



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!

January 2026 Newsletter



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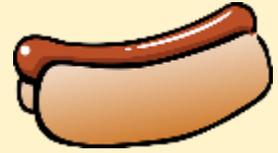
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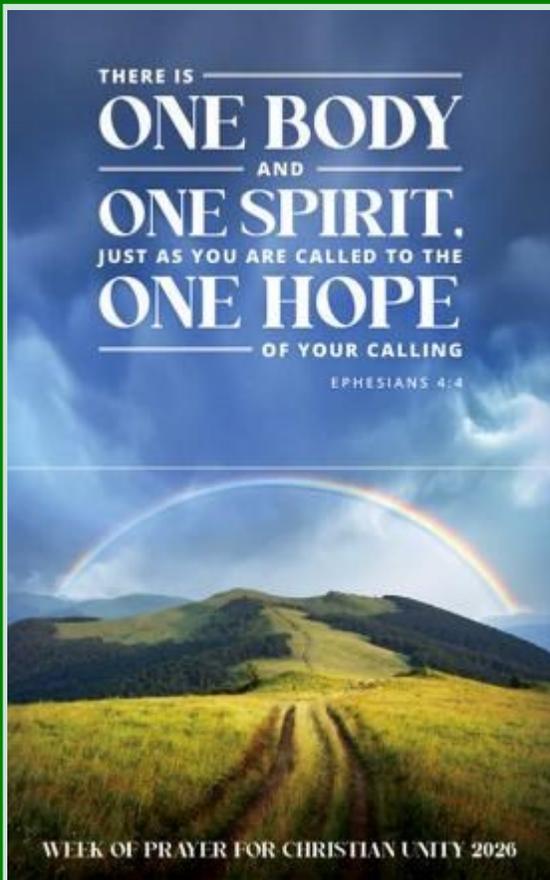


Flicks and Franks Are Back!



For years Pete Conti brought the LOC community together every first Friday of the month to enjoy hot dogs and popcorn before watching a movie. By popular demand, Adult Formation (AFC) is bringing back movie night. The first event will kick off in the new year on **Friday, January 9**. Please arrive at 5:30 for hot dogs. Bring a side dish that might go with a wurst. The movie will start promptly at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room.

Throughout 2026, we'll be showing your favorite Robert Redford movies. Our first movie is ***Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid***. You'll remember that this is a classic (1969) starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Katherine Ross. Audiences have liked the film because of the two infamous but likable outlaws who rob trains and banks along the Mexican border and then flee to Bolivia being pursued by a US posse. Come join us.



The Rocky Mountain Region of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion

invites you to participate in an online Ecumenical Service for the '**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**' Join us on Zoom Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm as we pray in solidarity with churches around the world.

- [Zoom Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 894 9781 7643
- Passcode: 10500

Please bring a candle to your sacred space.

You can access the worship aid [HERE](#) to view or print

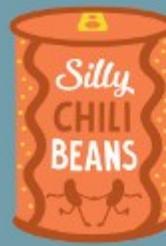
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Winter Warmth Food Drive

The holidays have passed, but people are still hungry. We will be collecting food for the OUR Center. We are focusing on Soups and Stews and other non-perishable things to keep folks warm.

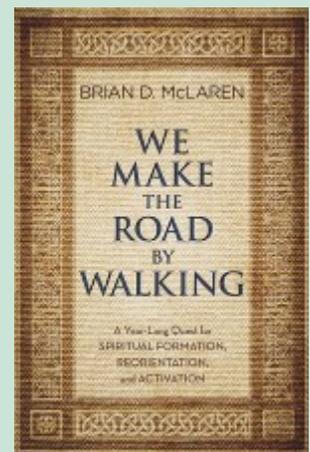
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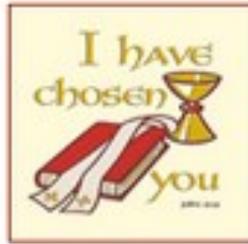
Bring things to the narthex.
We will bless during Mass 1/31



Scripture for 2026

Online Tuesday at 10am Scripture reading for 2026 will be using the book "The Road by Walking" by Brian D. McLaren. If you follow along with Fr. Teri's Scripture study on FB on Tuesday morning, we encourage you to purchase your own copy of the book. But it is not necessary. The book is described as "a year-long quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation" using Scripture as a basis and guide. Brian McLaren is a public theologian and part of the emerging church movement. See Fr. Teri if you have any questions.





*Church of the Beloved
Ecumenical Catholic Community
cordially and enthusiastically
invites you to share in
the celebration of
the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*



*Christy Chady
will be ordained
a Priest
on Saturday, January 17, 2026
at 5 p.m. MT*

*Bishop Xae Madden
of the Rocky Mountain Region of
the Ecumenical Catholic Communion (ECC),
will preside at the liturgy
with Presiding Bishop Pablo Burson,
10500 Grant Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233*

A reception will follow with pizza (including a gluten free option). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

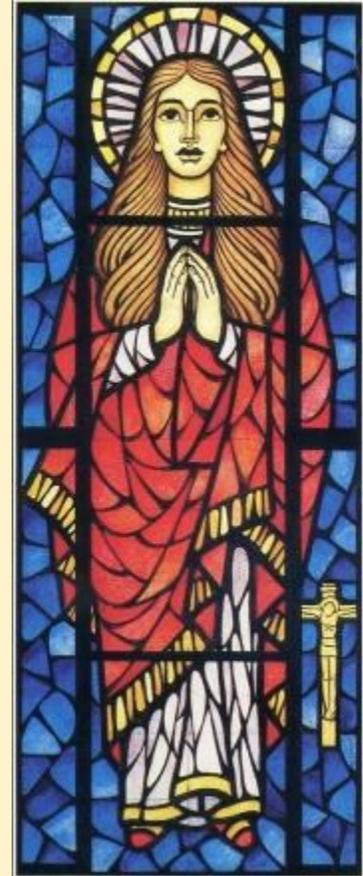
You may join in this sacred moment via Zoom at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7195735454?pwd=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz09> The Zoom space will open at 4:40 p.m. Dialing in by phone: 346.248.7799, then enter the ID 719-573-5454. Passcode: 10500

The Mary Magdalene Society - Grant Deadlines

The Mary Magdalene Society is comprised of donors across the ECC (including Light of Christ) that creates a permanent endowment for grants to assist folks within the ECC. The current grants and deadlines for applications are below.

1. The Clergy assistance grant assists new/potential priests with “getting established” expenses. Application deadline is January 16.
2. The Youth program assist parishes with providing youth programs. The application deadline is February 13.
3. There is also a grant to assist with Youth and Young Adults to attend Synod 2026. The application deadline is March 22.

Questions? Please contact the church office.



Black History Month

Black history month is a month set aside to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. People like Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who wrote the legal decision, *Brown v Board of Education* in 1954, or Ida B. Wells, the journalist and civil rights advocate who led the national opposition to lynching during the Jim Crow era, or more recently Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate who read at the inauguration of President Biden.

On **Saturday, February 14**, 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.



COMMUNITY LEADERS SPEAKER SERIES

Local leaders reflect on living Dr. King's six nonviolence principles.

Courage



Rita Liu
February 3

Understanding



Carmen Ramirez
February 17

Justice



Fr Teri Harroun
March 3

Transformation



Minister Glenda Robinson
March 17

Love



Rev. Dr. David Barker
March 31

Hope



Dr. Reiland Rabaka
April 14

Multiple ways to join! Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 PM
Limited Seating for Live Audience at Longmont Public Media Studio
Live Stream on YouTube or Watch on Longmont Channel 8

Register



Presented by: With Support from:



You can register at the link here: [Everbrite](#)



All Parish Potluck and annual meeting



Light of Christ is a community-led parish. Each year, Parish Council presents a State of the Parish report to the community, which includes the status of LOC's finances, any proposed changes to the parish bylaws, and activities planned for 2026. Everyone is asked to attend this important meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 7, following Mass.**

A festive 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.

Parish Council Highlights

- The 2026 Budget is complete.
- The review of Bylaws complete and ready for approval at the All Parish meeting.

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 is continuing the conversation regarding what was learned at the local Synod.
- RMRC is planning a zoom gathering for the region on January 22nd, hosting the Prayer for Christian Unity. Please watch the parish bulletin for specifics, including a zoom link.

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

**Online Retreats and
Scripture Readings**

foster personal spiritual and
adult faith growth.

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

**Wednesday Morning Mass,
Fellowship, and Discussions**

offer spiritual and adult faith
development.

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.

Religious Education

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

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

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.

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 grows and donates over 5,000lbs of food annually 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.

Contact the Church office for more information or how to participate

PRAYER CORNER



Please keep these friends in your prayers

Amelia Degnan; Ann Schumacher; Bo Macreag; Donna Stang; Gina Hinnegan; Heino Beckman; Janell Flaig; Jona Johnson; Judith Link; Kathy Pirie; Linda Moses; Linda Kay Christon; Matt James; Michael Degnan; Patrick Degnan; Paula Degnan; Rita Rose Bergen; Sharon Cramer; Suzanne Juhaz; Wes Evans; Will Currier

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.

READINGS

Our online readings this year are from "The Road We Make by Walking" . Please join us on Facebook Live every **Tuesday** at **10AM**.

Light of Christ is using the FutureChurch Inclusive Lectionary. Please contact the Church Office for more 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.

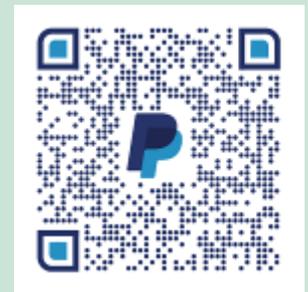
Weather Closure: The office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District weather closure schedule. If schools are closed, the Church Office will also be closed.

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. Contact the church office for more information. Thank you for your support!



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



ASSISTANCE

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 988

LGTBQ+ Youth-specific crisis lifeline: 1-877-330-6366

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
(720) 494-4673

THE OUR CENTER, located at:

220 Collyer St.
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 773-5529

THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:

1500 Hover St. (Westview Pres)
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 776-3242