

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!

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Christmas



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Happenings at Light of Christ

- **Office Closure:** The Church office will be **closed** for normal business from **Dec 27 - Dec 31**. Further, there will be no church bulletin for the week of January 1. If there is a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office at 303-772-3785 and someone will return your call.
- **Wednesday morning Mass:** We will be celebrating the Liturgy of the Word as normal on **Dec. 29 at 9AM**. Please contact the Church Office for more information.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Home Eucharist Team:** If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.



More Happenings and announcements

- **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.

- **“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 ECC Deacon Joan Crawford 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 **through January 31**. Once the Nominating Committee has vetted the nominations and has a period of discernment, they will announce the nominees (up to 3) on February 28, 2022 with elections to be held at Synod in October of 2022.

Our current Presiding Bishop Francis Krebs has served two terms and is ineligible to be nominated. If you would like to nominate someone as Presiding Bishop, you can send your nomination to the Presiding Bishop Nominating Committee (eccpbnc@gmail.com) If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri.

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

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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