

## Christ the Lord Church Office Hours

Sandy: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:30pm

### Sunday Service 10AM

### CTL eNews for August 21 - 28, 2024

Please contact Elaine Brady [elaine.brady592ctl@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.brady592ctl@gmail.com) for contributions to the eNews

If you would like something to be included in the E-news please contact Elaine

## August 2024

Sunday, August 25 - 10 am Worship Service

Sunday, August 25 - 3pm Interfaith Council of Contra Costa Summer picnic in Martinez. (See article and attachment)

## September 2024

Sunday, Sept, 1 - 10 am Worship Service

Monday, Sept 2 - Labor Day Holiday. Church office closed

Thursday, Sept. 5 - 6:30-8:30 pm Bishop Rios Strategic Vision Listening Session. St. Stephen's, Orinda (See article and attachment)

Sunday, Sept. 8 - 10 am Worship Service

Saturday, Sept 14 - 2pm Creativity Unlimited (see article)

Sunday, Sept. 15 10 am Morning Prayer - Rev. Lois is out of town.

## Upcoming Events 2024

- Saturday, October 5 - Italian Dinner Extravaganza at CTL
- Friday, October 25 and Saturday October 26 - Diocesan Convention, San Francisco

**From the Desk of Rev. Dr. Lois Williams:** Please take time to read her Stewardship Letter addressed to all of us. It is a reflection of what we have done and what we can do. She has chosen a passage from Galatians as our stewardship scripture focus for the new year. *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” – Galatians 6:9-10*  
(See attachment)

**Donations and pledge payments** to support CTL and our various ministries may be given at <https://christthelord.gvtls.com>, or by sending a check to the church. Remember you can always give to charities of your choice at any time.

The “Ark” Birthday/Special Intentions Bank 2024 donations go to “Doctors Without Borders”.

The August 2024 1st Sunday Donation Recipient is the Sabbatical Leave Fund (to cover costs of supply priests when Lois takes sabbatical)

**Visits with Rev. Lois** - From July to September Lois will be available to schedule social visits with us. Visits can be scheduled for after 5 pm on weekdays and after 10 am on Saturdays. Please text or call either Sandy (510-691-0310) or Lois (408-655-3084) to schedule a visit.

### Homebound Communion for CTL members

We have a Eucharistic visitor who will bring the communion elements (bread/wine/juice) and/or

also do a service in your home. Please contact Elaine Glimme (510) 859-5317 or [ElaineGlimme@comcast.net](mailto:ElaineGlimme@comcast.net)

**Creativity Unlimited** takes place every 2nd Saturday of the month. All are welcome. New project: "My Story." Meetings are at the home of Elaine Glimme. Please contact her for more info. (510) 859-5317. Next Creativity Group meeting at Elaine Glimme's house (2568 Keven Rd. Pinole) Saturday, August 14 at 2 pm.



**Fellowship & Hospitality** - This is a lovely tradition for us to continue and enjoy. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and choose a day that works for you to share your CTL spirit.

**La Casita returns:** Staff development days (no children) on Monday & Tuesday, August 19 & 20. The fall teaching session begins Wednesday, August 21.

**2024 Bishop's Committee:** Please contact a Committee member if you would like to have a specific item addressed at one of the monthly Committee meetings. All congregation members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, which are held on Zoom at 2 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact Sandy to get Zoom access information.

- Randy Miller (Senior Warden) 214-952-7388
- Joe Cleberg (Junior Warden) 510-640-7727
- Joanne Addy 510-424-2570
- Chris Cornish 415-314-8144
- Elaine Glimme 510-859-5317
- Cristina Rich 510-741-8076
- Joakim Roy 510-948-8229

- Christine Nadeau (Treasurer) 510-275-3341
- Sandy McNeel (Clerk) 510-691-0310

**Prayer List**

*O Lord, please remember friends and family for whom we now pray. Comfort them and ease their suffering. Bless them with Your loving care, renew their strength, and provide comfort. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.*

8/20/2024 *Graham Portis, RIP. Graham died yesterday and was a previous member of CTL. According to Rev. Lois his family remembers the old barn being torn down, although they haven't attended CTL recently. Requesting prayers for Graham's soul, and comfort for his wife Jean and Portis family.*

8/20/2024 *Healing prayers for Jeanne Walpole. She took a fall down some steps a few days ago and injured her knee. Thanks to neighbors and friends she is feeling better, and has the help she needs. She is walking gingerly on crutches at this point. She would appreciate*

*prayers for healing; but please, no phone calls - she is trying to rest up.*

8/1/2024 *Trisha Finnegan, RIP. Trisha passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 1. Several people have asked about contacting Vanessa - she, along with Alastair and Maybelle, is currently on vacation in Washington state. I do not know if she will cut her vacation short. At this time, cards and emails would, I think, be gratefully accepted. Vanessa's email address is [vcc541@gmail.com](mailto:vcc541@gmail.com).*

7/21/2024 *Healing prayers for Ethan Layne (Connie Salcido's nephew) who was severely injured in a car crash. He has multiple organ damage and broken bones.*

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The attached letter from **Bishop Austin** invites us all, throughout the diocese, to pray for and attend (either in-person or virtually) one of the **Listening Sessions** planned to gather our opinions, thoughts and suggestions in planning for the future of the Diocese of California. If you were in church or heard the livestream on August 11, this letter was read in place of the sermon.

Please read this letter and prayerfully consider attending one of the planned Listening Sessions mentioned. The closest one to us will be at **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Orinda on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sandy at the CTL office and we'll set up carpools for that evening.

**Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County**

*A Season of Creating a Peaceful Contra Costa County - Through Healthy Discourse and Intentional Interfaith Interactions*  
**You're Invited to I4C's End of Summer Picnic!**

**Date and Time: Sunday | August 25, 2024 | 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Location: Hidden Valley Park ~ Oak Picnic Area, 1798 Center Ave ~ Martinez**

**[Register Here](#)**

**Bring your favorite side dish and join us for an easy going, end of Summer break and gathering with a picnic in the park! Not only a time to gather, feast, and hear about Summer vacations, but we will also set aside some time to get to know each other through Appreciative Inquiry.**

**See Attachment for more details.**

**September 2024 - Healthy Democracy Workshop**  
**October 2024 - Constructive Conversations and Restorative Practices Workshop**

*For more details and information about Interfaith Council events, please contact Christine Nadeau [christinenadeau50@yahoo.com](mailto:christinenadeau50@yahoo.com) or 510-275-3341.*