

# The Canticle

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



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## Clergy Letter

Happy January, CTK Family! (and Happy 2023!)

This month we transition from the short and festive season of Christmas into the long (and still festive) green-season of Epiphany! Throughout Advent and Christmas, we prepared for and entered into the mystery of the incarnation—of God’s love being born into the world in a way it had never been experienced before. With the coming of the Epiphany, we celebrate the visitation of the Magi to the holy family. Beyond this, we celebrate the revelation of God’s light breaking through into our world in unexpected and transformative ways. Jesus’ life and ministry taught us to renew our understanding of God’s presence, accompaniment, love, healing, and grace—not as a far distant promise, but as an active and present reality breaking through into our lives and world here and now. This new season, we move from contemplation of the mystery of the incarnation into the time of looking for the breaking through of God’s light into our own 21<sup>st</sup> century world; for the new things that God is doing in us and through us, and to the unexpected encounters and divine moments that catch us up into the sudden awareness of God’s presence with us in the here and now of our lives. We’re called into a new state of awareness of God’s light and love, present in a very active and experiential way. Not one that seeks externally for the hope of God’s presence and action in the world, but one that draws from our internal hope springing from our faith and experience of God’s presence working through us to transform the world around us.

The difference between hoping for something external and the hope that springs eternal from within is a transformation of expectations and perspective that I’ve watched Marie go through and which I’m now watching my teenage son, Anthony, and tween son, Luke, struggling to make right now. It seems to hold within it the key to reawakening the magic of the world that children perceive as something external, and which eventually fades with the awakening of reason and experience that challenges and undermines their conceptions of the world around them. With Marie, I watched as things like the magic of Christmas, or wanting to reach out and touch the clouds, or even her innocent and uncomplicated belief in God gave way to cynicism about what the world is really like. She’s regaining some of that hope and magic on the other side, but the boys are just entering into that same “age of reason” struggle. Songs like “Where are you Christmas,” give testament to the common human experience of what they are going through right now, and I remember going through it myself as well.

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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](http://www.ctkarvada.org)

[Check us out on Facebook!](#)

[We’re also on YouTube!](#)

## Worship Services

Sunday, January 1  
Lessons & Carols  
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 8  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 15  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 22  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 29  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30am - Church & YouTube

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### Deadline:

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

In terms of my faith, I finally settled on the analogy of a cup that was filled to the brim when I was a child. It wasn't that my faith diminished, but that the cup grew until the undiminished quantity of faith in it didn't fill it anymore. When it got low enough in that growing cup, I left church—along with the image of God as a white-bearded old man in the clouds sitting on a golden throne. What I was seeking was a way to refill that larger cup, but I couldn't put words to it at the time. For me, as for many, the refilling of my cup came from a transformation of my heart, my faith, my understanding of myself, God, and the world (you know... just the little things). With this new awakening, God was no longer distant or uninvolved, but imminent (sometimes frighteningly so) and actively present in and through my life. And with this new awakening came a new perspective of joy, wonder, and faith that reawakened me to the magic of our world that comes from the kind of hope that transforms the external childhood magic into something truly transcendent.

I want that kind of hope for all of my children. And so I continue to try, as a parent, to help them to find their way to a deeper understanding of the true "magic" or spirit of wonder, joy, hope, and curiosity that once lay at the root of their magical perceptions of the world.

Epiphany is a time of transformation that invites us to seek God's light and God's unexpected presence in our lives and world. It is a season where we encounter and are invited into transcendent hope and into our own journeys of transformation. As we enter into this season of light, looking for the new things God is doing in us and through us, and as we enter into this new year of 2023 with all the promise of new beginnings that our next trip around the sun holds for us, may we bring with us the kind of hope that allows us to see, experience, and share God's love and goodness in all the unexpected turns the future holds.

Blessings,

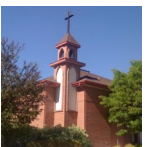


Austin

## 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.



### Weekday Services

#### Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30pm

The service of Compline "completes" the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. 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.



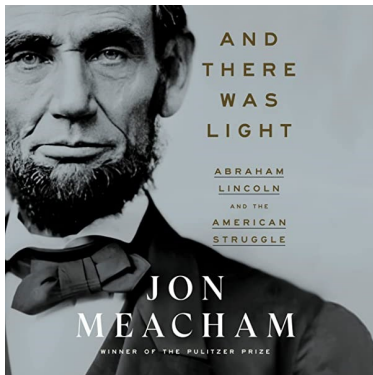
### Handbell and Vocal Choir Meetings

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.

## Faith Formation

### Bible Study Group Tuesdays in January @ 2:00pm

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible! The Book of Exodus is currently being discussed. Note: the Bible Study Group will not meet on the 3rd but will resume meeting on the 10th.



### CTK Book Club Mondays at 3:00 on Zoom

Several readers at CTK have indicated a desire to read Jon Meacham's new book, *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*. 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 anti-slavery 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."

The Book Club expects to start this new book the second week of January. Please let Jean Thayer or Merri Crawford know if you are interested, so we can coordinate a choice for day, time, and whether you prefer zoom or meeting at church (hybrid.) We plan to read the Prologue and Chapter One for the first meeting. 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.

## Food For Thought



### Feast of John Chrysostom, Bishop of Antioch and of Constantinople, Preacher, Theologian, Liturgist Friday, January 27

John was called "Chrysostom" ("Golden Mouth") because of his eloquence. He was a priest of Antioch, and an outstanding preacher. (Audiences were

warned not to carry large sums of money when they went to hear him speak, since pickpockets found it very easy to rob his hearers -- they were too intent on his words to notice what was happening.) His sermons are mostly straightforward expositions of Holy Scripture (he has extensive commentaries on both Testaments, with special attention to the Epistles of Paul), and he emphasizes the literal meaning, whereas the style popular at Alexandria tended to read allegorical meanings into the text. He loved the city and people of Antioch, and they loved him. However, he became so famous that the Empress at Constantinople decided that she must have him for her court preacher, and she had him kidnapped and brought to Constantinople and there made bishop. This was a failure all around. His sermons against corruption in high places earned him powerful enemies (including the Empress), and he was sent into exile, where he died. Along with Athanasius of Alexandria, Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nazianzus, he is counted as one of the Four Great Eastern (or Greek) Doctors of the Ancient Church. The Four Great Western (or Latin) Doctors are Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory the Great.

*Article* by James Kiefer

There are *lots* of his sermons online (six volumes worth) at the [Early Church Fathers](#) site.

*O God, who gave your servant John Chrysostom grace eloquently to proclaim your righteousness in the great congregation, and fearlessly to bear reproach for the honor of your Name: Mercifully grant to all who proclaim your word such excellence in preaching, that all your people may be made partakers of the glory that shall be revealed; 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 January

The January Open Offering donations will go to the CTK General Fund.



### Climate Care Group Thursday, January 5, 6:00pm on Zoom

*"Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home."*

~ [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)

Our Climate Care team wishes you and your friends and family a meaningful holiday season, and we thank you for allowing us to share a few thoughts and ideas that we are learning about preserving and respecting our planet home.

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

### Crafters of the King

**Tuesday, January 3 & 17, 10:00am, hybrid**

The Crafters for the King took a well-deserved rest during December. We are looking forward to our twice-monthly meetings beginning in January 2023. Due to the holidays during January, we will be holding our meetings on Tuesdays (not Mondays). We will meet in Kempsell Hall and on Zoom from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on January 3 and again on January 17, as the CTK office is closed on Monday, January 16. You are invited to join us if you are interested in crafts or are curious about our group or our activities. New members are warmly welcomed!

### Breakfast at The Rising

**Thursday, January 5, 8:00am**

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, January 5th. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.

### St. Clare's Table

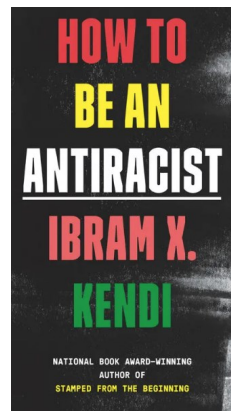
**Tuesday, January 10, 3:30 p.m.**

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

### Conversations on Racial Justice and Reconciliation Tuesday January 10 & 24, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

*"I see what's possible when we recognize that we are one American family, all deserving of equal treatment." Barack Obama*

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.



In January, we will continue our in-depth study of Ibram X Kendi's work entitled *How to Be an Anti-Racist*. According to one reviewer, "Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and fair society." Rev. Austin Leininger is leading this study and we encourage everyone interested to join in. The book is available on Amazon and at your favorite library. The group meets on Zoom and the link can be found in the CTK weekly email update. On January 10th, we will discuss Chapters Seven and Eight. On January 24th, we will discuss Chapters Nine and Ten.

**Did You Know** Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray was an American civil rights activist who became a lawyer, gender equality advocate, Episcopal priest, and author. Drawn to the ministry, in 1977 she became one of the first women—and the first African American woman—to be ordained as an Episcopal priest. Watch a wonderful documentary about her life **My Name is Pauli Murray** on Amazon Prime.

**Recommended** *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard. According to award-winning journalist and historian Colin Woodard, North America is made up of eleven distinct nations, each with its own unique historical roots. In *American Nations* he takes readers on a journey through the history of our fractured continent, offering a revolutionary and revelatory take on American identity, and how the conflicts between them have shaped our past and continue to mold our future.

# Parish Life





## CTK Annual Meeting

The Sixty-first Annual Parish Meeting of the Church of Christ the King (Episcopal) will be held Sunday, January 29, at 11:00a.m. Submissions for the Annual Report and the nominations for the George Scholz Award are due Thursday, January 19th. In 1990, the George Scholz Award was established at Christ the King to honor lifetime service to our community.

**Epiphany Pizza Party**  
**Friday, January 6,**  
**6:00p.m.**

Help the altar guild prepare our worship space for the Epiphany Season and be rewarded with PIZZA!





## January 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.

Dorothy Billingham	03
Phil Goodman	05
Sarah Andrews	08
Karen Wells	09
Jim Atkinson	14
Ada Andrews	23
David Hatfield	23
Carrie Matter	26
Samantha Bredine	30
Nancy St. Pierre	30



## January 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.

No Anniversaries on file.

## Readings for January

January 1—Holy Name  
Lessons & Carols

January 8— The Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12

January 15—The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42

January 22—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23

January 29—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

## Fixers & Tenders

**Saturday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.**

Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.

## Vestry Corner

### Vestry Update

The finance report for December shows that we had about \$3000 more than expenses to continue to combat the 2022 deficit. While we don't balance for 2022 we have come much closer than expected with the help of pledges and open plate collections. The first draft of the budget for 2023 shows the expenses will total about \$261,000. The finance committee expects that we will need to find new revenue streams. We will need to brainstorm ways of fundraising to meet this new budget. Stewardship committee confirms that we have 37 pledges for 2023 totaling \$175,440 so far. We will still be accepting pledges, but we will need more to support our expenses. We do have some accessible savings funds and with the continued support of open plate offerings we can narrow the gap. But we will need the help of other revenue streams. Stewardship will send thank you notes to those who have submitted their pledges. What we do happens only with your financial support. Thank you.

Mike Paugh reported that some outside light bulbs have been replaced. The property committee doesn't have any big projects due as of now but will continue to monitor and maintain our building.

The Worship committee reports a concern that people are not respecting the time of the Prelude during which one assumes an attitude of preparation for worship by not talking. The Prelude should be a signal of quietness. During the Coffee Hour we encourage talking and fellowship. There is a computer in Kempshell Hall to allow people not able to join us in person to enjoy Coffee Hour. We encourage all to come and chat with the folks on Zoom.

We have two nominees for Vestry members for class of 2023. We hope to have three by the time of the Annual Meeting in January.

The Vestry reviewed the activities this month including Movie night where we viewed "ELF" and enjoyed popcorn from a new popcorn maker. The night of Hymn singing was also enjoyed by many. One family found us on Facebook and came from Denver to join us. On Dec 21 our service of, Blue Christmas, was also found through our ads. These activities did not yield significant income but were meaningful and promoted fellowship and worshipping for our congregation and community at large.

The official name for the church is The Church of Christ the King (Episcopal). You may see Christ the King Arvada, Christ the King Episcopal or simply CTK. Any of these if acceptable on a check. Search Christ the King Arvada to find the Website for Christ the King Episcopal.

The Vestry would like to 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 for November

Total Ordinary Revenue	\$20,687.27
Total Expense. .	\$17,626.51
Net Ordinary Income	\$3,060.76

However, the unrestricted Income (unrestricted pledges + unrestricted giving + fundraising) = \$19,064.07.

The Christmas tea earned \$2,410 and the Christmas Craft Sale earned \$1,823.50 for a total of \$4,233.50. Otherwise, we would have had a loss of \$1,437.56 instead of a profit for November.

Year to date is not looking good...

Total YTD Revenue	\$198,114.63
Total YTD Expenses	\$240,336.71
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 42,222.08)

The Stewardship Committee made awesome efforts to reach what is thought to be a realistic forecast of expenses in 2023. Kudos for exceeding the 2022 pledge drive!

*Larry Healy, Treasurer*

YTD = Year to Date

## Beyond Our Walls

**National Human Trafficking Prevention Day  
Prayer Service and Speaker,  
January 11, 2023, 5:00 pm MT, via Zoom.**

Join the diocese to pray to end human trafficking. Hear from trafficking survivors. Learn about resources available across the province (and country) and how you might take action. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvcu-hpiIpGNQS8rBDjBm4PEF8JWkBgfpb>.



A big Thank You to everyone that donated used books, CDs and/or DVDs for the Used Book and DVD Sale. Thank you to Jim Atkinson for taking all the small tables up to the chapel for the sale. Thank you to the following tireless volunteers that helped prepare, setup and or work during the sale: Karen Barritt, Mary Beattie, Amanda Roberts, and Jessica Starbird. A special thank you to Mary Beattie for helping to box up all the books and DVDs that didn't sell and to find a place that will take the books that didn't sell. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to purchase used books and/or DVDs. We were able to make \$309.03 during the sale to help with the budget deficit for 2022. Kay Seiler

Thank you to our Stewardship Team for their efforts during the 2023 pledge drive.

Thank you to the Finance Committee and Larry Healy, Treasurer, for all the hard work preparing the 2023 budget.

Thank you to all the LEMs, the altar guild, our camera operators, choirs, music director, office staff and clergy for all the hard work this past Advent/Christmas Season.

Thank you to the Climate Care Team for all they did to make a green Advent for our congregation.

Thank you Mike Paugh and Bob Mickelson for replacing exterior bulbs and illuminating our walkways and parking lot for our evening services.

Thank you to our vestry who has been so helpful during our free movie nights. And to Molly and Larry for the gift of the popcorn machine. It was a big hit during movie night.

Thank you Martha Jones for all your help with the website.

Thank you to all those who helped with Carols and Cookies. Especially Kama Linscome for the truly beautiful decorations in the parish hall We've had over 100 viewings of our live-stream on YouTube.

Thank you Kay Seiler and Peggy Broderick for cleaning out the creepy and stinky closet under the stairs. It is no longer so creepy and nowhere near as stinky and is now very well organized. Thank you Cathie & Bernie for shredding all the old documents we no longer needed. In December Kay & Peggy finished a clean up project that began after the re-painting of Kempsell Hall and started in the library. They were occasionally assisted by Jeneene Lowe. Truly, your fortitude is awe inspiring.



### 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, January 29th!

### 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](http://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.

# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:30a.m. Lessons &amp; Carols</p> 	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3 10:00am (hybrid) Crafters of the King</p> <p> 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4 10:30am (hybrid) Worship Committee</p>	<p>5 8:00 Breakfast at the Rising</p> <p> 6:00pm Climate Care</p>	<p>6 <b>The Epiphany</b></p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6:00pm Pizza Party and Undecorate Altar</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>9 <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b></p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm St. Clare's</p> <p> 7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&amp;R</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45pm Finance Mtg</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>14 9:00am Fixers &amp; Tenders</p>
<p>15 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>16 Office Closed MLK jr Day</p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell</p>	<p>17 10:00am (hybrid) Crafters of the King</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&amp;R</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm Vestry Mtg - Budget</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Annual Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00pm Chi Rho Bell</p>	<p>31</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p>				