

Light of Christ
 Ecumenical Catholic Community
 All are Welcome



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!

April 16, 2022

Easter



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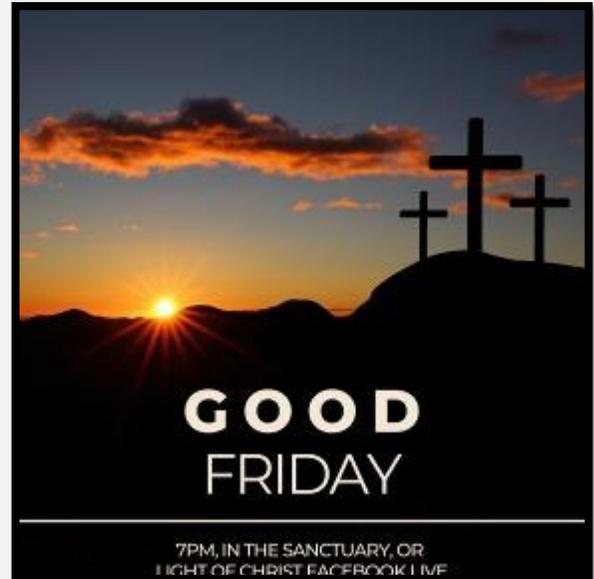
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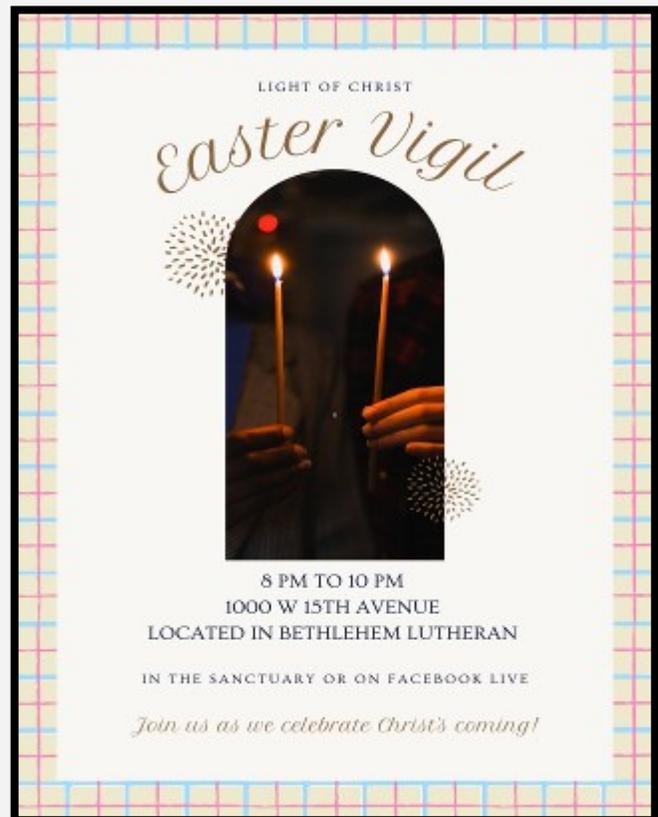
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Easter Happenings and announcements



- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join the annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, **April 16th at 10 AM**. Join us in the **Narthex** for a short time of learning and conversation followed by an Easter egg hunt. All are welcome!
- **Easter Vigil:** Mass on Saturday, Easter Vigil, begins at **8 PM**, **NOT** at **5 PM**.



- **Easter services:** We will be holding a virtual sunrise service on Facebook Live but **NOT** holding an in-person service on Easter Sunday. Those wishing to attend services on Sunday are encouraged to join our Lutheran brethren at 6:15 AM, 8AM or 10:15 AM for their Easter celebrations.

Happenings and announcements

Events this Week

Saturday (April 16) Holy Saturday

- 10 am - Easter Egg Hunt
- 8 pm - Easter Vigil (hybrid Sanctuary/FB)

Sunday (April 17) Easter Sunday

- 6:19 am - Sunrise scripture reading (Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Apr 19)

- 10 am - Scripture Reading (Facebook Live)
- 10 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday (Apr 20)

- 9 am - Mass (hybrid LoC office/Zoom)
- 10 am - Christians in Search

Thursday (Apr 21)

- 10 am - Scripture Reading (Facebook Live)
- 7 pm - Men's meeting (Hybrid LoC office/Zoom)

Friday (Apr 22)

- 7 pm - Earth Day Celebration

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** All are welcome to come knit or crochet with us. Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 19** from **10-11:30 AM** in the **Fireside Room**. Bring your own project or get yarn and instructions for creating a prayer shawl. If you would like to join this ministry but cannot attend the meeting, contact Barb Olander at 303-651-3229 for more information.

- **Growth Youp and Empty Bowls:** The Light of Christ Growth Youp is participating in the 2022 Empty Bowls fundraiser, where people create hand-painted bowls and donate them with the proceeds going to the OUR center here in Longmont. The fundraiser will be held on **June 11th**.

- **Shout Out to our Liturgy Team:** We want to take a moment this week to celebrate the Light of Christ Liturgy Team for their creative engagement of our Liturgies since re-opening, especially this Lenten Season. Their theme of **Be Change - Be Communion** has proven to have so many layers that we could probably reflect on the question of how to be Communion in the world for our entire lifetimes.

From choosing first readings to the changing altar cloth, we are reminded that we are part of God's creation and that is good and has touched us all. Thanks to everyone who works in Liturgy including Sacristans, Mass Coordinators, Technology Team, Lectors and Liturgists, Bread Bakers, and those who clean up after Mass.

But today let's celebrate the creative ones behind the scenes: Janell Flaig, Pat Guilbeault, Katherine Pagoaga, Kathy Pirie, Tim Shead, and Irene Yap as appreciated by Fr. Teri. If you have any interest in being part of the Liturgy Team, please contact Fr Teri in the church office.

More Happenings and announcements

Not One More Soul:

The Alana Faith Chen Foundation, Born Perfect (a program of NCLR), and Out Boulder County invite you to join us on **Sunday, April 24th** as we honor the life of Alana Chen and commit to do all we can to end conversion therapy.

The event starts at **3 pm** with a reception, followed by a panel of LGBTQ+ community members who have undergone conversion therapy who will share their stories and their efforts to put an end to conversion therapy.

RSVP [here](#)



This event will begin at Out Boulder County's office (3340 Mitchell Ln, Boulder 80301)

3-3:30 PM: Reception

3:30-4:30 PM: Program & panel

5 PM: Travel to vigil outside of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center (1520 Euclid Ave, Boulder 80302)

Bishop Peter Hickman's Stem Cell Therapy:



In April of 2018, Bishop Peter Hickman, the founding bishop of the ECC, had a life-threatening stroke. He was in a medically induced coma for several months and began his long journey of recovering.

In early 2021, he received a round of stem cells to help heal the damage done to his brain. Since then, he has received weekly IV therapy, specifically designed to help his overall brain health, as part of his treatment. Since then, his recovery has been nothing short of miraculous. It really is a night and day difference.

The doctor overseeing his treatment has suggested another round of stem cells to give another boost to his continued recovery. This is quite costly, coming in around \$20,000. This GoFundMe effort would like to raise enough money to start the treatment. Any help is greatly appreciate. 100% of the money donated will go towards Bishop Peter's treatment. Donations can be given through the GoFundMe link [here](#) or through Zelle.

Additionally, Regional Council has been made aware of a fund-matching opportunity. Through Holy Week, up to \$1000 in contributions made from the Rocky Mountain Region towards Bishop Peter's stem-cell treatment will be matched. Each parish will report the contributions, so contact the church office (best by email) and let us know.

Earth Corner Challenge

- **Earth Corner April Challenge:**

What can ordinary people do about climate change?
We can invest in our planet.

- ◆ **Earth Corner: Invest in our Planet**

Invest in our planet is the theme of this year's Earth Day (April 22) observance. Consider buying and using eco-friendly products in your home. What are they? Eco-products adhere to specific standards that

care for the environment either in their production, use, or disposal. These green or eco-friendly products help conserve energy and reduce fossil fuel use. Green products aim to remove dangerous toxic chemicals and improve health and safety. Some green products are less expensive than conventional options; other green products may be more expensive due to higher upfront costs. As demand for these products increase, the costs will decline.

Here's a cautionary note: Not all claims that a product is greener are accurate. What makes a product greener is complex. Look for products and services that meet standards supported by widely trusted organizations or the EPA or other governmental agencies.

- ◆ **April 22, 2022, 7:00 PM Earth Day Celebration**

We are planning to celebrate Earth Day with a presentation from our own conservation biologist, Catherine Schloegel. (As you may know, Catherine is the daughter of JoAn and Paul Acker.) Her topic is: **Healing the Planet: Reverberations from Boulder Colorado**. Catherine will be talking about how we heal planet Earth and what that means locally, practically, spiritually and emotionally.

Earth Corner Things to consider

- ⇒ Use LED lights; turn off lights in empty rooms.
- ⇒ Use solar energy, if possible.
- ⇒ Buy one or two green products on your grocery list.
- ⇒ Attend an Earth Day gathering in your community.
- ⇒ Speak to someone you know about the climate crisis



Catherine's professional title is Colorado Forest Watershed Manager. She began her work with The Nature Conservancy in 2018. She is one of a handful of shared employees that works for both The Nature Conservancy and the US Forest Service. In this role, she works to develop, test, and share climate adaptation principles to help Colorado's forests adapt to a changing climate. Prior to her return to Colorado where she grew up, she worked in Ecuador, South America, to build local capacity to conserve tropical landscapes. She holds a Master of Science in Social Ecology from Yale University.

Other ways you can help

- **Resources for Ukrainian Assistance:** If you are looking for something that you can DO to help the people of Ukraine, World Central Kitchen is helping to feed people fleeing, as well as people who are staying. Charity Navigator gives this non-profit a 100.0 score! That's as good as it gets for validating a charity. This is a place to donate and Be Communion, if you are so inclined. You can check out more at www.wck.org. Additionally, the Reformed Church in Poland (the ECC in Poland) is working with the Dominican Sisters and recommends donations through them.
- **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/>
- **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 guidance from the CDC, state and local public health.
 - **Mass will be permitted in the sanctuary at this time**
 - **People must sit using the quilts to help maintain social distancing.**
 - **Masks must be worn for Mass in the sanctuary. (Parish Council will revisit this after Easter)**
 - **Indoor groups of less than 20 can decide at the time of meeting to be mask-optional.**
 - **Groups will need to wipe down/sanitize after each meeting**
 - **Masks are required for moving around the building.**
 - **IF Boulder County Public Health changes the community level risk to high (Orange), masks will be required in all groups and indoor spaces.**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti;
Kathryn Olsen ; Laura;
Sharon Farnsworth;
Sherry Shead; Pete Conti



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.

STEWARDSHIP

March	End of Month	Year To Date
Donations	\$8,606.45	\$40,718.34
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$337.69
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	100.00
Interest	\$44.03	\$138.09
Misc.Income (Includes designated)	\$1,014.92	\$1,014.92
Total Income	\$9,665.40	\$42,309.04
Expenses	\$14,844.66	\$36,020.08
Balance	\$ (5,179.26)	\$6,288.96

DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays as we read through Job [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.

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.

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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 prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org 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