

***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!

20th week in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2023



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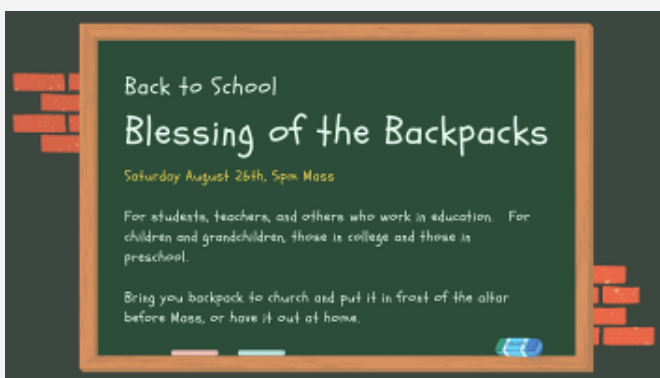
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Happenings and announcements

- **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.
- **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.

- **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.



Weekly Events

Saturday (Aug 19)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Sunday (Aug 20)

1 pm - Concert/Drum Circle

Tuesday (Aug 22)

6 pm - Tuesday Tales (FB Live)

Wednesday (Aug 23)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Aug 24)

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

Saturday (Aug 26)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

More Happenings and announcements

- **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](#).

- **Round Pantry Update:** The Round Pantry is a local food resource center which provides food at no cost on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Last week alone, the Round Pantry provided 960 households with food. In the last year or so, demand for this valuable service has increased while post-COVID participation has declined.

Light of Christ has a very long-standing relationship with the Round Pantry, with volunteers from our community helping out for many years. Please consider donating your time and talents as you can to assist in this worthy outreach opportunity. To volunteer or find out more about the Round Pantry, please visit their website at <http://roundpantry.org/>

State Historian to speak at Light of Christ

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 and book-signing to follow.



This free event is open to the public and is planned as part of our month-long celebration focusing on ecological stewardship - the Care for Creation.



**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

The Farm Bill and Climate Change

(The following has been adapted from a report on climate by the Center for American Progress (CAP), May, 2023.)

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Consider making your opinions of the Farm Bill known to your elected representatives.

Last year in 2022, we saw climate-induced events that jeopardized our food system. We witnessed record-breaking extreme heat numerous times throughout the country., an unprecedented cold winter in Texas, a historical drought in California, an unseasonal flood in Kentucky and a record number of wildfires in the West. Such events threatened our food system in the US. Climate change creates instability for food production but other factors also contribute to food instability.

With ten percent of U.S. emissions coming from the agricultural sector, there are abundant opportunities to help the planet through improved farming techniques and better land use decisions. When farm land, forests, or nature is lost to development, carbon emissions increase. Policies that conserve land have the potential to reverse that trend. Farm bill conservation programs represent the largest source of federal funding for private landowners to preserve and steward their lands, waters, and wildlife for current and future generations.

The farm bill is uniquely poised to advance climate-smart farming practices that may significantly reduce carbon emissions from agriculture with major climate and conservation initiatives incorporated in the bill. Strong leadership and action by Congress can balance the needs of our farming communities with conservation and climate concerns.



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

We are currently taking a break from readings. Join us in the fall when our readings return.

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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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 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