



***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!

Feast of Christ the Sovereign

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Happenings and announcements

- **ECC 101:** The Rocky Mountain Regional Council is hosting a Zoom presentation on **Wednesday, November 29th** at **6:30pm** about our identity and calling as the ECC. This presentation is open to all. The zoom link information is located in the weekly email or contact the church office.

- **Wednesday Nights in Advent:** Each Wednesday evening in Advent, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran are holding a dinner, advent prayer service and activities afterwards.

Come join us on **Wednesday, November 29th** for an Italian supper (pasta provided) at **5:30** with Father Teri and Pastor Katie leading an advent prayer service at **6:30** and fun activities starting at **7pm**. You are welcome to attend any or all of these fellowship opportunities.

- **Rosaries:** Please bring your rosary to Mass starting on **December 2** as we will be using rosaries during the psalm. 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.
- **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**.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Nov 25)

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

Tuesday (Nov 28)

10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Nov 29)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)
5:30pm - Advent supper
6:30pm - Combined service
6:30pm - ECC 101 (zoom)
7 pm - Advent Activities

Thursday (Nov 30)

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

Friday (Dec 1)

6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm - RCIA

Saturday (Dec 2)

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

Climate Good News: Drones Planting Trees

Currently, more than 6.5 billion trees are lost each year because of human activities--burning land to make way for livestock, harvesting wood, etc.--and natural disasters. Replanting efforts have accelerated in recent years and deforestation has slowed, but there's still a major gap between trees destroyed and trees planted. Throughout history, humanity has created a major tree deficit that may be hard to close. In all, it's estimated that the global tree population has dropped 46% since the dawn of human civilization.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Contribute to organizations working to preserve land and vulnerable species.
- Follow the proceedings of COP 28, the UN Conference on Climate being held in Dubai., November 30 to December 12.

Typically, replanting is done by hand because trees require careful preparation to grow properly. Human labor, of course, has limits and so replanting efforts tend to be modest.

A former NASA scientist realized that the current model would never close the deforestation deficit, so he devised a strategy to accelerate the process, using drones. The drones work by first flying over an empty field and examining the terrain's conditions. If the land can foster trees, the drones descend two to three feet above the ground and begin firing small pods that contain germinated seeds into the soil. The pods protect the seeds until they can establish themselves in the soil and then they degrade.

The team is working with the UN to help restore 300 billion trees by 2030. The damage wrought by deforestation can't be overstated. Trees allow all life on earth to occur. They provide oxygen for us all, absorb harmful gasses such as carbon and methane, provide habitats for animals and promote general biodiversity. Trees provide food, conserve water, offer protection, cool areas, control water and wind erosion and they filter and perfume the air.

And trees act as a bulwark against climate change. The fewer trees, the more vulnerable earth becomes. Any effort to plant trees--if it's just in your backyard--makes a difference. But to truly have an impact, the scale of change has to enter the billions.

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