



***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!

30th week in Ordinary Time
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Happenings and announcements

- **Women of the Spirit:** The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on **Thursday, November 2nd** at **1:00 pm** in the Fire-side 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 the church office.
- **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, November 3**.
- **Winter Warmth Coat Drive:** The 32nd annual Longmont Rotary Winter Warmth Coat Drive will be ongoing 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.
- **OUR Center and Round Pantry:** Light of Christ has a very long standing relationship with the OUR Center and Round Pantry. Please consider donating your time and talents as you can to assist these worthy outreach opportunities, especially during the upcoming holidays. To volunteer or find out more about the OUR Center email Julie@ourcenter.org or Nancy at the Round Pantry nhuri@msn.com

Weekly Events

Saturday (Oct 28)

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

Tuesday (Oct 31)

10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Nov 1)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Nov 2)

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

Friday (Nov 3)

6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - RCIA

Saturday (Nov 4)

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

Earth Corner: Laudate Deum Part III

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

This is our last reflection in a series on Pope Francis' advocacy for creation contained in his letter called *Laudate Deum* released on October 4. This Pope is considered by many to be one of the strongest leaders in the world, if not the strongest on environmental concerns. No other world leader has spoken with the same frankness and urgency about the climate. But, in *Laudate Deum* he expresses exasperation at the resistance and confusion generated by those who fuel misinformation and confusion about the facts and reality of climate change. For Francis, the science is settled and he wants well-resourced countries like the United States to lead, not drag its heels. He writes:

With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migration, etc.

Francis is looking ahead with some uneasiness to the next meeting of the United Nations delegates (COP 28) which will take place from November 30 to December 12 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (EAU). COP stands for Conference of the Parties, the name the United Nations calls this yearly meeting. This meeting will take stock of the progress that nations have made in advancing their goals toward a green economy, reducing greenhouse gasses, and efforts at building disaster resilient communities. At COP 21 in 2015, the world agreed to limit global warming by 2050 to 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre industrial levels. To meet that goal the world must cut emissions in half in the next 7 years, by 2030. Given the slow pace countries are on (including the US), the Pope is understandably anxious about meeting this target.

At the December COP 28 meeting, faith communities worldwide will offer prayers, encouragement, and will actively pressure delegates to be bold and transparent in their efforts to protect the planet and its most vulnerable people. As the bishops of Africa have written in a recent communique, "World leaders and decision makers must heed the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth." – Eminence Fridoli Besungu, Archbishop of Kinshosa, DR Congo

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

The Nature Conservancy has written a [Guide to the 2023 UN Climate Conference](https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/tackle-climate-change/climate-change-stories/cop-climate-change-conference/). It's very readable.

Here's the link.

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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