

***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!



January 13, 2024
2nd Week in Ordinary Time

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Happenings and announcements

Events for week of January 13

Saturday (January 13)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Jan 16)

10 am - Online Scripture Reading

10 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

4 pm - Liturgy Committee

6 pm - Land Stewardship Committee

Wednesday (Jan 17)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation Committee

Thursday (Jan 18)

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

Thursday (Jan 19)

6:30 pm - Christian Unity Prayer Service(Zoom)

Saturday (Jan 20)

4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Come and knit or crochet with us. The LOC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 16**, 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 the Church Office 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!

- **Save the Date:** **Film Screening "This is Not Who We Are"**. The Adult Formation Committee will be holding a special screening of this award-winning documentary on **Saturday, February 10th at 2 pm** with a question/



answer session and refreshments to follow.

- **Listening Aid Devices** are available to those of you who may have trouble hearing our service clearly. They are **easy to use** and are **located on the sound board** in the back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourselves to these.



Light of Christ

Talking about End of Life Wishes



For All Ages

Conversation and interactive event facilitated by **Constance Holden** co-founder of the Conversation Project.

Date : January 27, 2024
Time : 2:30 - 4:30pm

Location :
Light of Christ Fellowship Hall
1000 W 15th Ave.
(located within Bethlehem Lutheran)
303-772-3785



This conversational and interactive event will focus on helping people think about their wishes for care through the end of life. Even if you are in good health, it is still important to make sure that the people who matter to you, and your health care team, know your wishes. Anyone's health status can change suddenly.

The speaker, Constance Holden, RN, MSN is a senior clinician and educator who focuses on end-of -life issues and advance care planning. She is former Executive Director of Hospice of Boulder County, now TRU Community Care; as well as previous chair of Oncology Nursing at Boulder Community Hospital (BCH). Constance is an international speaker in her area of expertise, and currently an active member of the Ethics Consultation Team at BCH. She is also a co-founder of the Conversation Project in Boulder County, a national health education program that helps with the process of initiating active conversations about the end phase of your life, with the important people around you.



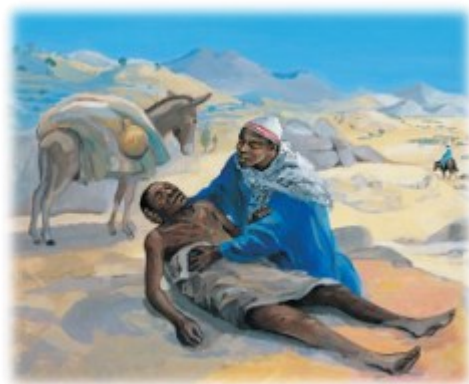


THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC COMMUNION
cordially invites our ecumenical partners
and siblings across the fragmented Body of Christ
to join us in prayer as we mark this year's

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as
yourself.” (*Luke 10:27*)

“Go and do likewise.”



6:30 p.m. on
Friday, January 19, 2024

All are welcome to join us on Zoom at this [LINK](#).

Meeting ID: 896 4199 2874 Passcode: unity

The Order of Service will be available at <https://www.coloradoecc.org> by January 15th.

**Participants are asked to prepare their sacred space
with a shallow bowl of oil or soothing lotion.**

*The service is an adaptation of that jointly prepared and published by
the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.
Image: JESUS MAFA. The Good Samaritan, from Art in the Christian Tradition,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

A Hopeful New Year, 2024

The start of a new year usually brings a sense of excitement, anticipation, and thoughts of new beginnings. With a warming planet, however, we may be starting the new year with a sense of dread or anxiety, fearful of another year of disasters that are expected to occur with astounding frequency. Last year was the hottest year ever recorded; 2024 will likely be as hot because we have moved into an el nino weather pattern that also brings warm ocean temperatures.

At the COP28 meeting last month in Dubai, Katherine Hayhoe, the most optimistic climate scientist around, was asked about her climate hopes for 2024. Is there reason to be hopeful? The following comments are her thoughts about hope:

“The kind of hope we need – rational, stubborn hope – isn’t about positive thinking, but it doesn’t begin with imitating an ostrich, either. It starts by acknowledging just how serious climate change is and what is at risk: the future of civilisation as we know it. Recognising the overwhelming nature of this crisis can fill us with fear and anxiety, and we need to acknowledge these emotions as well.

Here is where the turning point must occur. Will we allow fear to paralyze us or use it to galvanize us into action? Only one path leads to hope. The other ends in despair. It is only our actions that offer a chance of a better future. And when we realize the giant boulder of climate action isn’t sitting at the bottom of an impossibly steep hill with only a few hands trying to push it up, but rather it is already at the top and rolling down the hill with millions of hands pushing it in the right direction, that gives us hope. It isn’t going fast enough yet; but for each new hand that joins, it will go a little faster. As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says: “Every action matters... Every choice matters.”

“The world begins to change when individuals decide it can, and it should – and when we use our voices to call for action where we live, where we work, where we put our money and where we vote. Whoever you are, you are already the perfect person to advocate for climate action. Why? Because you are a human living on Earth.”

- Katherine Hayhoe

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Ask yourself: What are your hopes for the planet in 2024.
- Delve into a climate subject or article that is new to you.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;
 Dave Barnwell; Gina; Kris Jenkins;
 Linda Moses; Liz Johnson;
 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

	November	December	Year To Date
Donations	\$8,996.56	\$8,511.56	\$141,648.72
Grocery Cards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,054.70
Advertising Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$8.68	\$8.22	\$2,617.87
Misc. Income (Includes designated)	\$400.00	\$2,500.00	\$9,488.02
Total Income	\$9,405.24	\$11,019.78	\$154,809.31
Expenses	\$16,469.79	\$18,998.17	\$165,601.07
Balance	\$(7,064.55)	\$(7,978.39)	\$(10,791.76)

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