

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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*26th week in Ordinary Time*

*September 30, 2023*



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## Happenings and announcements

- **Blessing of the Animals:** In commemoration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a blessing of pets on **Wednesday, October 4th**. Father Teri and Pastor Katie will be in the **Stable** to bless pets any time between **6 - 7 PM**.

- **Women of the Spirit:** The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on **Thursday, October 5th** at **1:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. Come join us as we plan for the months ahead. Bring your ideas for possible discussion topics, activities, book sharing, etc. that you would like our meetings to include. We're always open to new members and new ideas, so consider attending our meeting and be uplifted and blessed with the sisterhood we share. For more information, contact Judy Nielsen at 303-772-9466 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229.

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

- **Rocky Mountain Regional Council:** For those who are interested in the operation of the ECC at a regional level, there will be an open meeting of the Rocky Mountain Regional Council on **Saturday, October 7** at **9:30 am** in the fireside room.

## Weekly Events

### Saturday (Sep 30)

- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)
- 6 pm - Pot luck dinner with Bishop Kae

### Tuesday (Oct 3)

- 10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)
- 5 pm - Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday (Oct 4)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)
- 6 pm - Blessing of the Animals

### Thursday (Oct 5)

- 1 pm - Women of the Spirit
- 7 pm - Men's Group (Hybrid/Zoom)

### Friday (Oct 6)

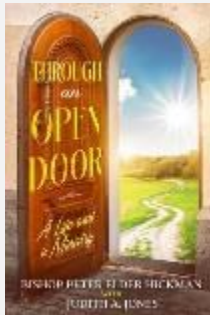
- 6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm - RCIA

### Saturday (Oct 7)

- 9:30am - RM Regional Council meeting
- 2 pm - Marketing Meeting
- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

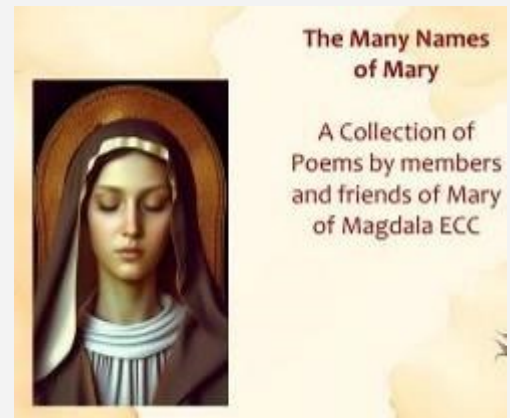
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- **Call for Donations:** This is the final week to donate ketchup, leggings and sports bras for the Cristo Rey Christmas baskets. Please bring your donations this weekend.
- **Safety Team:** Did you know that Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran have a combined Safety team? We do! This team has performed a safety audit and reviewed materials regarding best practices to create a combined, comprehensive plan for basic security, fire, weather and active shooter scenarios. If you would like to learn more about the Safety Team, please email [Safety@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:Safety@bethlehem-lutheran.net). If you would like to join the Safety Team, please contact the Church Office for more information.



- **Hot off the Presses:** Our founding bishop, Bishop Peter Hickman, has written a memoir called "Through an Open Door". More than just his faith journey, it includes the story of the ECC, it's past, it's present and some of the dreams of the future. This newly published book is available on Amazon.

- **Prayer Booklet:** Mary of Magdala ECC in Ft. Collins and friends have created a prayer booklet on "The Many Names of Mary". Fr. Teri has 6 prayers in this booklet. If you would like a soft copy of the entire booklet, email Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) and she will send the PDF to you.



- **Preschool parking:** Cornerstone Preschool is back in session and are using the parking again. As such, please observe the signage and park in the LoC designated or unmarked spaces between 8:30-9:30 and 12:30 - 1:30.
- **Listening Aid Devices** are available to those of you who may have trouble hearing our service clearly. They are **easy to use** and are **located on the sound board** in the back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourselves to these.

## Earth Corner: St Francis: Ecology Advocate and Saint

The Season of Creation ends on October 4 with the celebration of the feast of St. Francis. We know Francis as a lover of God's creation; he exemplifies the best attributes of what it means to be an environmentalist today. Francis is someone who prayed in nature and discovered more about God and himself through the practice of contemplative prayer surrounded by plants, trees, and birds. Francis spent a third to half of his life in nature and the wilderness, living in hermitages, caves, under lean-to's, on mountainsides, and he interspersed this with preaching. There was something about that practice of being intimately related to creation itself that helped him grow more fully into the mystery of God. And that's what we are desperately in need of today because we are so alienated from the earth and ourselves.

Francis is the patron of those who cultivate ecological consciousness. His example really points to a mystical or a spiritual vision for all of the creative world as brother and sister, as he prays in the Canticle of Canticles.

Pope Francis is scheduled to release on October 4 a new apostolic exhortation on the environment, which is being described as a follow-up to his 2015 encyclical letter, "[\*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home\*](#)." The content of the pope's statement is not known but some think it is connected to the human causes of the war on the planet and its impact on people. Here is a sample of what the pope says:

"Let us join our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to care for Creation as a sacred gift from the Creator. It is necessary to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, striving to put an end to the senseless war on our common home, which is a terrible world war. I urge all of you to work and pray for it to abound with life once again."

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Return to [Laudato Si](#) and re-read chapter 3 which was the most controversial when it was published in 2015. It is called: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis.

•[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;  
 Dave Barnwell; Gina Hinnegan;  
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;  
 Lisa Jordan; Marilyn Wasmundt;  
 Marty Campbell; Michael Degnan; Paula  
 Degnan; Pete Conti; Rita Rose Bergren;  
 Sharon Cramer; Sharon Farnsworth;  
 Viv Thompson; Wes Evans.



*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 year our online Scripture reading will be on Tuesdays. Fr. Teri will lead us more in depth through stories in our Scripture. Join us Tuesdays at 10am on Facebook.

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

## STEWARDSHIP

	July	August	Year To Date
Donations	\$8642.56	\$7,509.56	\$98,504.48
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$257.84	\$789.35
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$9.05	\$8.94	\$1,174.21
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$908.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,488.02
Total Income	\$9,560.61	\$8,776.34	\$105,956.06
Expenses	\$10,812.27	\$15,112.08	\$105,533.03
Balance	(\$1,251.66)	(\$6,335.74)	\$423.03

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

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](mailto: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.