



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 2026 Newsletter



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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 15th Ave.
Friday
April 3rd, 1pm



Stations of the Cross for 2026

Led by Light of Christ

A Boldly Inclusive Catholic Church

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)





Office Closure

The Church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 6 - 7. We will be checking the phone messages if there is a pastoral care emergency.

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.



Thank you!

The LOC/BL Adult Mission Team would like to express our thanks and gratitude for your support of this year's St. Patrick's Day dinner and fundraiser.

Many willing hands and generous contributions helped raise \$687 to help fund the LOC/BL yearly mission trips. Also, we want to send a special thanks to Rachael O'Neill and the McTaggart Irish Dancers for their incredible performances. It really made everyone's evening special. Thank You.

Arbor Day Tree Donation



On behalf of Light of Christ, the Adult Formation Committee (AFC) will be collecting donations on **April 25 after Mass** to purchase at least a single tree in support of the City of Longmont Forestry Service and their efforts to achieve an 18% city-wide tree canopy - an urban forest to help mitigate the effects of excessive heat and further climate damage. These trees are being planted where there is greatest need, including neighborhoods that don't have other shade options or air conditioning

At \$300 per tree, we hope that this small fund raiser will enhance your celebration of Arbor Day, celebrated nationally that weekend. A basket will be available for your donation and checks can be written to LOC with a designation of "tree" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Longmont Leads with Love



For almost 25 years, the group Longmont Leads with Love has been gathering on the corner of 6th and Main to hold a vigil each and every Saturday. They invite residents from Longmont (and beyond) to come and peacefully raise awareness and voice concerns about local, national and international issues.

Individuals from both Bethlehem Lutheran and Light of Christ have been in attendance on the first Saturday of each month to support dignity and respect for **all** our neighbors, recognizing that harm to any is harm to all. If you are interested in joining or bearing witness, the Vigil runs from 1 - 2pm. If you are interested in "Love thy Neighbor" signage for the vigil, please contact Kathy Goodman at Bethlehem Lutheran.



Flicks and Franks



The next Franks and Flicks is taking place on **Friday, May 8 at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We are showing *The Sting* with Robert Redford and Paul Newman.

It's the story of two professional grifters who try to con a mob boss. If you remember this 1973 film, the story involves a phony off-track betting parlor. It's a complicated but humorous caper. The film was a huge commercial success; it also won seven Oscars. Robert Redford was nominated for best actor for his role.

We'll be serving hot dogs at 5:30. Bring a side to go with the wursts that come off the grill. If you remember, bring your own plates and utensils. It speeds the clean up. The movie will start around 6:15. Bring a friend. All are welcome.



July 13 - 17
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Bethlehem, First Lutheran and Light of Christ will be hosting Rainforest Falls VBS July 13-17! Before registration goes live, we would like to have teachers and helpers in place. Teaching involves a little bit of prep, but not a lot, as well as showing up daily from 8:30 am-12:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering--maybe you feel the spirit tugging at your heart or hear Jesus knocking at the door-- please contact Laura Davis (ljdavis2339@gmail.com).

National ECC Synod Delegates

Please pray for our delegates to National Synod, to be held in Minneapolis this October. The coming months will include orientation, review of proposed legislation and coordination with other parishes in the region. A fundraiser will be held later this year to support our fabulous team. Thanks to each of you for representing Light of Christ.

House of Laity

Brenna Brackett

Kassidy Brackett

Kate Sage

Steve de Hass

House of Pastors

Fr Teri Harroun

Helen Majzler

Alternate delegate Paul Acker

Parish Council Highlights

- Parish Council would like to thank everyone who responded to the Stewardship Time/Talent/Treasure drive. You will be contacted soon.
- Thanks to all of those who have organized and participated in the recent activities.
 - OUR Center Lunch volunteers
 - St. Patrick's Day dinner
 - Interfaith Panel on Stopping the Violence
 - Good Friday Walk
- Parish Council would like to thank the community for multiple generous donations that were recently received.
- Two new ministry teams have been established (Community Fund Support and Sabbatical Planning).

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:

- Finalized our budget starting with fiscal year of April 1
- Plan a gathering for all the Colorado delegates to ECC Holy Synod 2026
- Offered Compassionate Listener training to all in the region

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; Bo Macreag;
Dan Holland; Don Tebow;
Donna Stang; Gina Hinnegan;
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 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.

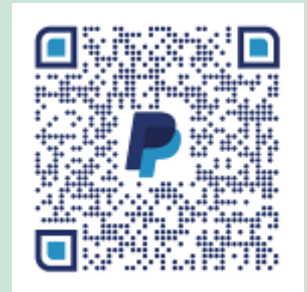
Weather Closure: The office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District weather closure schedule. If schools are closed, the Church Office will also be closed.

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

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 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