

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 10AM

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February

Thursday, February 16...

- Catechism course presented by Rev. Lois via zoom at 6pm virtual six week course given by Rev. Dr. Lois on the teachings of the Episcopal church will continue on this day. The weekly series will be Thursday evenings via zoom starting at 6pm. It is open to all CTL members and especially those who wish to serve in various ministries within our church. The dates for the six week course are Feb 9,16, 23, Mar 2, 9,16. *(See article: Do you want to learn more about the Episcopal faith?)*

Saturday, February 18...

- The Bishop's Committee planning meeting is in person at CTL from 12 Noon until 4pm. Bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a calendar.
- All committee members are required to attend

Tuesday, February 21...

- **Shrove Tuesday Event!** Second Annual Virtual Pancake Dinner. Family tickets are \$10.00 & Individual tickets are \$5.00. All proceeds benefit Contra Costa & Solano County Food Bank. Funds raised up to \$500 will be matched by an anonymous donor. Please purchase tickets from Susan Gallegos.

Wednesday, February 22...

- **Ash Wednesday** - Lent begins; Distribution of ashes will be 9:30 am and again at 7:00 pm
- Here is an important message for Lent from our vicar, Rev. Dr. Lois Williams. "This Lenten season as we learn of farm worker struggles, immigrant issues and racial biases still in our communities today, our readings for Lent will include reflections from Oscar Romero and our call to a Holy Lent with thought, words and action as a way of remembering how those before us have worked on these issues and how we need to continue in that work for Justice."

Thursday, February 23...

- Catechism course presented by Rev. Lois via zoom at 6pm

March

Thursday, March 2...

- Catechism course presented by Rev. Lois via zoom at 6pm

Thursday, March 9...

- Catechism course presented by Rev. Lois via zoom at 6pm

Thursday, March 12...

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April

Sunday, April 2...

- Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9...

- Easter Sunday

Senior Warden Corner:

Dear CTL Members,

The Bishop's Committee will be meeting on Saturday, Feb 18 in person at CTL from Noon until 4 pm. We will be discussing events and activities for the coming year. Please pray we have the gifts of the Holy Spirit present with us as we lead our church forward. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Respectfully yours, Elaine Brady

Do you want to learn more about the Episcopal faith?

Here is your chance. This is a course on the catechism of the Episcopal church that will be presented by Rev. Lois. It will be via zoom starting Thursday, Feb.9 at 6 pm and then weekly, every Thursday, for six weeks (Feb 9,16, 23, Mar 2, 9,16). Rev Lois will be using the Book of Common Prayer. It is the blue book found on the side of the pew chairs. You are welcome to take a book home for reference and use it during the course. Rev. Lois will be using the section called An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism which starts on page 845 of the Book of Common Prayer. This course is open to all members, including those who are new to the faith, those who want a refresher course, or those who just want to be with members to learn and share about the faith. Please contact Rev Lois if you would like more information about the course. If you want to attend, please send Sandy a church email requesting that you want to take the course. She will add your name to the zoom link. Upon completion of the course, you may choose to be blessed by the Bishop in a special service in June of 2023 at the cathedral in San Francisco. More details to follow.

February - 1st Sunday Special Collection is for the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. This is an excellent way for us to be involved in community events and make our presence known for works of charity.

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.

Donations to the "Ark" Birthday/Special Intentions Bank are given to the Episcopal Impact Fund throughout this year. Recipients will be reconsidered at the Bishop's committee planning meeting February 18, 2023.

LaCasita Report: Renovations in the play yard are slated to be done the week of their June break (2nd and 3rd weeks of June). They will keep us apprised of what and when things happen. They have scheduled an open house for Saturday, March 25 from 10 am -2pm. Their school year calendar for 2023 has been completed and they will be closed the whole of Holy Week: April 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. They follow the WCCUSD calendar of school holidays. There will be two student teachers joining La Casita in a few weeks so you may see some new faces.

Would you like to help bring communion to elders in assisted living? Rev. Lois takes communion to residents of Piedmont Gardens in Oakland once a month. Anyone wishing to join her in this outreach service is welcome, either for 1 visit or more. Carpooling is possible; please contact Re. Lois.

Homebound Communion for CTL

It's cold outside and the germs are flying. If you're following our church service on Zoom and would like me to bring you the communion elements - the bread and wine/grape juice, please let me know. Let me know if you prefer grape juice or wine. I'm also a Eucharistic visitor, which means I can perform a service in your home and receive communion as part of it.

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