

The Canticle

Christ the King Episcopal Church, 6490 Carr Street, Arvada, CO 80004



Photo 235710469 © Natalia Semenova | Dreamstime.com

Dear Christ the King,

If you can believe it we are in the first full week of Advent with Christmas fast approaching! A lot is going on at Christ the King and I remain grateful to you all for your contributions to our parish through your pledges and participation.

You may know that as of Nov. 29 we have received 42 pledge cards and with a total pledged amount of \$156,620. Thank you!! Your support is so meaningful especially during this time.

Please read the rest of this newsletter for updates on our Rector Search process and some outreach projects we are participating in this December.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to our tech team;

Phil Goodman, Jessica Starbird, Barb Jennings, Frank Hester, Rachel Mondragon have kept us going with YouTube, Zoom, sound and other technological tweaks that they have all worked on over the past year. We could not have done it without you! Thank you all!

This Christmas, we are currently planning to meet in-person maintaining our protocols of social-distancing and wearing masks. We are asking that you still sign-up for the service which you may do via the email or contact the church office so we can maintain contact tracing. (See page 4 for Christmas schedule.)

Since last year we have made progress and we now have improved and increased our air circulation in the church nave and narthex. We are continuing to work on the offices and Kempzell Hall.

I hope you will check out the article by our music director, Andi Smith. As Andi notes, the prelude is the musical space before the service begins. I invite you this Advent, to consider remaining silent during the prelude and focusing on prayer. May it be a time where your spirit is quiet and still (usually about two minutes long). Let it be a spiritual discipline that you embrace. Advent is all about preparing and waiting. The prelude provides the perfect opportunity to prepare our hearts to receive God's grace before worship formally begins.

Blessings,

Rev. Margaret

December 2021

In this Issue

Clergy Letter	1
Vestry Corner	2-3
A Musical Note	3
Faith Formation	3
Search Committee	3
Stewardship Team	3
Worship & Music	4
Caring Connections	5
Food For Thought	6
Parish Life	6
Beyond our Walls	7
Calendar	8

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, December 5

Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, December 12

Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, December 19

Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

Saturday, December 24

Holy Eucharist

5:00pm Church & YouTube

9:00pm—Church & YouTube

Sunday, December 26

Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

Clergy**The Rev. Margaret Peel-Shakespeare, Interim Rector**

rector@ctkarvada.org

303-424-5288

Staff**Jessica Starbird****Parish Administrator**

303-424-5288

office@ctkarvada.org

Ros Patterson, Bookkeeper

303-424-5288

finance@ctkarvada.org

Andi Smith, Music Director

303-430-0611

pianomama64@gmail.com

Barbara Jennings, Sr. Warden

720-841-5635

Barbara.jennings@yahoo.com

Mike Paugh, Jr. Warden

303-438-9826

mpaugh2@comcast.net

Cathie Craig, Prayer Chain

ctkprayerchain@yahoo.com

Michelle Bredine,**Canticle Editor**

mbredine@gmail.com

Deadline:

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

Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

At the November meeting of the Vestry issues concerning the 2022 budget were discussed. Preliminary numbers were presented with pledge values acknowledged. We thank all of you who returned your pledge cards. We'll continue to prepare the budget for 2022. Current finances reveal a stable financial situation for this year.

The carpet samples have been in Kempshell Hall for two weeks now and the carpet committee is reviewing the comments and will turn the information to the property committee and Vestry to make final decisions. All comments were appreciated. The vestry should get the estimate soon.

As we look forward to 2022, we know there are some positions to be filled. We are anxious for nominations for new Vestry members. A new clerk will be appointed next year, we will also need to find a new Audit team as well. Descriptions are in the canticle. If you're interested in any of these let a Vestry member know.

We in the vestry are looking forward to a fulfilling Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

November 16, 2021 Vestry Meeting For October 2021 Activity

Total Ordinary Revenue (Oct, 2021)	\$ 20,604	
Total Expense (Oct, 2021)	\$ 22,809	
Net Ordinary Income (Oct, 2021)	\$ (2,252)	
Total Year-to-Date Revenue (thru Oct 2021)	\$ 266,549	Mortgage Payoff
Total Year-to-Date Expense (thru Oct 2021)	\$ 190,211	Snow removal above budget
Net Ordinary Income: (thru Oct 2021)	\$ 76,096	Telephone costs above budget
The Year-to-Date Budgeted Net Income	\$ 3,491	

Is the Vestry in Your Future?

The Vestry of Christ the King (CTK) is the governing body of our parish in accordance with our Church Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Our Vestry at CTK currently has three openings. It's an exciting time to become a member. The new vestry in 2022 will help pick our new priest! Being on the Vestry is an opportunity to help make decisions in other areas as well such as in spending, organization, and goal setting. Serving on the Vestry is an opportunity to increase one's spiritual life and get to know and work with other members of Christ the King, as well. Having been on the Vestry for the last two years, I have come to understand the strengths and challenges of Christ the King and have been privileged to work with a group of people dedicated to the well-being of our church. It has been a meaningful and insightful experience.

Requirements to serve on Vestry:

- ☞ Must be a Confirmed Episcopalian
- ☞ Must be an active member of CTK and a communicant in good standing
- ☞ Must be a regular contributor of the parish by pledge or otherwise

continued on next page

Vestry Corner Cont.

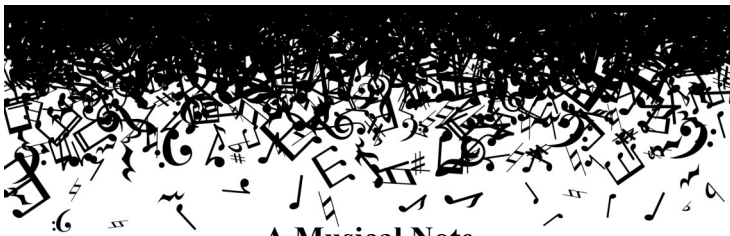
☞ Regularly attend meetings. We meet once a month with a few special (additional) meetings throughout the year.

The term for a Vestry Member is three years.

Please, in prayer, consider if this is a role that is right for you. I know there are many members in our congregation who would make excellent Vestry members. If this is a calling for you, please let Reverend Margaret or your Vestry member know.

Thanks,

Amanda Roberts



A Musical Note by Andi Smith

Have you ever thought about the word ‘Prelude’? It is defined as something that comes before something else that is more important. I read an article written by the Music Director at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massachusetts. The article entitled “Preludes and Postludes: Why Do They Matter?” contains the following quote:

For others it fills space in the soul or the mind, maybe quieting the residue from a busy week and making room for the words and music of worship. In many cases, perhaps the prelude is worship.

I’ve often wondered if playing prelude music before our worship services is beneficial to anyone. I see a few people come in and sit or kneel in prayerful fashion and I see others engage in full conversations. So, does it matter or is it even important? My answer would be a resounding ‘yes’. In our fast-paced world, it is difficult to find that time to just sit quietly and reflect. The time before a service starts is when we are invited to come into God’s presence and prepare ourselves for worship. Now that we are live-streaming our services using 2 cameras that not only show what is happening in front of the cameras but also records all the sounds around them. After watching a couple of our services on YouTube, I was aware of the conversations occurring before the service begins and I had difficulty letting myself enter into that one-on-one time with God. Prelude is a prayerful time and gives us that opportunity to center ourselves with God. Be still and listen for the voice of God and to the whispers of the Spirit.

Faith Formation



Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 2:00pm

The Bible Study group is meeting on Zoom to discuss the Book of Acts. The Bible Study Group invites all interested to join!

Look for the Zoom link in the Weekly Update or contact the office for a Zoom invite.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

The Men's Breakfast and Bible study is anticipating returning soon. We are tentatively planning on meeting on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 am but that could change based on participant input and Covid restrictions. Contact [Tom Scholle](#) with any questions.

Search Committee Report

An update on the Search Process for a Rector

Our Parish Profile has been published for almost six weeks now. The application process will remain open till the end of the year. The search committee will begin interviewing January 2022.

Click the link below to view the parish profile.

<https://episcopalcolorado.org/diocesan-resources/transition-ministry/congregational-and-clergy-transitions/>

The Stewardship Team

From the Stewardship Team



Thanks to all of you who have returned your 2022 pledge card! We are so grateful for your ongoing support of our parish and our mission. As of November 24, 2021 we have received 42 pledge cards which represent gifts of just over \$156,620. Thank you! As always, if you have any questions regarding Stewardship or pledging please feel free to contact a member of our team, [Mary Beattie](#), [Molly Foley-Healy](#), [Norma Jean Wilson](#), [Karen Barritt](#), & [The Reverend Margaret Peel-Shakespeare](#)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace.~1 Peter 4:10

Worship and Music

Sunday—Holy Eucharistic Services

Sunday Worship, 9:30am Our services are now being held in the church with restricted attendance while being live streamed on [YouTube](#). Please check your email for invites to register for this service or call the office for reservations.

At this time we ask that you continue to register for service, having an accurate number of attendees helps the Altar Guild, the Parish Administrator and helps the Ushers with attendance which we use for contact tracing. Thank you for all your support as we continue our way forward.

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 Join in from home using Zoom. Ros Patterson, Jean Thayer and Jessica Starbird will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable. Contact the office if interested in joining or use the Zoom link in the Weekly Update.



Handbell and Vocal Choir Meetings

Members of the Chi Rho Handbell Choir and Worshipping Voices choir will begin meeting this month. Please contact Andi for more information.

2021 Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 24

✝ 5:00PM Pageant & Eucharist
(live-streamed on YouTube)

✝ 9:00PM Carols & Eucharist

Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas!—no services

Sunday, December 26

✝ 9:30AM Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 2,

✝ 9:30AM Lessons & Carols

Caring Connections



Open Offering for December Jefferson County Jail

The December Open Offering funds will go toward purchasing Bibles

which Chaplain Quinn Wilhelm of the Jefferson County Jail is requesting. We are only collecting funds for this project; at the end of December we will purchase the specific Bibles the Chaplain has requested, from the source he has provided. Again, thank you for your ongoing support of the Outreach monthly Open Offering projects.



Christ The King has had a wonderful outpouring of supplies and funds for the “Apartment Bin” for Afghan refugees Open Offering completed in November. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Crafters of the King

Monday, December 6 & 20, 10:00am on Zoom

The Crafters of the King meet each month to share a time of supportive fellowship, while working on their individual projects.

Our meetings will be held by Zoom until further notice; please contact the [church office](#) if you need the link.



Conversations on Racial Justice & Reconciliation Tuesday, December 14 & 28, 7:00pm on Zoom

This is a great time to join. We will be deciding on new programs from the Episcopal Church on racial healing, indigenous spirituality and Afghan refugees. If you have questions about the group or would like more information,

please contact Dan Mondragon or Karen Barritt.

St. Clare’s Table Tuesday, December 14, 1:30 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares sack lunches in Kempshell hall for about 80 people at St. Clare’s Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. If you would like to help please contact Mark Molello.

Climate Care Team



The next Climate Care meeting will be Thursday, January 6th, at 6 PM, on Zoom, we have a couple parish projects for the winter months to discuss. Contact Cathy Atkinson if you have any questions or would like to join the Climate Care Team.



Food Drive for the Community Table

The Community Table is trying to collect 25,000 pounds of food by December 25! We will be collecting non-perishable food/items for the Arvada Community Table. Look for the boxes labeled 25x25 in the narthex. Look below for a list of “critical needs” items.

Food Staples

- Peanut Butter (16oz. jars)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Baked Pork & Beans

Personal Care Items

- Shampoo
- Razors
- Female hygiene items
- Toothbrushes
- Soap—hand & body, liquid, hand sanitizer
- Diapers
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Adult Depends
- Toothpaste



A Message from the Climate Care Team

We encourage you and your family to visit a great website - earth911.com - it is an excellent source of ideas and suggestions about how we can contribute to our world in more environmentally responsible ways and still observe our fun holiday traditions. For example, right now there is an article about toys that are made of more sustainable materials with non-toxic chemicals, "Top Environmentally Responsible Toy Brands for the Holidays". Please check it out!

Parish Life

December 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.

Mazza, Joe & Carol 31

December 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.

- Margaret Peel-Shakespeare 03
- Karen Barritt 08
- Kay Simpson 09
- Steve Roberts 13
- Beth Hester 14
- Marilyn Savage 16
- Bob Matter 21
- Elaine Ciccone 23
- Barb Winant 25
- Bob Linden 26
- Kay Seiler 28

Food For Thought



Photo 116091872 / Holy Innocents © Jozef Sedmak | Dreamstime.com

Tuesday, December 28, Feast Day of The Holy Innocents

We read in Matthew 2 that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, King Herod, fearing for his throne, ordered that all the male infants of Bethlehem be killed. These children are regarded as martyrs for the Gospel -- "martyrs in fact though not in will." Augustine called them "buds, killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves." For a discussion of the historical background of the episode, consult the Web page <http://elvis.rowan.edu/~kilroy/CHRISTIA/library/infancy2.html>

by James Kiefer

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for December

- December 5 - The Second Sunday of Advent
 - Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle 16
 - Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
- December 12 - The Third Sunday of Advent
 - Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9
 - Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
- December 19 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 - Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 15
 - Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55
- December 24 Christmas Eve
 - Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96
 - Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20

- December 26 The First Sunday after Christmas Day
 - Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147
 - Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18

Beyond Our Walls



Illustration 6870098 © Destinyvispro | Dreamstime.com

A Green Christmas

The City of Arvada is offering two convenient drop-sites for you to recycle Christmas trees free of charge. Trees will be accepted from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 24.

- ◆ Lake Arbor Lake Park (6400 Pomona Dr.)
- ◆ Stenger Soccer Complex (W. 58th Ave. and Oak St.)

The trees will get turned into valuable mulch and soil-builder to nourish future trees, which will be available free-of-charge at the drop-site locations. Residents will be responsible for loading and hauling.

PLEASE make sure the tree is free of nails, wire and all decorations to ensure safety of the City staff handling the trees. Remember, only Christmas trees are accepted (no garlands, wreaths or yard waste) and no business or commercial use. For more information, visit arvada.org/recycle-those-Christmas-trees

Other holiday items that can be recycled at the SustainAbility Zero Waste Center, 6240 W. 54th Ave. :

- ♻ Wrapping Paper and Tubes
- ♻ Tissue Paper
- ♻ Cardboard Boxes
- ♻ Styrofoam—LG Packaging
- ♻ Bubble Wrap
- ♻ Christmas Lights
- ♻ Large Shopping Bags
- ♻ Plastic Shopping Bags
- ♻ Leftover Food and Scraps
- ♻ Cooking Oil
- ♻ Wine & Champagne Corks
- ♻ Glass Bottles
- ♻ Electronics
- ♻ Cell Phones and Tablets
- ♻ Cards and Envelopes



Photo 163688718 © Freeskyline | Dreamstime.com

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 contact Jeri Burry. 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. Gift cards bought through the Scrip program can be a gift for yourself and the church. The Scrip [mobile app](#) it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards everyday. You can print a scrip [order form](#) and mail it to the church with your check or hand it in Sunday to receive a physical card. Scrip orders are placed on the first and third Monday of the Month. Have questions about the Scrip Program contact [Barb Jennings](#)
- 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.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  8:30pm Compline	2 8:00am Break- fast at The Rising 7:00pm Worshiping Voices	3  8:00am Morning Prayer	4
5 9:30am Holy Eucharist	6  10:00am Crafters of the King 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir  7:00pm Search Com- mittee	7  7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	8  8:30pm Compline	9 7:00pm Worshiping Voices	10  8:00am Morning Prayer	11 9:00am Fixers & Tenders 1:00pm Funeral James Bryan
12 9:30am Holy Eucharist	13 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir  7:00pm Search Com- mittee	14 1:30 pm St. Clare's Prep  2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R	15  6:45pm Finance Mtg  8:30pm Compline	16 7:00pm Worshiping Voices	17  8:00am Morning Prayer	18
19 9:30am Holy Eucharist	20  10:00am Crafters of the King 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir  7:00pm Search Com- mittee	21  2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Vestry Mtg	22  8:30pm Compline	23 7:00pm Worshiping Voices	24 5:00pm Pageant & Eucharist 9:00pm Carols & Eucharist	25 Merry Christmas 
26 9:30am Holy Eucharist	27 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir  7:00pm Search Com- mittee	28  2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R	29  8:30pm Compline	30	31  8:00am Morning Prayer 