

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! 6th Week in Ordinary Time February 11, 2023

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Happenings and announcements

Events Week of February 11

Saturday (Feb 11)

11 am - 11th Hour Bell-Ringing

Tuesday (Feb 14)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

Wednesday (Feb 15)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Feb 16)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

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

Saturday (Feb 18)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid/Facebook Live)

- 11th Hour Bell-ringing: Please join us on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 AM for our monthly bell ringing which sounds the alarm for the urgency of the climate crisis. This month we will celebrate Black scientists, activists and ecologists who have contributed to the environmental justice movement.
- Adult Mission Trip Book Sale: The Adult Mission group will be holding a book sale on Saturday, February 18 after Mass. They are looking for donations of books and all proceeds will go towards the Adult Mission Trip this spring. Donations are being collected in the Narthex or the Light of Christ Office. Please contact the Church Office for more information.
- Pot-luck dinner and annual All Parish Meeting: Come join us on Saturday,
 February 25th after Mass for a pot-luck dinner and the annual All Parish Meeting hosted by Parish Council.

The Adult Formation Committee will provide a choice of ham and bean soup, chili, and creamy potato soup. Will you bring an item that will go with any of those soups? We could use a veggie tray, rolls, crackers, salads, desserts, or something of your choosing. And, don't forget to bring your own dishware and utensils.

At the meeting, Parish Council will be sharing information about a thorough review of the finances in the context of the last five years, the state of the community as well as a projection of 2023 based upon the stewardship response. Additionally, there will be a discussion of pathways going forward to implement our strategic vision.

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- **Prayers for Turkey:** Kelci grew up here at Light of Christ and now lives in Turkey. She worships with us when she is home visiting her parents Kelly and Steve. Kelci lives about 750 miles west of the epicenter of the recent earthquakes and both she and her home are safe. Let us all keep the people of Turkey in our prayers. If you would like to make a financial contribution to an organization in Kelci's name, Fr. Teri recommends the Word Central Kitchen (with a 100% 4 Star rating through Charity Navigator) who is organizing a team to bring meals to survivors. You can make that donation at: https://wck.org/donate.
- Sharing Our Hearts: The members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Women of the Spirit group still have many crocheted hearts left after our two projects. We are delighted to share them with you. They are in a basket in the Narthex. You are welcome to take a heart for yourself and/or to give to someone else. It's ok to take more than one and spread the light.



Lenten Events

 Ash Wednesday Services: Light of Christ will be holding combined services with Bethlehem Lutheran on Wednesday, February 22, at Noon and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary co-presided by Fr. Teri and Pastor Katie. Ashes will be available at each of these services.



- Lenten Evening Prayers: Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding joint Midweek Lenten Evening Prayers in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM from March 1st 29th. There will be a pre-service soup supper each week starting at 5:30 PM. Please bring your own dishware and utensils.
- Online Lenten Retreat: You are invited to join us in an Online Lenten Retreat.
 This year's theme is "Be a Light". Each day you will receive an email with materials to contemplate and pray with, as well as an invitation with some journal activities. You can engage these sources in a way that is beneficial to you. If you are interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at pas-tor@lightofchristecc.org by February 18th. If you are already part of our online retreat, you do not need to do anything to sign up.

The retreat will begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd**. All are welcome. You are welcome to share the retreat with a friend who is not part of Light of Christ.



Adult Formation notes

February is Black Awareness Month

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

• Listen to a two minute introduction on environmental justice given by Dr. Robert Bullard. If you want to hear more, there are many other interviews with him on You Tube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T VjSGk8s18

During Black History Month we are highlighting Black environmentalists.

The Father of the Environmental Justice Movement: Dr. Robert Bullard

They refer to Robert Bullard as a trailblazer. He was born in 1946 in Elba, Alabama, a town of 3500 people just 38 miles from the Florida state line. After slavery officially ended in 1876 his grandparents acquired sev-

eral hundred acres of timberland which provided the resources for Bob and his siblings to eventually attend college, a rarity at the time. Bullard went on to earn a PhD in Sociology from Alabama A & M University.

The environment wasn't on Dr. Bullard's radar until 1979, when he was teaching sociology at Texas Southern University, and his lawyer wife asked him for help. She was filing a class-action lawsuit to stop a landfill from going into a middle class Black neighborhood in Houston. She asked Bullard where the city's other landfills were. It was during this research that Dr. Bullard uncovered multiple examples of how communities of color were disproportionately beset with poisoned water, soil and air. For the first time, Dr Bullard was able to bring together environmentalism and civil rights which, before the 1980's, operated on two different tracks.

Dr Bullard's groundbreaking work is found in a textbook which he authored called, <u>Dumping in Dixie</u>, which is used in universities nationwide. It's considered the environmental justice bible.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pete Conti; Linda Moses; Sharon Farnsworth; Gina; Buelah McMaster; RoseMary; James Triche; Nancy Busick; Michael Degnan; Judith Link; Max Moriyama

We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner.

DAILY READINGS

Please join us on Facebook Live at 10AM on Tuesdays/Thursdays for scripture readings Link here. We are currently reading I Samuel.

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

STEWARDSHIP			
	December 2022	January 2023	2023 Year To Date
Donations	\$12,240.00	\$12,313.56	\$12,313.56
Grocery Cards	0.00	\$274.52	\$274.52
Advertising Revenue	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$12.44	\$11.00	\$11.00
Misc.Income (Includes designated)	\$2,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$14,302.44	\$12,599.08	\$12,599.08
Expenses	\$13,019.56	\$11,950.94	\$11,950.94
Balance	\$1,282.88	\$648.14	\$648.14

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.



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