



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!

26th Week of Ordinary Time
September 28, 2024



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Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of Sept 28

Saturday (September 28)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Sunday (September 29)

11:30 am - BL Solar Panel forum

Tuesday (October 1)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

Wednesday (October 2)

9 am - Mass

Thursday (October 3)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

7 pm - Mens Group

Friday (October 4)

6 pm - Blessing of the Pets

Saturday (October 5)

4:30 - Religious Education

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)



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.



Women of the Spirit: The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We will be using Joan Chittister's The Monastic Way newsletters to kick off our discussion at each of our meetings. There is no reading or anything you need to do to prepare. Bring your lunch or a snack if you like. We welcome new members, so consider attending the meeting and be uplifted and blessed by the sisterhood we share. For more information, contact Judy Nielsen at 303-772-9466 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229.



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.

Synod Fundraiser: Thanks to your generous donations, we have only **\$450** remaining towards our goal of \$1,850. These funds support our own LOC delegates as they represent us at the National ECC Synod in October. Our lay delegates pay out of their own pockets for their travel expenses and the funds we raise pay for their Synod registration required to participate. Please consider donating even \$10 or \$20 to support our own delegates for Synod.



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!

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.



St Francis: Ecology Advocate and Saint

The Season of Creation ends on October 4 with the celebration of the feast of St. Francis. We know Francis as a lover of God's creation; he exemplifies the best attributes of what it means to be an environmentalist today. Francis is someone who prayed in nature and discovered more about God and himself through the practice of contemplative prayer surrounded by plants, trees, and birds. Francis spent a third to half of his life in nature and the wilderness, living in hermitages, caves, under lean-to's, on mountainsides, and he interspersed this with preaching. There was something about that practice of being intimately related to creation itself that helped him grow more fully into the mystery of God. And that's what we are desperately in need of today because we are so alienated from the earth and ourselves.

We finish the Season of Creation as we started, returning to the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. In it, Paul says that creation is groaning. It is up to us to help bring about hope and new life.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole of creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18-25

(Bible reference: NRSVUE)

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

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

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