

CTL ENews for Week of Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2022

Christ the Lord Church Office Hours

Sandy: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:30pm
(please call first if you need to meet with Sandy)

Sunday Service 10 am

December

Sunday, Dec 11... Third Sunday of Advent.

The Candle of Joy. Advent Gifts and Goodies Sale ([Fundraiser for CTL](#))

Wednesday, Dec. 14... Vestry meeting via zoom at 6:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 18... Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Candle of Peace. We will decorate the Church. Please plan to stay and help if you are able.

Saturday, Dec. 24...Christmas Eve starts at 7:30 pm with Carol Singing, followed at 8:00 pm with Eucharist and festive Candle-Light

Sunday, Dec. 25...Christmas Day

Service at 10:00 am with a capella choral Eucharist

January

Sunday, Jan 1, 2023....Happy New Year! We will have lessons and carols at 10 am

Sunday, Jan 15, 2023... Bishop Marc will be at our worship service. We hope many of you will be able to attend and meet and greet our bishop. He will also be installing Rev. Lois as our permanent priest! 😊

Wednesday, January 25... Vestry meeting via zoom at 6:00 pm

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### **Senior Warden Corner:**

Dear CTL Members, Here is an excerpt from the letter written by Rev. Lois asking for our help. "I thought you might be interested this year in adopting a family in need. Due to privacy issues I can not share names but I can share a few details. I had a Patient who was 42 and died of cancer on Thanksgiving Day. She left behind her husband and

three children. This woman's husband needed to leave his job to provide care for her and they are now looking at a very sad, and financially stressful time during this holiday season.

**If you would like to help, here are some details.**

*Christian is 17* and a senior in high school. He just got his license so a gas card and Walmart gift cards would be nice.

*Angel is 13* years old and would like fishing gear, especially a fishing net as going fishing with his father is a way for him to handle stress.

*Karen is 11* and loves painting with acrylics and canvas, painting clay pots and making beaded jewelry.

This family also has an array of small dogs, chickens, goats and sheep.

**Please use the following procedures to donate**

- cash - please attach a note indicating it is for "adopt a family" (cash can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or put in an envelope and either left in the church office or placed in the CTL mailbox, next to the doors to the parking lot). -OR-
- check (please make it out to "Christ the Lord", with "adopt-a family" in the memo line.) Can be delivered to the church office during the week or placed in the mailbox. -OR-
- purchased items: If brought to CTL during the week, please place these in Rev. Lois's office. There will be a box marked "Family Donations" on her sofa (the box will be out in the narthex on Sundays)

**Please make all donations by December 20 so that Rev. Lois can deliver these before Christmas.**

We are looking forward to our Advent Gifts and Goodies Sale as a fundraiser for CTL this weekend. We have honey (see Old Town Honey for sale article), homemade, wrapped baked goods, tins with assorted nuts, embroidered tea towels, and other hand made items to sell. Please let me know if you would like to do something. You may drop things off in the sanctuary reading corner anytime this week. The church is open during the day with Sandy and LaCasita. I will be there on Friday, Dec. 9, at Noon to sort things out. Helpers welcome. Thank you.

**Old Town Honey for Sale** for your family, friends, and yourself! The bees live in Old Town Pinole and the honey is from 2022. Two sizes of gift jars available for \$10 and \$7.50. Ann will bring jars on Sunday Nov 27 and will have a sign up if you would like to order more. You can also bring in personal jars which can be filled for \$5.00/liquid cup. Just leave the jars in a bag with your name. Plenty of honey, limited number of jars. A portion of proceeds will be donated to CTL. You can also contact Ann at [anniebmoriarty@gmail.com](mailto:anniebmoriarty@gmail.com).

## **Stewardship Campaign**

Commitment Sunday Stewardship materials for 2023 (letter from Rev. Lois & vestry members, pledge form, time & talent form) are NOW available in the narthex. Please complete these and return them in the offering plate or mail to the church at your earliest convenience. *We would like to receive all surveys, pledge and by Sunday, Dec. 11. Thank you so much for your service and commitment to CTL.*

*Paul Hsi will act as pledge secretary and handle returned forms*

**Fellowship Refreshments**... Rev. Lois announced at church on Sunday, 11/21, that we may use the sanctuary as a place to continue fellowship as needed because winter is here and some days it is just too cold to sit outside. Please remember to tidy-up after yourself when using the sanctuary and keep it neat and clean. Also, please note there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to

bring food items or help with clean-up. Thank you for your support to keep this lovely tradition going.

## **Would you like to help bring communion to elders in assisted living?**

Rev. Lois will be taking communion to residents of Piedmont Gardens in Oakland once a month. Anyone wishing to join her in this outreach service is welcome, either for one visit or more. Carpooling is possible; please contact Rev. Lois.

**We have an Author in the House!** Rev. Lois' book has been published and it is available on Amazon. It is entitled Inchoate. Congratulations, Rev. Lois!

## **Deacon Kate Recommends:**

- Advent practice of a word a day reflection. Check it out @ [adventword.org](http://adventword.org)
- Gift idea- A Children's Book for Christmas: The Worried Wiseman available @[churchpublishing.org](http://churchpublishing.org) or @Amazon.com. Cost is \$21.95. Perfect gift for the little one in your life.

**La Casita Report:** They are doing well and fully enrolled.

**Donations to the "Ark" Birthday Bank** are given to the Episcopal Impact Fund throughout this year. Recipients will get reconsidered at the Vestry/Bishop's committee planning meeting in February, 2023.

**December - 1st Sunday Special Collection** is for the Veteran's Cafe.

**Flowers for Christmas** Help make the church beautiful by donating flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for a special event. Suggested donation is \$25.00. Please see the flier inserted in the church bulletin. Deadline is Dec. 19 to turn in requests. Thank you.

**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.

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