



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!

February 2025 Newsletter



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2025 Time, Talent and Treasure Drive



At the request of the Parish Council, our Stewardship Committee will be kicking off the 2025 Time, Talent, and Treasure Drive beginning this month. On Saturday, February 15th, during our Parish’s Annual Meeting, Parish Council will be sharing details about our parish finances as well as explaining the volunteer opportunities and key needs for our community. Pam Horra, our Stewardship Committee Chair, will then explain the logistics of the Drive and help answer questions. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this meeting; however, if it doesn’t work for you, after the meeting a detailed letter will be emailed out with all of the details.

To help you begin to think about how you might like to be involved in supporting our community over the next year, we have put together the graphic to the right that lists the many volunteer opportunities available to you. Additionally, our different ministries and their liaison are listed in the table below. The liaison is either one of our Parish Council members or a staff member. If you should have any questions about one of the ministries, we would encourage you to reach out to them and they will either get the information or put you in touch with someone who can answer your questions.

Ministry	Liaison
Adult Formation	Paulette Zimmermann
Communication	Fr. Teri Harroun
Finance	Ann Hess
Hospitality	Fr. Teri Harroun
Liturgy	Irene Yap
Outreach	RoseMarie Perez-Foster
Property/Security	Tim Shead
Regional Council	Fr. Teri Harroun
Stewardship	Paul Acker
Technology	Tim Shead
Youth / Religious Ed	Fr. Teri Harroun



How can you help?

Regional Council Representative

House of Laity Representative

Parish Council

Liturgy Planning

Stewardship

Outreach

Nominating Committee

Finance

Adult Formation

Marketing Committee

Adult Mission

Growth Youp Ministry

Counters

Lawnmowers

Stephen Ministry

Welcoming Committee

OUR Center

Cantors

Round Pantry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Musicians

Pastoral Care Team

Liturgists

Homilists

Sacristans

Religious Education

Mass Coordinators

Tech operators

Funeral reception group

Bread Bakers



Happenings

All Parish Potluck and Meeting

“Love is in the air.” The Parish Council has chosen Valentine’s Day weekend, **February 15**, to share the annual State of the Parish report with all of us. They will report on the status of LOC’s finances and activities planned for 2025. Everyone is asked to attend this important meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 15, following Mass.**



A festive Valentine-themed potluck will precede the business meeting. Please bring a potluck dish to share. And, don’t forget to bring your own plates and eating utensils. This helps with cleanup tasks. See you there! For those of you who would prefer to join via Zoom, details will be in the upcoming bulletin.

Lay Preaching Team

Last year, Fr. Teri built a lay preaching team to benefit all of Light of Christ with its diversity of voice. That hard work bears its first fruits, with two lay homilists in February and another in March. Interested in joining? Contact Fr. Teri for details.

Going Deeper With God. A Discussion with Deacon Mike

In the Great Commandment, Jesus calls us to love God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds. How do we develop a loving relationship with God? Prayer is the key. In this session, we will focus on the how and why of prayer and we'll ask: Does our prayer life deepen our relationship with God? For Christians, these questions may feel very basic but it may be just what ordinary, “seasoned” Christians need to add vitality to their prayer life. We will finish this session with a discussion of contemplative prayer. This is the first in a series of conversations through 2025 aimed at deepening our relationship with God.

Are you curious to learn more? Deacon Mike is offering this session on **Saturday, March 1, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. This may be a perfect experience as we prepare to begin our Lenten journey. We think you’ll learn something new or rediscover a practice you use to deepen your spiritual life. Come and join the discussion. All are welcome.

Lent Announcements

Ash Wednesday Services

Light of Christ will be holding combined services with Bethlehem Lutheran on **Wednesday, March 5**, at **Noon** and **7 PM** in the Sanctuary co-presided by Fr. Teri and Pastor Katie. Ashes will be available at each of these services.



Wednesdays in Lent

Each Wednesday in Lent, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran gather for a mid-week soup supper and evening prayer service. Starting March 12, we will be meeting at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and at 7 PM for service. Please bring your own dishware and utensils.

Online Lenten Retreat



You are invited to join us in an Online Lenten Retreat. This year's theme is "Trees". Each day you will receive an email with materials to contemplate and pray with, as well as an invitation with some journal activities. You can engage these sources in a way that is beneficial to you. If you are interested in joining us, please **send an e-mail** to Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org by **March 1st**. If you are already part of our online retreat, you do not need to do anything to sign up.

The retreat will begin on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th**. All are welcome. You are welcome to share the retreat with a friend who is not part of Light of Christ.

Upcoming Events

Black History Month



Black history month is a month set aside to celebrate the accomplishments of Black members of our communities and nation. People like Rosa Parks who integrated buses in Birmingham, Alabama in 1955 or more recently Kentanji Brown Jackson, our newest Associate Supreme Court Justice are remembered and honored.

On **Saturday, February 1**, the Adult Formation committee will set up their social justice book collection in the Narthex before and after Mass. Snacks will be available after Mass. As always, you are invited to borrow any book and read it at your own pace. Come join us and tell us what you've been reading.



In the Spotlight this Month: Bell Ringing



Every month on the eleventh day, an interfaith group meets at LOC to ring the church bell, sounding the alarm for ecological justice. A short prayer service (about 20 minutes) involves calling attention to a current environmental disaster or a specific community of people impacted by climate change.

If you would like to participate but can't attend in person, you can receive the program a week ahead of time and pray with us at your convenience or join us on Facebook. If you want to be added to the bell ringing mailing list, please contact Helen Majzler or the Church office.

Discretionary Fund Team

During 2025, Deacon Mike Weil will be joining us as part of his internship for the priesthood. In lieu of his stipend, he has requested that the funds be put towards the Outreach mission of Light of Christ. To discern where these funds would best be used, a team has been created to review local and national non-profits to donate money on behalf of the faith community. This team will research organizations based on needs and consider things like:

- 1) what needs are being met through monies donated,
- 2) how does this donation reflect the mission statement of Light of Christ
- 3) what type of charitable rating does the organization have ensuring that monies are getting to the ones who need assistance.

The team members are Sally Allen, Marlene Rogers, Paul Acker, and Deacon Mike. The team will place a notice in the newsletter each quarter to let you know what charity we have chosen.



Adult Mission Team Booksale

The Adult Mission Team will be holding a book sale on **Saturday, February 22 both before and after Mass** to raise funds for their upcoming trip in March. They will be heading to the Navajo/Hopi Reservation in Arizona **March 16-22**. Opportunities to join/support them are still available. Contact the Church office or Rick Rogers for more information.



We are Light of Christ

Wednesday Morning Mass, Fellowship, and Discussions
offer spiritual and adult faith development.

Women of the Spirit Group
meets on the first Thursday of the month for discussion, support, prayer and fellowship.

Men's Group
meets every Thursday evening to provide informal sharing and discussion

Religious Education
meets the first Saturday of the month before Mass for children of all ages - no signups or fees.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
gathers on the third Tuesday of the month to knit and crochet shawls and other items for those in need of comfort and joy.

Stephen Ministry
is made up of trained members who listen and provide spiritual support to others facing tough times.

Online Retreats and Scripture Readings
foster personal spiritual and adult faith growth.

Prayer Partners
are available after Mass to listen to concerns in depth and to pray with you.

The Pastoral Care Team
assists the pastor with home Eucharist visitation and phone calls.

Sacraments and Sacramental Preparation
Are available to all without charge or precondition.

Contact the Church office for more information or how to participate

In the World

Social Justice Presentations

LoC hosts several presentations each year on various social justice topics. These discussions are open to the public and include the Stations of the Cross public presentation throughout Longmont.

Growing Gardens

LoC supports Growing Gardens, a non-profit community garden project at the church that grew and donated over 5,000lbs of food to local food banks.

Pride Fest

LoC has supported Longmont Pride in June for many years with a table promoting our hospitality and a Communion Service where all are welcome to receive.

Annual Mission Trips

LOC adults collaborate with Bethlehem Lutheran adults for an annual mission trip, traveling to places all over the nation and building shelter to disadvantaged communities or those hit by disaster. The entire LOC community supports these missionaries and their fundraising efforts.

11th Hour Bell Ringing

On the 11th day of every month, at 11:00am, for 11 minutes, Light of Christ members gather at the church bell out front and ring the bell once per minute to raise awareness for climate justice. Members of other faith traditions often join us.

Round Pantry

LoC works with Westview Presbyterian and their Round Pantry to offer food support to hundreds of food-insecure families every two weeks.

ICE Detention Visits

Members of Light of Christ are supporting the spiritual and pastoral care needs of those awaiting status determinations in the ICE detention facility in Aurora.

Little Pantry

Members of Light of Christ provide food for the Little Pantry, a local, self-serve pantry providing essentials to those who may need it.

Contact the Church office for more information or how to participate

PRAYER CORNER



Please keep these friends in your prayers

Dan Holland; Dave Barnwell;
Donna Stang; Gina Hinnegan;
Holy Family ECC: Jane Reyna;
Janell Flaig; Judith Link; Linda Moses;
Linda Kay Christon; Matt James;
Michael Degnan; Patrick Degnan;
Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Pete Conti Jr.;
Phyllis Enge; Rita Rose Bergen; Sharon
Cramer; Stan Manickam; Steve
Zimmermann; 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.

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 uses the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2025. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

LoC Parish Council and Rocky Mountain Regional Council meetings are open to all members to observe. Please contact Fr. Teri regarding RMRC meeting information.

Weather Closure: The office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District weather closure schedule. If schools are closed, the Church Office will also be closed.

A printed copy of our Bylaws, policies and procedures are available in the Church Office for members to review.

Your Ad could be here!
Call the Church Office

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the newsletter! 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.

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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.

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