

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 prayer, community and building collaboration, study and service.

### All Are Welcome!



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### Happenings and announcements

- Friday Flicks and Friends: Please join us in the Church Office on Friday, January 14th at 7:00 PM for our monthly showing of a movie.
- Hearts for Health Care Workers: The Prayer Shawl Ministry members invite you to join us in completing our newest project, crocheting hearts to distribute to the dedicated health care workers at Longmont United Hospital and Longs Peak Hospital.

To accomplish this, they are looking for people to:

- \* crochet the hearts
- \* create the tags with messages of gratitude
- \* attach the tags to the hearts.
- \* Create signs for the baskets.

More detailed information is available found later in the bulletin. if you are interested in helping in any way, please come to the meeting this **Tuesday at 10AM in the Fireside Room** or contact the Church office or Fr. Teri.

# **Events this Week**

## Tuesday (Jan 18)

10am - Scripture Reading (Facebook Live)

10am - Prayer Shawl Ministry (fireside room)

4pm - Liturgy Council (Zoom)

# Wednesday (Jan 19)

9 am - Mass (hybrid LoC office/Zoom)

# Thursday (Jan 20)

10am - Scripture Reading (Facebook Live)

7 pm - Men's meeting (Zoom)

# Friday (Jan 21)

7 pm - Friday Flicks and Friends (LOC office)

# Saturday (Jan 22)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/ Facebook Live)

- Save the Date: All-Parish Annual Meeting: Parish Council will be hosting the All-Parish Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 12th after Mass. It will also be simul-cast on Zoom for those who can attend virtually. More information is forth-coming.
- Photo Gallery: As Light of Christ grows beyond the walls of the church building, we
  would like to create a photo gallery of our members in the Narthex. Please email individual or family snapshots to <a href="mailto:churchoffice@lightofchristecc.org">churchoffice@lightofchristecc.org</a> by February 9th and they
  will be printed out and displayed as an upcoming collage of who we are Light of Christ
  in the Streets.

### **Further Happenings and Announcements**

Confirmation Class for our Young People: Light of Christ will be offering a Confirmation Class for our Young People (ages 12-21). Fr. Teri will be leading the class which will meet monthly, with the celebration of Confirmation sometime in October or November with our own Bishop Kae.

This Confirmation Class is designed to help our young people explore and articulate their own faith. The class will include a period of discernment, so that our young people can choose if they want to be confirmed and Light of Christ and what that means. The choice will be theirs, and it will be an informed choice based on the conversations and activities we do together. If you have any questions, please talk to Fr. Teri.

The first gathering for this class will be in the **church office** on **Sunday February 6th at 10:00am** and will last an hour and a half. But please let Fr. Teri know if you plan to attend. You can call the church office at 303-772-3785.

- "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 18th 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 <a href="mailto:jreyeslay@gmail.com">jreyeslay@gmail.com</a>.
- 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 (<a href="mailto:eccpbnc@gmail.com">eccpbnc@gmail.com</a>) If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri.

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry members invite you to join us in completing our newest project, crocheting hearts to distribute to the dedicated health care workers at Longmont United Hospital and Longs Peak Hospital. Our goal is to deliver the hearts in February or early March. Our plan is to bring baskets of hearts to each hospital to be placed in appropriate locations so the workers can take a heart.

The COVID crisis had gone on far longer than most of us expected and it seems the early support for our nurses, doctors and the support staff of our hospitals has faded. This project will be a way our church community can show our gratitude for their continued care of all people who enter their hospital doors.

### Here's how you can join in:

**Crochet hearts.** You can use your own pattern or use the links to the YouTube instruction videos below. We will need around 1,500 hearts. This will be a good way to use up yarn you may have left from projects. We will have yarn available in the Narthex for you to take for as long as it lasts and we will accept donations of yarn. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your completed hearts or you can send or drop them off in the church office. Be sure to leave the tails on your hearts so we can attach tags with messages of gratitude. You can find sample hearts on LOC bulletin board in the Narthex.

How to crochet hearts: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9CXXsu6YSA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9CXXsu6YSA</a>

How to start with a magic circle: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqOQR-49CxE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqOQR-49CxE</a>

There are other ways you can participate in this project if you don't crochet. We will need help creating tags for each heart with messages of gratitude. Then we will need help attaching each tag to a heart. We will also need signs to place by each basket inviting workers to take a heart. Let the church office or Fr. Teri know if you would like to help.

You are invited to attend the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting on January 18 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room and crochet hearts with us or brainstorm ideas you may have to help with this project.

Let's continue to be Light of Christ in the streets by sharing our thanks and love with our local health care community.

#### Other Items of Interest

- Marshall Fire Resources: As we look to assist our neighbors who have been affected by the
  Marshall fire, the best way to help is to follow requests from area response teams and organizations. The following websites offer good ways we can help these organizations provide the care
  and resources our neighbors need.
  - Resources and Opportunities: <a href="https://do303.com/p/colorado-fires-resources-where-to-donate-more">https://do303.com/p/colorado-fires-resources-where-to-donate-more</a>
  - Donation Information: <a href="https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/contact-denver7/denver7-gives/how-to-help-the-people-affected-by-the-marshall-fire-in-boulder-county">https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/contact-denver7/denver7-gives/how-to-help-the-people-affected-by-the-marshall-fire-in-boulder-county</a>
  - Volunteer Sign Up: <a href="https://coloradoresponds.communityos.org/">https://coloradoresponds.communityos.org/</a>
- **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).
- 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. Use the quilts in the sanctuary to help maintain social distancing.
  - 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
  - If you have tested positive in the past two weeks, please contact the Church Office. This information will be kept confidential and will help us protect the community.
  - If you have traveled out of state or have attended a high risk event, please use our virtual options to join us.
- Did you know? All of our recent daily readings and services are archived and can be found on our website linked <u>here</u>. 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. <u>FB Link</u>

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti;

Kathryn Olsen; Laura;

Sharon Farnsworth; Erin;

Sherry Shead; Pete Conti;

Margo Tiller



We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the of-

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Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays as we read through Hebrews <u>Link</u> here.

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

STEWARDSHIP				
December	End of Month	Year To Date		
Donations	\$15,545.00	\$144,955.06		
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$1,667.43		
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	675.00		
Interest	\$45.55	\$6,486.40		
Misc.Income (Includes designated)	\$100.00	\$4,788.11		
Total Income	\$15,690.55	\$155,612.00		
Expenses	\$11,748.36	\$145,725.77		
Balance	\$ 3,942.19	\$9,886.23		

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

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.







#### **ASSISTANCE**

**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 <a href="mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org">prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org</a> and someone will reach out to you.

**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.

**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 THE OUR CENTER, located at:

220 Collyer St. Longmont, CO 80501 THE ROUND PANTRY, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church 1500 Hover St. Longmont, CO 80501