

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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***32nd week in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2023***

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Happenings and announcements

- **11th Hour Bell-ringing:** Grab your bell and join us at Yeager Farms gazebo Saturday, **November 11 at 11am** as we gather for our 11th hour service. Yeager Farms is at 15th and Grant streets, located a few blocks from LoC.



- **Weather Closure policy:** As the season turns to winter, we would like to remind you of the Weather Closure policy. On weekdays during the school year, the office follows the St. Vrain Valley School District closure schedule. Thus, if the schools are closed, the church office will also be closed.

On non-school days/weekends, if there is a weather or other event that has the potential to affect our ability to host the event or have the church facility open, we will communicate any closure decisions by email and on the website.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Nov 11)

11 am - 11th Hour Bell ringing
(Yeager Farm)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Monday (Nov 13)

10 am - Celebration of Life for Bob
Franch (luncheon to follow)

Tuesday (Nov 14)

10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook
Live)

6 pm - Parish Council

Wednesday (Nov 15)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

Thursday (Nov 16)

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

Saturday (Nov 18)

3 pm - Marketing Group

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Rosaries:** Our theme for 2024 will be “Living the Rosary” and during the season of Advent, we will be exploring the Joyous Mysteries . To that end, we would request that everyone bring their rosary to Mass during Advent. If you do not have a rosary, please contact the Church Office and we will be able to provide you with one.
- **Online Advent Retreat:** We will be offering a daily Online Retreat during Advent. This advent, the retreat will focus on the Joyous Mysteries. Each day you will have the opportunity to explore three different offerings. You can do all three or just choose one. Please make the retreat work for you. You will want to have a journal, and access to the internet, but no other special supplies are required.



If you participated in the Lenten retreat this spring, you are already signed up for the Advent retreat and there is nothing else for you to do. If you are interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org by **November 28th**. You will receive the first installment of the Online Advent Daily Retreat on Sunday December 3rd.

A hard copy of the entire retreat can be provided to anyone who does not have reliable access to the internet, just let Fr. Teri know if that resource would be helpful.

El Paso Immersion



• **Supporting Cristo Rey in El Paso:** Thank you so much LOC! After the burrito and "Saguaro" cactus fund raisers, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran were able to donate a total of **\$6,618** to Cristo Rey and its ministries. That money has and will help feed immigrants in shelters, shelter immigrants temporarily at Cristo Rey, help immigrant children attend their after school program, allow Cristo Rey to have their important Posada celebration at Christmas, provide Christmas baskets for immigrant families, clothe a family of three, and help the church congregation continue to worship and serve within their ministries.

In addition to monetary gifts, the Border Immersion Trip participants were able to donate 100 quilts of all sizes from our quilters. Some are already comforting and warming small children and others will be used for immigrants who stay at Cristo Rey and by immigrants who are cold in the winter on the streets. Thank you quilters for your incredible gifts of quilts!

Other items taken were: several computers for the after school program, numerous Thrivent shirts, 192 bottles of ketchup, 33 leggings, 34 sports bras, more than 800 Clif Bars, and LOC Peace Pal yarn dolls for children.

You are a blessing to the immigrants who are both within and outside of Cristo Rey.



Immigration News

- **Opportunity to write cards to immigrants in detention:** We have the opportunity to participate along with Bethlehem Lutheran in a project organized by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS). We will be signing Christmas cards with messages of hope and caring to help brighten the holidays for those refugees housed in detention centers while awaiting their court hearings.

Every day the detention center count is about 30,000 individuals and LIRS hopes that each detained person will receive a card! Stop by the card signing table today or next week to write some messages of hope. Everything you need will be provided at the table - even ideas of what to write. Your few minutes of writing will warm the recipients' hearts with hope this Christmas. You can also write messages on Christmas cards at home and drop them by the tables. Thanks for participating!

- **Kindness Matters:** Did you know that this week is World Kindness Week?

This is a perfect time to write a note of encouragement or thanks, send an uplifting text, make a phone call to catch up, run an errand for someone or treat someone to a cup a coffee....or use your own creativity!

This all began in 1997 to promote kindness in society. As members of Light of Christ, let us continue to spread kindness and light in the world.

Climate Good News: Electric Vehicles

Electric cars, also known as electric vehicles (EVs), are cars that operate on electricity stored in rechargeable batteries, instead of fuel. They are gaining popularity due to their potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable transportation. The major benefit of electric cars is that they produce no emissions while driving, they are much cleaner for the environment than traditional gasoline cars. Moreover, as renewable energy becomes more common, an electric vehicle charged with solar or wind energy has virtually zero emissions. Furthermore, electric cars are much cheaper to operate than gasoline-powered cars, due to the significantly lower cost of electricity compared to gasoline.

Another benefit is that electric cars have very low maintenance costs. They don't require oil changes, engine tune-ups, or other routine maintenance that gasoline cars often require. However, their current limitations include limited range and high initial costs. With ongoing advances in technology, electric cars could become the standard for personal transportation in the future.

Colorado ranks fifth in the country for electric vehicle sales. A federal tax credit of \$7,500 on some models under the Inflation Reduction Act is spurring the sales of these cars and trucks. In the next few years 20% of cars on the road are expected to be electrified autos. People who buy EV's are contributing to a carbon free future.

Another sign of environmental progress is the appearance of more and more electric buses in our communities. Recently Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) reported that they are purchasing additional electric buses through a state grant that will allow them to work on climate and clean air goals. BVSD will have a total of 19 electric buses which will be quieter, don't produce fumes, save on gas and cost less to maintain. Last year, the EPA awarded more than \$906 million in rebates to more than 400 public school districts across all states and territories, replacing a total of more than 2,400 buses.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Consider making your next car an electric vehicle.
- As appliances need replacement, choose electric

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;
 Dave Barnwell; Gina; Janell Flaig;
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;
 Marty Campbell; Michael Degnan;
 Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; 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

	September	October	Year To Date
Donations	12,486.56	13,149.56	\$124,140.60
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	265.35	\$1,054.70
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8.22	\$1,41.54	\$2,600.97
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,588.02
Total Income	\$12,594.78	\$15,883.45	\$134,384.29
Expenses	\$12,304.65	\$12,295.43	\$130,133.11
Balance	\$290.13	\$3,538.02	\$4,251.18

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