

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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29th week in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2022

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9am-3pm

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Happenings and announcements

Events this Week

Sunday (Oct 16)

2 pm - Drum Concert

3 pm - Drum Circle

Tuesday (Oct 18)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

10 am - Prayer Shawl meeting

4 pm - Liturgy meeting (Zoom)

6 pm - Parish Council (Zoom)

Wednesday (Oct 19)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Oct 20)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

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

Saturday (Oct 22)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/ Facebook Live)

- **Neighborhood Concert and Drum Circle:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Light of Christ are pleased to offer a concert by the Djembe Orchestras of Colorado, followed by a community drum circle on **Sunday, October 16 at 2PM** with Drum Circle at **3PM**. The event is free but donations supporting the new combined BL/LoC neighborhood after school snack program will be gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

- **Halloween Party:** Bethlehem Lutheran and Light of Christ are hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on **Friday, October 28** in the parking lot at **6pm** followed by a movie in the fellowship hall at **7pm**. Put on a costume, decorate your vehicle and hand out candy. All are welcome, but parking spaces may be limited. Please contact Gary Knutson (gary@bethlehem-lutheran.net) for a reserved parking spot.

- **OUR Center Meal:** Our Light of Christ Community is signed up to prepare and serve a meal at the **OUR Center** on **Saturday, November 5th**. We will meet about **9AM** to begin to prepare the meal, be ready to serve lunch at 11:30 and start the clean-up process about

1PM. If you are interested in participating in this outreach activity, please contact the Church Office.

- **COVID 19 guidelines:** At this time, Boulder County is **Green**. This means social distancing and masks are optional. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.
- **Parking:** With all of the recent activity and construction on 15th street, we would recommend that when you visit the church, please do not park on the street but in the parking lot.

Earth Corner: Listen to the Voice of Creation

One of the things Francis of Assisi is best known for is his love of nature. Pope John Paul II named him the Patron Saint of Ecology in 1979. Pope Francis entitled his encyclical about caring for our common home *Laudato Si* meaning “praise be to you,” a phrase which St. Francis used repeatedly in his Canticle of the Creatures.

St. Bonaventure (1221–1274), an early Franciscan mystic, taught that, “As a human being, Christ has something in common with all creatures. With the stone he shares existence; with plants he shares life; with animals he shares sensation; and with the angels he shares intelligence.” In saying this, Bonaventure was trying to give theological weight to the deep experience Francis, who as far as we know, was the first recorded Christian to call animals and elements and even the forces of nature by familial names, much as indigenous people have done for centuries: “Sister, Mother Earth,” “Brother Wind,” “Sister Water,” and “Brother Fire.”

Francis was fully at home in this created world. He saw all things in the visible world as endless dynamic and operative symbols of the Real, a theater and training ground for a heaven that is already available to us in small doses in this life. What you choose now, you shall have later seems to be the realization of the saints. Not an idyllic hope for a later heaven but a living experience right now.

We cannot jump over this world, or its woundedness, and still try to love God. We must love God through, in, with, and even because of this world. This is the message Christianity was supposed to initiate, proclaim, and encourage, and what Jesus modeled. We were made to love and trust this world, “to cultivate it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15), but for some sad reason we preferred to emphasize the statement that comes in the previous chapter, which seems to say that we should “dominate” the earth (Genesis 1:28). I wonder if this is not another shape of our original sin. God “empties” Godself into creation, and then we humans spend most of history creating systems to control and subdue that creation for our own purposes and profit, reversing the divine pattern. From Richard Rohr, *The Center for Action and Contemplation*

Earth Corner Things to Consider

- ⇒ Vote! Elect people who work for stronger climate policies
- ⇒ Share with others what you’re doing to care for the planet.
- ⇒ Attend panel at the Longmont Museum on Oct 20 (7pm) “Predicting Future Climate”

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti;
Sharon Farnsworth;
Tom Glenn; Wes Evans;



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.

DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays for scripture readings [Link here.](#)

Alternately, [this link](#) will take you to the US Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops web-site where you can view each day's reading.

STEWARDSHIP

	August	September	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,623.43	\$9,633.45	\$91,325.89
Grocery Cards	\$319.71	\$0.00	\$1,224.63
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00
Interest	\$3.29	\$4.85	\$930.97
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,060.00	\$1,729.41	\$4,879.33
Total Income	\$13,006.43	\$11,367.71	\$98,460.82
Expenses	\$14,772.71	\$12,063.34	\$107,952.20
Balance	\$ (1,766.28)	\$(695.63)	\$(9,491.38)

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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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.
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