



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!



32nd Week in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2024

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Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of November

Saturday (November 9)

- 3 pm - Jared Orsi Presentation
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Monday (November 11)

- 11 am - 11th Hour Bell-Ringing

Tuesday (November 12)

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

Wednesday (November 13)

- 9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (November 14)

- 7 pm - Mens Group

Friday (November 15)

- 10 am - Ruth Homan Celebration of Life
- 11am - Celebration of Life Reception

Saturday (November 9)

- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Celebration of Life: A Celebration of Life Mass for **Ruth Homan** will be held at Light of Christ on **Friday, November 15** at **10 am** with a reception to follow. Her obituary can be found [here](#):



Weather Closure policy: As the season turns to winter, we would like to remind you of the Weather Closure policy. On weekdays during the school year, the office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District closure schedule. Thus, if the schools are closed, the church office will also be closed.

On non-school days/weekends, if there is a weather or other event that has the potential to affect our ability to host the event or have the church facility open, we will communicate any closure decisions by email and on the website.

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 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.

Happenings and Announcements



Jared Orsi to speak: Light of Christ is once again hosting CSU Professor Jared Orsi 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

Round Pantry Thanksgiving Donations: Once again, we are collecting boxed dessert items (e.g. cake and brownie mixes) for the Round Pantry, the local food bank with which we have a long-standing partnership.

These items will be part of the food distribution for Thanksgiving (Nov 26). Round Pantry serves over 400 families through their drive line twice every month, with the holidays being even busier. Between Light of Christ and another local church, Round Pantry would like to collect 500 desserts. ***Our goal for Light of Christ is 250 dessert items.***



For those of you joining us from out of town that would like to participate, we will be happy to shop for you. You can send us a check with "RP Desserts" designated, and we will purchase the desserts and add them to the collection. A basket will be in the Narthex for donations through **November 23rd**. Thank you for your generosity!

Veterans Day

Monday is Veterans Day, the date that marked the end of hostilities following World War I. All over this country veterans are remembered for their service in that war and all those wars that followed; for giving their lives as the ultimate sacrifice to bring peace. At the same time we celebrate our military personnel, we are not naive about the growing amount of violence, conflict and war that is raging around the globe. We are appalled by the loss of human lives and the massive displacement of civilian populations caught in the middle of wars, particularly in Ukraine and in Palestine. We also acknowledge the extensive destruction of lands, farms, rivers, cities, and infrastructure from the wholesale bombing of cities. Communities have been reduced to rubble and civilians live in despair.

While we watch this violence from afar, our own holiday celebration is muted this year by the sobering realization that our country has experienced a series of climate disasters that have been unprecedented in scope and impact. In late September hurricane Helene cut a 500 hundred mile path of destruction through the southeastern United States, with 15-foot storm surges in Florida and flooding and mudslides in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. Six states have seen the most damage: Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Entire towns were nearly wiped off the map and the death toll is already well over 230.

Climate change has exacerbated conditions that allow such storms to thrive, rapidly intensifying in warming waters and turning into powerful cyclones sometimes within hours. This disaster drives home the fact that no place is safe from the impacts of climate change. Instead of trying to escape climate change, we need to solve this problem, drastically cutting emissions now.

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; 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

	September	Year to Date
Donations	\$11,818.18	\$103,828.41
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$7.83	\$2,433.31
Total Income	\$11,826.01	\$106,511.72
Expenses	\$11,641.28	\$121,698.64
Balance	\$184.73	-\$15,186.92

Additionally, \$1,407 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 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