



***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!*



*February 3, 2024  
5th Week in Ordinary Time*

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**Events for week of February 3**

Saturday (Feb 3)

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

Tuesday (Feb 6)

- 10 am - Online Scripture Reading
- 5 pm - Stephen Ministry

Wednesday (Feb 7)

- 9 am - Mass (Hybrid/Zoom)
- 7 pm - St. Patrick dinner planning meeting

Thursday (Feb 8)

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

Saturday (Feb 10)

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

• **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.

• **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.

- **Stewardship Time, Talent and Treasure Drive:** The Stewardship Committee is wrapping up our community's pledge drive. On Saturday, January 20th, you should have received a Time, Talent, and Treasure email which included various opportunities to contribute along with links to two pledge forms: one for you to tell us how you will share your gifts of time and talent and the other to indicate the amount of your 2024 financial pledge.

Please **complete both forms** by this **Sunday, February 4th** so that our Parish Council will have the information they need to establish a budget for the year and prepare for the All Parish Meeting on February 24th. If you have misplaced the email from January 20th, please reach out to the church office and we can forward it to you.

- **Thank you from Tipi Raisers Organization:** Thank you LOC family for the donation of 25 blankets. On Tuesday, they were delivered to the Pineridge Reservation in North Dakota to keep our Lakota Brothers and Sister warm. Way to go!

## 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.

**February is Black History Month.** We are highlighting the contributions of Black environmentalists. Today we feature: **Angelou Ezello**

Angelou is an environmental activist. She is the founder of an international nonprofit called Greening Youth Foundation (GYF) that was created to engage underrepresented youth and young adults while connecting them to the outdoors and careers in conservation. Greening Youth Foundation provides its services throughout the US and in West Africa.

After a brief stint of practicing law, it was through her work as a Legal Specialist for the New Jersey State Agriculture and Development Committee that Angelou embarked upon a career as an environmentalist. Angelou is a graduate of Spelman College, Georgia. She received her Juris Doctorate in Law from the University of Florida, College of Law. Her origin story in environmentalism appears on the website of GYF. It gives a feel for why Blacks people are rarely found in conservation work.

“As a little girl growing up in Jersey City, New Jersey, USA, I was very close to my grandmother who is now late. I was her deputy gardener. Everything she did in that garden in front of our house, I was there to help her. So, my hands were always in the soil, helping her prune plants, weeds, and other gardening duties. Also, my parents had 54 acres of land in upstate New York. It was so vast and big that’s where I felt so free. This magical place helped me connect to nature and the outdoors. Growing up I didn’t know about the environmental field; I wasn’t encouraged by my family to pursue environmentalism as a career. I later realized the discouragement was because of how we looked- the color of our skin. You see, the environmental field was very homogeneous. Back then, it was primarily a career for white people so my family wasn’t comfortable recommending me to go into that field because they didn’t believe it was safe or would be successful for people of color. Later, as a mother in Atlanta, I celebrated Earth Day with my youngest son’s kindergarten class. I brought in these little seeds that they were going to be planting and I talked to them about the significance of Earth Day. I made the learning process so interesting that both the kids and the teacher loved it. That was how we started our first project, which is the environmental education program in schools, later called the Forever Green Kids. We created environmental clubs in schools. This was also the birth of the Greening Youth Foundation.” (From an interview with Angelou Ezello)

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

- Do a no-spend month. Apart from basic finances and bills, try to spend little or nothing extra.
- Can you do one errand on foot, bicycle, or by bus?

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Beulah McMaster; Carol Fischer;  
 Dave Barnwell; Gina; Kris Jenkins;  
 Linda Moses; Marty Campbell;  
 Michael Degnan Paula Degnan;  
 Pete Conti; Rita Rose Bergen, Sharon  
 Cramer; Sharon Farnsworth; Viv Thomp-  
 son; 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.