



PARISH PROFILE

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A B O U T

We are Welcoming,
Compassionate, Spiritual and
an Oasis of Love and Strength

Our Core Values are
Spirituality, Outreach, and
Church Family

We draw our membership from
Conifer and the surrounding
communities along the US-285
corridor from Englewood to
Jefferson, and from Evergreen
to Buffalo Creek

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S T A F F

Deacon

Parish Administrator

Caretaker

Music and Choir Director

Vestry: Sr. and Jr. Wardens;
5 Members At Large

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W O R S H I P

Holy Eucharist
& Godly Play
Sundays at 10:30 am

Adult Forum
Sundays at 9:00 am

Evening Meditation
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

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M U S I C

"The one who sings prays twice."
—*St. Augustine*

Our small but dedicated choir
includes talented vocalists and
instrumentalists who are
accompanied on a lovingly
restored 1890s Steinway piano.

Sunday music:
1982 Hymnal
Wonder, Love & Praise songbook

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Hosting select **Evergreen Chamber Orchestra** performances in the nave allows for intimate and powerful experiences. Tickets are available to the church first and the small performances often sell out. They are followed by receptions offered by supporters of the ECO and the Hospitality Committee.

Risen Lord Lutheran Church uses our space for both Sunday services and occasional joint gatherings which allows St. Laurence to share in fellowship and offer hospitality to a community that doesn't have its own building.

The **Conifer Community Garden and Beehive** are located on church property, adjacent to the building. The garden offers both fertile plots and organic food for the surrounding area.

The annual one-day **Christmas Café and Bakery** serves as both a fundraiser for the church and a place for community to gather. The event offers artisanal craft items as well as made-from-scratch soups, breads and baked goods.

Woodchucks Firewood Ministry is the mission of a hardworking team of men and women who cut, split, and load seasoned wood for those who use it as their primary heat source. During the year work days are scheduled to prepare for the coming cold season.

The Inner Wilderness is a 90 minute weekly offering to explore the depths of our souls, search for meaning, and share in a spiritual community. We believe that when we can bridge the gap between our busy minds and the Spirit through creativity and listening, we become aware of God's purpose for us. Ultimately, this allows us to be more compassionate towards ourselves and others.

Talent Offerings in the form of workshops and seminars offered by parishioners range from practical to spiritual practices, highlighting the range of expertise within the parish. Past and scheduled offerings include nutrition, financial literacy, gardening at elevation, and creating wills.

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HISTORY

BUILDING, ART & SYMBOLISM

Brother Lawrence Episcopal Mission was organized in 1979, changed to St. Laurence in 1981, and became a parish in 2003.

We purchased 10 acres of land in 1983. Ground-breaking took place in 1986;. The building was consecrated in 1987 and expanded in 1998.

The design of the building and materials selected were very intentional - to reflect its natural surroundings with wood and stone, and to reflect that it is a Christian building.



It states symbolically what we strive to live out in reality.

The mood is one of strength and permanence, while at the same time being warm, inviting, simple, and beautiful.

Our worship space is designed for liturgical worship, without fixed pews or altar rail, with similar and equal focus on the altar and baptismal initiation areas.

The interior has the qualities of timelessness and transcendence and emphasizes the presence of Christ in word, sacrament, and people.

Art and furnishings by parishioners and others.



ARTISANAL OBJECTS CRAFTED BY PARISHONERS
ADORN ST LAURENCE AND SET IT APART

MEMBERSHIP & FINANCIALS

AVERAGE SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE : 44

PLEDGING UNITS: 39

TOTAL PLEDGES + OTHER
REVENUE (2023): \$241,000

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR
2023 : \$240,000

OPERATING CASH: \$96,000

NO DEBT



LIFE IN CONIFER, COLORADO

LIVING IN A FOREST ON A MOUNTAIN
IS BEAUTIFUL AND CONTEMPLATIVE,
BUT COMES WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES

Climate - over 300 days of sun per year; cool, dry climate with large seasonal temperature swings and day-to-night changes; summer temperatures average daytime highs in the mid-70s and overnight lows in the 40s; winters last 6 months (Nov-Apr) with average daytime high temperatures around 40 and overnight lows in the low teens; most snow falls between February and March.

Population and Demographics - Conifer population approximately 8,600; Median household income \$113,000; 92% white with 8% Hispanic, Asian, or Other; 48% college graduates with 33% with some college or associate degree; 5% live below the poverty line ~400 people.

Schools - Jefferson County School District R-1: 1 elementary, 1 middle school, 1 high school; Harmony Hills Academy: grades 2-8.

Recreation - Local Jefferson County Open Space parks include Meyer Ranch, Flying J, Reynolds Park, Cathedral Spires Park, Pine Valley Ranch Park, Alderfer/Three Sisters Park, Lair o' the Bear and Elk Meadow Park; Beaver Ranch offers trails for hiking, disc golf, camping, and zip lining; Staunton State Park; area is known for hiking, fishing, and world-class mountain biking.

Arts & Entertainment - 2 area theater companies offer several productions during the year; a variety of restaurants and brewpubs provide interesting opportunities for foodies; downtown Denver is 40 minutes away - home to 4 professional sports teams, professional theater at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and other venues, film centers, and live music, including the Colorado Symphony; Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre is 15 miles away; several festivals and seasonal celebrations including Elevation Celebration and Festival of Trees.

Healthcare - multiple healthcare facilities offer a broad array of services in Evergreen and the western Denver metropolitan area; primary care, emergency care, and hospital services are readily accessible off the US-285 corridor within 30 minutes.

Unique Challenges of Living in a Mountain Community - limited commercial services and hours of operation; natural resource management; urban/wildlands interface; commuting: majority of people in Conifer area commute to Denver metro for work, distances to stores and other services may be greater but traffic is generally lighter.



THE RECTOR WE SEEK...

COMPASSIONATE
PASTORAL
CONTEMPLATIVE
TEACHER
ENGAGED / ENGAGING

ST LAURENCE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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