



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!

June 2025 Newsletter

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20th Anniversary Celebration



Bring your fire to Mass on **Saturday, June 7th** as we will be celebrating Pentecost as well as our 20th Anniversary as a community.

Following Mass, we will have a party in the Fellowship Hall. For Mass, folks will be invited to wear a LOC t-shirt or sweatshirt, or some other shirt in the colors of fire. If you don't have a LOC t-shirt or sweatshirt you can order one from Bonfire (proceeds to LOC): <https://www.bonfire.com/light-of-christ/>



Main Dish provided; please bring side to share
Sign Up Sheet in Narthex for help with setup, etc.
Fellowship Hall

Longmont Pride

The Longmont Pride Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 7th from 3:30pm-8pm** at Roosevelt Park. We always have a fun booth, for kids and adults alike, and it's a perfect time to share your love for Light of Christ with those that are looking for a new church experience.

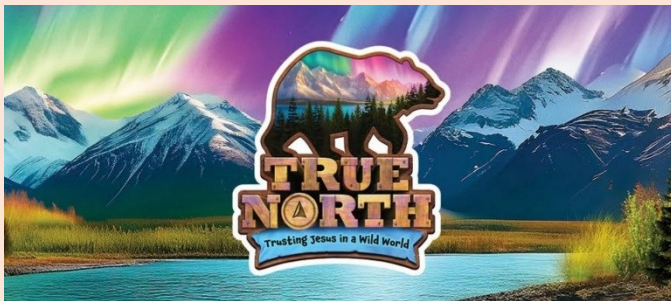
Friends of Light of Christ will be helping us with the booth this year so the parish can celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

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/

Vacation Bible School

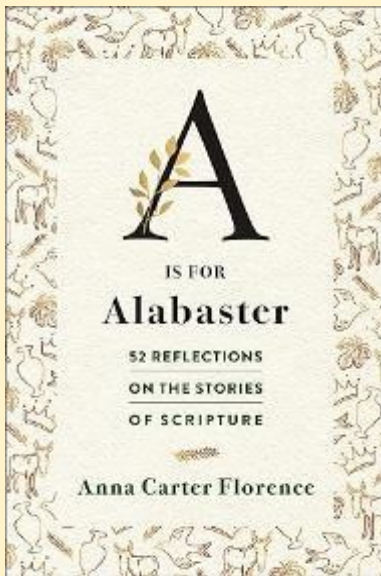
The wild north comes to Longmont the **week of June 23rd** for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "True North" Trusting Jesus in a wild world.

Each day we have a theme and a Bible Buddy to help us remember that we can trust Jesus!

There is a donation tree set up in the Narthex for things that we need for VBS.

We are also looking for volunteers. Volunteers can register at the same time that participants sign up.

Summer Walk and Talk, Scripture Style



Once again this summer, we will be reading "A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence for our Scripture Walk and Talk at Pelle Crossing. This year we are meeting on **Fridays at 9am**. All you need to do is buy the book. We are reading all about the New Testament this year. The book is organized with an A-Z structure and we read two letters each week, which ends up being about 10 pages. You don't have to come to every week, but come when you can. See Fr. Teri for any questions. Here is the Schedule (please note that some days are skipped because Fr. Teri will not be here):

May 30th - AB	June 27 - GH	July 25 - MN	Aug 22 - ST
June 6 - CD	July 4 - none	Aug 1 - OP	Aug 29 - UV
June 13 - EF	July 11 - IJ	Aug 8 - QR	Sep 5 - WX
June 20 - none	July 18 - KL	Aug 14 - none	Sep 12 - YX

Summer Break

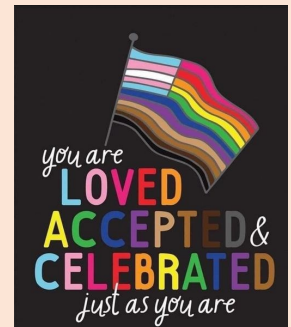


The Prayer Shawl Ministry and Women of the Spirit will be taking the summer off.

Join us in September when these valuable ministries return from a well-deserved summer break.

Pride Mass

Light of Christ will be celebrating our annual Pride Mass on **Saturday, June 14th**. Flags will be provided for the Gloria.



We all get by....

From time to time, we all have little things around the house that we could use help with.

Our friends at Bethlehem Lutheran have a few little things which they could use some help with.

In the spirit of collaboration, Parish Council would encourage members who can help to please do so. To help with any of these tasks or gifts, please contact the Church office

With a little help from our friends



Wish List

- Folding/collapsible wagon for Little Free Pantry
- New picnic tables for the stable

Task List

- Hang confirmation photos
- Deep clean the library/fireside room
- Window washing
- Straighten up sanctuary



Solar Panel Update

In late 2024, BLC voted to install solar panels on the building to help both the environment and cut ongoing electrical costs. Thanks to the generous support of both congregations, the necessary funds were raised and the project was put under contract.

Currently, the construction is scheduled to begin early in June (pending final permits from the city).

Thank you again for your support.



In the Spotlight this Month: Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is always available here at Light of Christ. If you would like to talk to Fr. Teri on the phone, or meet at the office, or have her visit you at the hospital or at home, please call the church office and let us know.

Sometimes your friends know that something is going on with you, but we don't know in the church office unless you tell us. Fr. Teri can also talk to you about Stephen Ministry, or having someone visit you at home regularly with Communion. Fr. Teri loves to meet with folks to discuss what's going on in their lives, to pray with them, or to find the blessings that are emerging.

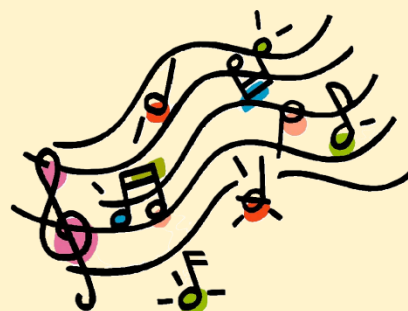


Volunteer Opportunity

Growing Gardens hosts open volunteer day every Friday morning for the community to help 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.

Joyful Noise

There are a number of new changes to the technology behind the Mass which you may notice. During the month of May, a new sound board and new microphones have been installed. Further upgrades and improvements are planned.



Listening Aid Devices are available to those of you who may have trouble hearing our service clearly. They are easy to use and are located on the sound board in the back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourselves to these.

Parish Council Highlights

Highlights from the May Parish Council meeting

- Parish Council discussed ways to reinvigorate our Outreach Ministries to be good stewards of both Christ and the church in this time of increased social needs. This discussion included ways to find new local nonprofits to assist and increase our participation and funding for nonprofits we are working with currently. Council concluded that further research and discussion is needed before the matter is brought to the whole community in the next year or so.
- Parish Council is grateful for the hard work of the volunteers in our Music Ministry for their long-standing and consistent support of the liturgy. Parish Council also discussed various methods to assist and improve the music ministry.
- Parish Council is looking forward to the 20th anniversary party.

Rocky Mountain Regional Council Updates

The Rocky Mountain Regional Council (RMRC) works with our local Bishop Kae Madden to listen and respond to the Spirit's leading in the ECC here in Colorado. Some of what the RMRC has been working on in the past month include:

- RMRC gathered in person for connection and fellowship.
- Blessed Fr. Michael Nicosia who serves as Vicar of Ecumenical Engagement at Rocky Mountain Region of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion.
- Working on planning the local Synod for the region, which will take place on October 11th, at Light of Christ. More information will be coming on how to attend (open to everyone in the region) and how to help.

Fr. Teri and Steve de Haas are the LOC representatives to RMRC. Contact them if you have any questions. We normally meet the 1st Thursday of the month on Zoom.

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; Bo Macreag;
Donna Stang; Gina Hinnegan;
Heino Beckman; Janell Flaig;
Judith Link; Kathy Pirie; 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; Suzanne Juhaz; 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 Donations Make a Difference

Your donations of time, talent and treasure make Light of Christ the community it is.

Ways to give include in person, through the mail, automatic checks from your bank (like bill pay) or even online via PayPal with the QR link.

If you would like to help out with something at church, volunteer opportunities are always available.

Thank you for your support!



Please submit items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month.



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