

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 9, 2022

Palm Sunday



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Happenings and announcements

Events this Week

Monday (Apr 11)

11 am - Bell-Ringing

Tuesday (Apr 12)

10 am - Scripture Reading
(Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Apr 13)

9 am - Mass (hybrid LoC
office/Zoom)

10 am - Christians in Search

Thursday (Apr 14) Holy Thursday

10 am - Scripture Reading
(Facebook Live)

7 pm - combined BL/LoC service
(hybrid Sanctuary/
Youtube)

7 pm - Men's meeting (Hybrid
LoC office/Zoom)

Friday (April 15) Good Friday

7 pm - combined BL/LoC service
(hybrid Sanctuary/
Facebook live)

- **Marshall Fire Donations:** The church is currently collecting donations through **April 9th** for the victims of the Marshall Fire. Bring donations to the **Narthex**. Current *High Priority* donation needs include:

- * Sugar, flour, spices, and cereal
- * Laundry supplies
- * New sheets sets and blankets (queen and twin), pillows and towels
- * Paper towels and toilet paper

- **Bell Ringing:** Please join us on **Monday, April 11, at 11:00 AM** for our monthly bell ringing event in front of church. We will be calling attention to global efforts at building green economies based on renewable energy technologies. As always, we pray for the wellbeing of the earth but also the people who experience the worst impacts of environmental changes. All are welcome.

- **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!

- **Holy Week services:** Just as a reminder, Light of Christ will be celebrating Holy Week starting on Palm Saturday and concluding with an Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. We will also 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.

- **Easter Morning 6:19 AM:** Father Teri will read the Easter story from the Gospel of John on Facebook Live only as the sun rises on Easter Morning.
- **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**.

HOLY WEEK 2022



Palm Saturday	Saturday April 9, 5pm
Holy Thursday	Thursday April 14, 7pm
Good Friday	Friday April 15, 7pm
Easter Vigil	Saturday April 16, 8pm



LIGHT OF CHRIST

ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Located within Bethlehem Lutheran 1000 W. 15th Ave, LGMT
All services in the sanctuary with masks or on FB Live.

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)



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BORN PERFECT OUT BOULDER COUNTY



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 link [here](#)

Earth Corner Challenge

• Earth Corner April Challenge:

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

◆ Earth Corner: Earth Day's History

“I have learned that you are never too small to make a difference.”

– Greta Thunberg @ COP 24, 2018

On April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was started by Gov. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. After 52 years, it is one of the biggest environmental movements across the globe with millions of people participating in rallies, educational experiences, clean-up campaigns, and various political actions. It was started to address various problems like climate change and pollution, to activate ecological action, conserve natural resources, protect endangered species, and move toward a sustainable future. Young people formed the core constituency of the movement in the 1970's. A similar global youth movement, led by teens like Greta Thunberg, are asking world leaders to understand that their future is in jeopardy if change is too slow.

◆ Save the Date: 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.

Catherine's background: 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. In her free time, she loves mountains, giggling, and keeping up with all things Ecuador.

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

Easter season glossary

Palm Sunday: Celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

Holy Week: The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Triduum: The three days from Holy Thursday through Easter.

Holy Thursday: Celebration of the Last Supper

Good Friday: Reflection on the Passion and death of Christ

Easter Vigil: Celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Adoration of the Eucharist: silent, private prayer with the presence of Christ.

Veneration of the Cross: personal expression of reverence for Christ and his sacrifice, normally performed by a bow, kneeling or a kiss.

Paschal Candle: a large, white candle representing the Resurrection of Christ - the Light of the World.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The **Triduum** is a single liturgy broken up over the three days starting on Holy Thursday and concluding with Easter Vigil. These 3 days unfold for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Join us for our celebration of the Triduum!

On **Holy Thursday** we will remember the Last Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. This action is repeated to remind us that we are all called to love and serve each other.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Eucharist is processed from the tabernacle to a separate altar (symbolizing the walk to the Garden of Gethsemane), where people are invited to participate in the Adoration of the Eucharist.

On **Good Friday** we will remember how Jesus died for us. The Passion of Christ is read and the cross is venerated to remind us of Christ's sacrifice and that we are not alone in our struggles.

At the **Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. On this night, we stand vigil, recalling the journey recorded in scriptures that the faithful have taken from the beginning to those awaiting the Resurrection. A fire is lit in a brazier and, from that, the Paschal candle is lit and brought into the church. The Light of Christ, from the Paschal candle, is shared with everyone present, spread throughout the church. New baptisms are performed and the congregation renews their baptismal vows with a sprinkling of baptismal water. The vigil concludes with Eucharist and a celebration of the Resurrection.

Why Saturday and not Sunday? Scripture and tradition holds that the day begins and ends at sundown. To honor that tradition, we celebrate Mass in the evening.

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

February	End of Month	Year To Date
Donations	\$24,571.22	\$32,111.89
Grocery Cards	\$337.69	\$00.0
Advertising Revenue	\$100.00	100.00
Interest	\$47.01	\$94.06
Misc.Income (Includes designated)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$24,955.92	\$32,643.64
Expenses	\$11,049.11	\$21,175.42
Balance	\$ 13,906.81	\$11,468.22

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