

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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February 17, 2024

1st week in Lent



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Events for week of February 17

Saturday (Feb 17)

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

Tuesday (Feb 20)

- 10 am - Online Scripture Reading
- 10 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4 pm - Liturgy Meeting
- 5 pm - Stephen Ministry
- 6 pm - Land Stewardship Committee

Wednesday (Feb 21)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)
- 5:30 pm - Lenten soup supper
- 6:30 pm - Lenten evening service

Thursday (Feb 22)

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

Saturday (Feb 24)

- 4:50 pm - Children's Talk
- 5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)
- 6 pm - All-Parish meeting and potluck

- **Rosaries in Lent:** During Lent, we will be exploring the Sorrowful Mysteries. We would ask that everyone bring their rosaries to Mass starting on **Saturday, February 17th**. We will have rosaries available for those who do not have them.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Come and knit or crochet with us. The LOC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 20**, 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!

- **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.

- **All Parish Meeting and Potluck: February 24th after Mass.** There will be a pot-luck dinner after Mass followed by the All-Parish meeting hosted by Parish Council. Please **bring a dish** to share along with **your own plate and tableware**. We're not assigning specific foods to any group, so come and enjoy whatever food is brought as we listen to the Parish Council share important information about Light of Christ.

Adult Formation notes

Black History Month. We are honoring the contributions of Black scientists and environmentalists who have contributed to our efforts in climate change. This week we are honoring **Hattie Carthan**, Environmental Justice Advocate.

Hattie Carthan was born in Portsmouth, V.A., in 1900. When she was a child her family relocated to Long Island, N.Y. Her first trips into Brooklyn were with her minister father who preached there on the weekends. Even then she was enamored with nature, naming and “adopting” the trees she saw during the family’s drives into the city.

She began living in Brooklyn in 1928 and settled in Bedford-Stuyvesant on Vernon Avenue in 1953. When she arrived, it was still one of the prettier, tree-lined streets in the neighborhood, but by 1964 there were only four trees left. The community had grown increasingly disaffected from years of poverty, neglect, and frustration with racial injustice. That year [the Harlem Race Riot of 1964](#), triggered by the fatal shooting of black teenager James Powell by a white police officer, spilled over from Harlem into Bed-Stuy. The riot lasted four days.

Carthan’s response to the turmoil in her neighborhood was simple: plant trees. She viewed it as a way to not only revitalize her community—but also to reclaim it. When asked later if she’d ever considered moving away as her community’s struggles worsened, she said, “We’ve already lost too many trees, houses and people... your community— you owe something to it. I didn’t care to run.”

Without the science to back up her argument, it took years for Carthan’s vision of a greener Brooklyn to be accepted in her own community and then to receive city support. She reported being called a “tree nut” by some but her extraordinary persistence and resilience saw her through.

Carthan recognized the potential of urban green spaces to not only lift the spirits of a community but also to address issues of poor nutrition and green spaces through gardening. To this day, the lack of green spaces in economically under resourced communities—particularly communities of color—is often met with indifference. Instead, Carthan viewed creating respect and appreciation of nature as a necessity for revitalizing her community.

What can ordinary people do about climate change?

Read a short overview of Black History Month.

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

PRAYER CORNER

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;
 Dave Barnwell; Gina Hinnegan;
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;
 Marty Campbell; Michael Degnan
 Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis Enge;
 Rita Rose Bergen, Sharon Cramer; Sha-
 ron 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.

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

STEWARDSHIP

	January	Year To Date
Donations	\$8,568.00	\$8,568.00
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$109.92	\$109.92
Total Income	\$8,677.92	\$8,677.92
Expenses	\$13,120.06	\$13,120.06
Balance	\$(4,442.14)	\$(4,442.14)

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.

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