

**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 Lent***  
***February 25, 2023***

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## Lenten Events

- **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**.
- **Lenten soup-supper:** Each week in Lent, there will be a pre-service supper with soup provided on **Wednesday** at **5:30 PM**. Please bring your own dishware and utensils.



Additionally, Light of Christ will be contributing on **March 15th**. Those who would like to make and bring some soup, please contact the church office for more information.

- **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

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.



## Happenings and announcements

- **Pot-luck dinner and annual All Parish Meeting:** Come join us this **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.

- **After-school Food and Fun:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are hosting an initiative for the neighborhood children to gather at the church, have a snack and enjoy some activities in a safe and welcoming space. This program is on **Wednesday** afternoons from **3:30 - 4:15** in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office.
- **Adult Mission Trip Book Sale:** Thanks to all of you, the Book Sale to support the Adult Mission Trip to the Hopi/Navajo reservation was a HUGE success. The combined donations from LOC and BL were \$1300. It is great having such incredible support from the community. Thank You

### Events Week of February 25

#### Saturday (Feb 25)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/FB Live)

6:30 pm - All-Parish Meeting (hybrid/Zoom)

#### Tuesday (Feb 28)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

#### Wednesday (Mar 1)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

5:30 pm - Lenten soup-supper

6:30 pm - Combined Lenten Prayers (Hybrid/BL Youtube)

#### Thursday (Mar 2)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

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

#### Saturday (Mar 4)

5 pm - Mass (hybrid/Facebook Live)

## February is Black Awareness Month

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Read the full story of Hazel Johnson's life and struggle to address toxic waste sites in Chicago from the National Catholic Reporter ([link](#)).

During Black History Month we are highlighting Black environmentalists.

### Hazel Johnson (1935-2011), Mother of Environmental Justice

She was a community activist. She was an ambassador of Altgeld Gardens. She was an early mentor to Barack Obama. She was a "thorn in the side" of the Chicago waste industry. She was a wife and mother of seven children. She is the mother of the environmental justice movement. For more than 30 years, Hazel Johnson worked to clean up her corner of Chicago's southeast side. Her relentless advocacy made her a fixture in local news, and her story has been told in profiles and books and kept alive among her peers in the struggle for environmental justice. But one aspect of her life that's been less explored is her faith. Hazel Johnson was also Catholic.

"It was her faith that got her to the place where she is today," said her daughter Cheryl Johnson. Ten years after her death in January 2011, at age 75 from congestive heart failure, Johnson's contributions to environmental justice continue to resonate — at a time when the movement has reached new heights around the country and in the White House.

"We have abused the planet mercilessly for years, and now we are paying the price," Johnson told the Chicago Tribune in the 1995 interview. **"If we want a safe environment for our children and grandchildren, we must clean up our act, no matter how hard a task it might be."**

—Selection from National Catholic Reporter, February 21, 2021

- **LOC's Social Justice Lending Library Books** - Thanks to everyone who visited the "Lending Library" after Mass on February 4th. Happily, lots of books were borrowed and many people exchanged meaningful conversations about Black history month. When you're ready to return your book, we now have a bookcase in the Narthex by the bulletin board that houses the complete collection. The sign-out notebook sits on the top shelf. Since this is an honor system, please check that you have returned your borrowed book. We will keep the library there so that you can continue to borrow books. If you have social justice books that you would like to add to the collection, we have a cardboard box next to the bookcase for your donation. Mark your books with your name and address, especially if you want them returned to you at some point. Thank you.

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



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

*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](#). 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	January	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.

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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](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.  
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