



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!

April 2025 Newsletter



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**LENTEN
SOUP SUPPER
AND PRAYER**

Wednesday Lenten Prayer Series: **It's Time.**

Based off of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
There is a time for everything.

Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran

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

Chili Cookoff

Our Wednesday evening Lenten suppers conclude this year with a chili cookoff. On **Wednesday, April 9th**, you are invited to bring your best pot of chili at 6pm

Supper is at **6pm** and a short service begins at **7pm.**



Pray and walk as we remember the last hours of Jesus' life. Reflect on the destruction of the 2013 flood, the renewal since then, and advocate for our earth's water as a precious resource.

The walk is about a mile in total along the St. Vrain Greenway, starting at Boston Ave and Pratt Pkwy, near Budget Hardware.

**Good Friday
April 18th, 1pm**

Stations of the Cross for 2025

Led by Light of Christ
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Call for more information 303-772-3785

Easter Season Glossary

Palm Saturday/Sunday: Celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

Holy Week: The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Triduum: The three days from Holy Thursday through Easter.

Holy Thursday: Celebration of the Last Supper and washing of feet

Stations of the Cross: A procession of images depicting Christ on the day of his Crucifixion.

Good Friday: Reflection on the Passion and death of Christ

Veneration of the Cross: personal expression of reverence for Christ and his sacrifice, normally performed by a bow, kneeling or a kiss.

Adoration of the Eucharist: silent, private prayer with the presence of Christ.

Easter Vigil: Celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Paschal Candle: a large, white candle representing the Resurrection of Christ - the Light of the World.

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)

10 am - Easter Eggstravaganza

No Mass at 5pm

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

Easter Sunday (April 20)

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

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19

10:00 A.M.

We invite all to this free event!

Easter Storytelling * Egg Hunt * Crafts * Food



Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 W. 15th Ave., Longmont, CO



Earth Day Celebration

2025 marks the 55th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22) and to honor this milestone, we are planning a simple potluck supper on **Friday, April 25, 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. We'll provide the hot dogs and invite you to bring a dish to share.



The evening will also feature a slide presentation of Katherine Pagoaga's recent National Geographic trip to Antarctica, the last great wilderness. Katherine is one of our regular musicians and a member of the Liturgy Committee. Her trip included stops at the Iguazu Falls in Argentina as well as the South Shetland Islands, an archipelago in the Drake Passage. On board the ship were the best National Geographic photographers who helped everyone take great pictures. Photos of penguin colonies, lumbering seals and whales delighted the visitors and now you get to see them. And, since it was summer below the equator, some of the travelers jumped into the frigid ocean! Yikes! Come and enjoy this rare flora and fauna to celebrate our wonderful planet.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for hot dogs and popcorn on **April 25th!**

Parish Council Highlights

Highlights from the March Parish Council meeting

- Council appreciates the adaptability of the congregation with the snow night/All-Parish Meeting (APM) and the evening of the power outage, where Fr. Teri rounded up the troops and held Mass on Facebook with minimal notice.
- Parish Council is looking forward to planning the 20th anniversary event at LoC. Stay tuned as we will have a lot of fun.
- Parish Council spoke at some length about the Stewardship Drive and APM, including setting the date for next year's APM. Thanks to Pam and the whole of the Stewardship team for the TREMENDOUS job coordinating the Stewardship Drive.

Building Update - Keys

The new security system and keys is currently being installed. If you currently have a key to the building, it no longer works. Please return all of the old keys to the Church Office.



Those who need entry into the building outside of services or offices hours will have a key code for the main door and/or a key for doors with locks. Everyone who receives a key/key code will need to apply, be approved by Parish Council and have a background check on file before receiving a key. This means that getting a key will take multiple days.

If you have a key and/or have need for one in the future please email the church office for more information.

Spring Property Clean-up



Spring is here and, with it, our annual Spring Clean-up. Please join us on **Saturday, April 12th** to work with our Bethlehem neighbors in putting the shine into our church. We'll begin at 8AM and should be done around noon.

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.

2025 Stewardship Drive



Thanks to all who participated in our Stewardship drive. Your responses will help guide the Parish this year. Thanks also to the Stewardship team for all of their work to make this a success.



In the Spotlight this Month: Growing Gardens

Two years ago, the BLC/LoC Land Stewardship Team partnered with Growing Gardens to raise food for the local community. In 2024, Growing Gardens provided over 22,000 lbs of produce to local families.

This year, they are offering two programs to promote food accessibility for low-income residents. There is a work-trade program which invites local community members to work on the farm and receive fresh vegetables. There is also a seed/seedling donation program for home gardeners.

Additionally, they are hosting the Cultiva Youth Program, a leadership and farming youth program which hires and pays teens to work part time on the farm during summer break and to staff the farmstand each Wednesday evening during the summer at the YMCA. To find out more about this exciting program, please visit their website <https://growinggardens.org/cultiva/>

Finally, every Friday morning Growing Gardens hosts an open volunteer day for the community to join them on the farm. If you are interested in joining our dedicated volunteer crew, or just stopping by to learn more about our work, please email the farm manager at tim@growinggardens.org.



Coming Events!



**Ladies
Afternoon
Tea**

**May 3, 2025
2:00-4:00 PM
Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Purchase tickets March 30-April 27
Tickets \$10.00

Proceeds to go to Rise Against Suicide, a non-profit suicidal prevention for teens.



Come celebrate 20 years of Light of Christ welcoming all.

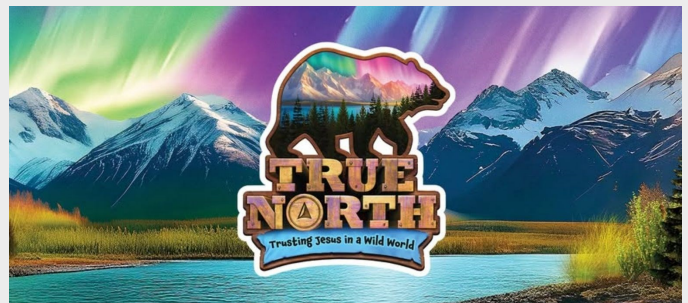
Details to come!

Longmont Pride Fest

June 7th 4-8pm



you are
LOVED
ACCEPTED &
CELEBRATED
just as you are



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

June 23-27 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration opens May 1

VBS is open to students in preschool (3 years old) to 5th grade.

For more info and to register please visit bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs

Registration closes June 1. Space is limited.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1000 15th Ave. Longmont, CO
bethlehem-lutheran.net/

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

Ann Schumacher; Dan Holland;
Donna Stang; Gina Hinnegan;
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; Scott Tharnish;
Sharon Cramer; Stan Manickam;
Teri Harroun; Tim Braithwaite; 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

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