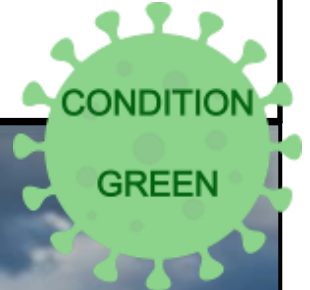


***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

*All Are Welcome!*



*6th week of Easter*

*May 13, 2023*



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## Happenings and announcements

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** The prayer Shawl Ministry group will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 am** in the Fireside Room. This will be our last meeting before we take a break for the summer. Meetings will start up again in September. For more information, contact the Church office.
- **Pentecost - Be a Light, Bring a Light** Pentecost is **Saturday May 27th**, and it is also the 18th Anniversary of Light of Christ. Parish Council will be supplying snacks after Mass in the Fellowship Hall for a community celebration. The Liturgy team is asking that everyone where some shade of FIRE (red, orange, yellow, etc) and bring a light of some sort that will become part of the environment during Mass. It could be a candle, or a flashlight, a glow stick, a lantern, or even a picture of light like lightning, or the model of a lighthouse. Your light should NOT need electricity to be seen. Try to bring a light that somehow inspires you or represents you. We want to celebrate all the different lights that create Light of Christ in our community. For those at home, please have a special light or picture of light with you during Mass. Talk to Fr. Teri if you have any questions
- **Save the Date - Graduation Blessing:** Light of Christ will be blessing our graduates on **May 27th** during Mass. If you are graduating from any educational program this year- High school, technical school college or any other program, please contact the Church Office as we'd love to celebrate with you!

### Weekly Events

#### Tuesday (May 16)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB Live)

10 am - Prayer Shawl committee

4 pm - Liturgy Committee

5 pm - Stephen Ministry (zoom)

#### Wednesday (May 17)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

#### Thursday (May 18)

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

#### Saturday (May 20)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

## Happenings and announcements

- **Summer Reading:** We will be taking a break from reading scripture over the summer. Instead, we will be reading and discussing the book “Wearing GOD” by Lauren F. Winner. The book will take us all over scripture. Each person will need to purchase their own copy. Fr. Teri will purchase a copy for those who need assistance. We will individually read a chapter a week and then we will gather on Thursdays at **9AM** to walk and talk about the chapter. Our first ‘walk and talk’ will be on **Thursday, June 15th at Pelle Crossing in Hygiene**
- **Donation Garden Update:** Growing Gardens, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are partnering together to create the donation garden next to the BL parsonage with 100% of the produce grown being donated to those in need. This spring, the farm is off to a great start. As of mid-April, exactly 1/2 of the farm space has been planted, and so far everything seems to be growing well. Volunteers have helped make this happen, so if you are interested in learning more about this project please contact Tim Villard, Food Project Manager at [Tim@growinggardens.org](mailto:Tim@growinggardens.org).
- **HELP WANTED:** Dear LOC, this is Teri. The Leadership Council of the ECC will be in Colorado for a weekend in September to plan the ECC Holy Synod of 2024. There are 7 members of the Leadership Council, and I have volunteered to "house" them. I am looking for folks with an extra bedroom, and time to help get people to and from the airport **Friday September 22nd** through **Sunday September 24th**. If you would like to help me with this hospitality ministry, please let me know as soon as possible by email ([pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org)) or text. Thank you.

## What does greenwashing mean?

Greenwashing is the practice of making false or misleading statements about the environmental benefits of a product or practice. It can be a way for companies to continue or expand their polluting, all the while gaming the system or profiting off well-intentioned, sustainably minded consumers. The term goes back to 1986 when a hotel in Fiji asked guests to reuse their towels for the planet's sake yet built another hotel in an environmentally sensitive ecosystem.

How does greenwashing show up in advertising?

- Companies use nature-based imagery (trees, leaves, animals) in advertising to make consumers believe that products are sustainable, even if the company or product either actively harms the environment or takes no steps to protect it. Just scan the aisles of the bottled water brands and you'll notice that the labels feature scenic landscapes and pristine rivers, lakes, and springs. In reality, these companies that manufacture bottled water are some of the world's biggest contributors of plastic waste and they often drain ecologically essential water resources in the process of making their product.
- Companies use environmental buzzwords like "natural" and "eco-friendly" to convince consumers that products are gentle on the environment. This language is intentionally vague enough to avoid regulation but may be convincing to customers. Be wary of toilet paper brands that claim to protect the rainforest. In fact, they extract irreplaceable primary forests.
- Companies that tout their latest sustainability initiative but do so to draw attention away from harmful activities making up the majority of their business practices.

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

- Here's a short article on how consumers can spot greenwashing. It is prepared by the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC). <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/learn-spot-greenwashing>

Source: Natural Resources Defence Council, NRDC, February 9, 2023



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Linda Moses; Wes Evans;  
Sharon Farnsworth; Gina;  
Pete Conti; Buelah McMaster;  
Mark Cavinee; Michael Degnan;  
Sharon Cramer; Marty Campbell,  
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 Esther.

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

## STEWARDSHIP

	March	April	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,347.56	\$11,039.56	\$58,639.24
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.52
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$209.30	\$908.75	\$1,137.34
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,547.91
Total Income	\$12,556.86	\$11,948.31	\$62,599.01
Expenses	\$12,834.57	\$14,382.23	\$53,067.83
Balance	\$ (277.71)	\$ (2,433.92)	\$9,531.18

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](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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