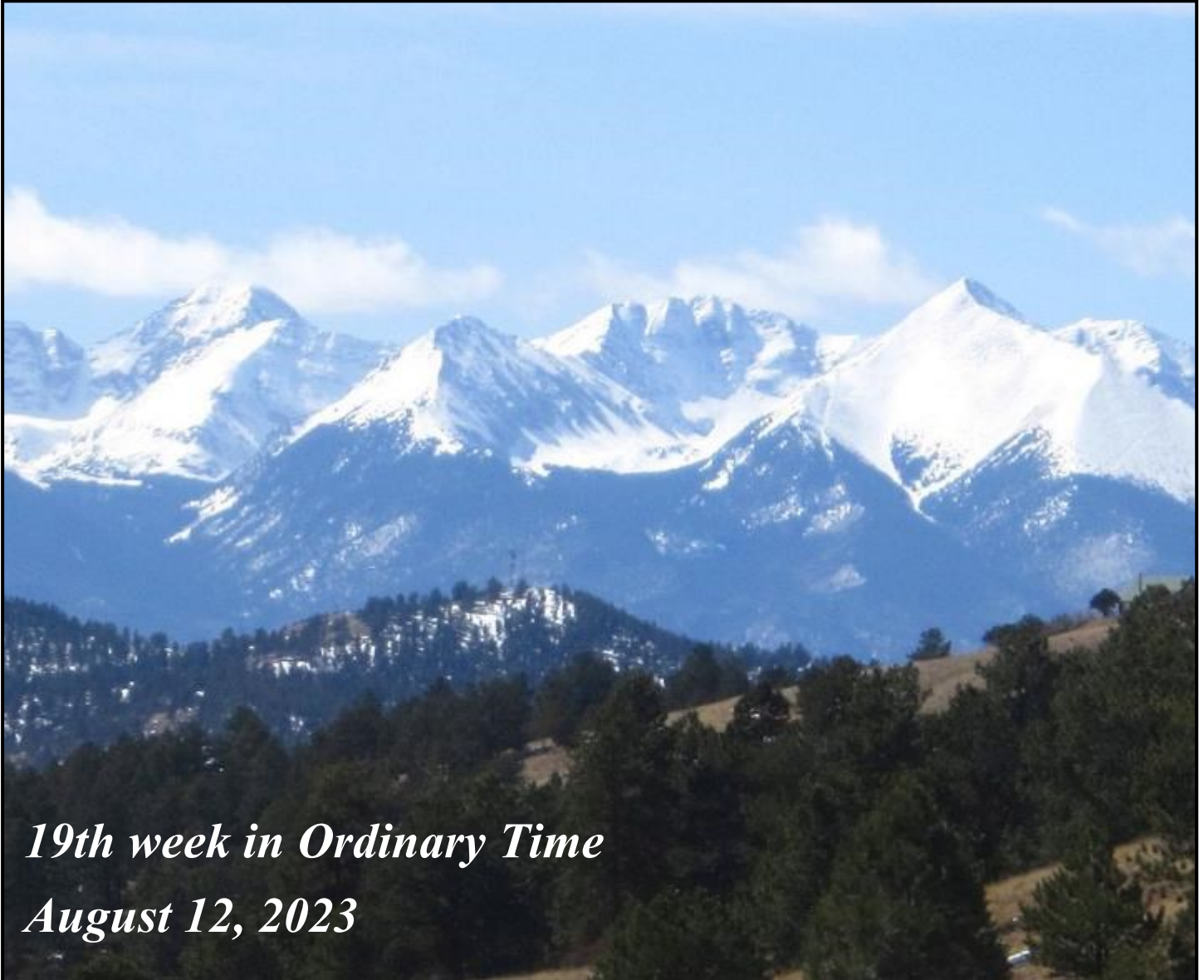


Light of Christ
Ecumenical Catholic Community
All are Welcome



***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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19th week in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2023

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Happenings and announcements

- **Parish Council Nominating Committee:** It is that time of year again, when we need to select community members who will help to lead and guide our faith community, as they serve on Parish Council. The participants on the Nominating Committee are: Chuck Cooper, Gerry Geiger, Barb Olander, Marlene Rodgers, and Mary Lu Stenson. We will start our process in the next few weeks and ask for your prayers for the committee's wisdom and success. Stay tuned for opportunities for your input. Updates to follow.
- **Summer events:** As summer winds to a close, so do our weekly Tuesday Tales and Walk & Talk. The final Walk & Talk will be on **August 17 from 8am to 9am** and the last Tuesday Tales will be on **August 22**.
- **Children's Talk is Back!!!** We are going to start Children's Talk **BEFORE** Mass on **August 26th**, every Saturday. We will meet in the sanctuary by the back altar at **4:50pm**, and online too, for a short story time, lesson, and prayer together. People at home will only be able to hear us, not actually see us. Children's Talk is for children of all ages. See Fr. Teri if you have any questions.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Aug 12)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Sunday (Aug 13)

9:15 am - Land Stewardship Team

Tuesday (Aug 15)

4 pm - Liturgy Committee

5 pm - Stephen Ministry

6 pm - Tuesday Tales (FB Live)

6 pm - Parish Council

Wednesday (Aug 16)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Aug 17)

8 am - Walk & Talk (Pella Crossing)

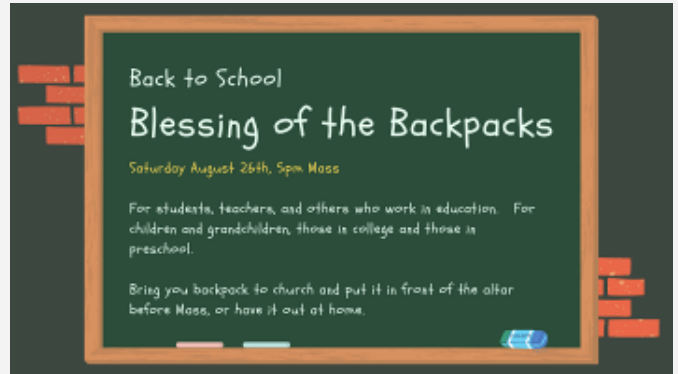
7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

Saturday (Aug 19)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

More Happenings and announcements

- **Back to School Blessing:** Bring your backpack to Mass on **Saturday August 26th** for our back to school blessing. Place your backpack and/or lunchbox in front of the altar before Mass for the blessing. This is for all students, teachers, and others who work in education. This blessing is great for children and grandchildren, college students and preschoolers. See Fr. Teri if you have any questions.



- **RCIA** - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is being offered this school year for adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion. It is a chance for you to explore your faith together with a group, and decide if you want to participate in these sacraments at Easter Vigil of 2024. We already have one adult who is exploring Confirmation. We will be meeting the **1st Friday of each month** in the church office from **6:00 - 8:30pm**. Fr. Teri will be our guide. Other Light of Christ adults who want to refresh and renew your faith by joining are welcome to attend, but we ask that you plan to do the reading and home reflection writing, as well as attend most sessions to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri, or plan to show up at the church office on Friday **September 1st at 6:00pm**, ready to pray and discern with a group the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- **Riding the Summer COVID wave:** Summer colds are nothing new, but a new wave of COVID infections have added a twist to the summer season. It is expected that 10-15% of Americans will be infected by the virus this summer.

Thankfully, most COVID cases are less severe than in the past, but there are still risks, especially as some continue to suffer from more severe reactions and/or “long COVID”. For some perspective on the most current trends as well as what you might do to help yourself and others, please see the article linked [here](#).

Public Lands, Native Stories

The untold voices of Colorado's land and people



Light of Christ is thrilled to announce that **Dr. Jared Orsi**, Colorado State Historian and professor of history at Colorado State University, will be giving a talk on **Saturday, September 16, 2023** at **2:00 PM** in the church sanctuary with refreshments to follow. This free event is planned as part of our month-long celebration focusing on ecological stewardship - the Care for Creation.

This talk will explore what the history of public lands tells us about the treatment of indigenous people and people of color. Dr

Orsi will point to efforts to advance equity and inclusion of indigenous people through greater participation in and management of public lands. He is a strong advocate that public lands tell important Native stories. Orsi will also talk about his last year's experience in traveling throughout the state speaking to local communities about Colorado history.

"Most public lands become public through a process of dispossessing the indigenous people who already live there and erasing their presence. So public lands are deeply embedded in the nation's colonial legacy." (State Historian Council Website)

Dr. Orsi has taught at CSU for more than 20 years, with an focus on borderlands and environmental history. He will address the question of what the history of public lands tells us about the treatment of indigenous people and people of color. Dr. Orsi is the author of *Citizen Explorer: The Life of Zebulon Pike*.

**Groovin' on a
Sunday Afternoon**



GREGG HANSEN
and his

**Djembe
Orchestras
of
Colorado**

**FREE
Popcorn &
Cotton Candy**



Concert & Drum Circle

Presented by
**Friends of Community Drums &
Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

1:00-3:30 p.m. Sunday, August 20

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 W. 15th Ave., Longmont, CO. Under the Gazebo!

A freewill donation will support our community partnership with
Growing Gardens to grow food for the local community!

Design by Design Source

Earth Corner: Food Aid Is the Key Fight

Most people are surprised to learn that nutrition assistance, mainly through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is where most farm bill money is spent. In the 1970's Congress included nutrition assistance in the farm bill to secure votes from urban legislators. Today, over 42 million people depend on SNAP, including nearly one in four children. People who benefit from SNAP are: low income families, senior citizens, disabled people and veterans.

SNAP will likely consume about 80% of the money in the farm bill, up from 76% in 2018. Why is the farm bill so costly? Well, inflation has driven up the cost of food everywhere. Nutrition standards have changed to require healthier food choices, especially for children. Additional money was added to SNAP during the pandemic to feed those who lost jobs. Reformers argue that money should be capped for food subsidies. In their view, too much money goes to very large farms that produce commodity crops like wheat, corn, soybeans, and rice, while small and medium size producers receive far less support. In fact, 89% of U.S. farmers failed to make a liveable profit in 2022 even though total farm income set a record of \$162 billion.

During the pandemic, SNAP benefits were increased and reached more people on an emergency basis but those benefits are now gone. Anti-hunger advocates are now lobbying to make the increased pandemic benefits permanent.

In addition to food assistance available through the SNAP program, food aid is distributed through other channels. For example, there is a food distribution program on Indian reservations. Some areas of the country make food available through food commodities. Food banks also receive food through the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Read a two page summary of SNAP and Nutrition Programs in the Farm Bill at: <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF12255>

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; Kris Jenkins

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP

	June	July	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,003.56	\$8642.56	\$90,994.92
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$531.51
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8.88	\$9.05	\$1,165.27
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$908.00	\$4,488.02
Total Income	\$12,012.44	\$9,560.61	\$97,179.72
Expenses	\$15,426.57	\$10,812.27	\$90,420.95
Balance	(\$3,414.13)	(\$1,251.66)	\$6,758.77

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.