

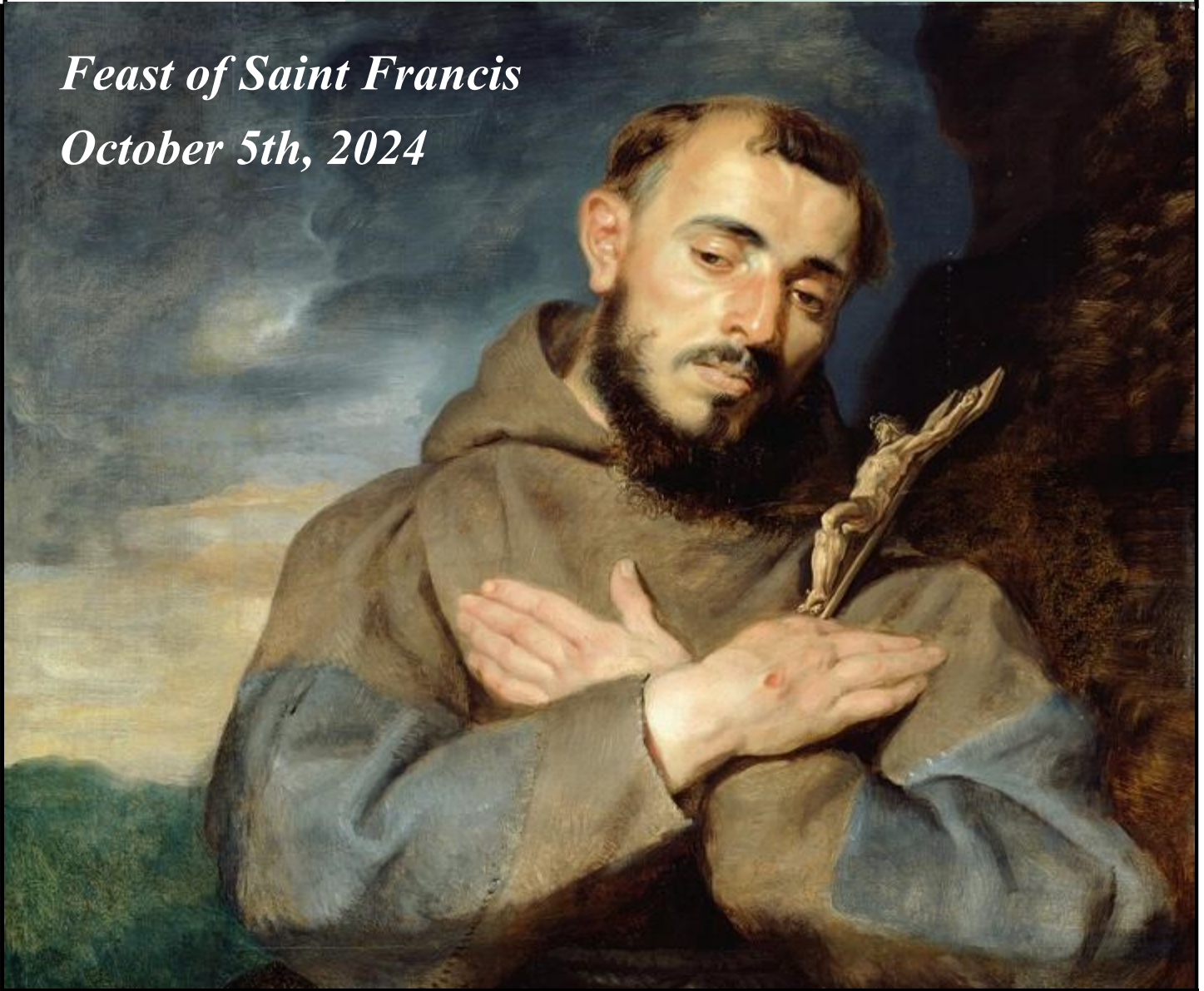


Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

***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!

Feast of Saint Francis
October 5th, 2024



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Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of October

Saturday (October 5)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (October 8)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

6 pm - Parish Council

Wednesday (October 9)

9 am - Mass

Thursday (October 10)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

7 pm - Mens Group

Friday (October 11)

11 am - 11th hour bell-ringing
ECC Synod (Estes Park)

Saturday (October 12)

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5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Save the Date: Light of Christ is once again hosting Jared Orsi, Professor at CSU on Saturday, November 9th at 3pm for a presentation intended for all. Dr. Orsi's topic is "Painful Pasts: What is Historical Trauma and How Does It Affect the Present?" Please invite your friends and spread the word about this enjoyable and informative presentation.

Free presentation
Painful Pasts: What is
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**JARED
ORSI**
PROFESSOR COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Sat Nov 9 at 3pm to 4:30pm

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T-shirt orders due by Sunday October 6: 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 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.



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.



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.

An educational forum has been planned to allow church members to hear and discuss the proposal and to ask questions.

This forum will take place on **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. A zoom link will follow in a separate email as the date approaches.



Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples

Colorado officially replaced Columbus Day with the annual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day. It takes place on Monday October 14. During the month of October, we will focus on the needs, concerns, and words of Native peoples.

In 2015 historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz published An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States. In it she states that today in the US, there are more than five hundred federally recognized Indigenous nations comprising nearly three million people, descendents of the fifteen million Native people who once inhabited this land. The centuries-long genocide of these people has been largely omitted from history books. U.S. policies toward Indigenous peoples were designed to seize their lands, displacing and/or eliminating them in the process. The ruthlessness of this policy reached its zenith under President Andrew Jackson with the Indian Removal Act in 1830 that resulted in the "Trail of Tears."

At the same time we have ignored this settler-colonial history, the contributions and aspirations of Indigenous people have also been ignored. To bridge the divide, Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is using the tools of science and the healing knowledge of Indigenous peoples to bring us closer together. Kimmerer wrote her famous book, Braiding Sweetgrass, to help readers learn about the reciprocal relationship between the earth and humans. She said that it's time all humans love and respect plants and animals as demonstrated by Indigenous peoples. She believes that, if we combat the erasure of indigenous ways of knowing, it can help bring us to a healed relationship with the land. The book highlights the importance of listening to the languages of other living beings to understand the "generosity of the Earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return." Kimmerer shares her wisdom through stories which end in deep appreciation for the gifts of creation.

"I dream of a world guided by stories rooted in the revelations of science and framed with the Indigenous worldview—stories in which matter and spirit are both given voices." RWK

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Braiding Sweetgrass is now available in a Young Adult version. Do you know a young person who would enjoy reading it? Buy them a copy and discuss it with them. You may be nurturing the next Greta Thunberg.

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