

***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!

22nd week in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **Office Closure:** The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, **September 5th**, in observance of Labor Day.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Join us in the church office for a time of prayer, meditation and Real Presence from **6 to 6:30 pm** every first Friday of the month, starting on **September 1**.
- **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is being offered this school year for adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Holy Communion. It is a chance for you to explore your faith together with a group, and decide if you want to participate in these sacraments at Easter Vigil of 2024.

We will be meeting the **1st Friday of each month** in the church office from **6:30 - 8:30pm**. Fr. Teri will be our guide. Other Light of Christ adults who want to re-

Weekly Events

Saturday (Sep 2)

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

Tuesday (Sep 5)

Office Closed

5 pm - Stephen Ministry (zoom)

Wednesday (Sep 6)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

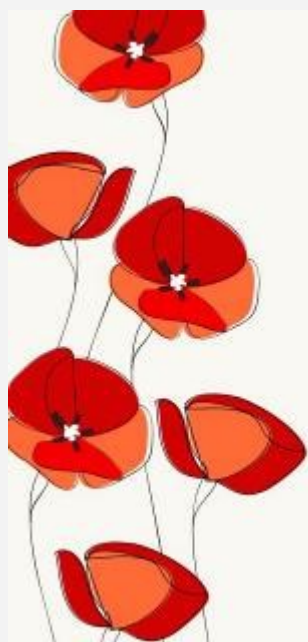
Thursday (Sep 7)

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

Saturday (Sep 9)

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

fresh and renew your faith by joining are welcome to attend, but we ask that you plan to do the reading and home reflection writing, as well as attend most sessions to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Teri, or plan to show up at the church office on Friday **September 1st** at **6:30pm**, ready to pray and discern with a group the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life.



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Light of Christ is offering a sacrament preparation class for all adults interested in Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation. Class is the 1st Friday of each month, starting Sept 1st, from 6:30-8:30pm in the church office. Contact Fr. Teri if you are interested.

More Happenings and announcements

- **Women of the Spirit:** The Women of the Spirit group will be meeting on Thursday, **September 7** at **1:00 pm** in the Fireside 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.
- **Growing Gardens volunteer opportunity:** The Growing Gardens team is looking for volunteers to harvest flowers and vegetables as well as weed on **September 10th** from **noon to 2pm**. For more information, please contact Tim Villard at tim@growinggardens.org.
- **Save the Date - ECC 20th birthday:**
The Ecumenical Catholic Communion was formed on September 19, 2003. To celebrate, there will be a zoom-based celebration on **Tuesday, September 19th** at **6pm**. More details and a zoom link to follow.

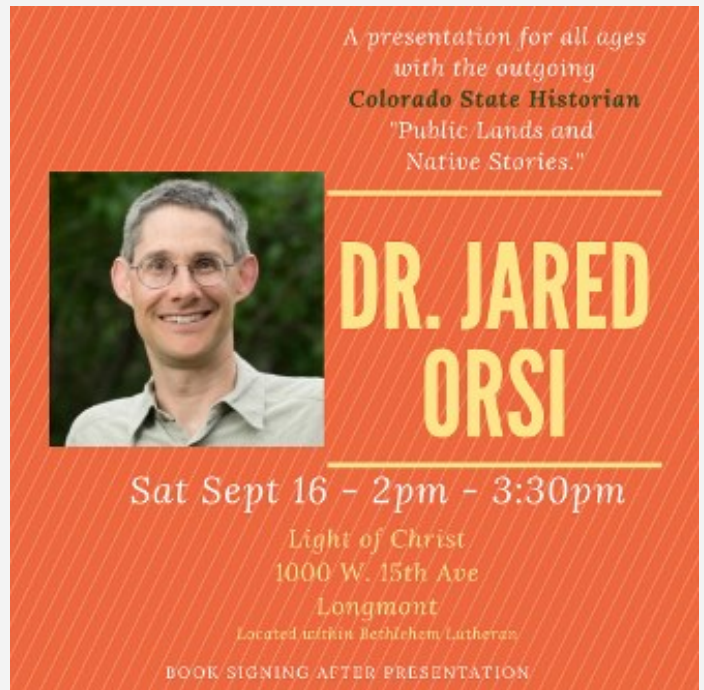


- **Save the Date - Episcopal visit:** Bishop Kae Madden will be attending Mass with Light of Christ on September 30th with a potluck dinner and presentation by both her and Light of Christ afterwards. More details to follow.

Public Lands, Native Stories

The untold voices of Colorado's Land and people

Light of Christ is thrilled to announce that Dr. Jared Orsi, the outgoing Colorado State Historian and professor of history at Colorado State University for over 20 years, will be speaking on Saturday, **September 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM** in the church sanctuary with refreshments to follow. This free event is planned as part of our month-long celebration focusing on ecological stewardship - Care for Creation.



This talk will explore what the history of public lands tells us about the treatment of indigenous people and people of color here in Colorado. As a strong advocate that public lands tell important Native stories, Dr. Orsi will point to efforts to advance equity and inclusion of indigenous people through greater participation in and management of public lands.

Most public lands become public through a process of dispossessing the indigenous people who already live there and erasing their presence. So public lands are deeply embedded in the nation's colonial legacy.

(State Historian Council Website)

Orsi will also talk about his experience traveling throughout the state speaking to local communities about Colorado history.

Dr. Orsi is the author of Citizen Explorer: The Life of Zebulon Pike.
Public Lands, Native Stories the untold voices of Colorado's land and people.

This talk is free and open to the public

Even MORE Happenings and announcements

- **Make a difference to Cristo Re El Paso:** Cristo Rey in El Paso is hosting our Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran members in October who will be traveling to El Paso on an immersion trip focusing on immigration. It is a mission church of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran in America.) Their congregation includes many immigrants. As part of this immersion trip, we have a goal of raising \$5000, both for travel expenses and to help Cristo Rey with ministries like an after school program, a clinic in Juarez, and hosting other border immersion trips. We made about \$1500 in our burrito fundraiser in July.



In the narthex for the next three weekends, you will see two cacti with information on what donations of money can do at Cristo Rey. There are three options to donate:



1. Use the QR code by the cactus or here
2. Use an envelope in the pews or by the cactus.
3. Go to www.bethlehem-lutheran.net. Go to "donations", then "On Line Giving", and then the Border Immersion Trip tile.

Questions? Contact Cathy G at cegood47@aol.com, or talk to Fr. Teri or Rick Rogers from LOC who are going to El Paso.

Earth Corner: The Season of Creation

The *Season of Creation* is an annual ecumenical period from September 1, the World Day of Prayer, through October 4, the feast of St. Francis. In September, the planet's 2.2 million Christians are invited to pray for creation and work to better care for it. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with our created world—not just “nature” in the abstract but, crucially, the place where we live—and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Read Brian Roewe's article (8-28-2020) in National Catholic Reporter on the history of the Season of Creation

<https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/faith/what-season-creation>

The following is from a letter of Pope Francis to the Catholic faithful at the start of the 2023 Season of Creation.

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (*Mt 6:33*), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

Pope Francis, 2023

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Dave Barnwell; Gina;
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

Online Scripture readings will start on Tuesday, September 12 at 10am on Facebook. Catch it live or on the saved video. We will read once per week, but will go more in-depth into what we read that week. The first scripture we will read is Mark ch. 16.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Council Lectionary for 2023. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

STEWARDSHIP

	June	July	Year To Date
Donations	\$11,003.56	\$8642.56	\$90,994.92
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$531.51
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8.88	\$9.05	\$1,165.27
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$1,000.00	\$908.00	\$4,488.02
Total Income	\$12,012.44	\$9,560.61	\$97,179.72
Expenses	\$15,426.57	\$10,812.27	\$90,420.95
Balance	(\$3,414.13)	(\$1,251.66)	\$6,758.77

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.



Scott is John and Dibbie's son-in-law.

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.



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