

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!



January 8, 2022

Epiphany

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Events at Light of Christ

- **24 Hour Prayer Vigil for Climate Justice, in honor of the people of Boulder County.** Join us for a 24 Hour Prayer Vigil **Saturday January 8th at 5pm** through **Sunday January 9th at 5pm**. You can participate for one hour, 5 minutes, or all 24 hours. It's up to you. Join Fr. Teri in the church office (after Saturday's Mass) or follow along on our Facebook page. Fr. Teri will post something each hour there.

If you don't have FB, you can send her an email requesting that she send you the prayers individually. If you come to the office you can bring your journal or your knitting if you like. There will be stations in the office for lighting a candle, art prayers, or sitting with our globe and listening for God. There will be music and holy noisemakers as well.

We are people of prayer, and this is one way for us to connect with one another, those affected by the fires, and God. Over and over in the 24 hours we will ask God to show us, Light of Christ, how to Be Communion in THIS world that we live in today.

We also want to encourage everyone to come to church on Tuesday January 11th at 11 to ring the bell for climate justice. You can share any insight you had during the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil at that time. If you have any questions, see Fr. Teri. This 24 Hour Prayer Vigil is an opportunity for all, and you are encouraged to engage as feels most appropriate for you.

- **Sanctuary Tree:** Bethlehem Lutheran will be removing the Christmas Tree on **Sunday, January 9th at 10:15**. Please join us at this time to help our brothers and sisters.
- **Eleventh Hour Bell Ringing:** Please join us on **Tuesday, January 11th at 11:00 AM** for our monthly bell ringing event which calls attention to the urgency of the climate crisis. By ringing our church bell, we are raising the alarm for environmental justice. This January event will also honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose work in civil rights, equality, and social justice was grounded in the ethic of nonviolence. We are praying for a sustainable world where all races and cultures may live in harmony and mutual respect. All are welcome to join us!
- **Friday Flicks and Friends:** With the holidays and the snow, Friday flicks and friends has been postponed till next week. Please join us in the **Church Office on Friday, January 14th at 7:00 PM**.



Happenings at Light of Christ

- **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.

- **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: <https://do303.com/p/colorado-fires-resources-where-to-donate-more>
 - Donation Information: <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/contact-denver7/denver7-gives/how-to-help-the-people-affected-by-the-marshall-fire-in-boulder-county>
 - Volunteer Sign Up: <https://coloradoresponds.communityos.org/>
- **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.
- **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.

Happenings and announcements around the ECC

- **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.

Other Items of Interest

- **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](#)

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
Miscellaneous 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

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; 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 office and we'd be happy to add you.

MENTAL HEALTH HELP

DURING COVID-19

<p>CO Crisis Services Text Line</p>  <p>Text 'TALK' to 38255</p>	<p>COVID-19 resources</p>  <p>covid.colorado.gov</p>	<p>CO Crisis Services Phone Line</p>  <p>1-844-493-8255</p>
<p>Veterans in crisis</p>  <p>veteranscrisisline.net</p>	<p>Coping with COVID-19 stress</p>  <p>bit.ly/covid-coping</p>	<p>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</p>  <p>1-800-273-8255</p>
<p>Disaster Distress Helpline</p>  <p>1-800-985-5990</p>	<p>Call or text a family member or friend</p> 	<p>Substance abuse helpline</p>  <p>1-800-662-4357</p>
 <p>GOVERNOR JARED POLIS</p>		

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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