



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!

March 2025 Newsletter



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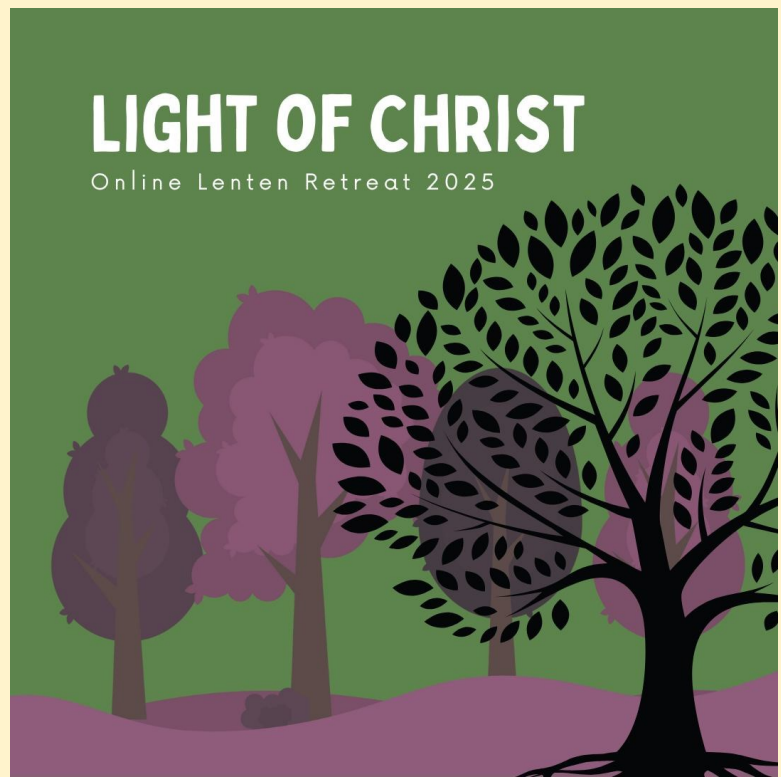
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Online Lent Retreat

Don't forget to join our Online Lenten Retreat which will begin **Wednesday March 5th**. Send Fr. Teri an email if you would like to journey with us and the Trees. (pastor@lightofchristecc.org)



Wednesdays in Lent

A graphic for 'Lenten Soup Supper and Prayer'. It features a cartoon illustration of a chef in a white hat and brown apron holding a whisk, standing next to a pot of soup. The text 'LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND PRAYER' is written in large, bold, brown letters. Below the illustration, it says 'Wednesday Lenten Prayer Series: It's Time.' and 'Based off of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything.' The background is white with orange dots.

Soup at 6:00pm
Prayer at 7:00pm.
All are welcome

Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran

Each Wednesday in Lent, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran gather for a mid-week soup supper and a combined evening prayer service. The theme for the prayer service is "It's Time" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. **Starting March 12**, we will be meeting **Wednesday** evenings at **6 PM for a meal** and at **7 PM for prayer service**. Please bring your own dishware and utensils. On April 2, Light of Christ has been asked to help bring soup.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Service of Ashes

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH
NOON AND 7PM

Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran
1000 W. 15th Ave, Longmont
Sanctuary

Did you know?

- + The word 'Lent' comes from the Old English 'Lencten', meaning Spring season.
- + The practices of Lenten sacrifice (what you will forgo during Lent) and Lenten Discipline (additional spiritual practices) continue a tradition observed by Moses, Elijah and Jesus, who fasted and prayed in preparation for their respective ministries.
- + 'Fish on Friday' comes out of the prohibition against eating meat (the flesh of warm-blooded animals) on Friday, the day Christ died. This tradition can be traced back to the first century.
- + The wearing of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a sign of repentance that goes back to biblical times. The ashes are prepared by burning the palm fronds from the prior year's Palm Sunday celebration.



POTLUCK St. Patrick's Dinner

AFTER MASS SAT MARCH 15

**SPECIAL TREAT:
OUR OWN RACHEL AND HER
IRISH DANCING TROUPE WILL PERFORM**

We're sorry that icy, cold winter weather forced us to postpone our February potluck. Not to worry, we've rescheduled the fun for **Saturday, March 15, after Mass.**

We are excited to also announce that our celebration will feature a program of Irish step dancing. Our very own Rachel O'Neill will be performing with her troupe of Irish dancers following our dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to wear green, try out your Irish brogue, collect some Irish jokes and perhaps someone will bake some Irish soda bread to share.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. And, don't forget to bring your own plates and eating utensils. This helps with the clean up tasks.

***"May shamrocks be at your doorway, for luck and laughter too,
And a host of friends that never end, each day your whole life through."***

(Irish blessing)



2025 Time, Talent and Treasure Drive



This is a reminder that our 2025 Time, Talent, and Treasure Drive will be wrapping this month on **March 8th**. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your household's contribution in 2025. To help us cover the additional costs we will be incurring, Parish Council is hoping to achieve a 10% increase in donations by increasing the number of donors as well as increasing donations from our current donors. We also ask you to let us know how you would like to get involved in our community by sharing your gifts of Time and Talent. The many ministries we have thrive because of your dedication and volunteerism, and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do. To participate in our Time Talent and Treasure Drive, we have two separate Google Forms that we ask you to fill out. Links to both forms are provided here. For more information or assistance, contact the church office. [2025 Time and Talent Form](#)

[2025 Treasure Form](#)

Lastly, we encourage you to reflect on your commitments through our Stewardship Prayer, which can guide you in considering your Time, Talent, and Treasure pledges for 2025.

Stewardship Prayer

Light of Christ is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others to worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want Light of Christ to be.

Amen

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to Light of Christ. Together, we can ensure that our community continues to flourish and shine brightly.

Happenings

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.

A Special Thanks from the Adult Mission Team

The Book Sale was a great success! We are extremely thankful to all who donated books, helped setup and participated in the sale.

Between BL and LOC we had approximately **1500 donated books** and raised approximately **\$950**. The funds raised will support this year's volunteers who will work with the people at the Hopi/Navajo Reservation. Again, we'd like to say **"Thank You"**.

The Adult Mission Team will be traveling to the Navajo/Hopi reservation in Arizona from March 15th through the 23rd.



In the Spotlight this Month: Holey Socks

Light of Christ, in coordination with TerraCycle, is collecting used, clean socks. This is a great and easy way to help reduce waste. Just drop off your holey socks (no stockings, tights or pantyhose please) in the box in the Narthex or Church Office.

Once we have collected a box of socks, they will be shipped free of charge (courtesy of GOLDTOE) to be recycled. Light of Christ has already shipped three full boxes. Thanks to all who have already donated.

Upcoming Events

Good Friday Silent Walk

For the second year, Light of Christ will host a non-traditional Good Friday Walk. It will take place along the St. Vrain Greenway in Longmont on **Friday, April 18, 2025 at 1:00 pm.**

This public walk will weave the familiar story of the passion of Jesus with a local tale of climate destruction and renewal. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Saturday (April 12)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Holy Thursday (April 17)

7 pm - Holy Thursday combined Service (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Good Friday (April 18)

1 pm - Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk

7 pm - Good Friday combined Service (Hybrid/Youtube)

Easter Vigil Saturday (April 19)

8 pm - Easter Vigil Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Easter Sunday (April 20)

6:14 am - Easter Sunrise reading (Facebook Live)

Centering Prayer Workshop



Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Community invites you to participate in a free workshop "Introduction to Centering Prayer" on **Saturday, March 29th**, from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon** in the Sanctuary, 301 East Stuart, Fort Collins.

Light refreshments will be available at the end, and remember, this workshop is free. So we may plan, please [RSVP HERE](#). For questions, email Pedro at marymagdalafc@gmail.com

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; 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