

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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33rd week in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2023

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Happenings and announcements

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Come and knit or crochet with us. The LOC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 21** from **10-11:30 am** in the Fireside Room. Patterns for shawls, scarves and hats will be available or you can work on your own projects. Contact the Church Office for more information or to learn how you can be part of this ministry even if you can not attend our meetings. All are welcome!
- **Thanksgiving Mass:** Thanksgiving is this Thursday and we hope everyone has something to give and something to be thankful for. If you are looking for a service to attend this week, remember that we have Mass in the office on **Wednesday** at **9am**. Everyone is invited to join us. This is the only Mass or service that is offered this Thanksgiving week here at Light of Christ until next Saturday. After Mass, we enjoy coffee and friendship together.
- **Office Closure:** A reminder that the Church office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 23-24th**, for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **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 18)

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

Sunday (Nov 19)

- 11:30 AM - Christmas Tree decorating

Tuesday (Nov 21)

- 10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)
- 10 am - Prayer Shawl committee
- 4 pm - Liturgy Committee
- 5 pm - Stephen Ministry
- 6 pm - Land Stewardship Committee

Wednesday (Nov 22)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Nov 23)

- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday (Nov 24)

- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday (Nov 25)

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

- **Christmas Tree Decorating:** Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a Christmas tree decorating event on **Sunday, November 19th at 11:30 AM.**
- **Rosaries:** Our liturgical theme for 2024 will be “Living the Rosary” For the Advent season, during mass, we will be using rosaries during the psalm. Please bring your 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. We will also be providing rosaries each week of Advent in the narthex for those who need them
- **Wednesday Nights in Advent:** Each Wednesday evening in Advent, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are holding a dinner, combined service and activities for kids of all ages. Come join us on **Wednesday, November 29th** for an Italian supper at **5:30** with Pastors Teri and Katie leading a combined service at **6:30** and fun activities starting at **7pm.**
- **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.

Service Opportunities

- **Round Pantry Holiday Drive:** As in the past, Light of Christ has helped supply the Round Pantry with special items for the holiday meals. They will be distributing for Christmas on Tuesday, December 12. There is a particular need this year for boxed cake and dessert items for the holidays. Donations can be placed in the basket located in the **Narthex** through **December 9th**.
- **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 this weekend 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!

- **Salvation Army Bell-ringing:** Bethlehem Lutheran has invited us to work with them to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. All proceeds will be going to the OUR Center. The dates for bell ringing will be Nov 25th, Dec 2nd, Dec, 9th, and Dec 12th. Bell ringing shifts will be 1 hour. If interested please sign up in the Narthex and contact the Church Office for more information.

For blessings received, we give thanks!

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, we are sharing Robin Wall Kimmerer's words of thanksgiving for creation. As you may know, Kimmerer is a scientist, decorated professor and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She lives in Syracuse, New York where she is a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology and Director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment. All of the passages below are taken from her book, Braiding Sweetgrass.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Share your material/spiritual abundance with others.
- Offer heartfelt thanks for health, family, and one's daily bread.

Robin's book is a collection of stories that teach us how to have a "right" relationship with creation. Her perspective is one of kindness and gratitude.

- ◇ Never take the last. . . Take only what you need. Take only that which is given. Never take more than half.
- ◇ To love a place is not enough. We must find ways to heal it.
- ◇ We need acts of restoration, not only for polluted waters and degraded lands, but also for our relationship to the world. We need to restore honor to the way we live, so that when we walk through the world we don't have to avert our eyes with shame, so that we can hold our heads up high and receive the respectful acknowledgment of the rest of the earth's beings.
- ◇ Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the earth loves you in return, that relationship transforms from a one-way street to a sacred bond.
- ◇ We are showered everyday with gifts, but they are not ours to keep. . . Our work and joy is to pass along the gift and to trust that which we have put out to the universe will always come back.

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