

The Canticle

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



February

Clergy Letter

Happy February, CTK Family!

These past few weeks, we've reflected on stories of calling in our lectionary readings, as well as the Beatitudes this past Sunday of our Annual Meeting. We've reflected on God's presence with us, in us, and through us as God continues to call to us throughout our lives. We are called into relationship, into wholeness, into love and service, into life. Mistakes, blemishes, feelings of failure and all, we are called—and not in spite of who we are, but precisely because of who we are. We are God's children, loved without exception and without condition, and called into relationship with God and each other. We are called to see God's light in one another, to see the infinite facets of God's image reflected back to us in each person we meet and each encounter we have in this sacred and amazing world. We're called out of the darkensses of our lives—anger, fear, hurt, depression, hopelessness and despair, etc.—and into the light of God's love and healing. No matter what and no matter where we are in our lives or in our spiritual and emotional states, God is with us.

The season of Epiphany is a time of remembering the sacred stories of people of all sorts encountering God in unexpected times, places, relationships, and situations. It is a time of being reminded who we are in God's eyes, and who we are called to be as we seek to honor God's love for us by sharing it with the world around us. Struggling through times of loss, hardship, political upheaval, uncertainty, and confusion, we, along with the world around us, need this season's reminder of the new things God is doing, calling us to, and accomplishing through us. We are God's hands and heart working in our world to bring light, joy, love, and hope alive.

If we are each called by God (as I believe we are), the question for many becomes, how do we listen for, understand, and act on God's call if each person is called differently? First, as an affirmation, let me stress that I believe God prepares the called rather than calling the prepared. But if we've never been taught how to listen, how do we know? For most, the Spirit's call isn't a two-by-four kind of experience—it's more subtle. But if there is something positive in our community (or outside our community for that matter) that you feel tugged to do, or that won't seem to let you go, it may be a calling that is worth exploring. Callings aren't just to be prophets or clergy—they can be vocational and lifelong, but they can also be specific to a task or a purpose that has an end point. Frequently the best way to explore a possible calling is to do so in community discernment as a process of sharing and reflection. Is this something our community might like to learn more about? If so, I'd be glad to help get us started!

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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

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[We're also on YouTube!](#)

Worship Services

Sunday, February 5
Holy Eucharist
9:30a.m. - Church & YouTube

Sunday, February 12
Holy Eucharist
9:30a.m. - Church & YouTube

Sunday, February 19
Holy Eucharist
9:30a.m. - Church & YouTube

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday
12:00p.m. Church & YouTube
6:30p.m. Church

Sunday, February 26
Holy Eucharist
9:30a.m. - Church & YouTube

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Deadline:

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

In this ongoing season of light, revelation of God's calling, and encounters with the divine, we also find ourselves in the midst of many preparations! On February 1st my family will celebrate the 16th birthday of our daughter, Eva—our first to reach the eligible age for a driver's license! In coming weeks we'll have our February Movie Night on Saturday the 11th, the shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on the 21st, and Ash Wednesday on the 22nd! Come and join in on as much as draws you!

May this season of light and "new things" be a time of reflection and of discerning where God is calling us in our lives and ministries!

Blessings,



Austin

Worship and Music

Online and In-person Services Available

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

Weekday Services

Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30p.m.

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, 8:00a.m.

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

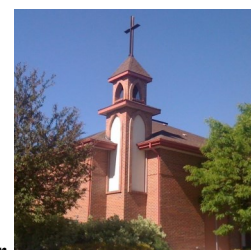
Chi Rho Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings and Worshipping Voices choir practices on Thursday evenings. Please contact Andi if you're interested in joining one or both of the choirs and for more information.

Beyond Our Walls

Public Service of Acknowledgement & Commitment

February 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m. MT, Zoom & in person

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Loveland, CO, is hosting a liturgy of witness and prayer to acknowledge the Episcopal Church's historical relationship to oppressive systems and alliance with colonial, imperial power; repentance and healing through confession and petitions; and a community commitment to the ongoing work to "Becoming a Beloved Community." To attend via Zoom or for more information, please email allsaintsloveland@gmail.com.

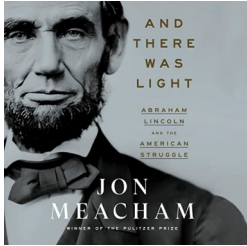


Faith Formation

Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 2:00p.m., Hybrid

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the chapel and on Zoom. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible!

CTK Book Club Mondays at 3:00p.m. on Zoom



We will continue to read Jon Meacham's new book, *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*. We will be reading Part II Chapters 6-9 and try to complete Part II within 2 sessions.

We have read Meacham's books before, and appreciate him as a writer and an historian, as well as an Episcopalian who occasionally is heard at the Washington Cathedral. Quoting from the flyleaf: "Jon Meacham chronicles the life of Abraham Lincoln, charting how—and why—he confronted succession, threats to democracy, and the tragedy of slavery to expand the possibilities of America... This illuminating new portrait gives us a very human Lincoln—an imperfect man whose moral antislavery commitment, essential to the story of justice in America, began as he grew up in an antislavery Baptist community; who insisted that slavery was a moral evil; and who sought, as he put it, to do right as God gave him to see the right." Since it is a new book, it may be hard to get it in time at the library, but give it a try if that is your preference.

Please contact Jean Thayer or Merri Crawford if you have any questions.

Adult Lent Forum Henri Matisse & the Colors of Lent



From the gray of Ash Wednesday to the brilliant dawn of Easter Sunday, the season of Lent is a journey through color. And so what better guides to this journey than the words of Scripture and the art of Henri Matisse, one of the most daring, influential artists in modern history?

In this devotional full of Scripture, art, and weekly practices, we walk alongside Matisse from his childhood in northern France to what he called his "masterpiece," the Chapel of the Rosary in Vence, Paris.

He once said he liked to pray with a pencil: "At the moment I go every morning to say my prayers, pencil in hand; I stand in front of a pomegranate tree covered in blossom, each flower at a different stage, and I watch their transformation... filled with admiration for the work of God. Is this not a way of praying?"

So grab a pencil (or a paintbrush!), your favorite Bible, and a decent internet connection (all the paintings referenced can be found online) Week by week, we'll travel through the colors of Lent – all the way to the beautiful, joyful dawn of Easter morning.

We will begin on Ash Wednesday after the 6:30PM service and will continue to meet on Sundays after service in the chapel/library/Zoom. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating or find the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Food For Thought



Feast Day of Cyril and Methodius Missionaries to the Slavs (14 Feb 869) Tuesday, February 14

In about 863, Prince Rotislav, the ruler of Great Moravia asked the emperor for missionaries, specifying that he wanted

someone who would teach his people in their own language (he had western missionaries, but they used only Latin). The emperor and the Patriarch Photius sent Methodius and his brother Constantine (Cyril), who translated the Liturgy and much of the Scriptures into Slavonic.

Since Slavonic had no written form, they invented an alphabet for it, the Glagolitic alphabet, which gave rise to the Cyrillic alphabet (named for Constantine aka Cyril). The resulting alphabet had 43 letters. It has since undergone

development, chiefly simplification and the omission of letters. The Cyrillic alphabet with minor variations is used today for Russian, Ukrainian, and other languages of the former USSR, and also for Bulgarian and Serbian and formerly for Rumanian.

Thus the brothers were the first to produce written material in the Slavic languages, and are regarded as the founders of Slavic literature.

[Full Article](#) by James Kiefer

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the power of the Holy Spirit moved your servants Cyril and Methodius to bring the light of the Gospel to a hostile and divided people: Overcome all bitterness and strife among us by the love of Christ, and make us one united family under the banner of the Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Caring Connections



Open Offering and Outreach for February

This month the open offering will go to the CTK General Fund.

Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, February 2, 8:00a.m.

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, February 2nd. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.

Climate Care Group Thursday, February 2 6:00p.m. on Zoom



Our Climate Care Team is meeting in February to brainstorm ideas for projects that will encourage all of us to reverently care for our environment. Even if you are not a member of Climate Care, please email Cathy Atkinson with any ideas you might have that we could add to our list of possibilities for this year. Please send any ideas before our next meeting on February 2nd, at 6 PM Zoom. Anyone is welcome to our meetings, please email Cathy Atkinson if you would like to join!



Crafters of the King Monday, February 6, 10:00a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 10:00a.m., Hybrid

The Crafters of the King are back in action! If you are a crafter or have an interest in what this group does, you are invited to join us at any of our meetings which are held in person and via Zoom. We really enjoy getting together and working on a variety of craft projects. We had two of our monthly hybrid meetings in January 2023, and it was delightful to be back together again after the Craft Fair and busy holiday season.

During the month of February 2023, we will be having two scheduled meetings as follows:

- Monday, February 6, 2023, regular monthly meeting, 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon in person at Kempshell Hall and via Zoom
- Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (day change due to President's holiday on Monday), regular monthly meeting from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon in person at Kempshell Hall and via Zoom

The Crafters will also be hosting the CTK coffee hour on Sunday, February 12, 2023 as our way of offering thanks to the CTK church members for their support of our projects. Please contact Kay Seiler 303 460-9234 or Peggy Broderick 303 954-0243 if you have any questions.

St. Clare's Table Tuesday, February 14, 3:30p.m.

It was an unexpected pleasure to have Liz Wolfert, the Managing Director for St. Clare's, join us for our service this past Sunday (1/22/23). I hope many of you had the chance to talk with Liz at coffee hour. Liz has done an outstanding job of leading our ministry through the pandemic months.

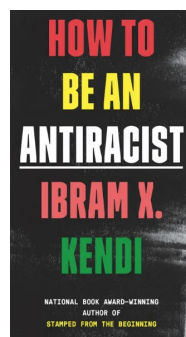
Our next meal at St. Clare's is on Valentine's Day, Feb 14. It was suggested to me that we make Valentine's cookies for dessert that evening. This seems like a wonderful idea and I know that our guests would love it. They are so appreciative of our efforts and I know that homemade treats are a special bonus for them. If you would like to bake cookies or provide any other treat please let me know. We can collect them on Sunday, Feb.12 and take them down for the meal on Tuesday.

As always, thank you so much, to all who are able to serve on our Tuesdays and to our congregation at CTK for supporting this special ministry.

Conversations on Racial Justice and Reconciliation Monday, February 13 & Tuesday, February 28 7:00p.m. on ZOOM

"Changing a worldview ... happens over a lifetime, but it doesn't happen until people start thinking a different way."
Grant Tinker, Professor Emeritus of American Indian cultures at Iliff School of Theology and a citizen of the Osage Nation.

In a continually shifting national and world landscape, we believe these conversations are more important than ever. Please join us as we continue our journey to expand our knowledge of history, enhance our awareness of situations and policies that stand in the way of racial justice in our community and nation today, and explore avenues of action that bring needed change. The items included here in our monthly Canticle update are suggested by everyone in our group. Special thanks this month to Jean Thayer for the recommendation and information on Fr. Richard Rohr.



In February, we will continue our in-depth study of Ibram X Kendi's work entitled How to Be an Anti-Racist. **Note date change** to Monday, February 13, when we will discuss chapters 11 and 12. On February 28, we will discuss chapters 13 and 14.

Recommended: Many of us at CTK appreciate Fr. Richard Rohr's online daily meditation column and use it regularly as part of our daily devotions. Often the columns are Rohr's words himself, but also frequently they include thoughts from a wide range of spiritual writers. Recently, the column shared the process of selecting and editing the column, and that process felt very familiar to

Caring Connections Continued

what we experience in our Conversations on Racial Justice and Reconciliation.

Ali Kirkpatrick described how the Rohr column comes together. *“I look for material that can aid the process of integration, moving what we read from our minds to our hearts and out through our hands. I ask myself:*

- * Does this engage my mind?
- * Does this soften my heart?
- * Is my stance toward ‘the other’ becoming less defended?
- * Does this meditation invite me to shift my behavior toward greater compassion, love, or justice?”

—Ali Kirkpatrick, Editor, in Richard Rohr’s Daily Meditations, 1/17/23.

This sounds like an apt description of what we are trying to do in our readings and discussions on racial justice, and in particular, our broader experience of the role of the church in our lives. Our conversations often include a selected book for discussion. We also share other resources we come across each day in the news or other print and online material. As we talk openly, we struggle toward new understandings on how we are called to serve in our community and world. If you would like to read more from Fr. Richard, please visit <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/>

Recommended: As a group, we attended the Sand Creek Massacre Exhibit at the Colorado History Museum. The exhibit is a beautiful, if painful, reminder of our country’s history, shown through artifacts, documents, videos, letters, photographs and more. The Museum is found at 1200 Broadway and the exhibit is included in the general admission ticket or your membership. It will be available until mid-February. For more information visit <https://www.historycolorado.org/>



Open House Craft Day Saturday, February 18, 10a.m.-3p.m.

This day is open to all crafters in our church and our community. Participants are welcome to come at any time between 10a.m. and 3:00p.m. and stay for as long as you like. We ask that you bring your own food and beverages.

Pancake Supper Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 5:30p.m.



CTK resumes our annual Pancake Supper. Gluten free pancakes will be available. Imposition of Ashes available after supper. See Jeneene Lowe for tickets, \$5 per individual and \$15 per family.

Parish Life

February 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.

Eva Leininger	1
Christian Tagne	1
Myrene Earnshaw	5
Molly Foley-Healy	11
Elijah Ohamaka	17
Mary Jo Ryan	26



February 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.

Rick & Margaret Potting	1
Bernie & Cathie Craig	7

Readings for February

February 5—The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20

February 12— The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

February 19—The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

February 22—Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

February 26—The First Sunday of Lent
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Fixers & Tenders
Will not be meeting in February

Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.

Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

In the January Vestry meeting the 2023 Budget was reviewed. Larry Healy described the expenses that we incur to keep the church building running. He also gave us an idea of what income would be needed to meet that responsibility. Although our Pledges are higher than last year, they don't cover all our necessary expenses. We will still ask for Open offering. We will have the Open offering for Outreach in March, April and November and ask people to bring nonperishables in July. We will not forgo our Outreach either. We also would like to encourage everyone to register at King Soopers and buy our Safeway cards and purchase "gift cards" from RaiseRight. We do get rebates from the sale of the gift cards and a percentage of your grocery and gas purchases at King Soopers when you designate The Church of Christ the King (Episcopal) in Arvada. We will also research other revenue streams and would ask any church member to let a Vestry Member know if they can recommend anything. We thank all church members for their financial support. The budget was approved and presented in the Annual Meeting.

We'll have another Family Film night on February 11 at 5:45p.m. The Vestry will set a date for a Retreat soon. The results of the Visioning meetings have given lists of people and possible project directions. The Vestry will use this as a basis for a Vestry Retreat.

Vestry members will be getting new Shepherds Lists. You should get communications from one of our Vestry member. The Vestry members include Kay Seiler, Rick Atkinson, Molly Foley-Healy, Nancy St. Pierre, Mike Barker, Jeri Burry, and Glenda Lutrell. You should hear from someone soon.

The Vestry will continue to Recommend but not Mandate masking in the building. We have had suggestions to remove the Blue Xes from the seats but we will continue to recommend spacing and masks until spring after the yearly flu/virus season

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

Income/Expense Report - December 2022

Total Ordinary Revenue	\$ 20,373.57
Total Expense	\$ 22,782.48
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 2,408.91)
Total YTD Revenue	\$239,239.27
Total YTD Expenses	\$260,586.49
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ -21,257.22)

YTD = Year to Date



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, February 26th!**

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.

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>10:30am (hybrid) Worship Committee</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00am Breakfast at the Rising</p> <p> 6:00pm Climate Care</p> <p>7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am(hybrid) Crafters of the King</p> <p> 3:00pm Book Club</p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:45pm Finance Mtg</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:45pm Movie Night – The Princess Bride (PG)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>13</p> <p> 3:00pm Book Club</p> <p> 7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm St. Clare's</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00pm Vestry Mtg</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am—3:00pm Open Craft Day</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed Presidents' Day</p> <p> 3:00pm Book Club</p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am(hybrid) Crafters of the King</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm Pancake Supper</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12:00pm service</p> <p>6:30pm service</p> <p>7:30pm Adult Forum (hybrid)</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>25</p>
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