

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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29th week in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **Winter Warmth Coat Drive:** The 32nd annual Longmont Rotary Winter Warmth Coat Drive will be continue through **November 25th**. A collection barrel will be in the Narthex for coats, hats, mittens and blankets which will be distributed at the OUR Center.
- **All Saints and All Souls:** During the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, we will honor those who have died in the previous year. If you have a loved one who you would like to be included, please email that name to the [church office](#) by **October 21st**.
- **Trunk and Treating:** Trunk and Treating is returning for it's second year! Join Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran on **Friday, October 27** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** as we provide a safe and family-friendly environment for trick-or-treaters. If you would like to pass out candy please let Gary Knutson know at gary@bethlehem-lutheran.net so we know how many trunks we will have. Decorating your trunk, bed of your truck, or back of your van is highly encouraged! We will accept donations of candy if you can't participate.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Oct 21)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk
5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Oct 24)

10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Oct 25)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Oct 26)

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

Friday (Oct 27)

6 pm - Trunk and Treating

Saturday (Oct 28)

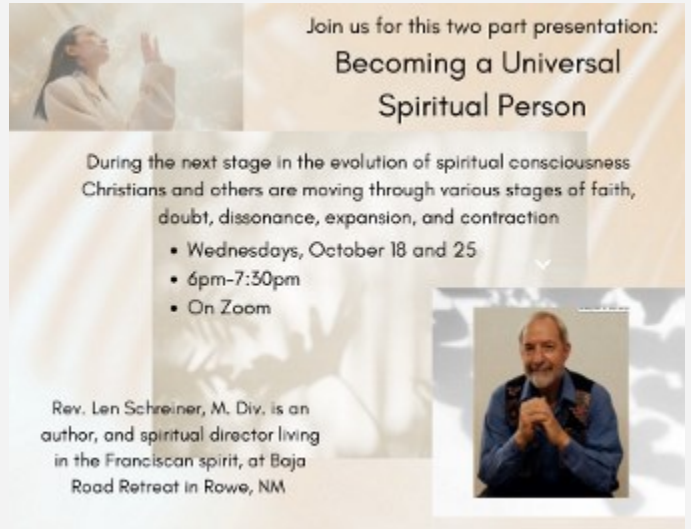
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Becoming a Universal Spiritual Person: Mary of Magdala is pleased to invite all ECC communities to a two part presentation by Fr. Len Shriner on **Wednesday, October 18 and 25 at 6pm.**

The current disunity in Christianity, and between zealous believers of many kinds, reflects elements of hidden, super subtle prejudices inhabiting our old consciousness. The Gospel, as a universal way of being human, invites us to move toward a further Christic horizon; to enter a deeper, more whole life in Christ. This presentation will explore new directions highlighted by Thomas Merton and Thomas Keating, and others, and Rev. Len Schreiner's own understanding of the "complete Christ" and the transcendent nature of the scriptures. It will identify steps along the interspiritual path toward "becoming a universal spiritual person," and the soulful consciousness of the mystic, the contemplative, and the peacemaker.

The presentation will be free to all and available via Zoom at this [link](#).

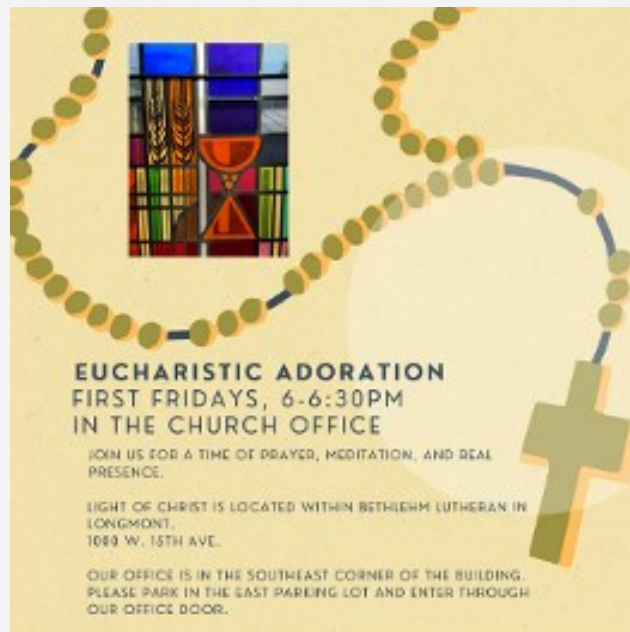



Join us for this two part presentation:
Becoming a Universal Spiritual Person

During the next stage in the evolution of spiritual consciousness Christians and others are moving through various stages of faith, doubt, dissonance, expansion, and contraction

- Wednesdays, October 18 and 25
- 6pm-7:30pm
- On Zoom

Rev. Len Schreiner, M. Div. is an author, and spiritual director living in the Franciscan spirit, at Baja Road Retreat in Rowe, NM



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
FIRST FRIDAYS, 6-6:30PM
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND REAL PRESENCE.

LIGHT OF CHRIST IS LOCATED WITHIN BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN IN LONGMONT,
1080 W. 15TH AVE.

OUR OFFICE IS IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE BUILDING.
PLEASE PARK IN THE EAST PARKING LOT AND ENTER THROUGH
OUR OFFICE DOOR.

Earth Corner: Laudate Deum Part II

(The second of a three-part series on this topic)

At the core of Laudate Deum is a message that we are in a crisis; we are at a point where we may not be able to sufficiently stop the ecological damage around the globe. We may not be able to heal the planet. Laudate Deum is a very sobering letter to read. The Pope feels compelled to write this letter because our responses to the climate crisis have been totally inadequate. He also warns that progress is not happening quickly enough and that past agreements have lacked the necessary monitoring and enforcement means.

For the last two years the Earth Corner messages have tried to call attention to the warming planet and the inevitable consequences that follow, including droughts, forest fires, floods, and the large-scale displacement of people. We know that each one of us contributes to greenhouse gasses by our personal consumption patterns, choices and lifestyles. We have encouraged individual efforts to reduce carbon consumption by driving less, consolidating trips, buying less and recycling. We know that individual efforts alone will not resolve the crisis.

In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis is very direct and clear in calling out the U.S. role (and other developed countries above the equator) in keeping the crisis going. "If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant long-term impact," writes Francis. (LD #72)

Another theme that Francis addresses is the use of technology and its potentially unchecked power that it gives to certain countries and individuals. The Pope responds to the assertion that technology will solve the environmental crisis in spite of the fact that technological advances may have serious and untoward consequences. It is chilling to realize, he says, that knowledge and economic resources have given some people an "impressive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world. Never has humanity had such power over itself, yet nothing ensures that it will be used wisely, particularly when we consider how it is currently being used. In whose hands does all this power lie, or will it eventually end up?" (LD #16)

The climate crisis is first and foremost a justice issue and solutions need to address the common good, not personal gain or unbridled power.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Listen to this 11 minute interview with John Kerry, US Climate Envoy, on reaching our US climate goals, recorded by NPR on August 27, 2023.

Here is the link. <https://www.npr.org/2023/08/27/1196251259/john-kerry-says-u-s-cant-reach-climate-goals-without-global-cooperation>

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;
 Dave Barnwell; Gina; Janell Flaig;
 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

	August	September	Year To Date
Donations	\$7,509.56	12,486.56	\$110,991.04
Grocery Cards	\$257.84	\$0.00	\$789.35
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8.94	\$8.22	\$1,182.43
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$5,588.02
Total Income	\$8,776.34	\$12,594.78	\$118,550.84
Expenses	\$15,112.08	\$12,304.65	\$117,837.68
Balance	(\$6,335.74)	\$290.13	\$713.16

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 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