

***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!

25th week in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2023



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Happenings and announcements

- **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.



We will be conducting a blessing after communion and request that you **bring a long-stemmed flower** as part of that blessing.

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** You are invited to a potluck dinner, **Sept. 30th after mass**. Bishop Kae will be our guest. If your last name starts with

A-F please bring rolls or an appetizer

G-L please bring a salad

M-R please bring a main dish

S-Z please bring a dessert

If you have questions, please contact Sheila Winters.

e-mail winterss123@yahoo.com We look forward to seeing you

- **Blessing of the Animals:** In commemoration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding a blessing of pets on Tuesday, **October 4th**. Father Teri and Pastor Katie will be in the **Stable** to bless pets any time between **6 - 7 PM**.
- **Thanks:** A great thank you to the Adult Formation Committee for making Dr. Orsi's presentation such a great success with over 50 people in attendance.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Sep 23)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Sep 26)

10 am - Scripture reading (Facebook Live)

Wednesday (Sep 27)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Sep 28)

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

Saturday (Sep 30)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

6 pm - Pot luck dinner with Bishop Kae

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- **Call for donations:** Cristo Rey makes up 120 food baskets with food staples at Christmas for struggling refugee families and asks congregations to choose one item to donate. The Border Immersion Trip team has committed to taking them **120 bottles of ketchup size 20 or 32 oz** for those baskets and pack them in our van that is going down to El Paso. Leave your bottles in the donation basket near the Cristo Rey display. Happy Ketchup shopping and THANK YOU!

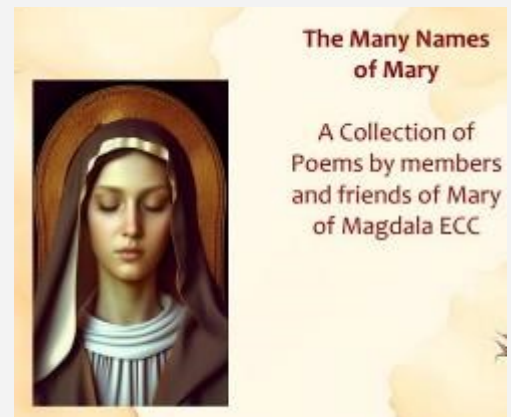
WOMEN'S LEGGINGS AND SPORTS BRAS ALSO NEEDED

Cristo Rey has a desperate need for new **Leggings and Sports Bras** for refugee women living in the shelters and on the streets in El Paso and we want to take many of them down on our trip as well.. Please place them in the donation basket by the Cristo Rey display....



- **Hot off the Presses:** Our founding bishop, Bishop Peter Hickman, has written a memoir called "Through an Open Door". More than just his faith journey, it includes the story of the ECC, its past, its present and some of the dreams of the future. This newly published book is available on Amazon.

- **Prayer Booklet:** Mary of Magdala ECC in Ft. Collins and friends have created a prayer booklet on "The Many Names of Mary". Fr. Teri has 6 prayers in this booklet. If you would like a soft copy of the entire booklet, email Fr. Teri at pastor@lightofchristecc.org and she will send the PDF to you.



- **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: The Season of Creation : “Let Justice and Peace Flow”

The following text is taken from Dr. Katherine Hayhoe’s website called [Talking Climate with Katherine Hayhoe](#) in which she reflects on a conversation she had with James Rattling Leaf, Sr., a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and a founding member of the Group on Earth Observations Indigenous Alliance, which seeks to protect indigenous cultural heritage by using earth observation science, data and technology.

Katherine Hayhoe:

“Indigenous peoples are uniquely suited to help find solutions to mitigate the climate crisis. They have lived in close relationships with their environments for thousands of years, developing sustainable ways of life through practices and traditions that have been passed down through generations. Today, Indigenous peoples manage more than a quarter of lands around the world, which contain 80 percent of Earth’s remaining biodiversity.

Across North America, many organizations are recognizing how the Indigenous practice of controlled burning— which also is of spiritual and cultural importance — makes forests more resilient to wildfires, and are incorporating this into their management plans. In the Arctic, [Inuit hunters collaborate](#) with geomatics engineering students to collect and map data on environmental changes and animal movements that document the effects of climate change.

The Nature Conservancy, where I work, partners with the InterTribal Buffalo Council to [transfer hundreds of new bison](#) born on their preserves back to Native communities, including James’ [Rosebud Sioux Tribe](#), each year. Managed grazing of grasslands by large animals like the bison restores the ecosystem and stores carbon in the soil, as well as generating economic opportunities and re-establishing cultural traditions for many tribes. James says that Indigenous youth in particular are crucial to finding climate solutions. They can serve as a bridge between younger and older generations, helping to combine indigenous knowledge with modern technology and western science. James says. “We need to stand with our Indigenous youth so they can cast vision and lead us into the next seven generations.”

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- If you want to learn more about indigenous people and climate, check out the book [Sand Talk: How Indigenous Thinking Can Change the World](#) by Tyson Yunkaporta
- Share what you learn.

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

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

	July	August	Year To Date
Donations	\$8642.56	\$7,509.56	\$98,504.48
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$257.84	\$789.35
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$9.05	\$8.94	\$1,174.21
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$908.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,488.02
Total Income	\$9,560.61	\$8,776.34	\$105,956.06
Expenses	\$10,812.27	\$15,112.08	\$105,533.03
Balance	(\$1,251.66)	(\$6,335.74)	\$423.03

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