



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!

25th Week of Ordinary Time
September 21, 2024



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Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of Sept 21

Saturday (September 21)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (September 24)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

Wednesday (September 25)

9 am - Mass

Thursday (September 26)

7 pm - Mens Group

Saturday (September 28)

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.



- **New Logo T-shirts and hoodies:** By request, we are offering Light of Christ t-shirts and hoodies in a variety of colors. Order from Bonfire: bonfire.com/light-of-christ Orders due by Sun 10/6 and should arrive by 10/30. Products will ship directly to you, anywhere in the US and beyond. T-shirts sell for \$25.99 and hoodies sell for \$37.99 with additional shipping costs. The sale prices include a small donation to LOC.



Light of Christ ECC and Bethlehem Lutheran will offer pet blessings from **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** on **Friday, October 4** at the **Stable on 15th and Pratt.**

October 4 is the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi who proclaimed a gospel of care for all of creation-- our beloved furry friends included. Stop by and share a special blessing with your pet.

Please keep all pets on leash or in carriers.



More Happenings and Announcements



- **Solar in our Future?** Since mid-July, a group of four parishioners from Bethlehem Lutheran (BL) and LOC representative, Helen Majzler, have been meeting regularly to answer the question: Should BL replace its current energy system with solar? What would it take (financially and technically) to switch to “green” energy? What are the short and long-term benefits for BL and the local community?

To answer these questions the work team sought and studied solar proposals from a variety of local solar companies. Additionally, the team looked into financing options that included rebates, grants, loans, and fundraising opportunities.

With the support of BL’s parish council the solar project team is now ready to present its findings and recommendations to the larger BL congregation who will ultimately vote on the proposal and move the project forward or not.

Two educational forums have been planned to allow church members to hear and discuss the proposal and to ask questions.

The forums will take place on **Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 AM** following BL’s church service and **Monday October 14 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM**. LOC members are invited to attend and participate but, because we are building tenants, will not vote on the proposal.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

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.

Prayers for the Parish Council Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee has requested that we share and pray the following prayer.

Gracious God, you know our needs and desires for our leadership here at Light of Christ. We ask for your continual guidance and direction in bringing us those individuals to serve on parish council. Inspire them and encourage them to bring their gifts forward to serve our community. We ask Sophia Spirit to move our beings toward the greater good. Thank you. Amen!

Prayers for Cristo Rey: We pray for the congregation of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso, TX. (This is where BLC and LOC members travelled last October for a border immersion.) The church roof was being repaired on August 30 when a storm came through El Paso. This created a huge mess as the ceiling fell and electrical was affected making the building useless until repaired. The construction company had lapsed insurance which means Cristo Rey has another \$16,000+ in unbudgeted costs.

In the meantime, Pastora RoseMary has broken an arm and rib, now her family has Covid19. Pastor Juan and Ernest (a lay member) have been helping with the disaster at the church building. All are hopeful that they will be able to continue refugee ministries, the border immersion program, and the after school program.

Synod Updates

Potato Bar Fundraiser: Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised over \$1,100 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 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.

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 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Christians from all over the globe will be saying this prayer during the month of September. If you feel moved, please join your heart and actions with others in efforts to protect our Mother Earth.

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 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