell to call attention to the urgency of the climate crisis. This 20 minute ecumenical prayer service is attended by members of LOC, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Aiden's Episcopal Church in Boulder, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Longmont.
- Since Lent, 2022, the Earth Corner page has been added to the weekly church bulletin. It brings you a short ecological message as a way to inform, motivate, and encourage responsible stewardship that may help protect and heal the planet.
- AFC plans the annual Earth Day celebration at LOC. In the past, the committee has offered talks, movies, and displays in the Narthex. At this year's event, the youth created earth day posters which they exhibited in the Narthex.

At the national 2020 Synod of the ECC, the members adopted a *Resolution Addressing the Climate Crisis*. It is a statement of beliefs about the crisis that:

- Acknowledges that God calls us to be stewards of creation;
- Global warming is real;
- Animals, insects, birds, trees, and plants face extinction;
- Destructive weather creates climate refugees;
- The human and economic costs of catastrophic weather events are staggering;
- People in the developed world have a greater responsibility to repair the harm; and
- Individual and collective actions are needed.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

• If you have never attended a bell ringing service at LOC, consider attending the next one on **Wednesday, September 11, 11:00 AM**. We meet at the bell tower in front of church. We will pray for the planet but also the victims of 9/11.

PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Gary Tharnish
 Gina Hinnegan; Judith Link;
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;
 Lisa Jordan; Marty Campbell;
 Michael Degnan; Patrick Degnan;
 Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis Enge;
 Rita Rose Bergen; Rosean Amaral;
 Scott Jenkins; Sharon Cramer;
 Sharon Farnsworth; Teri Harroun;
 Therese Gabriel; Wes Evans.



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.

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP

	July	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,155.54	\$82,618.66
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$31.71	\$2,130.93
Total Income	\$11,187.25	\$84,999.59
Expenses	\$15,144.44	\$96,551.70
Balance	-\$3,957.19	-\$11,552.11

DAILY READINGS

We will be taking the summer off from online scripture readings. Instead, we will be reading "A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence and having in-person discussions every Thursday mornings at 9AM at Pella Crossing. Online scripture will return on September 10th.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2024. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

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 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