

**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.*

*All Are Welcome!*

*January 27, 2024*  
*4th Week in Ordinary Time*



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## Happenings and announcements

### Events for week of January 27

#### Saturday (January 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)

#### Tuesday (Jan 30)

- 10 am - Online Scripture Reading

#### Wednesday (Jan 31)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)

#### Thursday (Feb 1)

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

#### Friday (Feb 2)

- 6 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm - RCIA

#### Saturday (Feb 3)

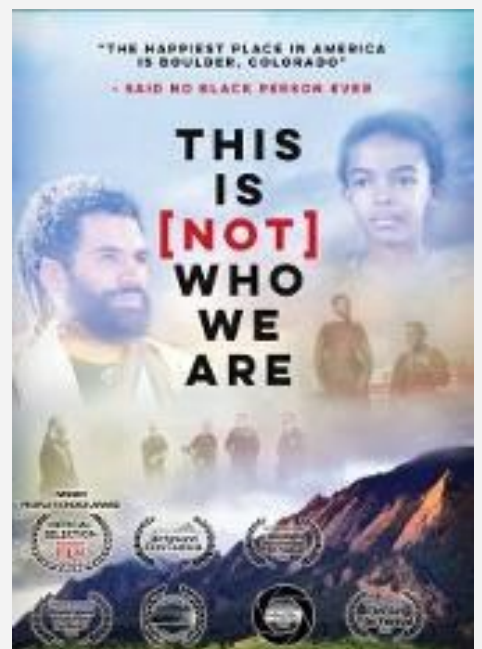
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- **Women of the Spirit:** Come join us as we continue to share our focus words for the new year and then explore Kindness – The Surprising Benefits at our Women of the Spirit meeting on **Thursday, February 1st at 1:00 pm** in the Fireside Room.

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 Judy Nielsen at 303-772-9466 or Barb Olander at 303-651-3229.



- **Adoration:** Join us for Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday, February 2nd at 6pm** in the Church Office. We will be not be observing Eucharistic Adoration during Lent.
- **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.



## Events in Lent

It feels like Christmas is just over and Lent is right around the corner. Following with the theme of 'Living the Rosary', we will be engaging the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent.

- **Ash Wednesday Services:** Light of Christ will be holding combined services with Bethlehem Lutheran on **Wednesday, February 14**, at **Noon** and **7 PM** in the Sanctuary co-presided by Fr. Teri and Pastor Katie. Ashes will be available at each of these services.



- **Bring your fake houseplants to church!** We will be setting up a scene for our Lenten Evening Prayer services and need lots of greenery. If you have fake houseplants that we can borrow, please bring them **on or before Saturday, February 10**. We recommend putting your name on a tag somewhere on the plant so we can return it to you. Plants can be placed in the Church office for the time being.
- **Online Lenten Retreat:** You are invited to join us in an Online Lenten Retreat. This year's theme is "Sorrowful Mysteries". Each day you will receive an email with materials to contemplate and pray with, as well as an invitation with some journal activities. You can engage these sources in a way that is beneficial to you. If you are interested in joining us, please **send an e-mail** to Fr. Teri at [pastor@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:pastor@lightofchristecc.org) by **February 11th**. If you are already part of our online retreat, you do not need to do anything to sign up.

The retreat will begin on Ash Wednesday, **February 14th**. All are welcome. You are welcome to share the retreat with a friend who is not part of Light of Christ.

- **Lenten Evening Prayers:** Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran will be holding joint Midweek Lenten Evening Prayers in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at **6:30 PM** from **February 21st** to **March 20th**. There will be a pre-service soup supper each week starting at **5:30 PM**. Please bring your own dishware and utensils.



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# 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.



## Catholic Presence at COP 28

More than 100 officials with Catholic institutions and organizations registered to attend the climate summit in Dubai, which drew and estimated 85,000 participants, by far the largest climate COP to date. A majority of the Catholic delegates were affiliated with Caritas International, the global Catholic Church's humanitarian network. Folks from Catholic Relief Service (CRS) had a strong presence. Boston College and Georgetown University each sent 20-plus students and teachers.

The Holy See sent a delegation of 18 members. Regrettably, Pope Francis wasn't able to attend because of illness; however, a full scale cardboard cutout of the Pope stood near one of the delegate's sections. A particular focus for the Holy See delegation was greater emphasis on climate change education and lifestyle changes, reflecting the pope's belief, as stated in *Laudate Deum*, that "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes."

Addressing the summit as it drew to a close, Archbishop Christophe Zakhia El-Kassis, the Holy See's nuncio to the UAE leading the Vatican delegation, expressed the delegation's "concerns that the expectations of the youth and future generations, especially those of the people living in the areas mostly affected by climate change, have not been completely met, and that there was not a full response to the science."

Josianne Gauthier, secretary general of CIDSE, a network of Catholic social justice organizations, said that while the text "illuminates the beginning of the end for the fossil fuel era ... the outcome fails to fully reflect the urgency of climate action or the reality faced by the world's most vulnerable nations."

"Fossil fuel producing countries and wealthy western states have not shown the courage to overcome greed and their lifestyles. In doing this, we continue to ignore the demands from Indigenous peoples, youth movements, and vulnerable countries to abandon our addiction to fossil fuels in a way that is fair, fast, funded, and forever," she said.

–Taken from: National Catholic Reporter (12-22-2023)

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

- Declutter 1,000 items from your house in 10 days

**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](mailto: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.