



JULY 2026

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Heart of Longmont Family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude as I write this month's newsletter.



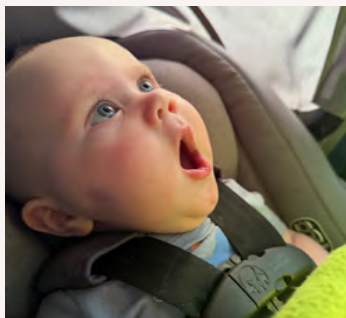
On June 10th, Russ and I experienced one of the most meaningful moments of our lives. At 7:30 in the morning, during a four-minute court hearing on Zoom, a judge in Florida finalized Micah's adoption. While we've been blessed to love and parent Micah since the day he was born, it was powerful hearing a judge speak the words, "Micah is legally and forever your son".

Russ and I want to thank you for walking this adoption journey with us. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your generosity, your patience, and your love. Micah is growing up in a congregation that already loves him deeply, and as his mom, I cannot imagine a greater gift.

Micah will be baptized during worship on Sunday, July 5th, with Bishop Kristin Stoneking presiding. Following worship, we'll gather for a celebratory BBQ in the courtyard. I hope you'll join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and this special moment in our son's life.

In addition to our exciting adoption news, the summer has been filled with wonderful ministry. Nearly sixty people joined us for Family Camp at Buckhorn, where we worshiped around the campfire, shared meals, explored God's creation, and made

memories together. Vacation Bible Camp was a tremendous success, and more than twenty children spent the week discovering that Jesus is the light of the world. Longmont Pride was a joyful and holy celebration of God's inclusive love, and sharing rainbow communion bread (baked by Becca Marsing) remains one of my favorite memories of ministry. I was also grateful to attend the Mountain Sky Annual Conference, where clergy and laity from across our region gathered to worship, dream, discern, and celebrate the many ways God is at work in our churches and communities.



As I reflect on all these experiences, I find myself thinking about the people who helped shape my faith. None of us become who we are on our own. Faith is something that is nurtured and cultivated in community. We learn what it means to follow Jesus through the people who love us, teach us, challenge us, and walk beside us.

That's why I'm so excited about our summer worship series, *Faces of Our Faith*, created by the makers of A Sanctified Art.

Throughout this eleven-week series, we'll encounter biblical figures who are often overlooked or under-appreciated. They are courageous, complicated, and messy. And yet, each one of them reveals something important about God's gracious work in the world. As I prepared for this series, several faces of faith came to mind.

The first is my mother, Mary Blattner. She was my Sunday School teacher growing up and the person who first taught me to love Scripture. Some of my earliest memories are sitting around our kitchen table listening to Bible stories, asking questions, and learning that God loved me. Much of what I know and treasure about the Bible began with my mother's faithful witness and her commitment to nurturing my faith.

Another face of faith was my softball coach, Alan Feit. Before every game, Alan gathered our team together in the outfield to pray. He taught us that winning wasn't the most important thing. Character mattered more than the scoreboard. He modeled sportsmanship, kindness, humility, and respect for others. Through his example, I learned that faith isn't something we practice only on Sunday mornings. Faith shapes how we treat people wherever we go and whatever we do.

A third face of faith is my dear friend, Rev. Elizabeth Sillerud, an ELCA pastor I met while serving in Montana. Elizabeth has taught me so much about resilient joy and faithful hope. Through seasons of grief, loss, and uncertainty, she has shown me what it looks like to trust God's presence even when life is incredibly difficult. She has also deepened my appreciation for the mystery of communion and the gift of Christ's table.

Through her friendship, I have come to understand that when we gather for communion, we are connected not only to one another, but



also to the saints and the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

When I think about these people, I'm reminded that faith is rarely formed in isolation. God places people in our lives who help us become who we are called to be.

This summer, I invite you to reflect on your own faces of faith. Who taught you how to pray? Who showed you what God's love looks like? Who

encouraged you when your faith was struggling? Who helped you encounter Christ in a fresh new way?

I would love for you to submit a photo of one of your faces of faith. Throughout the summer, the Ministry Design Team and I will create a special display in the Gallery featuring these photos alongside images of the biblical characters we'll be exploring in worship. Together, they will remind us that the

story of faith is not just something that happened long ago. God is still at work through ordinary people, and the story continues to be written through each of us.

I can't wait to hear your stories and celebrate the many faces of faith that have shaped our congregation.

Grace and Peace,

—REV. ANGIE DORNISCH



My dear friend, Rev. Elizabeth Sillerud.



My softball coach, Alan Feit, pictured on the left with the team circa 2003.



My mother, Mary Blattner.

HEART OF COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

As we reach the one-year anniversary of our Heart of Community capital campaign, it is a good time to pause and celebrate what God has accomplished through the generosity and faithfulness of this congregation.

As of June 1, campaign commitments total \$1,179,969, with collections of \$697,140 (59.1%). By the time you read this, collections will have surpassed \$700,000.

Over the past year, your gifts have already made a meaningful impact. We have retired our church loan, completed the replacement of three aging A/C units,

and finished the parking lot improvements, pictured here. At the same time, we have continued planning and design work for future interior and exterior improvements that will help support ministry for years to come.

While much has been accomplished, important work remains ahead. Leadership, designers, and contractors continue evaluating project priorities, costs, and timing to ensure that future improvements align with available resources and reflect faithful stewardship of the commitments entrusted to us.

Most importantly, this campaign has never been only about buildings. It is about creating spaces that support worship, welcome new people, strengthen community, and expand the ministries God is calling us to pursue.

Thank you for your generosity, your patience, your prayers, and your commitment to the future of Heart of Longmont. We look forward to sharing more about the next phase of this journey in the months ahead.



Rod Edmonds (left) and Butch Howard (right) directing traffic on a Sunday while the parking lot work was ongoing.



Even while parking lot improvements were underway, Heart of Longmont hosted its annual Gun Safe Giveaway, providing free gun safes to local families. Our facilities continue to serve as a place of hospitality, safety, and community.



Work was delayed due to rain on June 25, but work continued once the weather passed. We now have a newly paved and striped parking lot!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY HEART OF LONGMONT

As we celebrate our country's 250th birthday, State of Colorado's 150th anniversary, City of Longmont's 155th anniversary, we also celebrate the founding of the Methodist Church in Longmont 155 years ago. Our history has been recorded on the occasions of our 100th, 125th and 150th anniversaries. Booklets containing the rich history of the Longmont Methodist Church are available. Look for a display of booklets in the gallery. Take a copy to and enjoy finding out about the rich heritage of our church. (You can also find digital copies our anniversary booklets on [our website](#).)

—ANN YODER,
CHURCH HISTORIAN

APRENDIMOS ESPAÑOL

A new session of the Spanish class begins on Monday, July 20, and will run through August 31. The class meets in Room 104 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

The curriculum will focus on learning verb tenses and increasing vocabulary skills, so a basic foundation of Spanish is required. The cost for the class is \$15.

For more information or to sign up, please contact the church office at 303-776-3523.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, June 13, volunteers from HOL, UCC, and Boulder gathered to set up canopies and prepare for our latest giveaway of free handgun and car safes.

This was the first time our summer event was held in the HOL parking lot, and we were fortunate that the base layer of the lot had been completed in time. Recipients were incredibly grateful for the event; one woman shared that she could now safely store a handgun inherited from her late father. When asked why we hold these giveaways, our answer is simple: to save lives.

While we may never know the exact impact, the effort is fruitful if even one accidental shooting or suicide is prevented because a firearm was securely stored.



These safes are purchased entirely through donations. If you feel called to contribute, please use the QR code above to donate via the Longmont Community Foundation.

Sunday
July 19
2:00 PM
at
Heart of
Longmont
350 11th Ave
Longmont



FREE ENTRY

A solo piano recital featuring classical works by Bach, Chopin, Grieg and Debussy, plus two ragtimes by Scott Joplin.

DANIEL CHAIKIN
PIANO RECITAL

BECOME A YOUTH MISSION TRIP SHAREHOLDER

This summer, our BASIC Youth Group will be traveling to Alaska for a week of mission work, service, and spiritual growth. We invite you to become part of this journey by purchasing a **Mission Trip Shareholder share for \$25.**

When you become a shareholder, you'll receive a special postcard mailed directly from Alaska during our trip. More importantly, you'll be partnering with our youth through your prayers and financial support as they serve others and grow in their faith.

As a thank-you, all shareholders are invited to join us for a Mission Trip Shareholder Luncheon on Sunday, August 9, at 11:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. During the luncheon, our youth will share stories

from the trip, show photos, and talk about the ways God worked through their experiences in Alaska.

To purchase a shareholder share, email Emily (emily.basic@gmail.com) with your **name, mailing address, and email address**, or complete the [online shareholder form linked here](#).

Thank you for investing in the lives of our youth and supporting this incredible opportunity for service, growth, and discipleship.

—EMILY FARRENKOPF,
YOUTH CO-DIRECTOR



MAJOR THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE KINGDOM QUEST POSSIBLE!

Hello, Heart of Longmont family,

June was all about our first Vacation Bible Camp! I am so thankful for all the amazing children who joined us for a fun and energetic week. Despite some minor and major setbacks, we had a blast learning about the Light of Jesus.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made the VBC possible.

Please say a prayer of gratitude with me for our one and only Sara Morgan, who was there every step of the way, from planning support to running the Games Station with her daughter, Mina, to helping with snacks, lunches, clean up, and so much more. Mina shared her considerable talent by designing and creating many pieces of our display. And thank you to Thomas Morgan, who showed up, rolled up his sleeves, and made sure all those wonderful creations actually stayed put.

DeAnna Clink, our teaching superstar, led the children in songs and guided the Missions Station, where she inspired both the kids and our congregation to triple the original mission goal. We are also so grateful to Lisa Fushia and Nathaniel for leading the Crafts Station and helping the children create, imagine, and bring the week's lessons to life in such a fun way.

Our amazing group leaders, Sarah Chamberlain, DeVee Farrenkopf, Dawn Desai, Charlotte Farrenkopf, and Bryce Howard, guided our campers through each day with care, patience, and joy. Abby Landers jumped in wherever she was needed, leading groups

and assisting in the nursery. Danielle Wilkom, Elaine Grafelman, Midori Furuta, and Jillian Reid lovingly cared for our littlest ones in the nursery.

A big shout out to Lynn Greenhalge for showing up and tackling those pesky random tasks that always pop out of nowhere, and to Francine Berkey for managing check-in, registration, and last-minute needs. Joe Winn and Lani Dolifka helped build the sets and transform our camp spaces into something magical.

A very special thank you to our wonderful pastor, Angie Dornisch, who not only brought the Bible stories to life, but also handled the practical things that keep a camp day running smoothly, including bathroom trips. We are also incredibly thankful for our church staff, Tricia Grafelman and Virginia Clingan, who pitched in with all kinds of behind-the-scenes details like the superstars they are. And let's not forget Haleigh Bird for taking photos and putting together a great video.

I would also like to thank my parents for showing up and helping put my crazy vision together.

And I can't forget about our prayer warriors. Your prayers worked! The church was filled not only with children's laughter but also with the Holy Spirit. There is nothing more beautiful than that and I will be forever grateful for this week.

With much love,

—JANA YODER
CFM DIRECTOR

POOL PARTY PERFECTION

Mark Vancura and Debra Brenner have opened their home and pool once already for our youth group in June. (Pictured at right!) Now they are graciously inviting anyone from HOL to come for a day by the pool on July 12 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

On August 9, young families who are in the HOL kids' program are invited to splash and slide and swim from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Folks are asked to bring their own towel, swimsuit, water bottle, sunscreen, goggles/toys, and snacks. Popsicles will be provided by the church! Mark and Debra have a wonderfully fun slide as well as pool noodles.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Tricia at tricia@heartoflongmont.org or Mark Vancura.



POOL PARTY!

July 12 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
at Mark and Debra's Pool
Reach out to Tricia, Mark, or Debra for more information.

Pizza Playtime

Thursday, July 16
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
in Wesley Hall

Open to ages 0-8. Siblings welcome! Bring yourself and your little for an easy dinner and some playtime!

Pizza and snacks provided!

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



MISSION DESIGN UPDATE

COMPASSION OFFERINGS FOR 2026

July
Be the Source

August
Chef Hearty

September
El Comité

October
Habitat for Humanity

November
Recovery Café

December
Casa De Paz

Summer hasn't slowed the mission work our incredible congregation is doing. We had an incredible time at PRIDE, raised over \$3,000 for HOPE, sponsored our first PRIDE Ice Cream Social, and initiated our partnership with Be the Source.

Our July Compassion Offering will be dedicated to Be the Source (formerly Foster Source), a Colorado nonprofit that supports children and families impacted by the child welfare system. The organization provides trauma-informed training, advocacy, and practical resources for foster, kinship, and birth parents to promote healing and stability. We will be presenting ways the HOL Community can get involved with their time, not just their money.

HOPE Jeans Drive - We Need Your Pants!

One of the greatest needs among our unhoused neighbors is men's jeans suitable for work. We are currently seeking donations of gently used or new jeans in waist sizes 30-36 and lengths 29-35. Please take a look through your closets, or if you happen to find a great sale while shopping, consider picking up a pair or two. Donations can be placed in the collection box located in the gallery.

In addition to jeans, HOPE is also seeking donations of box fans and a Roomba vacuum.

If you have questions or feel called to help with these needs, please contact Amy Mann or speak with Virginia in the

church office.

HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Support) has launched a new volunteer sign-up system for those interested in serving as a Soup Angel or helping with the evening meal service. If you would like more information about these volunteer opportunities, please contact Amy Mann. To sign up directly, [click here](#) (or contact the church office for the link).

Wild Plum Backpacks

Beginning in mid-July, we will begin collecting backpacks for students and teachers at Wild Plum. Each backpack will be filled with school supplies to help support our educators and students as they prepare for the new school year.

Items such as stickers, markers, crayons, pencils, notebooks, and other classroom essentials are greatly appreciated. The Mission Design Team (MDT) will provide detailed supply lists soon, so keep an eye out for more information.

Thank you for helping us support the Wild Plum community and ensure students and teachers have the tools they need for a successful year!

Latinx Heritage Month

In September the MDT will be sponsoring an event dedicated to Latinx Heritage month, stay tune for more details.

—AMY MANN,
MISSION DESIGN TEAM

GUATEMALA 2027 MISSION DATE SET

We have had a Guatemala mission report in the HEART every month since the previous team went to Guatemala in November. We hope those articles gave you a sense of how serving the people of Guatemala impacted our lives, how traveling opens one's mind, and how installing well-ventilated wood burning stoves makes such a difference in the health and lives of the people of San Juan and San Pablo.

Now, we would like to invite YOU to join us next April 9-17 as we travel back to the Lake Atitlan area in Guatemala to serve with the non-profit organization called "Opportunities for the Development of the Indigenous Mayans". This will be our third trip to the villages of San Juan and San Pablo. Have you always wanted to do an adult mission trip? Has traveling to Central America been on your bucket list? Does traveling with a great group of social justice minded friends putting more love in the world sound like fun? If so, then contact Tricia Grafelman at tricia@heartoflongmont.org or click here to learn more about ODIM: <https://www.odimguatemala.org/>

Limited slots available, so let Tricia or Pastor Angie know by August 1 if you have any interest in joining our adult mission team for next spring.

HEART OF LONGMONT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Saturday, October 24, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Location TBD)

We have been waiting for over a year to get scheduled for our next Heart of Longmont Habitat build. Details are still in progress, but we wanted to make sure you have plenty of time to get this event on your calendar. This is an opportunity to put our faith into action by helping build safe, affordable housing for families in our community. When we volunteer with Habitat, we are doing more than swinging hammers or painting walls. We are helping create a community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish. We are living out Christ's call to love our neighbors and to work for a world that reflects God's vision of abundance and belonging for all.

No construction experience is necessary. Habitat provides training, tools, and guidance, and there are tasks for every skill level.

Sign up at the Connection Center! Together, we can build more than a house. We can help build hope, opportunity, and community.

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:17

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE WITH VITALANT

We invite you to join us by giving the gift of life! On Sunday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., are hosting our semi-annual community blood drive at the church. We are so blessed to have the ability to give blood so conveniently right in our own church space. There are people who travel quite a distance to be able to make this donation. Having this offering not during the work week, and conveniently just before or after church (or during—Pastor Angie will understand if you miss a portion of the service, I promise!)

As a social justice-minded church we believe that caring for our neighbors is a sacred calling. Donating blood is a simple yet powerful way to share compassion, support local hospitals, and help save lives in our community. Whether you are a first-time donor or a regular participant, your donation makes a meaningful difference for patients facing surgery, illness, injury, and other medical needs.

We invite congregants, friends, neighbors, and the wider Longmont community to participate. If you are unable to donate, please help by spreading the word and keeping this effort in your prayers.

Together, we can be a source of hope and healing.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, sign up at the Connection Center or [click here](#) or scan the QR code on the next page to sign up yourself.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31

Vitalant is currently experiencing an emergency need for type O blood. Donors with type O blood are urgently needed in the coming days and weeks.

O-negative is the universal blood type used in trauma and emergency situations when every second counts. O-positive supports patients with any positive blood type and is the most used blood type in hospitals. With your upcoming blood drive on July 26, you can help strengthen the supply of type O blood and make a life-saving impact for patients and hospitals.

To help carefully balance supply and demand, we are not sharing this emergency message through news or social media at this time. Instead, we are relying on trusted partners to help spread the word directly.

If you know individuals with type O blood, a personal invitation can make a big difference. Donors who don't know their blood type—or who have never donated before—are also encouraged to donate. About 46% of the population has type O blood, and every appointment scheduled helps strengthen the blood supply.

Type O donors may also be eligible to sign up for a Power Red donation! Power Red donations collect a concentrated amount of red blood cells, allowing one donation to help twice as many patients.

Your partnership plays a vital role in meeting patient needs, and we truly appreciate your support. Together, we can make a meaningful impact for our community.





Give Blood for a Chance to Win a Car!

Time to rev up the excitement for helping patients this summer. Donate **July 9 – Aug. 8** for a chance to **win a car**. You could be the lucky donor randomly selected as the winner of up to **\$30,000 toward the purchase of a new ride!*** Find details at vitalant.org/CarGiveaway.

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: 10055200

Heart of Longmont-Blood Drive

350 11th Ave. Longmont, CO 80501 Fellowship Hall
July 26th 2026
10:00AM- 2:45PM



Scan the QR code to sign up today! If you need assistance or have questions please reach out to your local Account Manager Jessica Meyer Jmeyer2@Vitalant.org 720.335.2586

*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/CarGiveaway.

877-25-VITAL | vitalant.org
Because of you, life doesn't stop



WORSHIPFUL MOMENTS

DAYS FOR GIRLS



In early March, the Days for Girls Team put together 50 menstrual kits for the Wesley Foundation for their summer students. A BIG thanks to all who helped.

HEART AND SOUL SUPPER GROUPS

Another session of our Heart & Soul Suppers have completed. Be on the lookout for the next round in the fall. This is a great opportunity to get to know others in our congregation by eating a meal together in a small group. If you are new to the church or have been members for 50 years, I encourage you to sign up for this program where people take turns hosting in their homes, meals are potluck style, and conversation allows for getting to know one another better.



Nick Thompson, Debbie & Tim Howard, and Ann & Gordon Yoder



Roberta Courtney & Jerry Nicholson, Ray & Marty Allison, Kevin & Doree Donovan

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FAMILY CAMP AT BUCKHORN CAMP

The pictures hardly do our camp time together justice. If you missed out on attending this Family camp, don't worry! We have already set the date for the next one. Mark your calendars for May 21 to May 23, 2027, for the next adventure at Buckhorn United Methodist Church Camp. We know life is busy, and it doesn't matter if you have small children, pre-

teens, teenagers, college kids, or grandkids. Calendars fill up! Making memories is what life is about, and I guarantee Family camp will be a lasting core memory for your kids/families. So, please consider joining us next year! Families who attended this year included: Rivera family, Farrenkopf family, Chamberlain family, Berkey family, Tim and

Debbie Howard, Dornisch family, Dawn Desai, Morgan family, Rupp family, Davis family, Willkom family, Yoder family, Kearsse family, Kyle and Sarah Blackburn, Marni Mullikin and Allen Shaerin, McKay family, Tricia Grafelman, and the Marsing family!



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LONGMONT PRIDE 2026



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KINGDOM QUEST VACATION BIBLE CAMP!



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VBC KIDS RUN CHURCH!



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WORTHY - WOMEN'S RETREAT



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From OUR Center



A Strong Start to 2026
Helping our community find stability.

During the first five months of 2026, OUR

Center provided 495 rent and utility assistance vouchers totaling \$400,520 in homelessness prevention support, nearly double that of the first five months of 2025! As housing and utility costs continue to rise, many households find themselves facing difficult financial challenges that can put their housing stability at risk.

Through rent and utility assistance, OUR Center helps individuals and families remain safely housed, maintain essential services, and avoid housing crises. These resources provide a critical safety net for community members navigating temporary hardships while working toward long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Changing Our Space

We are excited that we will soon be starting our renovation project here at 220 Collyer to better serve our community. As you may remember, we closed our Community Closet last year due to a much greater need for expanded

Community Market (food pantry) and classroom (adult education) space.

Because the construction is taking place in a space that is currently empty, we do not anticipate any service disruptions or reductions in program hours.

You can help support this project and enhance our services with a capital gift by check or online at www.ourcenter.org/donate.

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 Longmont Food Rescue

Happy 1st Birthday, Senior Center Food Distribution!

According to the National Council on Aging, roughly 7.4 million older Americans (or 1 in 11 of those age 60+) faced food insecurity in 2023.

Just one year ago, Longmont Food Rescue launched its newest program, in partnership with The Senior Citizens Advisory Board to help support food

access for some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

In our first year of this monthly food access program, we have distributed nearly 16,000 lbs. of nutritious food to our seniors, feeding on average 170 people each month across more than 75 households. Dozens of volunteer hours go into making each Senior Center food distribution a success!

We hope you'll consider making a

birthday gift to help us continue this critical work in our community!

<https://www.longmontfoodrescue.org/donate>

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>

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board & Longmont Food Rescue



Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Ave
2nd Saturdays 10-11:30am



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



Sundays @ 1pm



YMCA
Even weeks (2nd & 4th)

From Casa de Paz



Casa Guests in May

For the month of May, our volunteers handed out 262 snack bags to families and we had 15 pizza donations. We welcomed 79 individuals being

released from Aurora GEO!

Among the guests who came to Casa, there were 14 countries represented: Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Serbia, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela.

[Check out our complete May](#)

[Welcome Team Monthly Report here.](#)

Your Donations Help

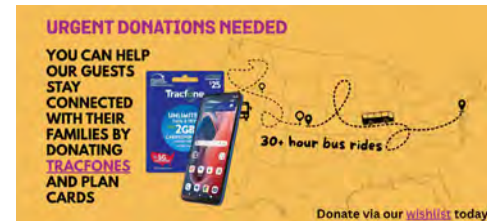
With \$25 or \$50 gift cards, our guests are able to purchase meals while en route to reunite with their families during their 40-60 hour bus ride. Since guests are turned away at airports,

a 4 hour flight is now a multi-day trip.

Tracfone and unlimited 30 day plan cards allow our guests to stay connected to their families during those multi-day bus rides. Recently, most buses have had significant delays or no wifi.

Electrolyte drinks help our guests deal with dehydration they experience coming out of GEO, especially now as temperatures rise.

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



From Rocky Mountain Equality



Advocacy Update

Rocky Mountain Equality has been hard at work fighting for

LGBTQ+ Coloradans and preparing for our next challenges.

What we have been up to:

Throughout Colorado's 2026 legislative session, Rocky Mountain Equality has brought our community's voice to the state capitol. RMEQ is proud to report that we supported ten pieces of legislation that have either been signed into law or that have passed and are awaiting signature. These bills will make LGBTQ+ Coloradans' lives better, addressing systemic barriers to equality and defending vulnerable communities from out-of-state attacks.

This session, we also organized testimony against three anti-trans bills, elevating stories from our community to highlight the importance of not letting anti-trans policies take hold in our state. All of these bills failed in their first committee hearings. We thank Colorado legislators for sending a clear message in 2026: that Colorado values freedom over hatred, and LGBTQ+ Coloradans will continue to be protected by state law.

Our 2026 Legislative Impact Report provides a deeper dive into the work Rocky Mountain Equality has done at the capitol and why it matters.

However:

Despite this progress, anti-trans and anti-immigrant policy proposals that failed to pass in the state legislature are being brought to voters this November. Our [Hands Off Colorado](#) initiative is dedicated to opposing these ballot measures, which are direct threats to the communities we care about, by getting out the vote and educating about the dangers of these initiatives. This month, we:

- Held two volunteer trainings that prepared community members to help get out the vote and to educate

voters on the important issues that will be voted on in November.

- Dedicated a mural for trans equality in Fort Collins and raised awareness about the attacks on trans youth that will be on the ballot.

[Pledge to vote NO on harmful initiatives and sign up to volunteer.](#)

3 more things:

- Rocky Mountain Equality [joined organizations](#) across the country in asking Congress to protect equal, affordable access to healthcare instead of prioritizing funding for anti-immigrant federal agencies directly harming our communities.
- We also encouraged community members to say no to silencing trans and non-binary stories in media by sending public comments to the FCC opposing new ratings for "gender identity content." Learn more [here](#).
- Recently, the Supreme Court agreed to take on the case St. Mary's Catholic Parish v. Roy, which could threaten nondiscrimination laws in Colorado's universal pre-K program. Read [our statement](#) on the case and our quote about it in [The Advocate](#).

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.

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

From HOPE Longmont



HOPE APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 11 total housing outcomes - bringing HOPE's 2026 total to 23 housing outcomes
- 10 vital documents obtained
- 2,248 meals distributed
- 524 volunteer hours served
- \$26,193 in in-kind donations received
- 584+ total direct interactions across Outreach programs

Navigation - April 2026:

- 529 total shelter stays
- 4 total housing outcomes
- Achieved 100% retention (10/10) for housed participants
- Secured 2 vital documents for clients

Outreach - April 2026:

- 11 total housing outcomes — bringing HOPE's 2026 total to 23 housing outcomes
- 8 total vital documents obtained
- 584+ total direct interactions across Outreach programs
- \$26,193 in in-kind donations received

**Outreach data reflects the impact of both HOPE's Street Outreach team and Outreach Center services.*

AMERICAN EMPATHY PROJECT: RENOVATIONS AND HEART

The American Empathy Project and Secular Haven came together to restore HOPE's home at 804 S. Lincoln Street. Volunteers dedicated their time and energy to repainting spaces, installing essential storage, and completing much-needed repairs throughout our building. Their work created a more organized, welcoming, and trauma-informed environment for the clients we serve every day. Thanks to these renovations, we've also gained additional office space for client services, allowing us to better support our community with dignity and care. We are incredibly grateful for their partnership and compassion.

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.

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!

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 twice 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.

Biblical Greek Study Group

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

Monthly Meditation Class

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

Pack and UnPack

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

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.

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.

TREVORLIFELINE

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

TREVOVTEXT

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

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

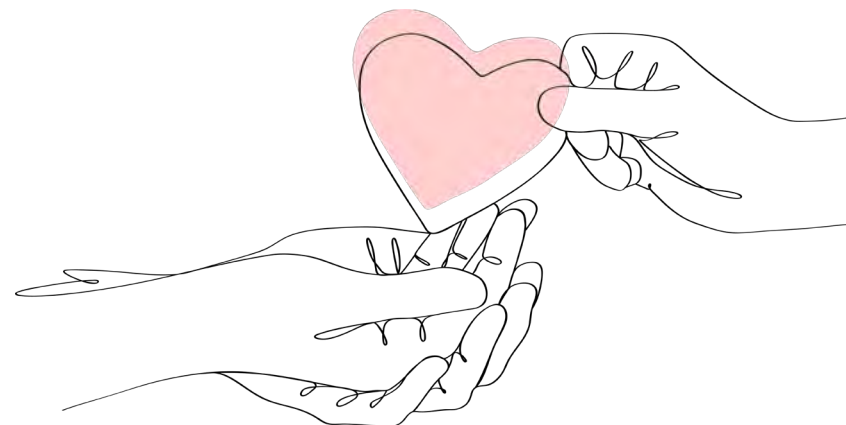
Call or text 988 for free, immediate, human support for emotional, mental health, or substance use concerns 24/7. Live chat also available. English and español. 988colorado.com Find a walk-in crisis center: 988colorado.com/en/walk-in-



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.

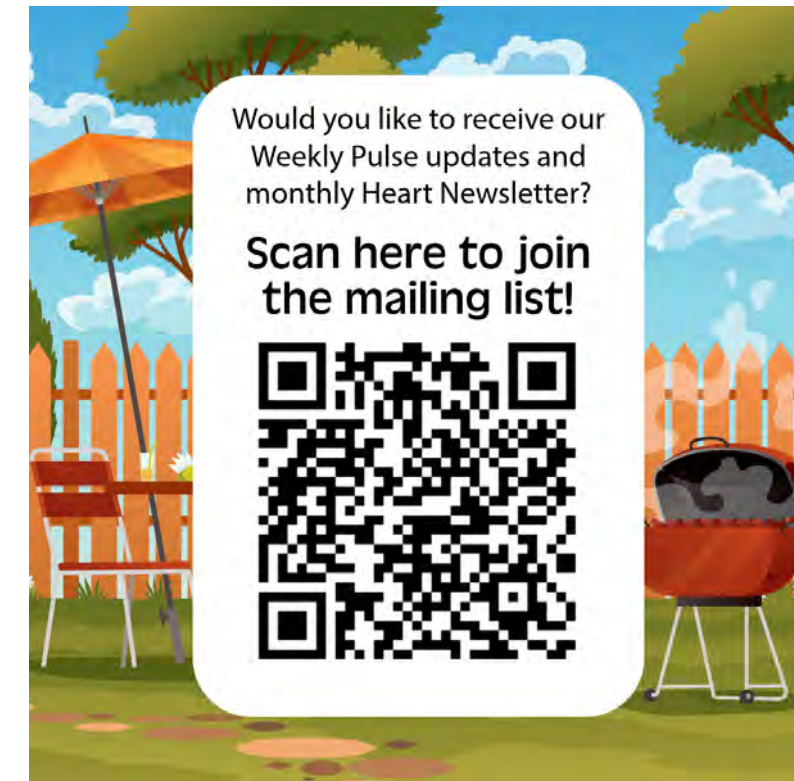


WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS

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!



Would you like to receive our Weekly Pulse updates and monthly Heart Newsletter?

Scan here to join the mailing list!



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.
Thank you for your generosity!

Worship With Us!

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM in person or online on our YouTube channel! We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.