

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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28th week in Ordinary Time
October 14, 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, October 17** 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 Barb Olander 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!
- **Winter Warmth Coat Drive:** The 32nd annual Longmont Rotary Winter Warmth Coat Drive will be starting **October 15th** (Sunday) 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 14)

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

Tuesday (Oct 17)

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

Wednesday (Oct 18)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Oct 19)

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

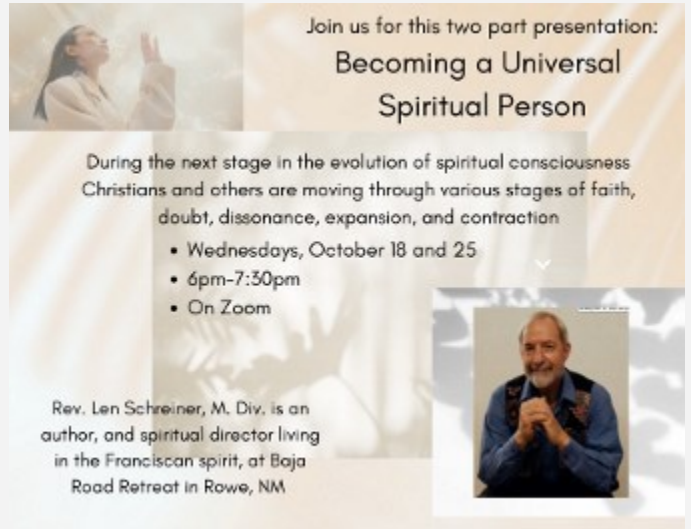
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Becoming a Universal Spiritual Person: Mary of Magdala is pleased to invite all ECC communities to a two part presentation by Fr. Len Shriner on **Wednesday, October 18 and 25 at 6pm.**

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.



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

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

- **Safety Team:** Did you know that Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran have a combined Safety team? We do! This team has performed a safety audit and reviewed materials regarding best practices to create a combined, comprehensive plan for basic security, fire, weather and active shooter scenarios. If you would like to learn more about the Safety Team, please email Safety@bethlehem-lutheran.net. If you would like to join the Safety Team, please contact the Church Office for more information.
- **Preschool parking:** Cornerstone Preschool is back in session and are using the parking again. As such, please observe the signage and park in the LoC designated or unmarked spaces between 8:30-9:30 and 12:30 - 1:30.

Earth Corner: Laudate Deum Part I

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

On the Feast of St. Francis this year (October 4), Pope Francis released his second message to the world concerning climate change, again detailing its serious impact on vulnerable people and the planet. This letter is called *Laudate Deum* which means Praise God!

As you may be aware, the Pope issued his first encyclical on the climate eight years ago with the publication of *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*. Both documents are based on the most recent and accurate climate science as well as the ethical and spiritual imperatives to act for the common good. In this latest message, the Pope feels a sense of urgency to act even more strongly than he did in 2015. Here is the tone of his exhortation as he attempts to address each one of us.

Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, 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". (LD #2)

Laudate Deum is a twenty page letter that is posted online and available for all to read. The Pope reviews the scientific data and the undeniable evidence of the climate crisis while appealing to "all people of good will" to act urgently because, "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (LD #70). We are reminded that it will take all of us working together by making personal sacrifices to solve this crisis.

"Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident." (LD #5)

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Want to read *Laudate Deum*? Here's the link.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

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