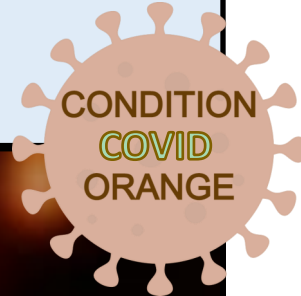


**Light of Christ**  
 Ecumenical Catholic Community  
 All are Welcome



***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!*



*3rd week in Advent*

*December 10, 2022*



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## Events this Week

### Sunday (Dec 11)

11 am - 11th hour bell-ringing  
(Yaeger farms gazebo)

### Tuesday (Dec 13)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB  
Live)

### Wednesday (Dec 14)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

5:30pm - Taco dinner

6:30pm - Advent service (Hybrid/  
Youtube)

### Thursday (Dec 15)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB  
Live)

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

### Saturday (Dec 17)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/  
Facebook Live)

- **Change of office hours:** Starting next week (December 18), the office hours will be shortened to 9a-12pm, Tuesday - Thursday.

- **Ribbons for Advent Wreath and coloring PDFs:** To represent the eclectic diversity of our community as we gather around the light of the advent candles, we are inviting all to bring a short piece of ribbon (6-8 inches) to decorate the Advent Wreath. For those at home, please mail them to the Church Office and we will place it on the wreath for you.

Additionally, each week a PDF will be included with the bulletin for you to color at home with us in the Sanctuary.

- **Round Pantry Blessing of Donations and Volunteers:** This Saturday, **December 10th**, we will bless the donations that Light of Christ members have been bringing to the narthex for the Round Pantry, a food pantry here in Longmont organized by Westview Presbyterian. In addition, we would like anyone who has volunteered at the Round Pantry to please be here

as well for a special blessing of you too. If you have ever unloaded food, packed, helped a client get their food, or loaded up a car, please join us at Mass on **Saturday December 10th** to extend your hands once again in blessing, and that we as a community may bless you.

- **Poinsettias:** Bethlehem Lutheran will be taking orders for Poinsettias from **December 4** through **December 18** with pickup being on Christmas eve. The cost will be \$10. Please contact Nancy Tiff if interested.
- **End of Year Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, please be reminded that for any giving to be considered for 2022, it must be received by the church office by January 3, 2023.

## 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.

- **Donations for the Club Q victims:** Several aid organizations are currently raising funds to help the victims of the Club Q shooting. Club Q has requested donations be sent to the Colorado Healing Fund, which will support those directly affected by this tragedy. You can find a link to them here: [Colorado Healing Fund](#)
- **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**. We will be holding a special blessing at Mass this weekend for these donations as well as for all those who have worked at the Round Pantry.

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>

### Round Pantry Donation items

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

Gluten-free varieties are appreciated.

- **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](mailto:andy@hopeforlongmont.org) for more information.

## Advent and Christmas Calendar



**Advent Dinner, prayer and Fellowship:** Each Wednesday in Advent, there will be a dinner, combined LoC/BL service with activities to follow. 5:30 for dinner, 6:30 for a service in the Sanctuary, simulcast on BL's [Youtube channel](#). and 7:30 for fellowship and activities. Except where noted, dinner will be provided.

- \* December 14: Taco/Nacho bar
- \* December 21: bring your own dinner with caroling and hot chocolate (no service)

**Films with Heart and History:** The Adult Formation Committee will offer two films during Advent, challenging us to ***be the light*** in our world. The first film is called ***The Letter: A Message From Our Earth***. In the film Pope Francis sends a letter to four parts of the earth to invite people, mostly people who have been marginalized, to tell their climate story. It is surprisingly upbeat and motivating. This will be on **Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM.**

The second film is one that Fr. Teri brought back from this year's synod. It's a ***Walking Tour of St. Louis***, highlighting various historical spots where African Americans were sold, lynched, protested, etc. This will be shown on **Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM.** Meet in the church office for both films. Light refreshments will be served.

### Christmas Eve service schedule

4pm - Combined Family Service

6pm - Bethlehem service

**8:15pm - Light of Christ caroling (hybrid)**

**8:45pm - LoC Christmas Eve Mass  
(hybrid)**

11pm - Bethlehem 'midnight' service

## Earth Corner: Human Rights and Climate Change

December 10 is the 74th year anniversary of the passage of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The United Nations, following the devastation of WWII, passed this document in 1948 to agree on the values, principles and obligations the nations of the world have to guarantee and protect human rights and the freedom of vulnerable populations across the globe. While the declaration is not a legally binding agreement, it serves as a “yardstick” on which to judge a country's commitment to human rights.

### How to have a ‘Green’ Christmas

- ⇒ Buy less
- ⇒ Buy smart: Think ‘green’. Look for locally made gifts
- ⇒ Lower the impact of holiday lighting
- ⇒ Choose a live tree.
- ⇒ Make homemade cards.
- ⇒ Find alternatives to wrapping paper.
- ⇒ Reuse/recycle

The United Nations Office of Human Rights has historically focused on the basic rights of people to food, health care, shelter, education, humane treatment of incarcerated people, and safe refuge from war and natural disasters. More recently, the United Nations has linked climate change with human rights. Climate change causes more frequent and extreme weather disasters, reducing food supply, employment, and increases widespread social disruption. It is the position of the United Nations that countries most responsible for the greatest harm to the planet should bear the greatest responsibility for action to prevent further harm and to mitigate current problems.

Please join us for the **December 11** bell ringing service at **11:00 AM**. Since this is a Sunday morning, we are moving the location of the service to **Yeager Farms gazebo** at 15th and Grant Streets, located a few blocks from LOC.

**“Humankind must remember that peace is not God’s gift to his creatures;  
peace is our gift to one another.”** **Elie Wiesel**

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Rita Duncan; Pete Conti  
 Sharon Farnsworth; Sally;  
 Wes Evans; Buelah McMaster;  
 RoseMary; Gary Knutson;  
 Michael Degnan; Lisa Rakow;  
 Linda Moses



*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.](#)

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Council Lectionary for 2023. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

## STEWARDSHIP

	October	November	Year To Date
Donations	\$7,507.45	\$9,315.56	\$108,248.90
Grocery	0.00	0.00	\$1,224.63
Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00
Interest	\$792.42	\$7.97	\$1,731.36
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$2,850.00	\$7.47	\$7,736.80
Total Income	\$11,149.87	\$9,331.00	\$118,941.69
Expenses	\$16,948.65	\$10,887.03	\$135,787.88
Balance	\$(5,798.78)	\$(1,556.03)	\$(16,846.19)

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.

**Jack P. Wolfe**  
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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.  
 Longmont, CO 80501