

The Canticle

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Clergy Letter

Happy August, Christ the King family!

As an adult, I still find it odd that we close out the summer well before summer is over. Traditions have shifted as the school year has started earlier and ended earlier than I remember growing up. It used to be that Labor Day was the signal of the end of summer and schools almost universally started on the Monday after

Labor Day (at least all the schools I attended in Oregon and California!). Generally, school let out after the first or second week of June, and the summer stretched out before us like a gift of time, leisure, and family vacations to various destinations (some of which were actually work for my dad). With my own children starting school now in mid-August, Memorial Day becomes the awaited day of release with the expectation of summer to stretch out beyond it.

As traditions of “autumn” and “summer” have shifted, some things have also remained the same. Much as we did when I was a kid, as we rapidly approach the beginning of the school year, my family scrambles toward the finish line of summer vacation by trying to squeeze every last breath of fun out of these final few weeks. Where it used to be the Labor Day fishing trip, camping trip, or barbeque; now Anthony’s birthday always signals the last hurrah for our summers as August 11th is nearly always the week before school starts. The exception was last year in Santa Cruz, when school started ON his birthday (the first time he had been at school on his birthday in 13 years—he was NOT amused!). This year, his day includes a friend flying out from CA to spend the weekend with us from Wednesday through Saturday, our Nephew, Brandon, visiting on Thursday, plans for a long D&D game (Anthony’s current favorite social activity), movies, food, and fun for all. We’ll wrap up just in time for Sunday’s post-church back to school shopping and then on Tuesday is the day all school children dread—the first day of school! (Actually, until this year, my boys on the Autism spectrum rather looked forward to school—though not the transition of the first day—since it meant the return of a set and regular schedule, which helped to regulate them).

Whether we have school-aged children in our families or not, the start of the school year--whenever it may be--still also signals a shift in the activity patterns of our local social lives. People return from vacation, expectations at jobs tend to intensify, grandparents who live near enough to provide daycare or after-school care are

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CTK Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- * *We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*
- * *We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and*
- * *We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God’s world.*

Website:

www.ctkarvada.org

[Check us out on Facebook!](#)

[We’re also on YouTube!](#)

Worship Services

Sunday, August 7
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, August 14
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, August 21
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, August 28
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

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Please submit articles by the 15th of the prior month.

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tapped once again for the regular care cycles, and soon we'll begin to see the unseasonably early signs of the fall celebrations that lie ahead—just to remind us they're coming sooner than we may have time to realize.

As contemporary churchgoers, the patterns and traditions around summer have also changed. Covid has seen to it that most of our dearly held traditions have had to undergo serious consideration and transformation over the past couple years. Some of that has led us to new ways of gathering, new ways of worship, and new ways of fellowship together that we treasure and will bring with us into the future of Christ the King. Other ways were painful, and such things as the return of coffee hour have been a tremendous joy as we have taken back some of the dearest parts of our community life to also bring with us into the future. This process of transformation, while at times tumultuous, is also a process of waking up to the ways the Spirit is calling us to be more aware, more inclusive, and more flexible in our faith lives and family. Readings this month will include both comfort and discomfort as Jesus also challenged the people following him to become more open to God's unconditional love at work amongst them, through them, with them, and for them.

We may not know what the future holds in terms of Covid-19 and the transformation of the whole global Church of Christ, but that doesn't mean that we don't get a voice in how we address the shifting patterns of our global social order. So in addition to August kicking off the school year, it will also be a time of homecoming, of re-gathering for some community events that draw us back together as a parish family, and of dreaming of what we want for the future together. In the weeks and months ahead, we'll be working together to invite our community to gather. On Sunday, August 14th, we'll have a blessing of the backpacks at our 9:30 service for students and those returning to work after time off. On Saturday, September 17th, we'll have a parking lot movie night. On Wednesday, October 5th, we'll be having a celebration of New Ministry with Bishop Kym. And, later this autumn, we'll be sending out invitations to gather formally to dream together and set our vision for the next six years of ministry at Christ the King. Add to these the regular weekly opportunities to gather for learning, fellowship, prayer, worship, and study, and we've got a lot to look forward to together at Christ the King this autumn!

Many blessings,



Austin

Faith Formation



Bible Study Group TBA

The Bible Study group is taking a summer break and will resume meeting in September.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Wednesdays, August

The group is on a small summer break and will resume meeting in September.

Worship and Music



Online and In –person Services Available

Sunday Worship, 9:30am Our services are now being held in the church with masks recommended and social distancing when possible and live streamed on [YouTube](#). Please check your email for invites to register for this service or call the office to reserve your place.



We've created a Zoom room for Sunday Service and Coffee Hour!

Join others in worship from the comfort of your own home. Check out the Weekly Update (e-newsletter) for the link or contact the office for a Zoom invite.

Weekday Services

Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30pm

The service of Compline “completes” the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service. Compline is currently held on Zoom. Contact the office for a Zoom invite or see the Weekly Update for a link.

Morning Prayer – Fridays, 8:00am

Now, you can join in from home through Zoom. Ros Patterson, Jean Thayer and Jessica Starbird will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

Handbell and Vocal Choir Meetings

Members of the Chi Rho Handbell Choir and Worshipping Voices Choir are on summer break. Please contact Andi for more information.



A Musical Note - by Andi Smith

Here we are approaching the month of August and I gotta say I'm tired of the heat. But, I'm surviving. Just like getting through the worst of the pandemic, that we're still in by the way, we are able to carry on. We here at Christ the King have begun a new journey with the arrival of Austin and their family. I am looking forward to our continued journey together, but am also ready to experience new things on this spiritual journey. In September, Worshipping Voices Choir and Chi Rho Handbell Choir will begin our fall season. As you may have noticed, we have been few in number but large in faith. I want to invite you to think about possibly joining one group or the other, or even both if you're feeling especially adventurous. If you can make the weekly commitment (bells rehearse on Mondays, voices rehearse on Thursdays) to one of these groups, won't you consider singing and/or ringing? Please don't hesitate to talk to me or contact me if you have any questions about either group. As we embark on this new part of our walk together, I invite you to come and make a new, joyful noise unto the Lord.



Beyond Our Walls



National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 2

National Night Out is an annual community celebration and effort to reduce crime – and the fear of crime – in our neighborhoods. This year's celebration is Tuesday, Aug. 2. National Night Out is a National Association of Town Watch initiative, bringing communities together and encouraging people to go out into their neighborhoods and get to know their neighbors. The Arvada Police Department encourages community members and groups to host block parties, plan cookouts or just get together to meet people on your block. Enjoy a summer evening and invite Arvada Police Officers to stop by. For more information, [visit arvada.org/national-night-out](http://visit.arvada.org/national-night-out).

Parish Life

August Birthdays

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pat Barker	07
Anthony Leininger	11
Daniel Ohamaka	12
Jim Savage	16
Jeneene Lowe	20
Merri Crawford	21
Dave Hatfield	21
Rachel Mondragon	22
Sharon DeLong	25
Liam Matter	30



August Anniversaries

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Leininger, Austin & Northrop, Jane	02
Atkinson, Jim & Cathy	03
Amidon, Judith & Ken	05
Tagne, Christian & Tabitha	07
Broderick, Warren & Peggy	12
Webb, Rob & Jamie	22
Elliott, Robin & Stephanie	23

Readings for August

August 7—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

August 14—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

August 21—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

August 28—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 10:12-18/Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112

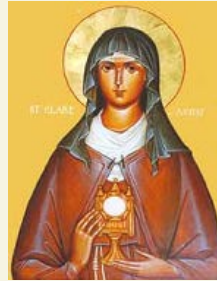
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Fixers & Tenders

Saturday, August 13, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.

Food For Thought



Feast of Clare of Assisi
Thursday, August 11

Clare Offreduccio, born in 1194, was the daughter of a wealthy family in Assisi. When she was eighteen years old, she heard a sermon by Francis of Assisi, and was moved by it to follow the example of the Franciscan brothers and

vow herself to a life of poverty. Her family was horrified, and brought her back home by force; but one night, in a gesture both tactical and symbolic, she slipped out of her house through "the door of the dead" (a small side door that was traditionally opened only to carry out a corpse) and returned to the house of the Franciscans. Francis cut off her hair, and placed her in a nearby convent. Later a house was found for her, and she was eventually joined by two of her sisters, her widowed mother, and several members of the wealthy Ubaldini family of Florence. Clare's best friend, Pacifica, could not resist, and joined them, too.

The sisters of her order came to be known informally as Minorenses (Franciscan brothers are Friars Minor = "lesser brothers") or as Poor Clares. When the order was formed, Francis suggested Clare for the Superior. But she refused the position until she turned twenty-one. They devoted themselves to prayer, nursing the sick, and works of mercy for the poor and neglected.

[Click here for the full article.](#)

Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.

(source: from Saint Clare) EOW pg. 71

Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we, through his poverty, might become rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, might serve you with singleness of heart and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Caring Connections



Open Offering and Outreach for August

Christ the King's Open Offering for August will go to Peck Elementary, for updating teacher resources and classroom books.

Thank you for all the canned goods for Community Table last month, and for extra contributions to the general budget.

Note: Look for upcoming info from the Outreach Committee about a church wide meeting as we look for new ideas.



Climate Care Group Thursday, August 4, 6:00pm on Zoom

The Climate Care Team will be meeting to discuss two things:

1. Creating an environmentally friendly Advent calendar with a tip for 25 days in Advent to be shared with the CTK congregation and perhaps the diocese.
2. Looking into the Season of Creation, the annual, ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home. (Reverend Austin has volunteered to help us discover ways Christ the King might participate in this.)

Anyone is welcome, please email [Cathy Atkinson](mailto:CathyAtkinson) if you would like to join us!

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." Chief Seattle



Crafters of the King Monday, August 1 & 15

The Crafters will have a hybrid meeting on August 1st, come in person to the parish hall or join from home on Zoom. The August 15th meeting is Zoom only.

St. Clare's Table

Tuesday, August 9, 3:30 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver.

Conversations on Racial Justice & Reconciliation

Tuesday, August 9 & 23, 7:00pm on Zoom

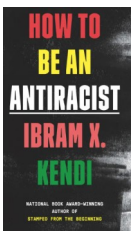
"When Christ is the center, when we say yes to the way of unselfish, sacrificial love, then we do the work of racial reconciliation and justice. Then we're able to do the work of truth-telling and reckoning and healing. And then we can help our church and help our land be a land where there's plenty good room for all of God's children." Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

Please join us on August 9th and August 23rd on Zoom as we continue our Conversations on Racial Justice & Reconciliation. What does it mean to live out the Gospel call to work for peace, justice, and reconciliation? How do we follow Jesus' teachings when the noise around us is too intense to bear? During August we will continue to discuss these important questions, keeping our lens on wisdom from our ancestors, our peers, leaders, and teachers, and keeping our feet on the path of love for all humanity and God's creation.

Did you know that the [Equal Justice Initiative](#) (EJI) challenges racial and economic injustice and provides legal representation to people who have been illegally or justly convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in jails and prisons? Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer

and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*. For a rich learning experience visit [History of Racial Injustice](#), a digital experience calendar highlighting events on this day in history with interesting detail and intuitive sharing features.

Ibram X Kendi is a National Book Award-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of five books for adults and three books for children. Professor Kendi is a contributing writer at The Atlantic and a CBS News Racial Justice Contributor. As a group, we engaged in a months long study of [Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#). This book uses the life stories of five major American intellectuals to offer a window into the contentious debates between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and anti-racists across our country's almost 250-year history. This book was an eye-opening study for this conversations group, and is highly recommended. As a group, we are looking forward to beginning another study of Kendi's work using [How to Be an Anti-Racist](#). Watch the weekly newsletter and the Canticle for dates.



Recommended: [Transformative Solidarity for a Thriving Multiracial Democracy](#), a 20 minute video by Angela Glover Blackwell, a renowned civil rights and public interest attorney, and longtime leading racial equity advocate. [Do the Work! An Antiracist Activity Book](#) by Kate Schatz and W. Kamau Bell – Just released!

If you have questions or would like more information on our Conversations group, please [email](#)

Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

The Vestry welcomed Rev Austin to the first Vestry meeting of their tenure. While they have been busy introducing themselves to the parishioners and getting to know many parishioners, Austin is feeling very welcomed. There will be neighborhood movie nights on the parking lot scheduled. Austin wants to begin a Visioning campaign. Austin has added a zoom component to the Sunday service. People can log into zoom and watch the live stream with others and after the service continue to “attend” coffee hour.

The finances are still behind, but we are looking forward to understanding what will be needed for the rest of 2022 and the budget for 2023. We thank everyone for the open plate and pledges received for July, we received over \$5,000. It has made a big difference. In August we will ask for your support of Peck Elementary School as is usual, then in September and October we will again ask for the open plate to support the General Fund.

The hot water heaters were replaced, and curtains have replaced the bulky doors in Kempcell hall and right outside in the hallway. We are looking at replacing lights in Kempcell Hall. The lights in the Nave will be put on hold at this time. Fixers and tenders have done some weeding but are avoiding the heat of the day.

With the rate of COVID infection still above 11%, the Vestry would like to continue to Recommend but not Mandate masking in the building. We will remove the capacity limit, but still encourage social distancing.

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

The August Report is not available at this time. Please check the Weekly Update scheduled to deliver August 4th.



Thank You...

Peggy Broderick, Jeneene Lowe, and Kay Seiler for cleaning up and organizing the Faith Formation Closet, the Library, the classrooms in the Parish Hall, the pew in the hallway and the Faith Formation Office.



Gift Cards - Not just for giving!

Gift cards bought through the RaiseRight program can be a gift for yourself and the church. Buy cards to your favorite places; Walmart, amazon.com, Arby's, Wendy's ([full list](#)) and use them yourself at any time. With the Scrip [mobile app](#) it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards or you can print an [order form](#) and mail it to the church with your check or hand it in Sunday to receive a physical card. RaiseRight orders are placed on the first and third Monday of the Month. Have questions about the Scrip Program contact [Barbara Jennings](#)

Place your RaiseRight order by
Sunday, August 28

Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!



















It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through Shop with Scrip, Safeway or King Soopers, you help support the ministry of Christ the King. And it's easy to start!

- **Safeway** offers reloadable cards (\$20), available through the [church office](#) (303-424-5288); or Sunday morning. We receive a rebate of 4% every time you reload your card.
- **Shop with Scrip** offers gift cards from hundreds of familiar retailers, in amounts that vary from \$10 to \$500. Rebates to the church range from 1.5% to 18%, depending on the retailer.
- For **King Soopers**, you'll need to designate Christ the King as the organization you would like to support by linking your loyalty card at www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards, using code **LM 737**.



The money from these gift cards programs is directed to our operating budget and it is a really easy way to help support our church.

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00am Crafters of the King	2  7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	3  8:30pm Compline	4 8:00 Breakfast at the Rising  6:00pm	5  8:00am Morning Prayer	6
7 9:30am Holy Eucharist  10:45am Coffee Hour (Hybrid Mtg.)	8	9 3:00 pm St. Clare's  7:00pm Conv. On	10  6:45pm Finance Mtg  8:30pm Compline	11	12  8:00am Morning Prayer	13 9:00am Fixers & Tenders
14 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Backpacks  10:45am Coffee Hour (Hybrid Mtg.)	15 10:00am Crafters of the King	16	17 6:00pm Vestry Mtg  8:30pm Compline	18	19  8:00am Morning Prayer	20
21 9:30am Holy Eucharist  10:45am Coffee Hour (Hybrid Mtg.)	22	23  7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R	24  8:30pm Compline	25	26  8:00am Morning Prayer	27
28 9:30am Holy Eucharist  10:45am Coffee Hour (Hybrid Mtg.)	29	30	31  8:30pm Compline			



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