

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 20, 2024

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

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Happenings and announcements

Events for week of January 20

Saturday (January 20)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

Tuesday (Jan 23)

10 am - Online Scripture Reading

Wednesday (Jan 24)

9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

Thursday (Jan 25)

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

Saturday (Jan 27)

2:30 pm - End of Life Wishes talk

4:30 pm - refreshments

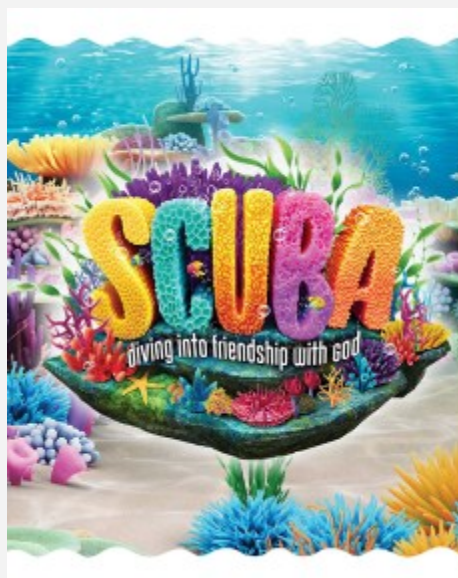
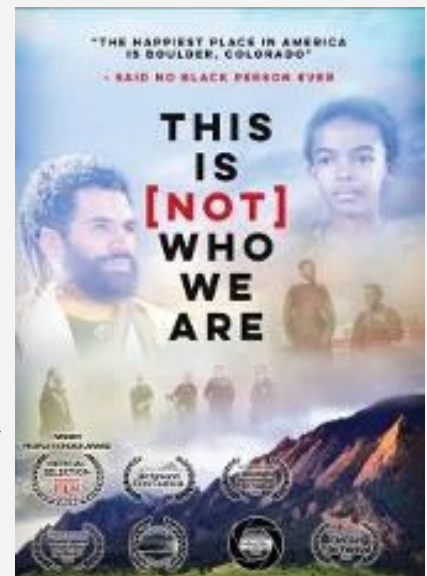
4:50 pm - Children's Talk

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Did you know?** All of our daily readings can be found [here](#) and Masses are archived [here](#). You can also join us for the live readings at 10AM on Tuesdays or Saturday Mass at 5PM on Facebook . You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to join. [FB Link](#)

- **Save the date - All Parish Meeting:** Parish Council will be hosting our All-Parish meeting on **Saturday, February 24th** after Mass. More details to come.

- **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.



2024 VBS

June 24-28

Registration
opens May 1st!



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.



COP 28: What did it accomplish?

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference or more commonly known as **COP28**, was held from November 30 to December 13 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The COP conference has been held annually¹ since the first UN climate agreement in Paris, 1992. The event is intended for governments to agree on policies to limit global temperature rises and adapt to impacts associated with climate change.

On December 13, the conference president, Sultan Al Jaber announced that a final compromise agreement between the countries involved had been reached. The deal commits all signatory countries to move away from carbon energy sources "in a just, orderly and equitable manner" to mitigate the worst effects of climate change, and reach net zero by 2050. The global pact was the first in the history of COP summits to explicitly mention the need to shift away from every type of fossil fuels, but it still received widespread criticism due to the lack of a clear commitment to either fossil fuel phase-out or phase-down.¹ China and India did not sign the pledge to triple their output of renewable energy and committed to coal power instead.

Critics of COP 28 point to a variety of "failings." Interestingly, the conference president, Sultan Al Jaber is CEO of Abu Dhabi Oil Company and was accused of a conflict of interest, allegedly using the conference to strike up new fossil fuel deals with other nations. The United Arab Emirates (EAU), the host country, was accused of greenwashing by hiring a marketing firm to "clean up" their image as a major polluter of greenhouse gasses.

But, a more significant failing than the credibility of the conference chair is the fact that there is simply no accountability for the agreements that the delegates signed. Some felt that the language was diluted and that there are significant loopholes in what goals countries adopt and when they expect to reach them. Overall, critics said that the agreement lacks urgency in meeting what science says is necessary to stave off suffering for millions of people from extreme storms, sea rise, droughts, and heat waves. Also lacking are resources for poor countries to prepare for and mitigate climate disasters.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Prepare a new non-meat recipe; share the results with a friend.
- Keep a monthly list of your recycling. Where can you get better?

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 2024. 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.
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