

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!

December 18, 2021

Fourth week in Advent



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Happenings at Light of Christ

- **Be-Coming Light of Christ - Felt People:** Our Advent theme includes an interactive project to symbolize the building of community together. Please take home a felt person found in the narthex and decorate it representing yourself as part of Light of Christ. You can include your name, or any other symbols you like. You can use sequins, markers, paint, or whatever works for you. After it is decorated, please bring it back and place it in the offertory basket by the Baptismal font with the monetary collections for the week. The felt people will be added to the altar cloth during the Eucharistic prayer as we witness ourselves gathered around God's table together where all are truly welcome. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri. If you do not come to the sanctuary for Mass, please send Fr. Teri an e-mail and she will mail a felt person to you. Your participation matters, because each and every one of us makes Light of Christ shine.
- **Time and Talent Drive:** During this holy season of Advent, we are asking you to please prayerfully consider how you will be able to share the gift of your time and talent with our community as we prepare to start a new year. Due to the pandemic, our needs have changed and many activities that you may previously have been involved in are no longer happening and some new opportunities have evolved. Below is a link to a volunteer sign-up form. You may not be familiar with all of the ministries listed on the form is our *2022 Light of Christ Ministry Descriptions sheet* which shares a little information about each ministry as well as the name and contact person for each ministry, should you have any additional questions.

Click here to access form: [Light of Christ Ministry Volunteer Sign-up Form](#)

If you have any problems completing the form that is available by clicking on the link above, please email Pam Hora at pjfhora@gmail.com and she will send you a pdf of the form that you can either fill out on your computer and email back to her or you can print it, fill it out by hand, and return to the church office. Please fill out the form by **Saturday, December 18th**.

- **Mary Magdalene Society Grant Opportunities:** The ECC Mary Magdalene Society is now accepting applications for grants. A grant or grants will be given in each of two categories:
 - 1. Assisting newer/potential priests with their "getting established" expenses, e.g., tuition debt for ministerial training, and
 - 2. Assisting ECC communities to provide youth programs.

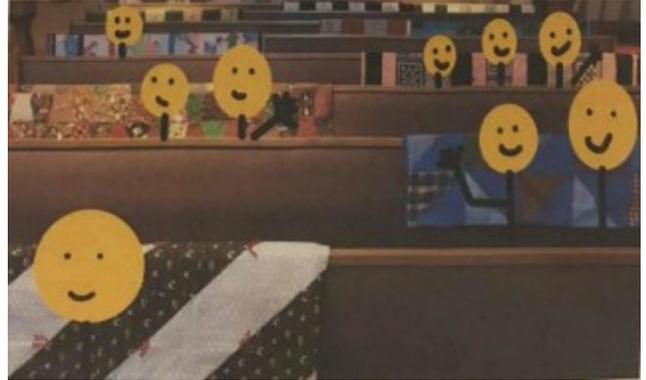
Applicants may contact opbadministrator@ecumenical-catholic-communion.org for an application, for selection criteria, and/or for further information. Application deadlines for (potential) clergy applicants is January 15, 2022; and the deadline for communities applying for youth programs is January 31, 2022.

More Happenings and announcements

- **“My Grandmother’s Hands” book club:** Join the ECC Truth & Reconciliation Commission for a winter book club on Resmaa Menakem's My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending our Hearts and Bodies. We will be **meeting virtually every other Wednesday** over the course of 12 weeks **starting January 5th from 6:30 - 8:00PM** to discuss and practice the embodied exercises to help heal from the racial trauma that lives in our bodies. All bodies are welcome to join in this work, and it is important to mention that this book specifically focuses on white bodies, black bodies, and police bodies. This is a great way to live into any New Year's resolutions related to your healing, liberation, or anti-racism work, and do it in community rather than alone! Space is limited so sign up today through this [form](#). Any questions please direct to Jenn Reyes Lay at jreyeslay@gmail.com.
- **In Solidarity: Anti-Racism Workshop:** Do you want a multi-racial church? If so, are you willing to be multi-cultural? Are you willing to be inclusive and shift from “white centrality”? Are you willing to share power and decision-making? Explore these questions and learn how to work in solidarity with the African-American community and other People of Color. Join with Deacon Joan and people throughout the ECC in this two day **virtual workshop on Friday, January 14th (5:30 -8:30PM) and Saturday, January 15th (9AM - 5PM)**. Register for this event through this [form](#). Any questions or for more details, please contact Deacon Joan at insolidarity@joancrawford.org
- **Presiding Bishop Nominations:** The ECC will be electing a new Presiding Bishop in 2022 at our Holy Synod in October. Nominations for Presiding Bishop are currently being accepted. Our current Presiding Bishop Francis Krebs has served to terms and is ineligible to be nominated. The deadline for submissions has not been decided, but should be sometime in January. If you would like to nominate someone as Presiding Bishop, you can send your nomination to anyone on the Presiding Bishop Nominating Committee including Fr. Teri Harroun, Rev. Rosa Buffone (rosa.buffone@comcast.net), and Paula Hayford (eoldoulaoshkosh@gmail.com). Individuals who are nominated will be vetted as well as encouraged to discern accepting that nomination before candidates are announced for consideration by the Communion. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri.
- **Prayer Partners:** Prayer Partners will be available after Mass in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. 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.
- **End of Year Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, please be reminded that for any giving to be considered for 2021, it must be received by the church office by January 4, 2022.

Even more Happenings and Announcements

- **Church facility upgrades:** To improve the safety of all, Bethlehem Lutheran has purchased and installed an ionization filtration system for the ventilation. This will help reduce the spread of *any* viruses (not just COVID).
- **Social Quilting and staying at home:** For those who join us in the sanctuary, please use the quilts to help maintain social distancing. If you have traveled out of state or attended a high-risk event (e.g. - concert) in the last week, please join us on Facebook Live instead of in the Sanctuary. Doing these things will help keep everyone safe.
- **Testing and positivity:** If you have tested positive for COVID in the past two weeks, please contact the Church Office. Your identity will remain confidential and doing so will help us protect our community.
- **COVID 19 guidelines:** To help keep everyone safe, the following guidelines have been developed by the BL/LOC Pandemic Advisory Group. The most recent changes are highlighted in **red** and reflect the changing dynamic of the outbreak and in light of new CDC guidance.
 - **Masks must be worn indoors at all times.**
 - **Food or drink is now allowed indoors with airline protocols** (remove mask to take a sip/bite, then put mask back on).
 - **Indoor groups are limited to 12 or less in the Fireside Room/LoC office**
 - **Groups must wipe down/sanitize the room after gatherings.**
 - **Mass will be permitted in the sanctuary at this time**
 - **People must maintain social distancing**
 - **People must sit behind the 'reserved' seating to ensure safety during the homily and liturgy readings**
- **Did you know?** All of our recent daily readings and services are archived and can be found on our website linked [here](#). You can also join us for the live readings at 10AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays or Saturday Mass at 5PM on Facebook . You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to join. [FB Link](#)
- **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.



ADVENT HAPPENINGS

- **Poinsettias: Time is running out to order your Poinsettias.** The LOC and BL communities will again be providing **Poinsettias for the Sanctuary** for Christmas! They may be purchased for \$10.00 each. Please stop by the **sign-up** sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex **by this weekend** to reserve your poinsettias to make the Sanctuary festive! You are free to take your plants home with you after the Christmas Eve Mass.
- **Wednesday Advent Services:** During the season of Advent, Bethlehem Lutheran and Light of Christ will be celebrating with a **Wednesday** evening service at **7PM** each week in December. The series will be on the prophets. Please join us in the Sanctuary for these services, which will also be broadcast on BL's Youtube channel, which will have a link on our Facebook page.
- **Wednesday Advent intergenerational/family gatherings:** Following the **Wednesday** service, there will be a joint family gathering in the **Fellowship Hall** at **7:30PM** with a different theme each week. The activities are geared for all ages, so please wear a mask and attend.
 - Week 4 - Peace: Christmas Caroling
- **BLC Living Nativity:** BL will again offer its traditional Living Nativity Scene as a gift to the Longmont Community on **Sunday, December 19th** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**. This year, BL has invited Light of Christ members to participate in the program as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer for a half-hour slot. Contact Nancy in the Bethlehem Lutheran Office 303/776-3290 for more information.
- **Christmas Eve Mass:** Light of Christ will be holding Mass on **Christmas Eve at 8PM** We will **NOT** be holding Mass on Saturday, December 25.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

- **4PM** - Joint Bethlehem Lutheran/Light of Christ Family service.: accepting reservations, limited seating is still available
- **6PM** - Bethlehem Lutheran Candlelight Service: ~~accepting reservations, limited seating available~~ **FULL, NO SEATING AVAILABLE.**
- **8PM - Light of Christ Mass: no reservations needed, limited seating available**
- **11PM** - Bethlehem Lutheran Midnight service - accepting reservations, limited seating available.

If you are interested in attending the 4PM or 11PM Lutheran services you ***MUST*** reserve a seat. To do so, please follow the directions below.

1. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/BLCXMAS21>
2. Select "Sign Up" box next to the service you wish to attend.
3. Click "Submit and Sign Up"
4. Follow the prompts to enter your information (your name, the number of people attending, your email address).

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STEWARDSHIP

November	End of Month	Year To Date
Donations	\$8,506.00	\$129,450.06
Grocery Cards	\$349.60	\$1,667.43
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	675.00
Interest	\$47.06	\$3,440.85
Miscellaneous Income (Includes designated)	\$8.53	\$4,688.11
Total Income	\$9,811.19	\$139,921.45
Expenses	\$10,312.94	\$133,977.41
Balance	\$ (1,401.75)	\$5,944.04

DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays as we read through Hebrews [Link here](#).

Alternately, [this link](#) will take you to the US Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops website where you can view each day's reading.

Assistance ~ If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:
Westview Presbyterian Church
1500 Hover St.
Longmont, CO 80501

HOPE Longmont, located at:
804 Lincoln St.
Longmont, CO 80501

THE OUR CENTER, located at:
220 Collyer St.
Longmont, CO 80501

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti; Kathryn Olsen and Kay Reuber; Sharon Farnsworth; Erin; Sherry Shead; Laura



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.

MENTAL HEALTH HELP

DURING COVID-19

CO Crisis Services Text Line  Text 'TALK' to 38255	COVID-19 resources  covid.colorado.gov	CO Crisis Services Phone Line  1-844-493-8255
Veterans in crisis  veteranscrisisline.net	Coping with COVID-19 stress  bit.ly/covid-coping	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  1-800-273-8255
Disaster Distress Helpline  1-800-985-5990	Call or text a family member or friend 	Substance abuse helpline  1-800-662-4357
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Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

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