

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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1st week in Advent

November 26, 2022



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Events this Week

Sunday (Nov 27)

Online retreat goes live

Tuesday (Nov 29)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

Wednesday (Nov 30)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

5:30pm - Chili dinner

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

Thursday (Dec 1)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

1 pm - Women of the Spirit

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

Saturday (Dec 3)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid Sanctuary/ Facebook Live)

- **Ribbons for Advent Wreath:** 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.

- **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](#).

- **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.

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**.

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 for more information.



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 and 7:30 for fellowship and activities. Except where noted, dinner will be provided.

- * November 30th: Chili night
- * December 7: Italian night
- * December 14: Taco/Nacho bar
- * December 21: bring your own dinner with caroling and hot chocolate (no service)

Poinsettias: Bethlehem Lutheran will be taking orders for Poinsettias from December 4 through December 18 with pickup being on Christmas eve. More information will be forthcoming.

Christmas Eve service schedule

4pm - Combined Family Service

6pm - Bethlehem service

8:15pm - Light of Christ caroling

8:45pm - LoC Christmas Eve Mass

11pm - Bethlehem 'midnight' service

Earth Corner: Winter is Coming: are you ready?

Gratitude and Reciprocity

Did you know that the word, ecology, comes from the Greek word for home? It is no wonder that Pope Francis called his encyclical on the environment, *Care for our Common Home*.

This week we are continuing to listen to Robin Wall Kimmerer, ecologist and indigenous author of Braiding Sweetgrass. All the passages below are from her book published in 2013. By the way, sweetgrass is an aromatic herb native to North America. It is considered sacred by many Indigenous peoples in Canada and the United States. It is used as a smudge in herbal medicine.

- I could hand you a braid of sweetgrass, as thick and shining as the plait that hung down my grandmother's back. But it is not mine to give. Wiingaashk (indigenous name for sweetgrass) belongs to herself. So I offer, in its place, a braid of stories meant to heal our relationship to the world.
- Ecological restoration is an act of reciprocity and the Earth asks us to turn our gifts to healing the damage we have done. The Earth-shaping prowess that we thoughtlessly use to sicken the land can be used to heal it. It is not just the land that is broken, but our relationship with land. We can be medicine for the Earth, partners in renewal.
- Reciprocity is rooted in the understanding that we are not alone, that the Earth is populated by non-human persons, wise and inventive beings deserving of our respect. We tolerate governance that grants legal personhood and free speech to corporations but denies that respect to voiceless salamanders and sugar maples. The Earth asks that we be their voice. Indigenous-led movements across the world are conferring legal personhood on rivers and mountains. The Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth has been presented to the United Nations. I think the Earth is asking for our vote.

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.

As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us.

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.](#)

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

STEWARDSHIP

| | September | October | Year To Date |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Donations | \$9,633.45 | \$7,507.45 | \$98,833.34 |
| Grocery Cards | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$1,224.63 |
| Advertising Revenue | \$0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Interest | \$4.85 | \$792.42 | \$,1723.39 |
| Misc. Income (Includes designated) | \$1,729.41 | \$2,850.00 | \$7,729.33 |
| Total Income | \$11,367.71 | \$11,149.87 | \$109,610.69 |
| Expenses | \$12,063.34 | \$16,948.65 | \$124,900.85 |
| Balance | \$(695.63) | \$(5,798.78) | \$(15,290.16) |

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.
Longmont, CO 80501