

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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18th week in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2023

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Happenings and announcements

- **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**.
- **Tuesday Tales:** As summer winds to a close, so does our weekly Tuesday Tales. The last Tuesday Tales will be on **Tuesday, 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.
- **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.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Aug 5)

Noon - Adult Awareness Training
5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Aug 8)

6 pm - Tuesday Tales (FB Live)

Wednesday (Aug 9)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Aug 10)

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

Saturday (Aug 11)

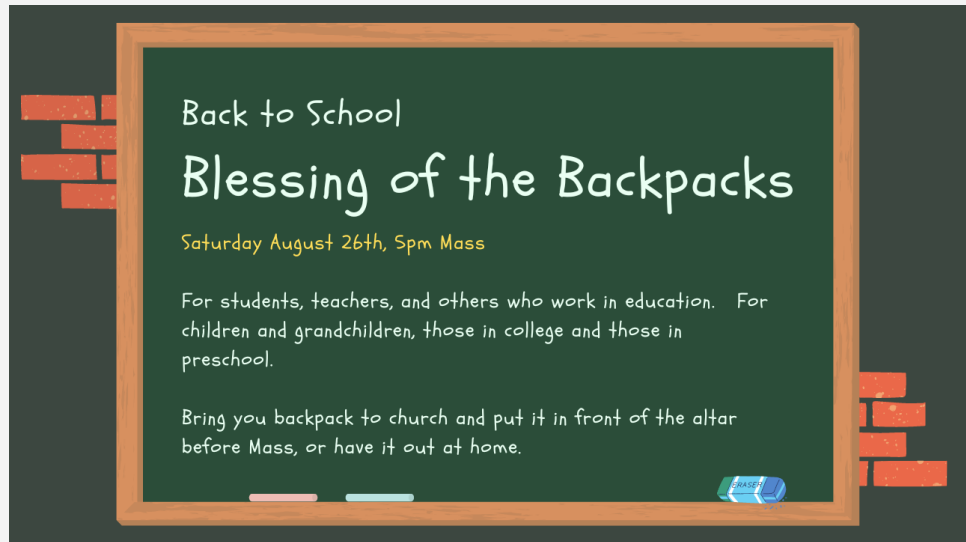
11 am - 11th Hour Bell-ringing

Saturday (Aug 12)

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 bless-



- ing. 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.

- **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*.

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.

Earth Corner: The Farm Bill

If you're like me, when someone mentions the farm bill, I tune out, thinking that this is someone else's issue since I'm a city girl and know nothing about the operations of a farm or ranch. Like me, you might be mistaken. The farm bill legislation that is being proposed right now in Congress is everybody's concern. For one thing, farm bills carry a high price tag, the 2023 legislation is expected to cost over a trillion dollars. The timing of the farm bill this year is especially tricky. It follows two years of pricey congressional legislation addressing other costly needs like the covid-19 pandemic, infrastructure, inflation, and domestic manufacturing.

This month we're going to focus on the farm bill. What is it? Who benefits from it? And, why does it cost so darn much? What does it have to do with climate change? To answer some of these questions, here is a little background.

For the 20th time since 1933, Congress is writing a multiyear farm bill that will shape what kind of food US farmers grow, how they raise it and how it gets to consumers. This legislation is written every five years and the current bill ends on September 30th. It addresses aspects of our food system that are large, complex, and expensive. The 2023 farm bill is projected to cost taxpayers \$1.5 trillion over ten years. Modern farm bills address many things besides food, from rural broadband access to biofuels and even help for small towns buying police cars. And, these measures bring out a long list of lobbyists, advocating for their special niche.

Environmental and conservation groups will try to influence policies that affect land use and sustainable farming practices. Hunger and nutrition groups target food aid, including the SNAP Program (food stamps). Farm Bureau folks will focus on farm subsidies and crop insurance. The bill has something for everyone and many special interests will be jockeying for influence, power, and funding. Faith communities too will be advocating for food policies that are fair and equitable for people, especially the poor and the planet. Urban residents should care about the farm bill as much as people in small rural farming communities. We all need food.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Visit and shop at one of Boulder County's farmers markets.
- If you raised a garden this year, share your abundance with neighbors.

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.

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.