



**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!***

***1st week in Advent***

***November 30, 2024***



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# Advent Calendar



## 2024

<b>Saturday, Nov. 30</b>	5 pm - Advent I Mass (hybrid/FB live)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 4</b>	5:30 pm - Italian supper 6:30 pm - Advent prayer service 7 pm - Activities
<b>Saturday, Dec. 7</b>	5 pm - Advent II Mass (hybrid/FB live)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 11</b>	5:30 pm - Taco/Nacho supper 6:30 pm - Advent prayer service 7 pm - Activities
<b>Saturday, Dec. 14</b>	5 pm - Advent III Mass (hybrid/FB live)
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 18</b>	5:30 - 7 pm - Caroling (bring your own dinner)
<b>Saturday, Dec. 21</b>	5 pm - Advent IV Mass (hybrid/FB live) 7 pm - Blue Christmas/Longest Night service (in-person only)
<b>Sunday, Dec. 22</b>	5 - 8 pm - Living Nativity
<b>Christmas Eve Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	4 pm - Family Service (hybrid/Youtube) 8 pm - Carols (hybrid/FB live) 8:30 pm - Mass (hybrid/FB live)

## Happenings and Announcements

### Schedule for week of November 30

#### Saturday (November 30)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Tuesday (December 3)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

#### Wednesday (December 4)

9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

5:30 pm - Italian supper

6:30 pm - Advent prayer service

7 pm - Activities

#### Thursday (December 5)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

7 pm - Mens Group (hybrid/Zoom)

#### Saturday (December 7)

4:30pm - Religious Education

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

**Religious Education:** A reminder that Religious Education will be held in the Sanctuary at **4:30pm on Saturday, December 7.**

**Women of the Spirit:** The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on **Thursday, December 5 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.



**Round Pantry Thanks:** Thanks to your support of **195** dessert items, the Round Pantry reached it's goal for this year and hundreds of needy families will have a happier Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Hope for the Holidays Thanks:** Hope for the Holidays has collected over 500 Christmas cards to be sent to detainees. Thanks to your work, many lives will be touched and brightened on Christmas. May these messages comfort and calm those incarcerated. Thank you!

## Advent Events

**Online Advent Retreat:** We will be offering a daily Online Retreat during Advent. This advent, the retreat will focus on “Nurturing the Word”. Each day you will have the opportunity to explore three different offerings. You can do all three or just choose one. Please make the retreat work for you. You will want to have a journal, and access to the internet, but no other special supplies are required.

If you participated in the Lenten retreat this spring, you are already signed up for the Advent retreat and there is nothing else for you to do. If you are interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) by **November 28th**. You will receive the first installment of the Online Advent Daily Retreat on Sunday **December 1st**.

A hard copy of the entire retreat can be provided to anyone who does not have reliable access to the internet, just let Fr. Teri know if that resource would be helpful.

**Wednesday Evening Advent Services:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a supper and service each Wednesday evening with supper at 5:30pm and service at 6:30pm with family-friendly activities to follow. Our theme for this year is “We Need Each Other” and both pastors will take turns reflecting on this. Additionally, December 18th will be the annual caroling.

Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Italian Night Bring salad or garlic bread	Tacos / nachos Bring taco fixings	BYO for caroling



**Longest Night Service/Blue Christmas:** For some, the holidays are not a time of cheer. Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a combined service of comfort and hope on Saturday, **December 21st** at **7pm**. This service is in addition to our normally scheduled 5pm Mass that day.



## Solar Panel update

From our friends at Bethlehem Lutheran:

During Summer of 2024 we formed a small group with the mission to “Empower and protect our world with the light of the Sun.” This group researched and formed a plan for solar energy at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. On November 10, 2024, our congregation voted to support this project out of love for our neighbors and God’s creation. We are glad to announce that fundraising is already well underway!



We have acquired a \$150,000 loan from the Mission Investment Fund to cover part of the project costs. We need to raise another \$58,900, plus fees, to begin the project. Time is of the essence as the sooner we receive the funds, the sooner we can begin the project. Any funds raised beyond this amount will be applied to the loan. We are asking members and friends to make donations. We are encouraging those who can to purchase panels at \$1,000 per panel. Of course, any donation is deeply appreciated and makes a great difference. If you would like to know more about the project, please contact the Solar Energy team leader, Dave Hooley, at [dhooley@indra.com](mailto:dhooley@indra.com).

From Light of Christ:

Our own Helen Majzler served as our representative on the solar panel team and can tell you more about the project itself.

**In honor of our fellowship with Bethlehem Lutheran, Light of Christ Parish Council donated \$1,000 using church funds.**

If you would like to make an additional individual pledge to the project, please put “solar panel project” in the memo line of any check or online donation. Light of Christ will then donate the collected amount to the project. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tim at the Church Office.

## A Culture of Gratitude: Reciprocity

Robin Wall Kimmerer, in her book Braiding Sweetgrass, writes that cultures of gratitude must also be cultures of reciprocity. We receive gifts from others and therefore have a duty to give something in return. If an animal gives their life to feed me, I am in turn bound to support their life. If I receive a stream's gift of pure water, then I am responsible for protecting its integrity and purity. Gratitude and justice are the necessary parts of a relationship between people and between people and creation.

As we prepare for the country's annual celebration of Thanksgiving, Kimmerer says, "Let us pledge reciprocity with the living world. . . If what we aspire to is justice for all, then let it be justice for all of Creation."

O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for granted.

- Samuel F. Pugh

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

Adopt this eco-philosophy:

- Wear it out;
- Use it up;
- Make it do or
- Do without.

## PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Donna Stang;  
 Gary Tharnish; Gina Hinnegan;  
 Judith Link; Linda Moses;  
 Linda Kay Christon, Matt James;  
 Michael Degnan; Natalie Steele; Patrick  
 Degnan; Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis  
 Enge; Rita Rose Bergen; Rosean Amaral;  
 Sharon Cramer; Teri Harroun; 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

	October	Year to Date
Donations	\$14,921.67	\$118,750.08
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$1,816.15	\$4,335.79
Total Income	\$16,737.82	\$123,335.87
Expenses	\$13,532.82	\$135,303.76
Balance	\$3,205.00	-\$11,967.89

Additionally, \$920 was received for Synod.

## DAILY READINGS

Our online readings this season are from Pearl S. Buck's "The Story Bible". Please join us on Facebook Live every Tuesday at 10AM.

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.