

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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14th Week in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **Walk and Talk Time change:** Please note that our Thursday walk and talks at Pella Crossing will now be starting at **8:45 AM.**
- **El Paso Fundraiser, Breakfast Burritos!** Fr. Teri and other LOC members going to El Paso this October for the Cross Cultural Immersion Trip will be hosting a Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser **after Mass on July 15th.** There will be bacon burritos and vegetarian burritos, a few gluten-free burritos and even a couple dairy free options. Burritos will be sold for a free will offering, so no particular price. Money raised will help with expenses for traveling to El Paso, as well as a donation to our host organization Cristo del Rey in El Paso. Any questions, please contact Fr. Teri.
- **Pride thank you:** Longmont Pride was a great success. We met so many people and had a great time sharing the Light of Christ with them. Thanks to Chuck Cooper for co-ordinating the effort and to all of the volunteers who helped make it such a wonderful time.

Weekly Events

Saturday (July 8)

5 pm - Communion Service (Hybrid/
Facebook Live)

Tuesday (July 11)

11 am - 11th hour bell-ringing
6 pm - Parish Council
6 pm - Tuesday Tales (FB Live)

Wednesday (July 12)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)
6 pm - Immigration Pot-luck

Thursday (July 13)

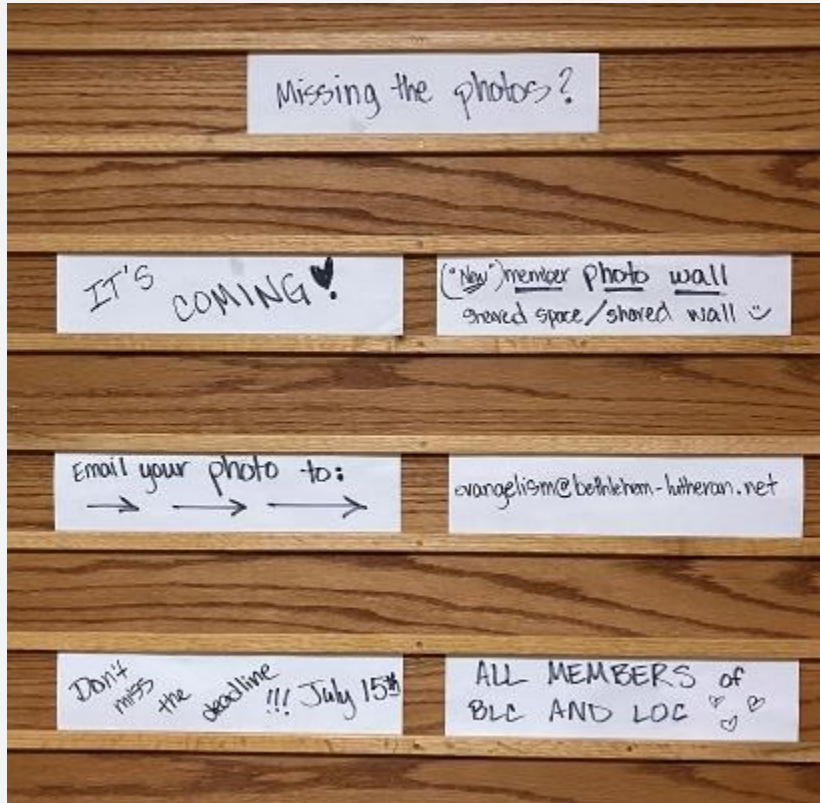
8:45 am - Walk & Talk (Pella Crossing)
7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

Saturday (July 15)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)



Bethlehem Lutheran and LoC



- **Member photo wall:** As we are working more closely with Bethlehem Lutheran, they are looking to update their membership photo wall to include Light of Christ members. Please email your favorite individual or family photo to evangelism@bethlehem-lutheran.net and include family members names as you would like them to appear under the photo on the wall! Deadline for wall photos is **July 15th**. Thank you!

- **Supporting our Siblings in Christ, Bethlehem Lutheran:** We have an amazing, collaborative relationship with our host community Bethlehem Lutheran. It is not a typical landlord/tenant relationship, but more like a covenant, blessed by God. In addition to collaborating with us in ministry (i.e. mission trips, prayer shawl ministry, neighborhood movie nights, Holy Week liturgies, Wednesday prayer in Advent and Lent, and more), our host community maintains the building, and has added features over time that Light of Christ benefits from like the technology in the sanctuary, and soon a doorbell with camera near the LOC office

Parish Council and Fr. Teri would like to invite anyone who feels so inspired, to consider donating to Bethlehem Lutheran and their Capital Management Fund. For those willing and able, this would be a particular way to say "thank you" to our dear siblings in Christ. You can send a check directly to their office, and note that it is from an LOC member to the BL Capital Management Fund, or maybe even include a "Thanks for Being You" card. Their address is Bethlehem Lutheran, 1000 W 15th Avenue, Longmont 80501. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Immigration Immersion

- **Immigration Immersion Trip to El-Paso:** Do you have questions about immigration? Have you wondered how people move from one country to another? Are you worried about people illegally crossing boundaries? Are you worried for the welfare of people seeking refuge or asylum? Then, this trip is for you! A small group (of up to 20 people from Bethlehem, Light of Christ, and Christ the Servant churches) is participating in a Border Immersion (tentatively **Oct 6-13**) 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. If you'd like to learn more about immigration, whether you are going on the trip or not, our congregations will also host an informational event Immigration Facts and Myths (**July 12**).
- **Immigration Facts and Myths:** Join Bethlehem Lutheran, Light of Christ ECC and Christ the Servant Lutheran (Louisville) Churches for an informational event led by immigration attorney Cathy Brown. She will explore facts and myths about immigration laws and challenge us to think, "What would Jesus do?"

Come on **July 12** at **6 pm** with a dish to share for a community potluck followed by presentation and discussion at 6:30 pm. Nursery care provided with thanks to Girl Scout Troop 76091. This is for all members and friends--and highly recommended for anyone considering participating in the Border Immersion Trip.

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.

Earth Corner: Climate Anxiety

In 2020, Friends of the Earth, an environmental non-profit, estimated that over two-thirds of young people (18-24 year olds) experience climate anxiety. In fact, Aaron Kiely, climate campaigner for Friends of the Earth, suggested: “as the group of people most likely to see the worsening effects of climate chaos, it’s not surprising that a surge of younger people is increasingly concerned, especially in the face of government inaction.”

In 2021, a group of researchers extended their studies to understand the extent of [climate anxiety in young people across multiple countries](#) and surveyed 10,000 young people (aged 16-25 years) in 10 countries including the USA. They reported that participants across all countries were worried about climate change, 59% were very or extremely worried. In fact, more than 50% reported each of the following emotions: sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, and guilty.

So, it’s becoming pretty obvious that researchers believe that the younger generations are experiencing climate anxiety. They are called the climate generation. But what about older generations? Surely there are more people who experience anxiety about environmental issues than 16 to 25 year olds. Unfortunately, the natural environment has been a missing topic from surveys concerning older adults. And, realistically, some older people may not engage in climate discussions if they think they can’t do anything to affect change.

Some researchers speculate that older people may care about the short-term impacts of climate change (like extreme weather, poor air quality and infectious diseases) because they will personally be more vulnerable. While there is research on the physical impacts of climate change on an aging population (like excessive heat in urban, non air conditioned apartments), there is less known about the toll climate change is taking on their mental health. For example, older people may have feelings of guilt and anxiety because of the ecological damage to the environment they have left for the next generations to solve.

Fear can encourage us to back away from the challenges ahead or it can propel us into action. There is no inevitably to doomsday; we have choices.

Friendly reminder: Please join us on Tuesday, July 11, 11:00 AM for the Bell Ringing Service. We will be praying for the victims of the Canadian wildfires.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Don't give into the doomsday scenarios about climate change. Stay positive; stay active. Fear can motivate as well as shut down action. Choose hope.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Linda Moses; Wes Evans;
Sharon Farnsworth; Gina;
Pete Conti; Buelah McMaster;
Mark Cavinee; Lisa Jordan;
Sharon Cramer; Marty Campbell,
Carol Fischer; Viv Thompson;

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. July 6 will be chapter 3 - "Bread and Vine".

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	\$71,348.80
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