

### **Christ the Lord Church Office Hours**

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

## **CTL ENews for Feb 9-16, 2023**

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### **Sunday Service 10Am**

## ***February***

### **Thursday, February 9...**

- A virtual six week course given by Rev. Dr. Lois on the teachings of the Episcopal church will begin 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?***)

### **Thursday, February 16...**

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

### **Saturday, February 18...**

- The Bishop's Committee planning meeting is in person at CTL from 12 Noon until 4pm.
- All committee members are required to attend

### **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 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...**

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

## ***April***

### **Sunday, April 2...**

- Palm Sunday

### **Sunday, April 9...**

- Easter Sunday

### **Senior Warden Corner:**

Dear CTL Members,

Thank you for your attendance at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5. Your input is very important for the future direction and prayer life of our church. We are pleased to welcome Elaine Glimme, Cristina Rich, and Joanne Addy as new members of the Bishop's Committee. We will support Christine Nadeau and Ted Rich as our Diocesan 2023 convention delegates, along with Paul Hsi as an alternate. We are all stewards in service to Christ the Lord church. We are grateful for the support and participation we have with one another, officially and unofficially. As we move forward, please be mindful that we need to use our limited resources to the best of our abilities. We are a small, aging population and membership is a priority.

Rev. Lois is our permanent priest; however, she is only a part-time priest. She works full time as a Hospice chaplain, and yet still provides pastoral care for us above and beyond her contracted time. This is the time of new beginnings, of reflection and action, as we begin a new year with Christ the Lord church. 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.

**Fellowship Refreshments...** We are using 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 be sure to tidy-up after yourself when using the sanctuary and keep it neat and clean. There is a sign-up sheet

in the Narthex to bring food items or help with clean-up. Also, we need CTL members to take on the duties of set-up and clean-up in order to ensure this fellowship activity continues!

**Donations and pledge payments** to support CTL and our various ministries may be given at <https://christthelord.qvtls.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. Elaine Glimme (510) 859-5317 or [Elaine\\_Glimme@comcast.net](mailto:Elaine_Glimme@comcast.net)