



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!

May 2026 Newsletter



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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.

Blessing of Women

Women have always been an integral part of the church, especially here at Light of Christ. Join us at Mass on **Saturday, May 9th** for a special blessing of women.



Calling All Graduates



If you are graduating from any educational program this year- High school, technical school college or any other program, please contact the Church Office by **May 21st** as we'd love to celebrate with you!

Light of Christ will be blessing our graduates on **May 30th** during Mass.

**PENTECOST
MASS
SATURDAY
MAY 23RD 5PM**

**OUR 21ST
ANNIVERSARY**

**ICE CREAM PARTY
HOSTED BY
PARISH COUNCIL
AFTER MASS**

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From Father Scott Jenkins

Dear friends in the ECC communities of Colorado,

I'm writing with a heartfelt invitation to gather on **May 13 at 6:30 PM** at Light of Christ ECC in Longmont, with the option to join in person or on Zoom.

This evening, I trust, is more than a presentation. It feels like standing together at the threshold of something being born. This vision has been growing within me, and I am grateful and excited to share it with you. Across Colorado, our ECC communities carry a deep longing for welcome, sacrament, justice, and spiritual homecoming. In many ways, we are already midwives to a new expression of church—one that is tender, courageous, and rooted in the Gospel's wide embrace. On May 13, I would like to have a conversation with you about a wide range of possibilities for birthing new communities. Perhaps we might start with regularly scheduled meetings in local pubs, parks, or homes. We have a history of this kind of following—where will the wind of the Spirit take us? It was the laity who led the way, offering their gifts to meet people's needs. The clergy heard the call to complete the circle. It can happen again.

Whether you join us in the room or through the screen, your presence matters. Every voice, every story, every prayer is part of this birth. We are not building something alone; we are bringing something forth together. It's the way of the Colorado Region. I would be grateful to see you there and to share this moment of hope with you.

With peace and anticipation, Father Scott

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTS:

A REGIONAL CONVERSATION

LED BY: FR. SCOTT JENKINS

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH, AT 6:30PM

WHERE: LIGHT OF CHRIST ECC IN LONGMONT
(1000 W. 15TH AVE, LOCATED W/IN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN)
IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

WHERE IS THE SPIRIT TAKING US?

OUR COLORADO ECC COMMUNITIES HAVE A DEEP LONGING FOR WELCOME,
SACRAMENT, JUSTICE, AND HOSPITALITY.

HOW CAN WE BE MIDWIVES TO A NEW CHURCH? A CONVERSATION FOR
EVERYONE.



Zoom link details will be sent out via parish email the week of the event

Jesus, Justice and Poetry

Join our own poet laureate, Fr. Teri Harroun, for a workshop called Jesus, Justice, and Poetry. This workshop will expose you to poetry, some that Fr. Teri has written, and other poetry as well. There will also be opportunities to pray with poetry, write poetry, and see poetry in Scripture. Bring a listening ear, an open mind, and a prayerful heart, along with some paper and pencils for this two hour long workshop starting at **6:00pm Wednesday May 21st via Zoom**. Contact (the church office/Helen/Fr. Teri) with questions.

Zoom link details will be sent out via parish email the week of the event

Zoom link to be distributed via all parish email.
Hosted by Light of Christ's Adult Formation Team.

Wed May 27th 6-8pm
Zoom

JESUS, POETRY, AND JUSTICE
A ZOOM WORKSHOP
LED BY FR. TERI



Longmont Pride

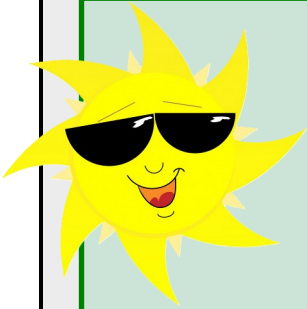
The Longmont Pride Festival will be held on **Saturday, June 6th from 11pm - 4pm** at Roosevelt Park. We always have a fun booth, for kids and adults alike, and it's a perfect time to share your love for Light of Christ with those that are looking for a new church experience.

We are currently looking for folks to help with the booth. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chuck Cooper.

Longmont Pride

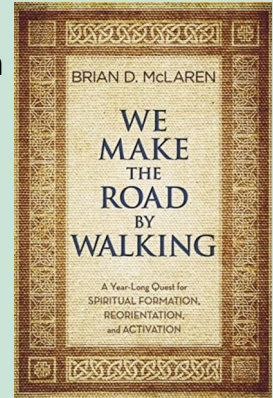


Changes for the Summer

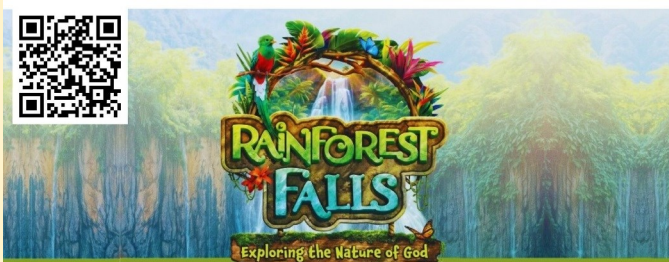


As school lets out and the days get longer, we all look forward to a little change of pace. During the months of June, July and August, we will be holding Walk and Talks in place of online scripture.

This year, we are reading "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren for our Scripture Walk and Talk at Pelle Crossing. This year we are meeting on **Thursdays at 9am, starting on June 4** and continuing through August 27th. All you need to do is buy the book. You don't have to come to every week, but come when you can. See Fr. Teri for any questions.



Additionally, certain groups, including the Women of the Spirit, Religious Education and Prayer Shawl ministry will not be holding their regular meetings.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

July 13-17 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.

If able, we ask that each participant donate a food item to our free pantry

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming July 13th through 17th.

The theme this year is "Rainforest Falls" exploring the Nature of God.

There will be a donation tree set up in the Narthex for things that we need for VBS. Each participant is asked to donate a food item for the free pantry.

We are also looking for volunteers.

Registration opens on May 1st for both participants and volunteers.



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

Save the Date: Book Discussion with the Author

You are invited to join AFC members in a book discussion of a newly published memoir by our own Light of Christ member, Maritza Duran. The book is called, From the Dictators Shadows: a family's journey. The discussion will be on **Saturday, September 26, 2026 @ 3:00 PM** and we will be joined by the author.

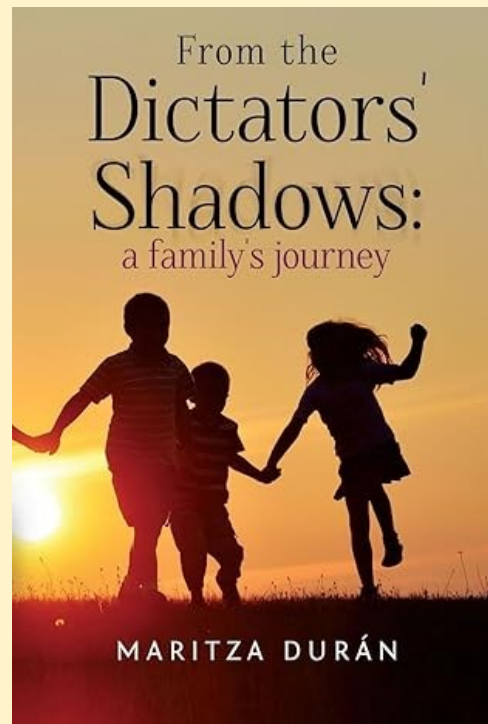
What's it about?

In the fictional island nation of Puerto Rey, the Burgos Beltrán family is caught in a civil war, choosing resistance and opposition to an authoritarian regime, thus becoming enemies of the state.

This multigenerational novel follows six siblings through the island's rise and collapse into dictatorship. Some will heed the call of human justice, risking their lives to fight one of the most sadistic rulers in Latin American history. Others will find safety in North America where they forge new lives. All are marked by what they've lost—and what they must rebuild.

The book is more than a family saga. It's a mirror on our current politics. It describes how a nation slides into authoritarianism, resulting in human rights abuses and widespread repression. Though presented as fiction, this book tells a real story of immigration and renewal drawn from the authors own family history.

A copy of the book can be ordered at Amazon. If you need assistance in getting the book, contact Paulette Zimmerman





Arbor Day Tree Donation

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to raise sufficient funds for the City of Longmont to plant **3 trees** in the name of Light of Christ. Our first tree, a Western Hackberry tree (*Celtis occidentalis*) has already been planted at the Blue Skies Park in Longmont.

Blue Skies Park is located on the western side of Longmont near Vance Brand Airport. Posted on a bulletin board in the Narthex is a map showing the tree's location. The hackberry tree was given to the City as a gift from LOC members to celebrate Arbor Day and to provide shade in a needed part of the city. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Council Highlights

- Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped make our Holy Week services such a success.
- Parish Council would like to remind everyone that, after Mass on Pentecost (May 23rd), Parish Council will be hosting an ice cream social to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of Light of Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend ,

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:

- Made plans for hosting Fr. Scott Jenkins with a regional talk on what we are birthing in the Rocky Mountain Region.
- Discussion and discernment for a new local bishop election in 2027.
- Support all of our national delegates to Synod with a workshop.

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.

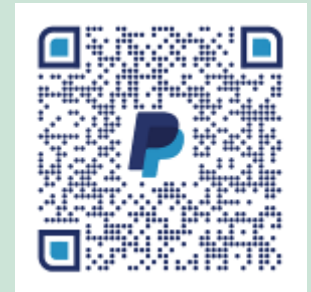
Weather Closure: The office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District weather closure schedule. If schools are closed, the Church Office will also be closed.

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