

**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.*

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*May 7, 2022*

*4th Sunday in Easter*

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## Happenings and announcements

### Events this Week

#### Tuesday (May 10)

10 am - Scripture Reading  
(Facebook Live)

#### Wednesday (May 11)

9 am - Mass (hybrid LoC  
office/Zoom)

10 am - Christians in Search

11 am - 11th Hour Bell-ringing

#### Thursday (May 12)

10 am - Scripture Reading  
(Facebook Live)

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

#### Saturday (May 13)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/  
Facebook Live)

- **World Labyrinth Day: Saturday, May 7th** is World Labyrinth Day. The labyrinth is a form of contemplative meditation while walking. We have a labyrinth here at Light of Christ. If you would like to walk the labyrinth out back **behind the stable**, join Fr. Teri at **noon** this Saturday. She will give a short introduction and blessing, and then all are invited to walk the labyrinth together.

- **Observance in the month of May:** May has long been associated with devotion to the Blessed Mary. We invite and encourage any who wish to bring flowers to adorn the statue of Mary to do so on **Saturday, May 7th**.

- **Bell Ringing Event for May:** Please join us on **Wednesday, May 11th** at **11:00 AM** to ring the church bell for ecological justice. In our public witness this month we will be calling attention to the need for greater community resilience in the face of supersized storms that cause enormous loss of life and environmental damage. All are welcome to join us.

- **Summer Reading:** We will be taking a break from reading scripture over the summer. Instead, we will be reading and discussing the book "Consider the Birds" by Debbie Blue. The book will take us all over scripture. Each person will need to purchase their own copy. We will individually read a chapter a week and then we will gather on Thursdays at **10AM** to walk and talk about the

chapter. Our first 'walk and talk' will be on **Thursday, June 9th** at **Pelle Crossing in Hygiene**.

- **COVID 19 guidelines:** At this time, Boulder County is '**GREEN**'. This means social distancing is to be observed in the building and masks are to be **worn during Mass**. Parish Council is currently reviewing the mask policy to discern a proper balance of safety in a changing environment. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.
- **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](#)

## Earth Corner Challenge

### ◆ Earth Corner May Challenge:

“There are 3 trillion trees on earth, which is only half as many as 12,000 years ago, at the start of human civilization.” Karen D. Hall, Professor Of Environmental Studies, UCSC

Our monthly May challenge will focus on trees and their role in climate change. As you know, carbon dioxide is the main gas that causes global warming. Through photosynthesis, plants and trees transform carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. The amount of carbon a tree can store varies depending on their species, growing region, and age. Older trees store more CO<sub>2</sub>.

People cut down an estimated 15 billion trees each year. A lot of those are in tropical forests, but deforestation is happening all over the planet. Protecting existing forests makes sense. The Nature Conservancy argues that protecting and restoring forests that are in danger of being lost is the most cost-effective natural defense against climate change. Not only do trees absorb CO<sub>2</sub> but they provide a habitat for animals. Trees carry all kinds of side benefits. Trees provide firewood and fruit for people. In cities, they can offer shade and recreational spaces. Planting trees can take up a massive amount of CO<sub>2</sub>. On their own though, trees don't offer the solution to fully meet our carbon reduction priorities. We have to do more.

### Earth Corner Things to consider

- ⇒ Plant a tree.
- ⇒ Install climate resistant landscaping wherever possible.
- ⇒ Reduce water use in outdoor irrigation systems.
- ⇒ Reduce your driving and flying.
- ⇒ Bike and walk more.

### ◆ Summer Book Discussion

The Adult Formation Committee is inviting you to join us in reading and discussing *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. We will meet monthly on the 11th in the Fireside Room from June to October following the Bell Ringing Event at 11:00 A.M. You do not need to attend the bell ringing event to join the discussion. The first meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 11th** at approximately **11:30 AM**. We will discuss Section One of the book, pgs 1-33. Copies of the book are available through your local library or from a variety of local or online book sellers.



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti;  
Kathryn Olsen ; Laura;  
Sharon Farnsworth;  
Pete Conti; Tom Glenn



*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

April	End of Month	Year To Date
Donations	\$9,029.39	\$49,747.73
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$337.69
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	100.00
Interest	\$781.91	\$920.00
Misc.Income (Includes designated)	\$25.00	\$1,039.92
Total Income	\$9,836.39	\$52,145.34
Expenses	\$10,847.13	\$46,867.21
Balance	\$ (1,010.83)	\$5,278.13

## DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays as we read through Joel [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](mailto: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.  
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