

***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!

21st week in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **Parish Council Nominations:** This weekend after Mass is the last opportunity to submit your nominations for parish council. Your input is vital, as together we select the next leaders for our community. Please continue to pray for wisdom, guidance and discernment. Thank you!

Please direct questions to Committee Members: Chuck Cooper, Gerry Gieger, Barb Olander, Marlene Rogers, Mary Lu Stenson

- **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.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us in the church office for a time of prayer, meditation and Real Presence from **6 to 6:30 pm** every first Friday of the month, starting on **September 1**.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Aug 26)

3 pm - Marketing group

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Aug 30)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Aug 31)

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

Friday (Sep 1)

6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - RCIA

Saturday (Sep 2)

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 **6:30 - 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. I

if you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri, or plan to show up at the church office on Friday **September 1st** at **6:30pm**, ready to pray and discern with a group the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life.

- **Fall happenings:** As students return to school, so to do some of our ministries return from summer break. The **Women of the Spirit** will be returning on the first Thursdays of each month at 1pm and the **Prayer Shawl** ministry will be resuming on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. More information will be forthcoming in the near future. Contact Judy Nielsen (Women of the Spirit) or Barb Olander (Prayer Shawl) if you are interested in joining us.
- **Save the Date - ECC 20th birthday:** The Ecumenical Catholic Communion was formed on September 19, 2003. To celebrate, there will be a zoom-based celebration on **Tuesday, September 19th** at **6pm**. More details and a zoom link to follow.



Save the Date!

Celebrating 20 years of ECC!

There will be a para liturgy celebration
via Zoom
celebrating ECC's 20th Anniversary
on

September 19, 2023

Time is tentatively set for
5pm (PT), 6pm (MT), 7 pm (CT), 8 pm (ET)

Plan to join us!

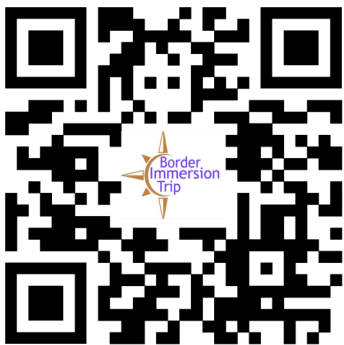
(A zoom link will be sent out in September)

Even MORE Happenings and announcements

- **Make a difference to Cristo Re El Paso:** Cristo Rey in El Paso is hosting our Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran members in October who will be traveling to El Paso on an immersion trip focusing on immigration. It is a mission church of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran in America.) Their congregation includes many immigrants. As part of this immersion trip, we have a goal of raising \$5000, both for travel expenses and to help Cristo Rey with ministries like an after school program, a clinic in Juarez, and hosting other border immersion trips. We made about \$1500 in our burrito fundraiser in July.



In the narthex for the next three weekends, you will see two cacti with information on what donations of money can do at Cristo Rey. There are three options to donate:



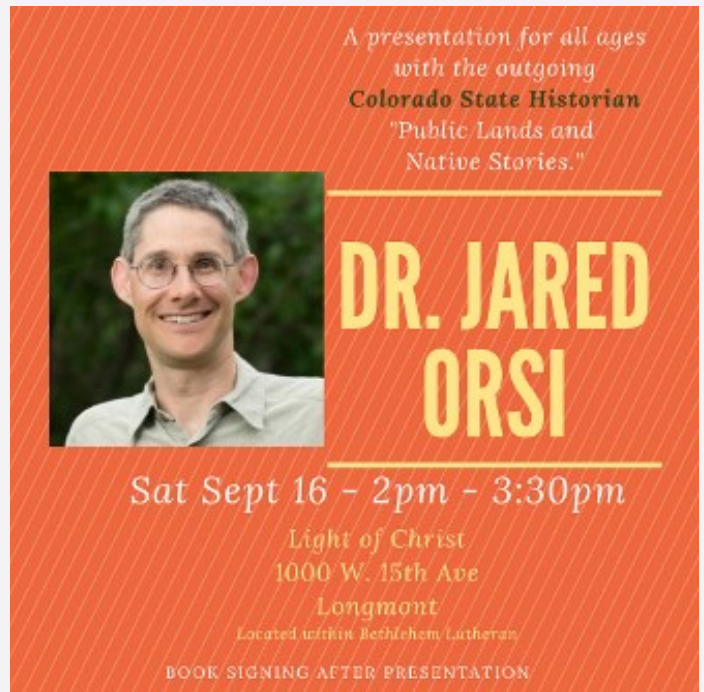
1. Use the QR code by the cactus or here
2. Use an envelope in the pews or by the cactus.
3. Go to www.bethlehem-lutheran.net. Go to “donations”, then “On Line Giving”, and then the Border Immersion Trip tile.

Questions? Contact Cathy G at cegood47@aol.com, or talk to Fr. Teri or Rick Rogers from LOC who are going to El Paso.

Public Lands, Native Stories

The untold voices of Colorado's Land and people

Light of Christ is thrilled to announce that Dr. Jared Orsi, the outgoing Colorado State Historian and professor of history at Colorado State University for over 20 years, will be speaking 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 - 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 here in Colorado. As a strong advocate that public lands tell important Native stories, Dr. Orsi will point to efforts to advance equity and inclusion of indigenous people through greater participation in and management of public lands.

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)

Orsi will also talk about his experience traveling throughout the state speaking to local communities about Colorado history.

Dr. Orsi is the author of Citizen Explorer: The Life of Zebulon Pike.
Public Lands, Native Stories the untold voices of Colorado's land and people.

This talk is free and open to the public

Earth Corner: Food Aid Is the Key Fight

The Farm Bill and Climate Change

Over the last several weeks, we have outlined the importance of the Farm Bill to both the people of our nation as well as the environment. Given how timely and important this legislation is to all Americans, your prayerful and informed opinion may be key in helping Congress shape policy that is in line with the will and best interests of the voting populace.

At present, Congress is still in the fact-finding stages. Below, you will find links to the Farm Bill recommendations proposed by the US Department of Agriculture, email addresses for submitting ideas/proposals to the House and Senate Agriculture committees and, finally, a website where you can find contact information for your elected officials.

Consider contacting to your elected representatives and let them know your opinion regarding this important matter.

- ◆ USDA 2023 Farm Bill recommendations: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/farm-bill-2023-recommendations.pdf>
- ◆ US House Agriculture Committee Farm Bill email: (Erin Wilson, Director of Member Services and Coalitions) erin.wilson@mail.house.gov
- ◆ US Senate Agriculture Committee Farm Bill email: FarmBill2023@ag.senate.gov
- ◆ US Congress elected official lookup: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

“If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved.”

- Bono

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Obtain a copy of the Farm Bill recommendations from the US Dept. of Agriculture
- Contact the house and/or Senate Agriculture Committees
- Write a letter or send a post-card to your representatives.

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 ; Dave Barnwell

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.



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.



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.