



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!



***23rd Week of Ordinary Time
September 7, 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.



Religious Education
for children of all ages

1st Saturday of the
month at 4:30pm, in the
sanctuary before Mass

No fees. No sign up. Just join Fr.
Teri in the back of the sanctuary
at 4:30pm. First gathering is
Saturday Sept 7th

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.

Back to School Blessing: Bring your backpack to Mass **this 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.



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

Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of Sept 7

Saturday (September 7)

- 4:30pm - Religious Education
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)
- 6 pm - Potato Bar Fundraiser

Tuesday (September 10)

- 10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)
- 6 pm - Parish Council

Wednesday (September 11)

- 9 am - Mass
- 11 am - 11th Hour Bell-ringing

Thursday (September 12)

- 9 am - Walk and Talk (Pelle Crossing)
- 7 pm - Mens Group

Saturday (September 14)

- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Did you know?** All of our daily readings and Masses are archived on our website. You can also join us for the live readings at 10AM on Tuesdays or Saturday Mass at 5PM on Facebook. You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to join. [FB Link](#)

- **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 Nominating Committee:** We thank the LOC community for your input in nominating people for parish council. The nominating committee began its process this week. We give God thanks for those who serve on this committee. Inspire and guide them as they prayerfully consider leaders who will guide our faith community toward fulfilling our mission. We ask for grace and wisdom. May we discern your will to unite in fruitful outcome.

- **Potato Bar reminder:** Just a reminder for those attending the Synod fundraiser after Mass this Saturday to bring your own dishes, napkins and silverware. Doing this is just one more small way we can help reduce on waste.



The Season of Creation: A Season of Hope

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical period beginning on September 1, the World Day of Prayer, running through October 4, the feast of Saint Francis, the patron saint of ecology and one who is beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration the world's 2.2 million Christians come together to reflect on our relationship to the created world and to actively care for our common home.

The Season of Creation began in the Orthodox Church in 1989. Decades later in 2015, under Pope Francis, the Roman Catholic Church was welcomed and began to formally participate.

To Hope and Act With Creation is the theme of this year's season. It is drawn from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (8:19-25) in which Earth is seen as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth and hoping and expecting a better future. To hope in a biblical sense does not mean to stand still or remain quiet, but rather one groans, cries, and actively strives for new life amidst the struggle. Just as in childbirth, there is intense pain in the climate crisis. If we sustain our climate healing, we trust and hope that life will ultimately spring forth. The symbol for the 2024 Season is the first fruits of hope. The icon suggests that it is only when we work together with creation that the first fruits of hope emerge.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- The bell ringing service for ecological justice is **Wednesday, September 11, at 11:00 AM**. Please join us and our ecumenical faith community for a prayer service that will acknowledge the season of creation.



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