



**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!*

# *July 2026 Newsletter*



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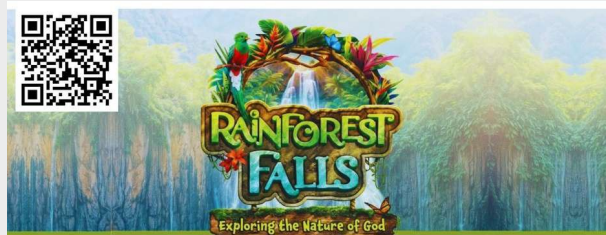
## Liturgy Team Digital Trial

In the spirit of “engaging Liturgy again, for the first time”, the Liturgy Team is considering how to replace our music hymnals in the sanctuary. To help with this discernment, we will have a trial period **through July 11th** where the physical hymnals will be replaced with lyrics projected on the screen above the organ. The online experience will not change and the worship aid of the day will be available as usual.

On **July 11th**, everyone in the sanctuary and online will be invited to stay **after Mass** as the Liturgy Team will ask for your feedback on how this digital music experiment worked. We know there will be some glitches as we all learn this new method for singing together, but with patience, practice, and prayer we are hopeful this will be a good lyrical experience for all. If you have any questions, talk to any member of the Liturgy Team: Irene, Janell, Katherine, Tim, Fr. Teri, or Brenna.

## Office Closure

Please note that the Church office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 7**, in observance of Independence Day. We will be checking the phone messages if there is a pastoral care emergency.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

July 13-17 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Register Today**

[bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs](http://bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs)

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](http://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



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# Beloved Community

Longmont

# 2026 Summit

Diverse community members coming together to envision the Beloved Community.

THURSDAY  
JULY 9  
6-8PM

Longmont Theater Company

Kick-Off Concert, Dramatized Reading of "A Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and Key Note Speaker, Dr. West



FRIDAY  
JULY 10  
9AM - 4PM

Longmont Civic Center



SATURDAY  
JULY 11  
9AM - 4PM

Longmont Civic Center

Workshop with Dr. West followed by Community Discussions.



SATURDAY  
JULY 11  
4-8 PM

4th Ave and Kimbark

Community-wide Celebration hosted by Nepali Jatra and Longmont Multicultural Action Committee's Inclusive Communities

Brought to you by:



Special Guest



Dr. Vonnetta L. West is a community leader, educator, and organizer whose work fosters connection, compassion, and collective responsibility. Through initiatives like Neighbor Up, she blends faith, social justice, and community education to help communities move beyond division.

## Adult Formation: Plastic Free July



Plastic Free July is a global movement that encourages people to reduce their use of single-use plastics and adopt more sustainable habits. In the United States, significant progress has been made in recent years.

- Many Colorado cities have implemented bans or restrictions on plastic bags, foam food containers, and other disposable plastic products.
- Consumers are increasingly choosing reusable bags, water bottles, and food containers.
- Companies are expanding sustainable packaging options and reducing plastic waste in their operations.
- Public awareness about the environmental impacts of plastic pollution has also grown substantially, leading to stronger recycling efforts and support for policies that promote a cleaner, healthier environment.

These improvements demonstrate that collective action can make a meaningful difference in reducing plastic waste and protecting the planet.



## Save the Date: Flicks and Franks

The next Franks and Flicks is taking place on **Friday, August 7 at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We are showing the 1976 film, *All the President's Men*, with Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.



It's the story of the Watergate break-in where four burglars are caught in the act of stealing from the Democratic Campaign headquarters. Remember the mysterious "Deep Throat" and the scandal around Nixon's presidency? Washington reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein covered the story and stayed with it through doubts, denials, and discouragement. This film is their story, perhaps the most influential piece of journalism in history.

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.

## Celebrate the Harvest: Farm-to-Table Community Potluck!

Join Adult Formation Committee on **August 22 after Mass** as we gather to honor the close of another growing season with an evening of fresh food, good company, and gratitude for our local farmers. Bring a favorite dish made with locally grown ingredients and share in a feast that showcases the best flavors of the harvest. We invite you to bring a dish that uses locally grown produce (from your garden, Farm Stand or Farmer's Market) or uses meat from local farms or ranches.



What to Expect:

- Delicious farm-fresh dishes made from local ingredients
- A chance to reflect on the harvest and look ahead to the coming seasons
- A short presentation on sustainable eating.
- You will learn what “ecological footprint” means.

Come hungry, bring a dish to share, and help us celebrate the bounty of our fields, farms, and gardens. Together, let's give thanks for a successful harvest and the community that makes it possible. *Don't forget to bring your own plates and eating utensils.*

## All-Parish Email update

To improve our communications, Light of Christ has migrated to a new and more secure email system. An email was sent out to everyone on the old all-parish list on from 'proton' (the new email server) inviting you to join the 'all-parish' group.

That email is real and clicking 'accept' will register as a part of that group. It may have gone into your spam folder, so check there. If you did NOT receive an email, please email the church office and Tim will send an invite to you directly.

## Boulder County Fair Parade

Hello, friends of Bethlehem! Do you want to be in a parade?

This summer, in celebration of our 125th anniversary, Bethlehem will have a float in the Boulder County Fair Parade on **Aug 1 at 10 am**.

We are hoping to carry signs to celebrate all the groups and ministries that either meet at

Bethlehem or are part of the congregation--and we'd like to invite you to join us! Fr. Teri has already committed to be part of Light of Christ's presence with BL in the parade. But the more the merrier. This is a big family event in Boulder County with lots of children in attendance. If you want to join, please see Fr. Teri so you know where to meet up.

*Join Us in the  
Boulder County Fair  
Parade*

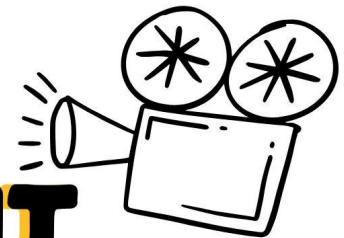
Bethlehem Lutheran  
invites LOC to join their  
float.

Saturday August 1, 10am  
See Fr. Teri for details.



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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 7:00-10:00 P.M.**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

### **FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES**

- SNACKS, BOUNCE HOUSE, & ACTIVITIES
- FAMILY-FRIENDLY OUTDOOR MOVIE
- BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS

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### **Parish Council Highlights**

- Parish Council would like to invite everyone to the 2026 Summit with Dr. Vonetta West on July 10-11.
- Parish Council engaged in a discussion regarding the 2026 national Synod and how they can support both the delegates and community.
- Parish Council wishes to express their deep gratitude to those at Light of Christ and our Lutheran siblings for their hard work to make the Longmont Pride such a great success.

### **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 ordination of Fr. Mike Weil of Church of Holy Family to the priesthood.
- Begin planning a regional picnic for Labor Day Sept 7th. Save this on your calendars now. More details to follow. Eric Matthews of LOC is on the planning team for this event that will be open to everyone.
- Steve de Haas and Fr. Teri lead the July RMRC meeting.

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 Coombs; Linda Moses;  
Linda Kay Christon; Michael Degnan;  
Patrick Degnan; Paula Degnan; Rita Rose  
Bergen; 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 reading for this summer's Walk and Talk is "The Road We Make by Walking".

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