

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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*23rd week in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2023*



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Happenings and announcements

- **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.
- **Pot Luck Dinner:** There will be a potluck dinner after mass on **September 30th** when Bishop Kae will be visiting LOC. Volunteers are needed to help serve food and clean up after dinner. Please contact Sheila Winters if you are able to help, email at winterss123@yahoo.com
- **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.

Weekly Events

Saturday (Sep 9)

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

Sunday (Sep 10)

- noon - Growing Gardens Harvest

Monday (Sep 11)

- 11 am - 11th Hour Bell-ringing

Tuesday (Sep 12)

- 6 pm - Parish Council

Wednesday (Sep 13)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Sep 14)

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

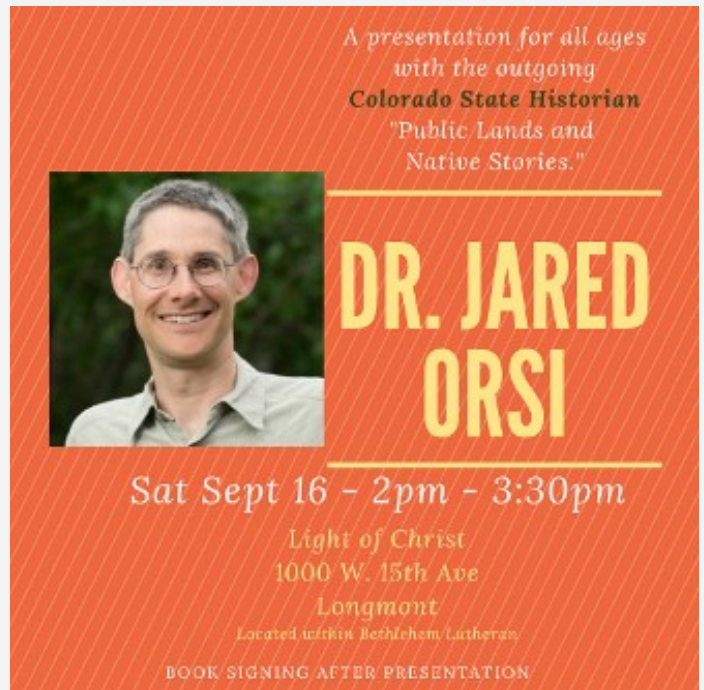
Saturday (Sep 16)

- 2 pm - Jared Orsi presentation (sanctuary)
- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

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.

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This talk is free and open to the public

Even MORE Happenings and announcements



- **Make a difference to Cristo Re El Paso:** Christo 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 Christo 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 Christo 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: “Let Justice and Peace Flow”

Nearly every daily newspaper contains an article about the threats and reality of the current climate crisis. This year, the impact of the Canadian fires on people, communities and the climate have been felt by millions. This summer’s unprecedented heat has resulted in death and disrupted the lives of many. The hope of keeping average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius is fading.

While the urgency of making peace with the earth has never been more pressing, we continue to keep these issues before us in prayer and in action. In this special Season of Creation, our prayers, homilies, and liturgies must call for justice not only for humans but for all creation. Justice, allied with peace, calls us to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. We are urged to live in a right relationship with our local and global neighbors and the earth.

In the Season of Creation, our individual actions are important. But, we must also recognize that a global movement for ecological justice is the only way to halt the ongoing destruction of the earth and those who suffer from climate change. At a global level, nations with power and wealth have a duty to deal justly and honestly with communities that suffer from the ecological crisis. This is the message in this year’s call to Christians in this season of creation.

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing river.”
Amos 5: 24

Bell Ringing Service for earth justice is **Monday, September 11, at 11:00 AM.**

Please join us and other members of the BL and St. Aidans faith communities.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Read this Season of Creation message from the USCCB on ecological justice and our waterways.
- <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/justice/us-waterways-polluted-injustice-bishops-say-season-creation-message>

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