

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!



Feast of Christ the King

November 19, 2022



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Events this Week

Tuesday (Nov 22)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

6:30pm - Thanksgiving worship and pie social

Wednesday (Nov 23)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Nov 24)

Office Closed: Thanksgiving

Friday (Nov 25)

Office Closed: Thanksgiving

Saturday (Nov 26)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/ Facebook Live)

- **Help Wanted- Let's Imagine a Colorado ECC Gathering:** Following synod, we are excited about creating a LOCAL life-giving shared experience. Volunteers are needed to plan an April gathering of folks from around the region... perhaps with a celebration of Mass, relationship building, fun, a keynote speaker or service project, imagining the future and more. To get a jump start before the holidays, we'll have a first meeting on **Nov 19th 10-11:30 a.m.** on zoom. If you are interested in representing LoC on the regional gathering planning team, contact Chuck Howard or Jack Wolfe.

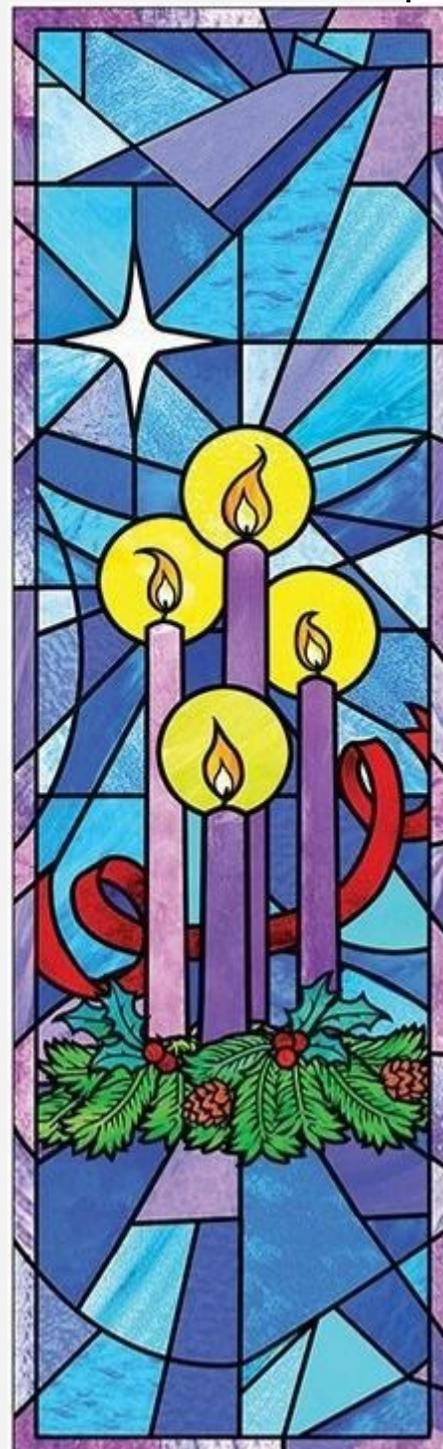
- **Thanksgiving worship:** BL and LoC will share in a combined Thanksgiving service on **Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm.** Everyone is invited to bring a tablecloth, placemats, napkins, or something else that will be part of their Thanksgiving setting for the Service, and place it on the Communion Rail before the service. There will be a blessing of these items during the service, so that the items and the blessings can be taken home and shared. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri in the Light of Christ office.

- **Thanksgiving Pie Social:** Following the Thanksgiving worship on **Tuesday, November 22**, there will be a pie social held in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for friends, fellowship and food.
- **Scripture reading:** There will be no online scripture reading on Thursday, November 24th.
- **Office Closure:** A reminder that the Church office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 24-25th**, for the Thanksgiving holiday. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Teri (phone number located in the Narthex). If there is a non-emergency, please leave a message on the church office phone and we will respond on Saturday.

Advent is Coming!

Advent begins next week and so much is happening and planned, we can't wait to share.

- **Online Advent Retreat:** We will be offering a daily Online Advent Retreat. If you are currently receiving the weekly retreats from Fr. Teri, you are already signed up for the Advent retreat and there is nothing else for you to do. If you are interested in joining us, please **send an e-mail** to Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org by **November 20th**. You will receive the first installment of the Online Advent Daily Retreat on Sunday November 27th. Each day you will have the opportunity to explore three different offerings. You can do all three or just choose one. Please make the retreat work for you. You will want to have a journal, and access to the internet, but no other special supplies are required. A hard copy of the entire retreat can be provided to anyone who does not have reliable access to the internet, just let Fr. Teri know if that resource would be helpful.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner and Advent services:** Each Wednesday in Advent will have a dinner and combined service. Come join us on **Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30** for chili. Pastor Katie and Fr. Teri will be holding a combined service at 6:30 in the Sanctuary, simulcast on BL's Youtube channel.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant:** Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a Christmas pageant for children aged kindergarten and older and Light of Christ children are invited to participate. The rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17 at 1pm and the pageant will be **Sunday, December 18th at 9:30am**. No costumes or memorization of lines are required. If you want to participate, please contact Sharon Kirby-Cole (of BL) at 303-682-9282.



Church in Action

Following up on the 2022 Synod theme of “Church in Action”, there are many ways in which Light of Christ embodies this idea. Please find below a number of current programs which we are participating in to bring the Light of Christ to others.

Round Pantry Donation items

- ◆ Cake Mixes
- ◆ Muffin Mixes
- ◆ Cookie/Brownie Mixes
- ◆ Baking mixes (i.e. Bisquick)

Gluten-free varieties are appreciated.

- **Round Pantry for the Holidays:** As we have in the past, Light of Christ has helped supply the Round Pantry with special items for their shopper’s holiday meals. Donations can be placed in the blue bin in the Narthex by **December 10th**.

Donations of your time for the busy holiday week is also very much appreciated. Invite family members to join you (but sign up early to ensure there are available slots). Use the following link to sign up: <https://wesviewpres.org/round-pantry-volunteers>

- **HOPE Soup Angels:** HOPE is in need of additional people to cook dinners for unhoused people. Demand increases during the winter months and they currently have too few volunteers to supply enough food. You can either sign up for a fixed day of the month or fill in as needed. They provide pans or a crockpot which you fill and drop off at Journey Church on your day. Please contact Andy Schwartz at andy@hopeforlongmont.org for more information.
- **Winter Coat Drive:** Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are busy knitting and crocheting hats and scarves for the 31st Annual Longmont Rotary Winter Warmth Coat Drive which is going on **now through November 26**. Your donations of new or gently used coats, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens can be placed in the bin near the main doors in the Narthex.

Earth Corner: Winter is Coming: are you ready?

With Grateful Thanks

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday it seems fitting to turn to Robin Wall Kimmerer for words of thanksgiving for creation and pause for a moment of reflection. As you may know, Kimmerer is a scientist, decorated professor and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She lives in Syracuse, New York where she is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology and Director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment. All of the passages below are taken from her book, Braiding Sweetgrass.

Earth Corner Things to Consider

- ⇒ Read Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer.
- ⇒ Contribute to an organization working to preserve threatened land and vulnerable species.
- ⇒ Share your material/spiritual abundance with those in need.
- ⇒ Offer heartfelt thanksgiving for health, family, and daily bread.

Robin's book is a collection of stories that teach us how to have a "right" relationship with creation. Her perspective is one of kindness and gratitude

- Never take the last. . . Take only what you need. Take only that which is given. Never take more than half.
- To love a place is not enough. We must find ways to heal it.
- We need acts of restoration, not only for polluted waters and degraded lands, but also for our relationship to the world. We need to restore honor to the way we live, so that when we walk through the world we don't have to avert our eyes with shame, so that we can hold our heads up high and receive the respectful acknowledgment of the rest of the earth's beings.
- Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the earth loves you in return, that relationship transforms from a one-way street to a sacred bond.
- We are showered everyday with gifts, but they are not ours to keep. . . Our work and joy is to pass along the gift and to trust that which we have put out to the universe will always come back.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Carol Conti;
 Sharon Farnsworth;
 Wes Evans; Buelah McMaster;
 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.

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 website 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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Scott is John and Dibbie's son-in-law.

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