



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 our Lady of Guadeloupe
December 14th, 2024***



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Advent Calendar



2024

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

Schedule for week of December 14

Saturday (December 14)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (December 17)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

Wednesday (December 18)

9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

5:30 pm - Bring your own dinner

6:30 pm - Caroling

Thursday (December 19)

7 pm - Mens Group (hybrid/Zoom)

Saturday (December 21)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

7 pm - Longest Night Service

- **Prayer Shawls for Advent:** As we continue our Advent journey, please remember to bring a prayer shawl or similar item to Mass with you each Saturday in Advent. There will be a limited number available in the Narthex for use during Mass.

- **End of Year Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, please be reminded that for any giving to be considered for 2023, it must be received by the church office by **January 2, 2024**.

- **Welcoming Deacon Mike Weil:** For the 2025 Liturgical Year, Deacon Mike Weil will be interning here at Light of Christ as part of his seminarian preparation for the priesthood.

From Deacon Mike: *I am excited to be serving my year-long internship with Light of*

Christ. I have felt a special connection to Light of Christ. My home Church, Holy Family, helped Light of Christ to get started. I attended your very first Mass, and I was ordained here as a deacon 18 years ago. I have been a nurse for over 20 years and am currently a perioperative nurse at the Denver VA hospital. I am currently in my 3rd. year of Seminary. I look forward to learning from Fr. Teri and all of you with my main focus being adult education and Church leadership. I am coming to grow this year and your honest feedback will be vital in this, so I invite your feedback on anything I do.



Advent Events

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.

Living Nativity: The Living Nativity will be **December 22** from **5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.** by the stables (behind the church building). You can view it by driving thru or by walking up. During the event we'll be collecting donations for the OUR Center. If you would like to volunteer, a signup sheet is in the Narthex.



Why do I care about climate change?

- As a **parent**, I care about what the years ahead will be like for my children and their children.
- As a believing/practicing **Christian**, I understand that I and others have a gospel obligation to care for my neighbor and the well being of the planet.
- As a **member of a rich and prosperous country**, I have benefited from consumer products that have disproportionately polluted the atmosphere compared to other less developed countries and therefore bear a greater burden for the clean up and restoration of the planet.
- As a **woman**, I know that the worst impacts of climate change will disproportionately affect women and children and I can empathize with their anxiety and urgent requests for help.
- As a **consumer** I worry about farmers and whether they will be able to produce enough food especially during times of sustained drought, flooding, or civil unrest.
- As an **animal lover**, I fear that some species of insects, birds, animals will not survive on a planet that is too hot or has undergone ecological changes too quickly for their adaptation.
- As a **community member**, I have already experienced the polarization of the issue and the social unease that will likely continue as communities discuss and strategize ecological priorities and action steps.
- As a budget conscious **citizen**, I think that it's always more economical to invest in prevention strategies than to constantly pay the high costs of disaster cleanups which have lately amounted to billions from our collective coffers.
- As a **planner and activist**, I don't like to be caught off guard; nor am I a fatalist waiting around for the inevitable disaster. We know that they will come and we have had ample warning to get our "ducks in a row." This isn't someone else's problem to fix. It's mine and ours to do now.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Write your own reflection on why you care about climate change.

I think that there is still time to make the changes we need to turn this thing around. We just have to get serious and get to work, starting with ourselves.

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

	November	Year to Date
Donations	\$11,934.23	\$130,684.31
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$287.90	\$4,647.07
Total Income	\$12,222.13	\$135,581.38
Expenses	\$14,651.38	\$149,955.14
Balance	-\$2,429.25	-\$14,373.76

Additionally, we received \$4400 in contributions towards the BL Solar Project and a \$50 donation to the Round Pantry.

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