



JUNE 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Heart of Longmont Family,

Summer is officially here, and June is shaping up to be a joyful month full of worship, fellowship, service, and celebration.

I want to thank everyone who attended

Family Camp at Buckhorn Camp and Retreat Center at the end of May. It was a wonderful weekend together filled with worship, laughter, games, hiking, and good conversation. I'm grateful to everyone who attended. A special thank you to Tricia, Jana, Owen, and everyone else who helped with planning, organizing, setup, food, activities, and all the behind-the-scenes details that made Family Camp run smoothly. It was truly a team effort, and I was grateful to be part of helping put it together as well.

Our next event at Buckhorn Camp will be our Women's Retreat on Friday, June 19 through Saturday, June 20. We're excited to welcome Katie Cassady as our guest speaker. Katie is a Denver-based writer and speaker who will be focusing on the story of Esther and how all of us experience seasons that require bravery, courage, and faithfulness "for such a time as this." It will be a meaningful weekend for all who attend.

June is also Pride Month, and Heart of Longmont will be participating in Longmont Pride at Roosevelt Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 6. I'm proud that we are a Reconciling church that shows up publicly and joyfully reminds ALL people that they are loved by God and fully celebrated. If you'd like to volunteer at our Heart of Longmont booth during Longmont Pride, please contact Megan Orsburn. We will have a rock painting area, Heart of Longmont stickers and swag, and I will be providing communion with rainbow bread! We'll

also have a Pride Ice Cream Social after worship on Sunday, June 21 in the HOL courtyard. This event is free to the community and a way we hope to show our love and support of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors.

Vacation Bible Camp is almost here and I'm so excited about it! VBC will take place June 8-12 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon each day, and this year's theme is Kingdom Quest. We could still use a few more volunteers to help throughout the week, and there's still time to register your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends. Lunch will be

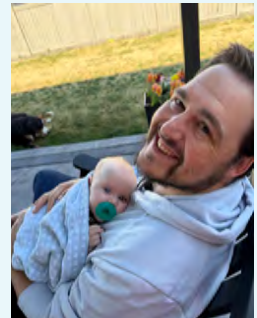


provided every day during VBC, too, and the cost is free. Jana has done an incredible amount of work preparing for this week, and I'm so grateful for all the time, energy, and creativity she's poured into making it happen.

Russ, Micah, and I will be traveling with Karl Scott (our church's lay delegate) to Billings, Montana, for the Mountain Sky Annual Conference June 11 to June 13. I continue to serve as our conference's Nominations Chair and will be working to set all the conference teams for the upcoming year. It will also be fun to reconnect with friends from my former church, Hope United Methodist Church, who are hosting a party for baby Micah while we're in town.

On Sunday, June 28, we'll begin a new summer worship series called "Faces

of Our Faith" from the creators of A Sanctified Art. Throughout this series, we'll spend time exploring some of the overlooked and lesser-known people in Scripture and remembering that God's



story has always been shaped not only by famous heroes of faith, but also by ordinary people doing what they could with what they had. Some of the biblical figures we'll explore in this 11-week series include: Lydia, the daughters of Zelophehad, Queen Vashti, Eutychus, Shiphrah and Puah, Jonah, and Joseph of Arimathea. To help prepare for this series, I'd love for you to submit a photo of someone who has been "the face of faith" in your life. Maybe it's a Sunday school teacher, a grandparent, a spouse, a friend, or someone whose faith shaped your own. I'd ask that you submit a photo of your loved one by Monday, June 22 so our ministry design team can create a display in the sanctuary with everyone's photos.

I'm grateful to pastor such an amazing congregation and excited for all the ministry, worship, outreach, and community that's happening this June. It's going to be a great month at Heart of Longmont.

All My Love,

— PASTOR ANGIE DORNISCH



HEART OF COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thank you again for the continued generosity supporting the Heart of Community capital campaign.

installation of the new Ed Wing A/C units and the beginning of parking lot improvements in May.

and long-term stewardship goals.

As of May 2026:

- **Commitments:** \$1,179,385
- **Collections Received:** \$693,105 (58.8%)

At the same time, leadership, designers, and contractors continue working through project scope, timing, and updated cost estimates related to the interior and exterior upgrade/update projects. An important part of this next phase is carefully evaluating project priorities in light of campaign commitments, available funding,

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Heart of Community campaign, leadership is preparing a broader update reflecting on the progress made, projects completed, lessons learned, and next steps for the campaign.

Thank you for your continued patience, engagement, generosity, and prayers as this important work continues to unfold.



At left and center, crews working to remove the old asphalt and pavement while the weather holds true. At right, crews discovered and removed more than 150 feet of buried culvert pipe that likely dates back to the 1930s. Photos courtesy of Rod Edmonds.

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GUN SAFE GIVEAWAY

Safe gun storage saves lives. We have a unique opportunity to make a difference in our community by partnering with the United Church of Christ to distribute free handgun safes and car locks.

Since 2008, we have given away 1,251 home safes and 645 car safes. This mission remains critical: In 2023, Colorado ranked 14th in the nation for firearm suicides, and firearms were the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 17. Research by Michael T. Anestis indicates that an unsecured firearm is more likely to result in accidental death or suicide than to be used in defense against a home invasion.

The distribution event will take place in our parking lot on June 13, from 8 AM to 1 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [by clicking here](#) or contacting the church office.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.



AN HOL YOUTH UPDATE

by Emily Farrenkopf, Youth Co-Director

Each spring, we have the joy and privilege of celebrating the graduating seniors in our youth group. Every year I find myself saying the same thing: It is both beautiful and bittersweet to watch these young people grow up and step into the next chapter of their lives. Over

the years, these students have become so much more than just members of a youth group—they have become leaders, servants, encouragers, and an important part of our church family.

This year, we are celebrating seven incredible seniors, each with

unique gifts, accomplishments, and dreams for the future. While there is no way to fully capture all they mean to us in one article, we wanted to share just a few highlights about each of them.



Camden Tate is graduating from Longmont High School. Camden and his family have been part of our church family for many years, and

it has been a joy getting to watch him grow over time. During high school, he played baseball through his junior year, played basketball for a season, and participated in the High School of Business program. Camden hopes to one day build his own company and plans to work hard toward achieving that dream. When asked what he is most proud of, he shared that he is proud of how much he has grown as a person throughout high school.



Talia Martinez is graduating from Fredrick High School and also recently graduated from Front Range Community College with her Associate's Degree. During high school, she played both golf and volleyball and participated in the P-TECH program.

Talia has been part of our youth group for the past seven years. She shared that some of her favorite youth group memories came from mission trips, especially last summer's trip to West Virginia. Talia is one of the kindest people you will ever meet and continually strives to become the best version of herself. This fall, she plans to attend University of Colorado Denver to pursue a degree in Business.



Alex Davis is graduating from Longmont High School with an incredible list of accomplishments and leadership roles. Alex maintained a 4.0 GPA while taking challenging AP courses and earning induction into the National Honor

Society. He has been deeply involved in the arts community as President of the Drama Program, a performer in several theater productions, and a member of both top audition choirs as well as District Honor Choir. Beyond the arts, Alex helped create the Unified Theater Program and

participated in Unified Bowling, Basketball, and Percussion, helping bring students of all abilities together through inclusion and teamwork. He also served in leadership roles through Choir Council, Link Crew, Blue Crew, peer tutoring, and the Allies in Diversity club. This fall, Alex plans to attend Colorado Mesa University to study Business with a focus on entrepreneurship.



Kameron Sam is graduating from Silver Creek High School. Kameron is an incredibly talented athlete with a strong work ethic and quiet determination. He played soccer throughout high school, participated in track and field, and was also a member of the

jazz band. Kam shared that he is most proud of balancing academics and athletics so successfully throughout high school. He has been a steady and faithful part of our youth group for the past seven years and especially loved the mission trips and the opportunity to serve alongside friends. This fall, Kameron plans to attend University of Colorado Boulder to study Integrative Physiology.



Midori Furuta is also graduating from Silver Creek High School. Midori has been involved in a wide variety of activities during her high school years, including graduating from the P-TECH program with honors, mentoring for Unified

Basketball and Bowling, participating in Unified Physical Education, singing in choir, and playing basketball during her senior year. This year also brought significant health challenges, including multiple hospitalizations and a new diagnosis. Despite those hardships, Midori faced every challenge with strength, grace, and faith. She shared that she learned she is capable of doing very hard things and expressed gratitude for God's grace throughout the journey. This fall, Midori will attend Adams State University to study Elementary Education.

Brayden Landers is also graduating from Longmont High School. During high school, Brayden participated in FBLA, played football and basketball, and competed in track and field. He has also been part of our youth group for the past seven years.



When asked about his favorite youth group memories, Brayden shared that he especially appreciated the mission trips and the deep conversations that happened during those weeks together. Brayden's favorite holiday is Easter, which feels fitting for someone so grounded in

faith, hope, and joy. He is one of those people whose presence makes a group feel complete, and he will be deeply missed. This fall, Brayden plans to attend Colorado State University to study Mechanical Engineering.



Avery Baucom is graduating as a homeschool student. Throughout high school, he dedicated countless hours to basketball, traveling around the country to compete in the sport he loves. Although Avery joined our youth

group just this January, he made a lasting impression in a very short amount of time. He is kind, thoughtful, and welcoming to everyone around him. Avery shared that he is most proud of the hard work he has put into basketball and the opportunities he has earned to continue playing at the collegiate level. This fall, he plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he will study Exercise Science and Sports Psychology while continuing his basketball career.

As we celebrate these seniors, we also want them to know this: no matter where life takes them next, they will always have a home here. We are incredibly proud of each one of them and grateful for the ways they have shaped our youth group and church community over the years. We cannot wait to see all the amazing things God has in store for them in the future.



WORSHIPFUL MOMENTS

BE THE SOURCE LUNCHEON



We had a very meaningful presentation and conversation with the executive team from Be the Source, where we learned through a hands-on activity how many children are placed into the foster care or kinship care system every day. The numbers are alarming, but what is more alarming is how few placements really work out and how often these children are moved from one place to another.

Be the Source will be our compassion offering for July. If you are passionate about helping support the families who act as foster or kinship caregivers, we would love to have you help our Mission Design team foster a partnership of support. Be on the lookout for more information in next month's edition of the HEART.

ALEX DAVIS' EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOUR



In February 2025, Alex created Longmont High School's first ever Unified Theater Program where those with intellectual disabilities work with those without to create a theater performance. Alex fully funded and directed this program for his Eagle Scout project. Many Eagles build something physical for their Eagle Project, but Alex's goal wasn't to leave a physical mark, it was to leave a mental and

emotional impact on his peers so that they know they belong and can do whatever they wish to do in life. Thanks to everyone who came to Alex's Court of Honour on April 26, and celebrated and congratulated him for this incredible achievement!

WORSHIPFUL MOMENTS

PSALM 10:1 TALK AND Q&A WITH THE REVEREND DAVID CLEMENTS



FINAL CHEF HEARTY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Our last meal was prepared and distributed on May 10. It was the ever-favorite make/build your own pizza! The pictures show the pure joy of kids making their own meal and getting to share it. Thank you so much to all who have participated over the course of the year either by donating money or donating time to help build the healthy meal kits.

We are beginning to research whether we can expand Chef Hearty to the other Wild Plum sites. There are approximately 198 families over 4 sites.

If you have suggestions of healthy/easy/inexpensive recipes that you would like the Chef Hearty team to consider for meal kits, please send them to Tricia at tricia@heartoflongmont.org.



WORSHIPFUL MOMENTS

FAMILY CAMP

Our Family camp this past weekend marks something special for our church. For the first time in 18 years, 19 families and 61 people of all ages created space and time for their families to step away, connect, and grow together—and we had a wonderful time! We hope you will consider joining us next year. Be on the lookout in the July edition of the HEART for more pictures and information about our Family camp event!



WORSHIPFUL MOMENTS

SENIOR SUNDAY

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! On May 17, our seniors were recognized during worship service. Read more about them and their future plans and goals on pages 3 to 4 of this newsletter.



PLANTAR EN EL JARDÍN



On a bright, sunny Saturday morning, HOL helped Wesley Townhomes residents plant their raised beds. Kids and adults alike enjoyed digging in the dirt to plant tomatoes, tomatillos, herbs, and peppers, along with lettuce and zucchini seeds. We also added colorful flowers to help attract pollinators. It was a gratifying morning, especially seeing how engaged the children were with the activity. When asked about eating a ripe tomato, one child mentioned she didn't like them; however, after watching the plants grow and produce sweet, juicy fruit, she just might end up changing her mind.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



It's exciting to watch our Heart of Longmont church family grow! We've had over 51 new members in the last 18 months. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church or (more specifically) our Heart of Longmont church or if you just have questions for Pastor Angie, we invite you to join us on July 12 in the Parlor after worship service, for delicious snacks and a chance to meet others who are new. You will also be able to take a tour of the church. Please reach out to either Tricia Grafelman at tricia@heartoflongmont.org or Pastor Angie at revangie@heartoflongmont.org if you want more information.

CFM UPDATES

Hello Heart of Longmont family,

I hope your summer is off to a great start. We are in a full planning mode to make the next school year full of fun, faith, growth, and friendships.

We wrapped up our last Parents & Tots and Pizza Playtime for the school year. We will resume our regular activities in September. Meanwhile, we will bring you a few fun events in July and August. Stay tuned for updates!

Much love,

—JANA & LEONARD

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8 to June 12 — VBC!

June 14 at 10:00 AM — Kids Run Church. Our VBC kiddos will be in charge!

June 23 at 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM — Parents Night Out Drop off your kids for a fun night of various axolotl-themed crafts! Dinner will be provided. Suggested donation: \$5 per child. Ages 4-11; nursery for younger siblings will be available. [Click here to register](#) or contact Jana at CFM@heartoflongmont.org.



Here's a teaser of the fun Axolotl-themed crafts we'll be doing on Parents Night Out!

CREDITS:

- Cute Build An Axolotl Craft (Cut And Paste Activity For Kids) by [Nurtured Neurons](#)
- Bookmark Axolotl by [Big Family Blessings](#)
- How to Draw an Axolotl by [littlemandyart](#)

LEONARD WANTS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!

Would you like to send a short video message to that special someone who is a big fan of our friend Leonard E. Gator? Leonard will record a personalized message and text or email it to them for a small donation to CFM. To learn more, email leonard@heartoflongmont.org

EMAIL LEONARD
LEONARD@HEARTOFLONGMONT.ORG

Scan the QR Code to donate online or make a check out to HOL with CFM Leonard on the memo line.





Register your children for Vacation Bible Camp by [clicking here](#), scanning the QR code at left, or by picking up the registration form in the Gallery.

Scan above to register your children for Vacation Bible Camp!

We need people of different talents!

Before the event, flexible time

- Builders, painters, and designers- to help with the space realm, cardboard castle, light lab and others. We need ideas as well as people who can execute them
- Planners and organizers - help with registration forms, gathering supplies, etc.
- Prayers

Before the event, June 6-7

- Decorate the classrooms, set up the

- main stage
- Lots of last minute tasks as they pop up!
- Prayers!

During the event June 8-12

- Prayers!

Mornings 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- Group Leaders
- Backup



Safe Gatherings training required (we will provide). All the lesson plans are provided. All you need to do is be there, follow the lesson and have fun!

Afternoons - flexible, after 12:30 PM
Clean up, next day set up and prep as needed

Please let me (Jana) know which one of these roles will bring you the most joy! You can sign up by [clicking here](#) or emailing me at CFM@heartoflongmont.org.

You can support our VBC with donations as well. [Click here to go to our Amazon registry](#) or scan the QR code at right.



Scan here for the VBC Amazon Registry!



MISSION DESIGN TEAM JUNE UPDATE

from Amy Mann

UPCOMING COMPASSION OFFERINGS

June
Rocky Mountain Equality

July
Be the Source

August
Chef Hearty

September
El Comité

October
Habitat for Humanity

November
Recovery Café

December
Casa De Paz

The Heart of Longmont remains committed to supporting our LGBTQIA+ community and will once again be participating in Longmont's Pride celebration. Our presence matters! Pride creates a visible and welcoming space where LGBTQIA+ individuals, families, friends, and allies can come together in community, celebration, and support.

For many people of faith, supporting Pride is rooted in the example of Jesus, who consistently reached out to those who felt excluded, judged, or marginalized. Jesus taught love, compassion, dignity, and care for all people. Being part of Pride is one way we can live out those values by reminding others that they are worthy, welcomed, and never alone.

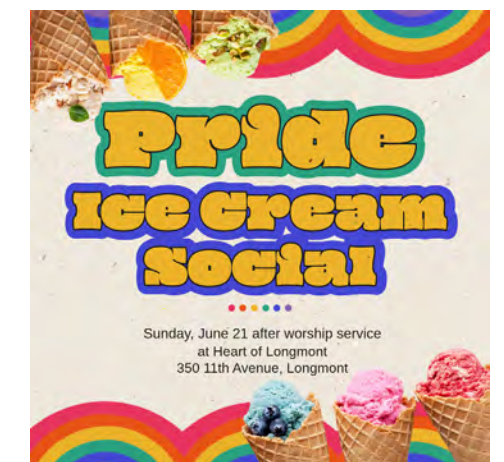
We would love your help staffing the Heart of Longmont's table at Longmont Pride in Roosevelt Park on June 6, 2026. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, greeting attendees, sharing information, and clean up. [Sign up here](#) or contact the church office.

HOL will also be hosting a **Pride Father's Day Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 21, following church services.** All are welcome! Please invite your friends, family, and allies to join us as we celebrate love, inclusion, and community for all of God's children. Colorful outfits are highly encouraged!

Don't forget the OUR Center Monthly Meal Partnership! Heart of Longmont's Leadership and Mission Design Team has partnered with Longs Peak UMC to support a monthly meal at the OUR Center through both financial contributions and volunteer service. Heart of Longmont

will contribute approximately \$150 each month, matching Longs Peak UMC, to help provide meals for the 80-100 individuals typically served. The OUR Center depends on community partners to provide weekend meals when staffing is limited, making this support especially meaningful. You can join this mission by sponsoring a meal (full or partial) with a gift card or donation, or by volunteering for a two-hour shift on the second Saturday of each month. To get involved, please contact the Heart of Longmont office, contact Amy Mann, or [sign up here](#).

Volunteer with HOPE HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Support) has a new way to sign up volunteer as a Soup Angel or work their evening meal service. If you have questions about what these jobs entail, contact Amy Mann. [Sign up to volunteer directly by clicking here](#) (or contact the church office for the link).



WHO:
Everyone of all ages!

WHEN:
June 15-19 | 6-9pm

WHERE:
Longs Peak UMC

Exploring the Nature of God

INTERGENERATIONAL VBS AT LONGS PEAK UMC

Join us for a week of fun, friends, and adventure as we explore the nature of God. Learn more about VBS for All and register for Rainforest Falls at <https://www.lpumc.org/vbs>.

Rainforest Falls is a completely free, 5-day evening camp with activities for children, teens, and adults that every member of the family will want to experience. Each day starts with a full family meal followed by time for games, crafts, music, Bible stories, and more. We can't wait to see what God is going to do June 15-19, 6-9pm. Questions? Contact Jase at Jase@LPUMC.org.

GUATEMALA REFLECTIONS

SERVING WITH ODIM, NOVEMBER 2025



Above Left: Patrona and Orley. Patrona made our meals and served them in her home. I met Orley, her grandson, on our first trip, when he was so much younger. He was so glad to see us return! We played hacky sack nearly every night together. Bottom Left: Our team heading out to install well-ventilated wood burning stoves. Bottom Right: My team inside a family's home after we had installed the stove, with Katie Link and Joan Edmonds.



When I serve on an adult mission trip, I feel like the version of myself God intended me to be. There's something deeply fulfilling and purposeful about helping others in need.

Part of it may come from recognizing how blessed I am and wanting to give back, but even more than that, it simply fills my soul.

One of the things that continues to amaze me here in Guatemala is how joyful people seem, regardless of poverty. Visiting the villages of San Juan and San Pablo Laguna feels like a lesson in perspective. There is so much beauty, yet you also have to look beyond what may seem unpleasing—like scattered garbage or unfinished buildings—to truly see it. When you do, you notice the stunning lake surrounded by mountains and volcanoes, the vibrant greenery, and the flowers. It's a powerful reminder to focus on what is good and life-giving.

Serving alongside 11 other team members, as well as the dedicated Mayan ODIM staff, to support teen girls and boys,

new mothers, babies, diabetics—really, an entire village—just feels right. Being part of work that tangibly improves lives is incredibly meaningful. I hope others will consider joining in the future. I really think that mission work has a way of bringing out the best in who we are.

Another gift of serving away from home is the deep connection it builds with others on the trip—something that's hard to replicate in everyday life. I had the chance to get to know everyone more personally. I made a new friend in Katie Link, and we connected right away. I also reconnected with a longtime friend of 32 years, Bobby Pannone, who joined us from Alabama. Sharing a room with Pastor Angie was another highlight, talking long into the night just about our lives.

It's easy to want to stay within your comfort zone when thinking about attending a trip like this, but when you step out together, it just feels right and you get to grow.

—TRICIA GRAFELMAN



WOMEN'S RETREAT— WORTHY: LIVING INTO OUR CALLING FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS

This summer, we're inviting the women of our church to step away from the noise of daily life and into sacred space together at Buckhorn Camp for a one night retreat, June 19 to June 20.

Rooted in the story of Esther, this retreat will explore what it means to live with courage, hope, and purpose as women of faith. This retreat is for women of all ages and stages of life. Whether you're longing for renewal, craving connection, or simply needing time to breathe and listen for God's still, small voice, we invite you to join us.

Our guest speaker and retreat leader is Katie Cassady. Read more about her below.

Come away with us to the mountains, to community, and to the deep truth that you are worthy for such a time as this.

WORTHY
Living Into Our Calling for Such a Time as This
WOMEN'S RETREAT
June 19 — June 20
at Buckhorn UMC Camp

A ONE NIGHT GETAWAY WITH A FULL DAY OF WORSHIP, CONVERSATION, REFLECTION, AND REST. FOOD IS PROVIDED.
"HOTEL LIKE" ROOMS.

ALL WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND ALL STAGES OF LIFE ARE INVITED!



KATIE CASSADY

Katie is a gifted writer, speaker, and thoughtful guide who brings a deep love for faith, beauty, and everyday life into all she does. A former pastoral minister turned stay-at-home mom, she now shares her voice throughout the Denver metro area, weaving together reflections on grace, human dignity, and the sacred rhythms of ordinary life. A Midwestern transplant to the Rocky Mountains, Katie finds inspiration in both her surroundings and her many passions—reading, thrifting, gardening, beekeeping, and even her experience as a former birth doula.

With a heart grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and a deep appreciation for the Sacraments, Katie invites others to notice God's presence in the natural world and in the simple, meaningful moments of daily life. Her words are rich with metaphor, wisdom, and warmth, offering a gentle but powerful reminder of the beauty and dignity woven into all creation. We are so grateful to welcome Katie as part of our women's retreat.



From OUR Center



Thank You, Interfaith Quilters!
Celebrating 40 years of generosity—and a record-breaking impact.

We were honored to join the Interfaith Quilters for their 40th Annual Spring Luncheon last Monday, marking a remarkable milestone for a group whose dedication has made a lasting impact in our community.

For four decades, the Interfaith Quilters have been a committed partner

of OUR Center, offering their time, craftsmanship, and care in support of our mission. This year, their fall quilt sale resulted in an extraordinary \$18,000 contribution—the largest we have received from this event to date.

This record-breaking support strengthens our ability to provide essential services to individuals and families across the St. Vrain Valley, and stands as a testament to the generosity and consistency that have defined this partnership over the years.

We are so grateful for the Interfaith Quilters and proud to share in a partnership that continues to uplift our community in such a meaningful way.

Learn more about Interfaith Quilters here:
<https://interfaithquilters.net/>



OUR Center's 40th Anniversary
Mark Your Calendars & Save The Date!

September 26 | 220 Collyer Street, Longmont CO

This year marks a major milestone—40 years of serving our community—and we look forward to celebrating with all of you while honoring the people, partnerships, and shared commitment that have

shaped OUR Center over the years. More details will be shared in the coming months, and we hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to join us.

From OUR Center's newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter and support their work, visit their website: <https://www.ourcenter.org/>. You can also volunteer to help serve a meal for OUR Center through Heart of Longmont.



From HOPE Longmont

From HOPE Longmont's newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter and support their work, visit their website: <https://hopeforlongmont.org/>. You can also volunteer to help serve meals through HOPE at Heart of Longmont. See the Opportunities to Serve section below.

Volunteer Call: HOPE Shoppers!
HOPE is looking for volunteers who enjoy thrifting, bargain hunting, or visiting local garage sales to help us stock up on much-needed clothing items for our Outreach Center!
Our unhoused clients are in need of jeans, hoodies, jackets, shoes, and other everyday essentials.
We are building a small team of volunteers willing to shop on behalf of HOPE using donated funds or arranged budgets to help us find affordable, quality items locally.
If you are interested in helping in this unique

and meaningful way, please email Joy at joy@hopeforlongmont.org.

March Outcomes
In March, HOPE continued strong momentum across all programs resulting in:

- 2 individuals housed (12 total in 2026), including long-term unhoused community members
- 12 vital documents secured (33 total YTD)
- 2,302 meals served (6,956 total YTD)
- 498 volunteer hours contributed (1,535 total YTD)



Our Shelter Director and Case Manager setting up the HOPE history mural.

Program Highlights:

- **Navigation:** Successfully housed 2 individuals and completed 1 diversion; housing list updates pending.
- **Outreach Center:** 496 client contacts (28/day avg), with 8 households supported in homelessness prevention and new systems improving operations.
- **Street Outreach (LHERE):** Expanded partnerships increased reach; 3 long-term unhoused individuals matched to housing opportunities.
- **Volunteering:** Strong engagement with new orientation turnout and increased participation, while addressing scheduling gaps to ensure consistent meal coverage.

Clothing Needs

Many who visit HOPE can only comfortably wear smaller clothing sizes. Help protect those sleeping outside by donating the following items in the listed sizes to HOPE

- Men's 30-34 jeans
- Men's 30-34 shorts
- Men's size 10+ sneakers

We accept donations directly at our Outreach Center located at:
804 S Lincoln St. Longmont, CO
Or you can donate through our Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/00ZEuJ3i>

From Longmont Food Rescue

Weekly Free Food Distributions

Produce in the Park
Collyer Park
Odd weeks (1st, 3rd, 5th)

Longmont Food Rescue
Sundays @ 1pm

Produce in the Parking Lot
YMCA
Even weeks (2nd & 4th)

Free Food for Seniors 55+
Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Ave
2nd Saturdays 10-11:30am

Spring planting season is here!

As you're planning what you'll grow this season, plant a little extra to support hunger relief in our community. Whether you're starting seeds indoors, buying transplants, or direct seeding into the ground, now is the perfect time to make a plan to Grow A Row for Longmont Food Rescue!

- **DOWNLOAD** the Fresh Food Connect app and sign up as a gardener. <https://www.freshfoodconnect.org/>

- **PLANT** extra seeds, or set aside a portion of your garden for donation.
- **SHARE** your homegrown produce - use the app to schedule and track donations. A Longmont Food Rescue volunteer can pick up right from your porch or you can drop off your donation at a Longmont Community Fridge anytime! <https://www.longmontcommunityfridges.org/>

From Longmont Food Rescue's email newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter and support their work, visit their website: <https://www.longmontfoodrescue.org>

Our Most Requested Produce:

- Tomatoes
- Chili peppers
- Onions
- Garlic
- Cilantro

So when you're planting this spring, think salsa!

Not a gardener yourself? Please share this info with any gardening friends.



Have Clothing to Donate?

Support future Vulture Collective clothing pop-ups by donating your extra spring and summer wear at their new monthly Drop & Shop events at Firehouse Art Center (667 4th Ave). Every 3rd Wednesday starting May 20, 5-8pm, drop off your old clothes and shop for new ones. It's the perfect time to do some spring cleaning in your closets, and keep our clothing out of the landfills and recirculating in our community. Men's clothing and children/youth sizes are in particularly high demand this spring!



From Rocky Mountain Equality

The following is from Rocky Mountain Equality's newsletter and blog. If you want to receive their newsletter, visit RMEQ's website rmequality.org to sign up. If you or loved one are LGBTQIA+ and need resources, visit <https://www.rmequality.org/resources> and reach out.



In recent years, Colorado has seen a wave of policy proposals that don't come from our communities, but from national groups looking to use our state as a testing ground. These outside interests bring misleading initiatives designed to advance their own agendas that don't reflect the values that Coloradans hold dear: fairness, freedom, and the belief that everyone should have the chance to live their lives without government interference. You can learn more about these initiatives at handsoffco.org.

Rocky Mountain Equality Applauds Passage of HB26-1322, Strengthening Colorado's Prohibition on Conversion Therapy

The Colorado General Assembly passed HB26-1322, legislation that updates Colorado's prohibition on conversion therapy to be viewpoint-neutral in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's March 31 ruling in Chiles v. Salazar. The new law preserves Colorado's ban on the discredited and dangerous practice and extends the statute of limitations for survivors to bring medical malpractice claims.

Statement from Mardi Moore, Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Mountain

Equality

"The passage of HB26-1322 is a clear statement from Colorado's Legislature that conversion therapy is dangerous and has lasting negative impacts on those who are exposed to it. This law keeps the state ban on the practice in place by complying with Chiles v. Salazar to ensure viewpoint neutrality, and gives survivors additional time to hold practitioners who did harm accountable. We are grateful to One Colorado and to the bill's sponsors for their urgency in making these updates. Rocky Mountain Equality will keep fighting alongside our partners to ensure every LGBTQ+ young person in Colorado is safe, seen, and supported."

From Casa de Paz



Casa de Paz demands for humane release times for individuals detained AURORA, CO - May 12, 2026

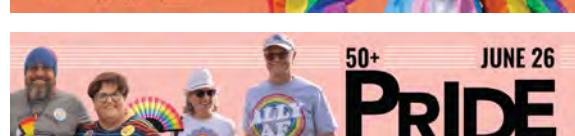
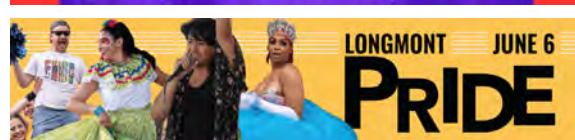
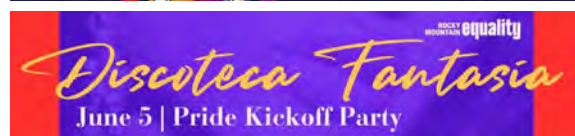
On Monday, May 11th, 2026 at around 10:50am, Casa de Paz was notified that Javier, a man in his 70s with impaired cognitive function, had been released from the facility sometime before 8am. No one capable of providing support was notified by GEO staff nor ICE of this release. His attorney was not provided with information on when he would be released and Casa de Paz did not receive a notification of a release that morning.

It is inhumane to do this to individuals. Casa de Paz has been in the community for 14 years and the Aurora Geo facility knows this. They also know that we regularly are not stationed outside the facility until 10am and in the past we have received calls for early releases. In addition, we are typically notified when

vulnerable individuals, such as Javier, are released. Aware of our hours, Geo did call on Saturday to notify us that individuals would be released as they know we were not typically there on the weekends. Casa de Paz staff however will show up as we know how vital we are to the safety of the people we serve.

We have received communication before from ICE and GEO stating that they must release people based on the "orders" they receive. Therefore they have to release folks immediately. Yet, this is simply not true. We've seen people who have paid bonds days in advance but are being held a few days after. We demand that people be released during appropriate times during the day so they can make the suitable, and safe arrangements to get back to their loved ones.

Javier hopped on a bus that led him downtown, miles away from his home. He was missing for 5 hours outside, in 83 degree weather wearing a long shirt and pants. We are thankful that he is safe. Today, we don't mourn another death at the hands of ICE because this community refuses to let our neighbors get lost in the shadows. We demand that ICE and Geo use the resources that are available to



them and the community so that we can ensure the safety of those released from custody.

Casa de Paz is a non-profit that welcomes guests who are released from the immigration detention center in Aurora, CO. We



FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER!

In the picture [at left] it's the reunification of a father and his two children whose reunification happened after months of being detained.

CASA GUESTS IN MARCH

For the month of March, We welcomed a total of 136 releases! 90 of them made it to Casa from 25 countries. We handed out 194 snack bags and we

are so thankful for all volunteers who have been part of our Snacks & Love program at GEO.

The 194 bags that we handed out this month helped surpass 1,000 snacks bags handed out to families going to visit loved ones at GEO THIS YEAR!

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

This month we had a mix of all needed donations from clothing items, snacks, drinks, gift cards, and paper peace cranes! These paper peace cranes were donated by Nicole [pictured at right] with sweet messages for guest. These are placed inside backpacks who we offer to individuals who are being released from the detention center.



Want to donate? Check out our donation list from Amazon/Target wishlists and all the other ways to give on our website. Thank you to everyone who's already donated—you've made a huge difference.

From Casa de Paz's email newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter and support their work, visit their website casadepazcolorado.org.

From El Comité



We Won! They Are Free! April 24

It was about this time last year that I started dreaming of adding an immigration attorney to our team full time. I started talking about it right away, and donors, intrigued by the idea, started stepping up. Our attorney, Charles Vernon, started at El Comité in October of last year.

Today, I write to all of you who helped us hire Charles with your support, and all of you who believe in our work, to report a really big win. In the past few weeks, he won freedom for two El Comité clients by filing and winning two federal habeas corpus cases! Those two clients are now free from the GEO detention center.

Habeas cases are the means for people to challenge their arrest, detention, or even deportation in court. It is considered one of the oldest and most important

safeguards in any democratic, free society. These cases are filed in federal court, not immigration court, because it is a separate jurisdiction and authority. A habeas case doesn't address the underlying immigration case, just whether the government has legal grounds to keep a petitioner detained while they wait for their immigration case to be resolved. Habeas petitions are a really important tool these days since most people in immigration detention are no longer being offered bonds, and when they are offered the bond amounts are so high that aren't actually accessible. Over 60,000 people are detained in immigration custody right now—a record high—and 70% have no criminal convictions.

Our cracker jack attorney filed these two habeas cases on behalf of two individuals who had complied with all conditions required of them while they waited for their immigration cases to proceed, and still – as we have been seeing and hearing about from the news – they were arrested and detained. One was in detention for two months. The other, who has two children in BVSD schools, was held at GEO

provide them a safe temporary space to go to so they can connect with their loved ones and make travel arrangements on to their final destination. For more information visit: www.casadepazcolorado.org

CASA GUESTS IN APRIL

Since the start of the current administration, Casa has seen a fall in releases. However in the recent months there has been an increase in releases alongside an increase in the number of local individuals being released.

For the month of April our volunteers handed out 194 snack bags to families. We welcomed 106 individuals being released from Aurora GEO, with 54 of them coming to Casa.

Among the 54 who came to Casa, there were 20 countries represented: Afghanistan, Chad, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ghana, Honduras, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Serbia, Sudan, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela. Last month, we had multiple people being released without ID's and paperwork.

For complete Welcome Team Monthly Reports, subscribe to Casa de Paz's newsletter.



See ICE activity?
Call 844-864-8341
 Colorado Rapid Response Network

for almost six months.

El Comité has always relied on local attorneys donating pro bono hours in order to offer low cost (\$25) consults to participants, and we still do. But, until Charles's arrival we could only offer consults. Now, with Charles, we can fill a significant gap in the community - there are few other options for affordable representation to defend low-income community members against detention and orders of removal. Because our legal services now include defensive representation on a sliding fee scale that ranges from \$25 - \$125 an hour based on their annual income for people from Boulder County and Carbon Valley we fill this gap. Now we can really fight for our participants!

And the timing couldn't be better. The Denver Post reported earlier this month that since January 2025 almost 5,000 Coloradans had been arrested and detained, and almost 4,000 were deported. They further reported that 62% of those had no criminal history. We are providing a lifeline to low-income community members in these

uncertain times.

Can you imagine being snatched out of your life for such a period of time? Even after following the rules. Even not having committed a crime.

And these two cases are teaching us a lot about long term case management for folks returning from detention. It turns

Do You Feel A Lull? Don't Fall For It!

May 14

It has been eerily quiet lately. Less bad news from Minnesota. Reports in our office of people detained dropped from 8-9 per month to 5 last month. No recent news of the detention center in Hudson opening imminently. Are they done? Have we been spared?

Maybe Colorado won't be the next Minnesota, Chicago, Portland, LA, or Burlington? Maybe?

I don't buy it.

The news is still bad, so please don't get too comfortable. There have now been 697 changes to immigration law and policy since January 2025. In February, that number was 618.

Here are some more sobering numbers:

- At the end of March, The New York Times reported that in the first quarter of 2026, ICE arrests hit a nationwide average of 1,100 per day, 400 percent more per day than this time last year.
- The Denver Post recently reported that nearly 5,000 people were detained in Colorado in Trump's first

out that if you don't have family nearby or someone to take care of things for you, then you lose it all. A few months in detention and your apartment, vehicle, personal effects: it's all gone. Freedom is sweet, but our clients will need extensive support to get their lives back on track.

Your support has enabled El Comité

year in office, and that 80% of them were deported.

- The percentage of those detained and deported who had no criminal record has skyrocketed to over 70 percent, according to a center tracking this data through Syracuse University.

The impacts aren't distant; they are unfolding all around us. At El Comité we have now heard from over 50 households in Boulder County that have had someone they love detained, with most deported already. And our neighbors in Larimer County have been reporting regular harassment of participants and volunteers by ICE. The numbers go up and go down each month, but we are here to respond with resources and



to help our community in these new ways - both helping people get out of detention and putting the pieces together when they do. Please help us keep doing this important work by donating now!

Warm Regards,
Lisa Moreno

dignity.

We need your continued support to keep responding to support those who have had loved ones taken. Here is how you can help:

1) We hope that you will join us for our spring fundraiser, La Camarada Secreta on Friday, May 15, 6:00-8:00 PM in downtown Longmont. You can buy your tickets here, or at the door.

2) If you can't join us on Friday, please consider making a gift now to help us keep our services available for all who need us. Only together can we keep going.

Franklin Roosevelt said, "Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists." Isn't that the truth? We are all in this together. Stay Vigilant.

Warm Regards,
Lisa Moreno

From El Comité's email newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter and support their work, visit El Comité's website elcomitedelongmont.org to sign up. [Know your rights.](#)

UW FAITH CIRCLES

Lydia Circle

Jean Malchow and Linda McDaniel (co-chairs)
Second Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the Gallery.

*On break for June, July, August.

Sarah Circle

Ann Yoder (chair)
3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30am in various homes.

Elizabeth Circle

Linda Morris (chair)
3rd Monday of the month at 1pm in Room 104.

Deborah Circle

Sara Morgan
Contact the church office for dates! Little ones are welcome! Child care will be provided.

HOL GROUPS

Faith and Reason Adult Study Group

We watch videos and discuss topics like Comparative Religion, the New Testament, and Early Christianities. Sundays from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in person and via Zoom. Contact Sandy Rabenhorst for more information.

Men's Fellowship Group

Men of all ages are invited to join this discussion group. Meetings are typically at the organizer's home. A meal is provided followed by a time of discussion. Contact the church office for more information.

Brotherhood and Brews

A relaxed space for guys in their 20s through 50s to connect over conversation, life, and a cold drink. We meet once a month. Contact the church office for more information.

Parents & Tots Group

On break for the summer. For parents and their kids ages 0-4. Thursdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Heart of Longmont.

Monthly Meditation Class

On break for the summer. The meditation class will return in September!

Adventurers Adult Ministry

Talk about tough and meaningful topics in a safe environment while at the same time growing in your faith journey! Members in this group range from 40 to 90 years old. Sunday mornings 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM. Contact Tricia Grafelman for more information.

Pack and UnPack

Join Pastor Angie to discuss last Sunday's sermon or other special topics Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. Bring your lunch!

Biblical Greek Study Group

Join us for a lively study of Biblical Greek! We meet at 11:20 AM on Sundays in classroom 104.



CRISIS RESOURCES

THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE

1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) or visit suicide.org

TRANS LIFELINE

877-565-8860
Peer support service run by trans people, for trans and questioning callers. Available 7am - 1am PT / 10am - 4am ET

988 COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH LINE

Call or text 988 for free, immediate, human support for emotional, mental health, or substance use concerns 24/7. Live chat also available. English and español. 988colorado.com Find a walk-in crisis center: 988colorado.com/en/walk-in-

TREVORLIFELINE

866-488-7386
A crisis intervention and suicide prevention phone service for LGBTQ+ young people under 25, available 24/7.

TREVORTEXT

Text "START" to 678678. Standard text messaging rates apply. A crisis intervention and suicide prevention phone service for LGBTQ young people under 25. Available Monday through Friday between 3pm -10pm ET / Noon - 7pm PT

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

Call 988

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. También en español.

VETERANS HELPLINE

Call 988 and press 1 You're not alone—the Veterans Crisis Line is here for you. You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to call.

FIND A HELPLINE

If you need help in any state or country, you can use findahelpline.com to find a help or crisis line that serves your area.



Recovery Café Longmont is a community of refuge and healing for people in recovery. Recovery Café Longmont supports adults as they rebuild their lives and recover from substance and/or alcohol use disorder, mental health challenges, trauma, and other life challenges. They strive to stand in the gap between crisis and stability by fostering community-building and life-empowerment.

If you or a loved one need help and support in recovery, contact Recovery Café at info@recoverycafelongmont.org or 720-815-2885

Visit Recovery Café's website recoverycafelongmont.org for information on how to support their work, information on becoming a member, and other resources.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS

Send your prayer requests to prayers@heartoflongmont.org

SUBMISSIONS?

Do you have a worshipful moment, memorable experience, story, photo, or other interesting Heart of Longmont tale you'd like to share with our community? Send them to digitalcontent@heartoflongmont.org!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Meals for Youth Group Meetings

If you can help provide, serve, and clean up meals for the youth group on Sunday evenings this year, sign up at the Connection Center or contact the church office!

Blessing Box

The Heart of Longmont's food pantry, the Blessing Box, would be happy to receive any of your non-perishable, still in date food items! You can drop them off just inside the side door of the church in the "Blessing Box" cabinet.

Days for Girls
For our continuing project of providing

menstrual health kits for girls in developing countries, we are in need of Girls' Underpants in sizes 10, 12, and 14. Brief style and 100% cotton only! Please put them in the Days for Girls drawer in the Gallery. Thanks for helping us keep the girls in school!

Are You Interested in Helping Out on Sunday Mornings?

There are opportunities to serve Sunday mornings during and after worship! We need greeters and folks to help out with hospitality and coffee hour/fellowship time. Contact the church office if you are able to help!

Serving HOPE Meals

Help serve meals to HOPE's clients! Meals are served at The Journey on Pike Road. Sometimes we need substitute meal servers on the second and fourth Fridays from 5:30 to 7:00pm. If you are interested in being on the sub-list, please contact Marty Allison.

Serving Meals at the OUR Center

To serve a meal shift at the Our Center with our friends from Longs Peak UMC on the second Saturday of the month, please sign up by [clicking here](#) or contact Amy Mann.

Give Online



Scan here to give to HOL programs and compassion offering.
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Worship With Us!

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HOL Cares About Your Health

This is a precarious time for public health, especially for our friends and neighbors who are immunocompromised, disabled, or otherwise at risk.

Please continue to show love and respect for all our friends, neighbors, and siblings in Christ and stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of respiratory or other illness in order to curb the spread of disease. We still encourage you to wear a mask and practice social distancing.



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OUR MISSION

Putting More of God's Love Into The World; Helping all persons find deeper meaning and God's purpose for their lives as committed Christ-followers.

Serving as the Heart of Longmont means:

We will welcome all persons, without reservation or judgment, just as Jesus Christ would do.

We will work tirelessly by entering into intentional acts of compassion and social justice to make our community a place where God's love is known by all, where poverty and deprivation are unknown by any, and where respect for the worth and dignity of each person is the norm.

We will respect and honor other religious traditions while choosing Christ as our way of knowing God best.

We will emphasize life-long learning so that we may engage our world from a dynamic and creative perspective.

We will work to protect God's creation.

We will practice stewardship of all aspects of our lives, including time, talent, financial resources, and spiritual gifts.