



**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 2026 Newsletter



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### Soup supper and services

A reminder that throughout Lent, we are gathering with our Lutheran siblings each **Wednesday** evening for a soup supper at **6:00 pm** with a short **service at 7:00pm** .



**Light of Christ will be providing soup on March 4th, so please bring soups and sides as you are able.**

### St Patrick's Day Dinner



Come join us on Saturday evening **March 14th after Mass** as we celebrate our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. It's a wonderful evening of great food and terrific entertainment!

Dinner will include corn beef, potatoes, and cabbage (hot dogs for kids), drinks and dessert. Once again, the McTeggart Irish Dancers, including our own *Rachel O'Neill*, will perform Irish Step Dancing.

The proceeds will be used to support Outreach and this year's Adult Mission Trip. Tickets are currently on sale in the narthex after Mass. Ticket sales will be limited so get yours early. Watch your weekly bulletin for more information.

### Watching for a Better World

The Adult Formation Committee invites you to bring your own dinner and join others in the LOC office for a watch party and discussion about the topics raised by the Community Leaders Speaker Series that is being hosted by Habitat for Humanity.

Every other **Tuesday** in March (**March 3, 17, & 31**), the presentations will be streamed from **6:00 - 8:00 pm** with time for those who wish to remain for open discussion after the presentations.

March 3rd, our own Fr. Teri Harroun will be speaking on Justice.



## How do we stop the violence?



A Community Event Sponsored by the Light of Christ  
Stephen Ministry

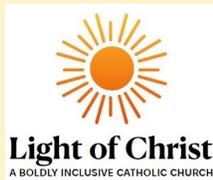
*Please join us on **Thursday, March 26** at **6:30 PM** for this in-person event.*

Mistreatment between our fellow human beings, and intolerance of those whose beliefs and cultures are different from our own, seem to be growing every day in our country.

One of today's most horrific occurrences is the lethal violence that has taken place in our houses of worship. These are the Temples, Churches and Synagogues where we pray, honor God, and find a safe haven.

How do we stop these violent events? Can we count on our municipal and state governments to protect us? Should precautions be maintained in our sanctuaries at all times? And most importantly, how can our faith leaders shepherd us through these times - imparting their own spiritual and psychological perspectives on how to understand destructive human behavior in our holiest of places?

Five dynamic panelists from both the Interfaith Religious Clergy and the Colorado Government will share their thoughts and stimulate community participation from the audience.



Pray and walk as we remember the last hours of Jesus' life. Reflect on the history of Longmont and the various waves of immigration that have built our city.

The walk is about a mile in total through the neighborhood near Light of Christ. Starting and ending at the church.

1000 W 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
**Friday**  
**April 3rd, 1pm**



# Stations of the Cross for 2026

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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 Vigil.

**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 (March 28)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live and LOC youtube channel)

### Holy Thursday (April 2)

7 pm - Holy Thursday combined Service (Hybrid/BLC youtube channel)

### Good Friday (April 3)

1 pm - Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk

7 pm - Good Friday combined Service (Hybrid/Facebook Live and LOC youtube channel)

### Easter Vigil Saturday (April 4)

10 am - Easter Eggstravaganza

**No Mass at 5pm**

**8 pm** - Easter Vigil Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live and LOC youtube channel)

### Easter Sunday (April 5)

6:28 am - Easter Sunrise reading (Facebook Live)



## Movie Night with Friends

You are invited to a viewing on **Wednesday** evening, **April 8**, starting at **6:15 PM** . Our movie is the documentary called 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture.

The event is a combined project of Bethlehem Lutheran and Light of Christ.

And, as a bonus, a Taco Bar at 5:30 PM will precede the movie in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and tortillas (GF and regular) will be provided. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

What's the movie about? It centers on the mystery of how theology, history, culture, and politics led to a biblical mistranslation, the man who tried to stop it, and the impassioned academic crusade of the LGBTQIA+ Christian community (and their allies) driven to discover the truth. The documentary follows the researchers whose work traces the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation in the biblical text.



## Winter Warmth food drive results

**Winter  
Warmth  
Food Drive**

In January, we asked for donations of non-perishable goods and you responded. Light of Christ collected **291 lbs** of food which was blessed and donated to the OUR center.

Thank you for your generous and timely support!

### **Parish Council Highlights**

- Parish Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the All-Parish Meeting. Special thanks goes out to those who organized and executed the pot luck as well as Tom Moos for his technical expertise with Zoom.
- The changes to the Bylaws were unanimously approved by the Parish at the All-Parish meeting.
- The creation of a Community Support Fund comprised of 3% of general donations to be used to build upon the foundation of targeted outreach started by the Discretionary Fund Committee in 2025. This was unanimously approved by the Parish 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:

- Celebrating the success of the Prayer for Christian Unity on January 22nd.
- Collaborating with hosting the Compassionate Listening workshops at Church of the Beloved.
- Looking for a national lay delegate from any Colorado ECC churches to serve on the House of Laity Steering Committee for the next 2 1/2 years.

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; Joseph Juhaz; Judith Link; Kathy Pirie; Linda Moses; Linda Kay Christon; Michael Degnan; Patrick Degnan; Paula Degnan; Rita Rose Bergen; Sharon Cramer; Steve and Veronica Neer; Suzanne Juhaz; Wes Evans; Will Carrier

*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.

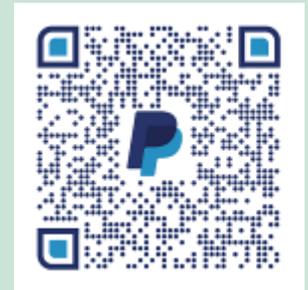
**Weather Closure:** The office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District weather closure schedule. If schools are closed, the Church Office will also be closed.

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**

**LGBTQ+ 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](mailto: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