



***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!

17th week in Ordinary Time
July 29, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **Potluck BBQ and Concert:** Bethlehem Lutheran is hosting a potluck BBQ and with Longmont Concert Band providing entertainment on **Sunday, July 30**. The potluck BBQ will begin at **noon** (the band will be invited to eat first) with a concert beginning at **1PM**. All members of Light of Christ have been invited to bring a dish and enjoy the food, friends and fellowship.
- **Save the Date - National Night Out:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are participating in the National Night Out again this year, with treats and a movie on **Tuesday, August 1st**. We will be watching the movie "Soul". Please bring your own chairs.
- **Save the Date- Adult Awareness Training:** In preparation for the fall school year, we wish to ensure that all are welcome and safe. To assist in this, everyone who works with children are required to attend an Adult Awareness course every two years. This year, we will be offering it on **Saturday, August 5th** from **Noon till 2:30pm**. Please contact the Church office for more information.
- **Story-Telling Team:** Do you like to read stories? Do you like to read to children? Would you like to help Fr. Teri start a new ministry before Mass? Fr. Teri is assembling a team to read stories to the children before Mass. To join the team, contact Fr. Teri.
- **Liturgy Team is looking for a Carpenter:** The Liturgy team is looking for a carpenter to make two tables for us and our wine serving stations. We have particular details that need to be included. Because of what we specifically need, we are going to need the tables to be built. If you, or someone you know, could help us with this, please contact Fr. Teri.

Weekly Events

Saturday (July 29)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Sunday (July 30)

Noon - BBQ Potluck

1 pm - Band concert

Tuesday (Aug 1)

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

6 pm - Tuesday Tales (FB Live)

8 pm - National Night Out

Wednesday (Aug 2)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Aug 3)

8:45 am - Walk & Talk (Pella Crossing)

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

Saturday (Aug 5)

Noon - Adult Awareness Training

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Marketing Project

- **Light of Christ Marketing Project:** Launched after gathering your support at the All Parish meeting in late February, the Marketing Project Team is now underway. The Team includes Ann Hess and Pam Hora (co-leads), Fr. Teri, Gisele Shea, Chuck Cooper, Rick Rodgers, Sheila Winters, Heather Brubaker, Rose Marie Perez Foster, Irene Yap and Shannon Matthews.

An in-depth assessment of two very capable consultants resulted in the selection and signing of a contract with Aaron Bailey in June. Aaron specializes as a marketing consultant for churches, with some very impressive references.

The first sentence in the Statement of Work states well what this effort is all about...

Light of Christ desires to grow their awareness, outreach, congregational membership and their impact in Boulder County through strategic branding, marketing and communication in 2023 and beyond.

We are currently in Phase 1 with Aaron, where he is gathering input about LOC in order to help ...

uncover what makes LOC unique, who LOC has been in the past and where God is calling LOC to be in the future.

With this input, he will begin to propose changes to our website, messaging, communication channels, etc.

There are a total of 3 phases to complete the project's contractual services. We will provide brief updates as the work continues. Please keep the team and efforts in your prayers.



Growing Gardens

Growing Gardens: Summer Update

The summer growing season has arrived! We wrapped up our seed and seedling donations at the end of May; they provided over 18,000 seedlings and 4,500 seed packets to home gardeners in Boulder County. We have now been planting our summer crops and catching up with the weeds. Most summer crops are now planted and we had our first harvests this week including heads of lettuce, radishes, garlic scapes, kale, and chard.



On-farm participants include members of our Work Trade and Cultiva Youth programs which began this week as well. The highlight from this week was having Kevin Rescigno, the new Director of Food Services with OUR Center, visit both our farm locations to get to know our work and to discuss how he can better feature the produce they receive from The Food Project Farm. -- Tim Villard

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this project please email Tim Villard, Food Project Manager at Tim@growinggardens.org. He will be happy to fill you in.

The Land Stewardship Team has also been hard at work laying the groundwork for a longer term partnership with Growing Gardens. Bethlehem Lutheran will be hosting a few forums to get people's feedback on the plan we're putting together! They have set three dates/times to hold these forums so that everyone who wants to attend will have the opportunity. Here are the dates: Sunday, August 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room, Sunday September 17 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room, and Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

- **Immigration Immersion Trip to El-Paso:** Time is running out for those who are interested in the Border Immersion trip to El Paso Texas. **Registration for the trip ends on July 31st** for this opportunity.

Light of Christ, along with a small group from other church communities is participating in a Border Immersion with Cristo Rey--a Lutheran congregation--in El Paso, TX. Those participating will learn first-hand about the things we hear about in the news as we meet people who cross the border as well as people who work as border agents, social workers, legal aids, and volunteers in shelters. There will also be some service components--such as feeding the hungry and handing out water.

Border Immersion Trip Quick Info

Who: Up to 20 Bethlehem, Light of Christ, and Christ the Servant members

When: October 6-13, 2023 (tentative) plus travel time

Cost: Estimated \$600 plus cost of transportation to/from El Paso. Limited scholarships available.

Commitment: Register with Cathy G. (cegood47@aol.com) AND Fr. Teri in the church office by July 31, \$100 non-refundable deposit due Aug 15.



**UPCOMING
SUMMER
EVENTS**

Hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran Church &
Light of Christ Ecumenical Community

Bring lawn chairs or blankets!

POTLUCK BBQ & CONCERT
JULY 30 @ NOON 

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
OUTDOOR MOVIE & TREATS
AUGUST 1 @ DUSK 

DRUMMING CONCERT
AUGUST 20 @ TBD*
**Check our website for the time* 

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Earth Corner: What faith can teach us about climate fear and anxiety

“The Spirit of God has given us no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise..
.With the strength which comes from God, bear your share of hardship.” II Tim. 1: 7-8

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Listen to Katherine Hayhoe’s interview from the NY-Times (12-29-21) called “[An Evangelical Climate Scientist Wonders What Went Wrong.](#)”

In Paul’s letter to Timothy, he simply states that God has not given us a Spirit of fear. So if we feel fear and respond to climate change out of fear, that fear is not coming from God. Instead Paul writes that God has given us a Spirit of power which enables us to act instead of being frozen or paralyzed. Love is the gift of the Spirit; it is the source of compassion for others, putting their needs first as we act. And, finally, God has given us sound minds to make good decisions based on facts and data.

So how do we move beyond fear and shame? By acting from love. Love starts with speaking truth: making people fully aware of the risks and choices they face in a manner that is relevant and practical to them. But it also offers compassion, understanding, and acceptance, the opposite of guilt and shame. Love bolsters our courage, too. What will we not do for people we love? And, finally, it opens the door to that most ephemeral and sought after of emotions, hope.

Some scientists and writers talk about climate change using apocalyptic language which causes fear and terror. Hannah Malcome, a theologian who lived with a scientist father, finds insight in reading the words of the prophets who also warned of catastrophic calamities and widespread destruction. Here is something to think about: “The words of the prophets—living and dead—can help us learn to talk about our apocalyptic fears. They teach us to be honest about the realities of sin, greed, and grief. They call for radical, upside down changes, not small adjustments to existing systems. And they teach us how to be absurdly hopeful, painting visions of peaceful futures when that seems impossible.”

Katherine Hayhoe, [Saving Us](#), pg.83

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marilyn Wasmundt; Linda Moses; Gina Sharon Farnsworth; Viv Thompson
 Pete Conti; Buelah McMaster; Paula Degnan
 Mark Cavinee; Lisa Jordan; Rita Rose;
 Sharon Cramer; Marty Campbell; Wes Evans
 Carol Fischer

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

This summer, we are reading "Wearing God" by Lauren F. Winner and meeting at Pella Crossing for a 'walk and talk' on Thursdays at 8:45AM. Aug 3 will be "Flame"

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

STEWARDSHIP

	May	June	Year To Date
Donations	\$12,709.56	\$11,003.56	\$82,352.36
Grocery Cards	\$256.99	\$0.00	\$531.51
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$10.00	\$8.88	\$1,156.22
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$31.11	\$1,000.00	\$3,579.02
Total Income	\$13,007.66	\$12,012.44	\$87,619.11
Expenses	\$11,114.28	\$15,426.57	\$79,608.68
Balance	\$ 1,893.38	(\$3,414.13)	\$8,010.43

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