



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!

***4th week in Advent - Feast of the Holy Family
December 21st - December 28th***



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Advent Calendar



2024

All are welcome to sing in the Christmas Choir
Contact Irene Yap for practice information and details.

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 7 pm - Activities
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)

Happenings and Announcements

Schedule for week of December 21

Saturday (December 21)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (December 24) -Christmas Eve

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

4 pm - Family Service

8 pm - Carols

8:30 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Wednesday (December 25)

9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

Office Closed

Thursday (December 26)

7 pm - Mens Group (hybrid/Zoom)

Office Closed

Saturday (December 28)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (December 31)

Office Closed

Wednesday (January 1)

9 am - Mass (hybrid/Zoom)

Office Closed

Thursday (January 2)

7 pm - Mens Group (hybrid/Zoom)

Saturday (January 4)

4:30 pm - Religious Education

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Office Closure: The Church office will be closed for normal business from Christmas day through New Year's day. If there is a pastoral emergency please contact leave a phone message or Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org



Prayer Shawls for Advent: Please remember to bring a prayer shawl or similar item to Mass with you one last time this **Saturday, December 21**. There will be a limited number available in the Narthex for use during Mass.

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

Youth Ice Skating: Fr. Teri is taking Light of Christ youth, children, and their parents ice skating at the Pavilion in Roosevelt Park over the Christmas break. If you would like to join, please contact Fr. Teri and she will let you know the date and time. This promises to be a fun event full of fresh air and friendship, hot chocolate and the blessing of being together.

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**.

Additional Happenings



Newsletter and changes to the bulletin: Starting in January, we will be publishing a monthly newsletter *in addition* to the weekly online bulletin. This newsletter will be filled with upcoming events and a large, monthly calendar. It will be published at the beginning of each month and will be available as a handout in the Narthex to take home. Tim is also working on an electronic version suitable for download.

The weekly online bulletin will continue to be sent out via all-parish email. If you would like to be on the all-parish email list, please contact the church office at churchoffice@lightofchristecc.org.

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: Bethlehem Lutheran will be hosting their annual Living Nativity on **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 they will be collecting donations for the OUR Center.



Solar Panel Update: WE DID IT!: The Solar Team and Bethlehem Lutheran congregation wishes to express their profound gratitude for your partnership in getting solar panels on the building. Light of Christ was integral to this, raising over \$6,500 towards this goal. The contract for the installation was able to be signed on December 17th due to your generosity



Hope for the Holidays Card Drive: Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran contributed **480** cards to reach detained persons with messages of hope and support. Thanks to all who supported this effort.

Some Nostalgia

It is not unusual to look back on your year, your life, your home and neighborhood and become a little nostalgic. When I set out on my daily walk to meditate, think, and take in the beauty of the world around me, I sometimes think about who will appreciate this open space as much as I have after I'm no longer here. After more than four decades on these trails, I know every rock, bush, ditch, and wildflower. Will someone who follows me love and honor this land as much as I have? My final Earth Corner page is a short poem that expresses my love for the land around me, the place where I take my daily walk.

After I'm Gone

Who will love this land?

Who will walk its trails and appreciate its humble natural beauty?

Who will greet the sun as she rises from her bed each morning?

Who will listen to the songbirds?

Who will protect the snakes, foxes, coyotes, and squirrels?

Who will celebrate the golden aspen in autumn and the prairie grasses in summer?

Will they stop and gaze at the Flatirons and wonder at their creation?

Will they notice the first spring flowers peeking up through the snow or the late summer sunflowers along the ditch?

Will they find joy standing at the lake as lapping dogs swim after balls and twigs?

Will they remember that all are welcome here and greet strangers as they hike?

Who will love this land after I'm gone?

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Take time to reflect on your year: good? bad? somewhere in between?
- Walk on your favorite path and find moments of gratitude.

PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Donna Stang;
 Gary Tharnish; Gina Hinnegan;
 Judith Link; Linda Moses;
 Linda Kay Christon, Matt James;
 Michael Degnan; 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