



**Light of Christ**  
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

***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!*

*24th Week of Ordinary Time*  
*September 14, 2024*



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**Schedule for week of Sept 14**

Saturday (September 14)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (September 17)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

10 am - Prayer Shawl ministry

4 pm - Liturgy Committee

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

Wednesday (September 18)

9 am - Mass

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

Thursday (September 19)

7 pm - Mens Group

Saturday (September 21)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **New look!:** Have you heard? Have you seen? We have a new logo and our web-site has been updated. If you haven't done so already, take a bit to explore the new site (<https://www.lightofchristecc.org>). If there's something you see missing or not working, let the Church office know.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings are starting up again. All are welcome to bring your knitting or crochet projects to our gathering on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from **10-11:30 am** in the Fireside Room. Patterns for shawls, scarves and hats will be available or you can work on your own projects. Contact Barb Olander at 303-651-3229 for more information or to learn how you can be part of this ministry even if you can not attend our meetings.

- **Sunday Morning Mass at Synod**

All are invited to attend the Synod Mass on **Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>** at **9am** in Hyde Chapel at the **YMCA of the Rockies Camp in Estes Park**. Bishop Paul is the presider and Deacon Besem Oben Etchi, PhD will be the homilist and keynote speaker. You do not need to pay the synod daily registration fee in order to attend this Mass. The Mass will also be broadcast on YouTube and will be the Sunday morning Mass for the entire ECC, but those who live in Colorado, even if you are doing nothing else at Synod, are invited to join in person. Take a drive up to Estes Park, meet others in the ECC from around the nation, make a joyful noise praising God, and join in the worship of Mass like no other. Our God is good. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Teri Harroun ([pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org)).

## PRAYERS FOR SYNOD



As the entire communion prepares for the 2024 Holy Synod, each individual and community have been asked to pray as part of that preparation. Here is a prayer that has been written that we might all unite in prayer with God.



We would also ask for prayers for our Synod delegates Steve DeHaas, Teri Harroun, Helen Majzler, Rick Rogers, Tim Shead, Mary Lu Stenson and Sheila Winters as they carry our hopes and dreams to Synod.

### *Synod Prayer*

*God on High,  
the mountains are radiant with your glory.*

*Through your Christ  
the dawn from on high  
has broken upon us and lights our way.*

*Bless our preparations for our Holy Synod,  
that we may be better bearers of the fire  
that gives light to the world.*

*This we ask and can do,  
empowered by your Spirit,  
in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

## Synod Updates

**Potato Bar Fundraiser:** Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised over \$1,000 towards our goal of \$1,850. Thanks goes out to Mary Lu and the other delegates for making this such a great success.



**Ribbons for Synod:** This Synod, each community was asked to have their parishioners write down their hopes and dreams for the ECC on a ribbon. We started this process at the Potato Bar Fundraiser, and ribbons will be available after Mass through the end of September for you to write your hopes and dreams in words or symbols.

In addition, for those who participate through Facebook, we invite you to send an email with your hopes and dreams for the ECC to [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) and we will get them written onto a ribbon for you. Ribbons are all different colors of fire and will be used during the Holy Synod in the Liturgies to create an image of a flame.

Imagine what that flame will look like when everyone in the ECC has a ribbon as part of it.

## Mission Update

Good afternoon Bob and Rick,

Hope you're having a great week! **I wanted to reach out with a message of gratitude for both you and the Light of Christ/Bethlehem Lutheran Communities:**

We are so thankful for your donation as a community and for the materials you donated from the Habitat ReStore!

Your contribution of funds and materials helped make the continued renovation of a First Mesa home possible, and supported several other projects as well during our time on the Hopi & Navajo Nations last week.

**We are thankful to share that, thanks to your help and the materials you contributed, 2 new windows were installed at the home next door to Dorothy's, along with a new door and toilet. Running water has been reconnected to the home after 4 years without a water connection, and the extra window and lumber you donated were also used to help build an addition onto a tiny home for a Navajo elder.**

Quite literally, your community is the reason a young Hopi family and a Navajo elder have safe shelter now. You have helped make their houses into homes, and for that, we are so grateful!

The mother of the young Hopi family whose home was fixed, Janalda, asked me to pass her gratitude along to you and all who helped make the repairs possible: *"One of my dreams is to bring back Sunday dinners for my family. You guys are helping bring that dream closer to reality."*

This work only gets done when partners like the LOC/Bethlehem community step into kindness and courage to lend a helping hand - thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Mackenzie Tilton (she/her/hers)  
Communications Manager  
The Tipi Raisers | Ti Ikciya Pa Slata Pi



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Join us for a day of  
**MUSIC, GAMES,  
SNACKS & FUN**

Live music from Gregg Hansen and  
his Djembe Orchestras of Colorado!



**GREGG HANSEN**  
and his

**Djembe  
Orchestras  
of  
Colorado**

 **growing  
gardens**

 **Bethlehem**  
Lutheran Church

**Sunday, September 22**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Bethlehem Pavilion**

**1000 15th Ave., Longmont, CO**

This event is to help fund maintenance  
of the Growing Gardens Food  
Project Farm at BLC

## Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Effort of Christian Churches

The following quotes are from church leaders who urge support of the Season of Creation and, more importantly, encourage actions to make our planet more sustainable.

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

- Drive less;
- Buy electric;
- Support candidates who are working for a green economy.

“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change is increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. [...] I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”

- Pope Francis

“It was 35 years ago that our venerable predecessor, the late Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios, issued the very first encyclical inviting all people of goodwill to dedicate September 1 as a special day of prayer for the preservation of the natural environment. Today, across the planet, numerous Christian churches and faithful recognize this celebration as the World Day of Prayer for Creation or the Feast of Creation. This sense of ecumenical conviction and Christian unity is paramount not only because we have been commanded by our Lord ‘that we may be one’ (John 17:21), but also because we cannot and should not hope to address climate change without working closely with one another. As we have repeatedly stated, ‘we are all in the same boat.’ Creation care is a collective mandate and responsibility.”

- Patriarch Bartholomew of the Orthodox Church

“In the face of the climate crisis, protecting God’s Creation is a spiritual imperative for Christians throughout the global Church. The Season of Creation has inspired us to come together in prayer and action – to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. That is why, inspired by the Orthodox Church’s leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the Church, as we follow Christ’s call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us.”

- Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican Communion

## 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

	August	Year to Date
Donations	\$9,391.57	\$92,010.23
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$271.18	\$2,402.11
Total Income	\$9,662.75	\$94,662.34
Expenses	\$13,505.66	\$110,057.36
Balance	-\$3,842.91	-\$15,395.02

## DAILY READINGS

Online readings will return on September 10th, when Fr. Teri will be reading from Pearl S. Buck's "The Story Bible"

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](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