

The Canticle

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

November

Clergy Letter

Happy Halloween, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving—and happy November, Christ the King Family!

As I write to you all on Monday the 24th, we're just on the cusp of our autumn and winter holiday seasons. My family has our Halloween costumes, pumpkins, and ofrenda decorations ready for Monday's celebration of All Hallows Eve and the start that night of Dia de los Muertos, and CTK is currently assembling its rolls of the departed and festive music for our All Saints Sunday celebration on November 6th.

The three day celebration of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day draws together traditions from all over the world under the umbrella of the Christian celebration of All Saints Day, which used to take place in May, but was moved to November as a means to subsume local pagan customs honoring the dead, such as Samhain in the Celtic Tradition. In the Samhain celebration of the Celtic New Year from over two thousand years ago, superstitions about the roaming spirits of the departed gave rise to Celtic traditions such as the Jack of the Lantern where a turnip or large Beet would be carved out and a candle placed inside so as to scare off the wandering spirits of imps and other wily spirits sent to antagonize and otherwise torture the living. In addition, on the night before the Celtic New Year, when the boundary between the physical world and the spirit world was at its thinnest, the spirits of departed loved ones trying to find their way back to the lit lantern on the threshold of the family homestead could be appeased by placing food outside the door (as well as kept outside by that scary Jack o' Lantern). One never knew whether the spirit at the door on Halloween night would be a trick or a treat. Many stayed inside the safety of their homes that particular night, but those who dared to venture out would dress up as ghosts and ghouls so as to trick wandering spirits into thinking that they were just another of the walking dead.

The transition from Samhain, the eve of the Celtic New Year, to All Saints Day is one example of Imperial Christianity in the Roman Empire co-opting local traditions and attaching Christian meaning to them as a means of easing local customs and beliefs into Christianity. These and other non-Christian Celtic superstitions and practices surrounding the first new-moon after the harvest moon were normalized in the calendar year by the early church in the 9th century, moving All Saints Day from May to November, and including the local recognitions and remembrances of the

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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, November 6
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, November 13
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, November 20
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, November 27
Holy Eucharist
9:30am - Church & YouTube

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Please submit articles by the
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dead under the umbrella of All Saints Day, when we celebrate our communion with and continuing connection to the followers of Christ who have gone before us.

To the growing list, in the 1600s, the three-thousand year old Aztec tradition of Dia de Los Muertos was added. Originally observed in August, the celebration of Dia de Los Muertos was also moved to All Saints Day by the church. Dia de Los Muertos is more celebratory in its origin than Samhain, and is an honoring of departed ancestors through offerings of their favorite foods at their graves, the creating of Ofrendas in the family home where favorite foods, drinks, and effects are accompanied by sugar skulls, marigolds, and photos, paintings, and other representations of loved ones such as to keep their memories alive as they are believed to step across from the afterlife to join their living descendants for this two day festival. Foods prepared are consumed after midnight, giving the departed time to feast before the living. On the first night, departed children are remembered, on the second night departed adults, and the following day, the festival concludes with the honoring of all departed. Notably, this becomes the All Hallows Eve remembrance that becomes the night of departed children at 12am on November 1st, bridging All Saints Day where preparations are made for the midnight celebration of departed adults, and into All Souls Day on November 2nd, which is the culmination of the festival with honoring of all departed.

While the ancient customs of ghoulish costumes, jack o' lanterns, and leaving food out for ancestral spirits is alive and well in today's secular Halloween (a contraction of Hallows Evening—to Hallow e'en) traditions, these combine with elements of the Aztec/Mexican tradition of Dia de Los Muertos to also connect to that deeper religious significance of remembering our connection to Christians both past and present in what the Apostle's Creed calls the "Communion of Saints," who have been and continue to be a part of us, and who, for better or worse, have formed us in our faith and contributed to who we are today.

Today, All Saints Day, is an annual opportunity to reclaim the ancient spiritual roots, and specifically our more recent Christian roots, of our secular celebrations of Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos, not only to remember those who have gone before us, but also to honor the hope we have, as Christians, in the promises of accompaniment, care, and eternal home in God's embrace.

And lest we focus all of our attention for the month of November in the first week of the month, let us also remember the gatherings that are to come! This is a month of remembering and celebrating—we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us on All Saints Day, we gather to celebrate Mike's 90th birthday at coffee hour that same day (November 6th), we gather to celebrate and conclude our visioning conversations on the 13th, we remember, give thanks for, and celebrate the many blessings of Christ the King as we gather our pledges on November 20th, we gather as individual families to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of our lives and hearts on Thanksgiving Day on the 24th (Marie has told me she wants to help me prepare the feast again this year—YAY! J), and finally, on the last Sunday of the month (the 27th, which happens to be my birthday this year!), we find ourselves entering into the blessed waiting weeks of Advent as we remember and celebrate the matriarchs and patriarchs, the prophets, the holy family, and prepare for Christ's birth! What a month!

I look forward to joining you all for our celebrations of the autumn harvest and beyond!

God bless you, my dear ones! Happy November!



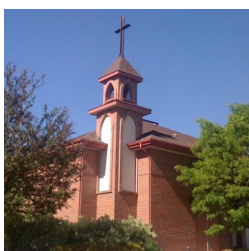
Austin

Worship and Music

A Musical Note

On behalf of Phyllis Nay's family, we want to say 'thank you' for supporting us over the past 10 months. As her health took a serious decline in August, your prayers have sustained us through that time and on into her hospice care. Your cards, love, prayers, and words have been so comforting to us.

God's Peace,
Andi Smith and Valerie Brown



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. Merri C 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 P, Jean T and Jessica S will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

Handbell and Vocal Choir Meetings

The Chi Rho Handbell Choir and Worshipping Voices Choir are practicing regularly now. 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.

Stewardship Report



Together Giving the Gifts of our Hearts

As you are reading this, you may have already received your annual stewardship letter and pledge card. As we plan for 2023, the Stewardship Committee has been reflecting upon what Christ the King means to our faith community. At CTK we believe in helping others; in living as examples of God's abundance, love, and care; and in taking care of one another in good times and bad. We believe Christ's way of love for ALL people can be our way of living; and that God calls each of us to the table and to ministry as we are and because of who we are. We do this by creating a spiritual home where we center ourselves in God, build connections among our members and neighbors, and care for our community and God's world.

Our visioning groups have affirmed that CTK is indeed a place of love, acceptance and giving. They have also brought forth many ideas, hopes and dreams for the future. Please join us in the work of healing the world, one life, one family, one community at a time. Your financial gifts are important. Your financial gifts matter. If we all do our part, we can, together, make some of those hopes and dreams come true. Our goal of \$250,000 for 2023 is a lofty one, so we are asking you to make Christ the King a priority for giving in 2023. As a team we are committed to cheerfully giving back to God what God has given to us. We are committed to working toward a balanced budget in 2023, and we are committed to growing and strengthening the life of our faith community where All are Welcome.

Please plan to return your completed pledge card on or before November 20, 2022. You can also make your pledge online at <https://www.ctkarvada.org/giving-to-christ-the-king>. Please join us in making this Christ the King Sunday a joyous and celebratory one. We are thankful for all of you and all your gifts. You make everything we do possible.

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday, November 6**

**Don't forget to set your
clocks back one hour!**



Caring Connections



Open Offering and Outreach for November

The Outreach Team has chosen Community Table again as the November Open Offering recipient. In July, we collected actual canned goods for them; for November, we are just asking for funds, as they can purchase twice as much food from their wholesale sources as we can if we purchase goods ourselves at the grocery store. So let's do our part to help those in our community in need, by donations to CTK's November Open Offering recipient, the Community Table, and give thanks for our own blessings.

Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, November 3, 8:00am

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, November 3rd. All are welcome to help. Please contact [Mary](#) if interested.



Climate Care Team Thursday, November 3, 6:00pm on Zoom

The Climate Care Team has been working on a couple of environmentally friendly projects, and our first one is included in the November Canticle. We have all helped with the creation of the environmental Advent Calendar, but it has been primarily produced and completed by our own Jessica Starbird. We thank her for all of her hard work at coming up with so many meaningful tips for a greener Advent season!

Be on the lookout for another Climate Care gift in December, and, of course, it is very green! May your 2022 Advent be contemplative and green!

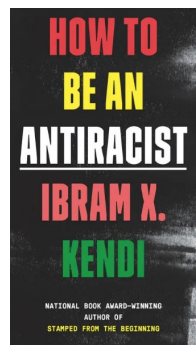
Anyone is welcome to our meetings, please email [Cathy Atkinson](#) if you would like to join us!

St. Clare's Table Tuesday, November 8, 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. Contact [Mark](#) with any questions.



Conversations on Racial Justice & Reconciliation Tuesday, November 8 & 22 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM



"The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands in times of challenge and controversy."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

On November 8 we will begin an 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 equitable society." Rev. Austin Leininger has graciously agreed to lead this study and we encourage everyone interested to join in. The book is available on Amazon and at your favorite bookstore or library. The group meets on Zoom and the link can be found in the CTK Weekly Update. You can prepare for the first study by reading the Introduction and the first two chapters of the book.

Caring Connections Continued

Recommended: *The Yellow House* by Sarah Broom- A widowed woman remarries, and their combined family numbers 12 children; Sarah's birth makes it 13, and sadly, her father dies when she is only 6 months old. The book covers 100 years of the family and their relationship to this shotgun house in New Orleans East, both before and after Katrina: "stories of clan, pride, familial love...place, class, race, the seeping rot of inequality and the internalized shame that often follows." A beautiful memoir of family dynamics.

When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka - A portrait of Japanese American incarceration camps in 1942, this one in the Utah desert: the thin-walled barracks, the barbed wire fences, the omnipresent fear and loneliness, and the "unheralded feats of heroism" as the people cope.

The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community by Stephanie Spellers, especially for its section on the history of the Episcopal Church in both its historical connection to systemic racism and the "shards of light", Episcopalians who have led the church in moving towards the beloved community.

Crafters of the King Monday, November 21 10:00am Hybrid



Members have been working hard to complete their various hand-made projects for the craft sale. The group is tentatively scheduled to meet on the third

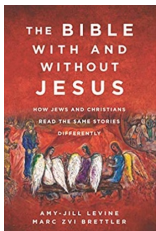
Monday of the month and is discussing taking a break during December.

Faith Formation

Bible Study Group Tuesdays in November @ 2:00pm

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00p.m. in Kemsell Hall. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible!

CTK Book Club Mondays at 3:00 on Zoom



The group continues to read and discuss *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Any questions please call either [Merri](#) or [Jean](#).

A Tea of Thanks

Saturday, November 5
1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.
Parish Hall

CTK welcomes you to an afternoon of fine tea, scones with clotted cream, scrumptious sandwiches, and yummy desserts. A Gluten Free option is available with prior registration. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

To purchase tickets please contact [Diane](#).

CTK Craft Sale

The Crafters for the King are excited to offer the 2022 CTK Craft Sale in the Narthex at Christ the King Episcopal Church on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 5, 2022 in conjunction with the "Tea of Thanks" held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; browsing wares before and sales after Tea concludes.
- Sunday, November 6, 2022 after church services and the special reception for Mike Barker's 90th birthday; browsing before services and sales after church and reception.
- Sunday, November 13, 2022; browsing before services and sales after services.
- Sunday, November 20, 2022; browsing before services and sales after church services.
- Sunday, November 27, 2022; possible sales after church services TBD.

Shoppers will find a variety of knitted and crocheted items, artistic items such as decorative needlework, centerpieces, artwork and jewelry. They might find a unique item or gift for the holidays. We are hoping to sell all items we have, as we do not intend to store unsold items. All proceeds will benefit the CTK General Fund.

Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

In September and October, Open plate generous collections for the general fund is helping us close the gap in the budget shortfall. Please continue to pay your pledges through November. We thank you for your generous support. In November we will collect open plate for the Outreach to the Community Table. Fundraising In November will include the Tea of Thanks accompanied by a Crafts Fair. In December we will again ask for the open offering to go to the General Fund. In December we will host an indoor movie on Saturday, December 17.

The Stewardship Committee is providing weekly information about the costs of running the church and maintaining the building. They have provided "Moments for Mission" which includes members of our community sharing their experiences at Christ the King and supporting the pledge drive for 2023. A letter should be received soon with a pledge card to be returned by Nov 20, Christ the King Sunday. A chart can be found in the narthex marking our progress as pledge cards are turned in.

Mike Paugh has completed the installation of new computers for the administrator and financial secretary. The Fixers & Tenders are planning a cleanup day for November 12th to rake leaves and other property tasks. Mike Paugh and Larry Healy are researching the price of filters to replace the furnace filters before winter sets in.

The Worship committee reports that we are making efforts to return the celebration on Sunday to its pre covid practic-

es. Phil Goodman is working on placing the cameras to allow the Gospel to be read from the middle aisle as before. Communion is including wine in single serve compostable plastic cups. We are not likely to return to the Common Cup in the near future.

We are continuing the Zoom access to the live streaming and attending the Coffee Hour. We are very happy to be able to have Fellowship in our building. People are signing up to host coffee hour every Sunday. The Planina Choir is rehearsing in our building again. We welcome being able to invite outside groups to use our space.

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 (sitting in pews with a blue "X").

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

October, 2022 Vestry Meeting For September 2022 Activity

Total Ordinary Revenue (SEP. 2022 Activity)	\$ 36,155.11
Total Expense	\$ 22,981.57
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 13,173.54
Total Year to Date Revenue	\$156,854
Total Year to Date Expenses	\$199,927
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 43,073)

Food For Thought

Wednesday, November 16 Feast day of Margaret, Queen of Scotland (16 Nov. 1093)

Margaret (born c. 1045) was the granddaughter of Edmund Ironside, King of the English, but was probably born in exile in Hungary, and brought to England in 1057.



After the Norman Conquest in 1066, she sought refuge in Scotland, where about 1070 she married the King, Malcolm III. She and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded the Benedictine Abbey at Dunfermline. Margaret undertook to impose on the Scottish the ecclesiastical customs she had been accustomed to in England, customs that were also prevalent in France and Italy. But Margaret was not concerned only with ceremonial considerations. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospi-

tals, and orphanages. She argued in favor of the practice of receiving the Holy Communion frequently. She was less successful in preventing feuding among Highland Clans, and when her husband was treacherously killed in 1093, she herself died a few days later (of grief, it is said)

O God, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

[Article by James Kiefer](#)

Parish Life

November 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.

Dan Mondragon	02
Jessica Starbird	05
Stephanie Elliott	07
Mike Barker	08
Glenn Pladsen	10
Mike Winant	11
Nancy Baker	16
Bill Smith	19
Robin Elliott	20
Cathie Craig	22
Judy Amidon	25
Austin Leininger	27



November 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 record, please contact the office if you would like your anniversary listed.

Readings for November

Nov. 6 - All Saints'

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 13 - The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 20 - The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 27 - The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Fixers & Tenders/Parish Clean Up Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.



Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!

It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through RaiseRight, 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.
- **RaiseRight** 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.

**Place your RaiseRight order by
Sunday, November 27th!**

Beyond Our Walls

Taize Contemplative Prayer, Sunday, November 6, 5:30 pm, and every first Sunday of the month, at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 7520 South Boulder Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

Taize prayer is an elegantly simple service that offers the opportunity for quiet, personal meditation in the context of song and word. It is a time for reflection, centering, and prayer, based on the services at the ecumenical monastery in Taize, France. Please contact the Rev. Anne Richter at revanne.stambrose@gmail.com for more information.

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day  2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	2 1:00pm Memorial Service Karl Scholz  8:30pm Compline	3 8:00 Breakfast at the Rising  6:00pm Climate Care 7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir	4  8:00am Morning Prayer	5 1:00pm A Tea of Thanks 3:00pm Craft Sale Kick-off
6  2:00am DST ends. Set your clocks back. 9:30am Holy Eucharist Craft Sale Continues following service	7  3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	8  2:00pm Bible Study 3:30pm St. Clare's  7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R	9 6:45pm Finance Mtg  8:30pm Compline	10 7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir	11 Veterans Day  8:00am Morning Prayer	12 9:00am Fixers & Tenders and Parish Clean Up 
13 9:30am Holy Eucharist Craft Sale Continues following service Visioning Group Wrap Up	14  3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	15  2:00pm Bible Study 3:00 pm St. Clare's	16 6:00pm Vestry Mtg  8:30pm Compline	17 7:00pm Worshipping Voices Choir	18  8:00am Morning Prayer	19
20 9:30am Holy Eucharist - Christ the King Sunday Craft Sale Continues after service	21 10:00am(hybrid) Crafters of the King  3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	22  2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Conv. On Racial J&R	23  8:30pm Compline	24 Office Closed 	25	26 12:00pm—4:00pm Bring your items for the Used Book/ DVD sale to the chapel.
27 9:30am Holy Eucharist Craft Sale Continues (?) Bring your donation for the Used Book/DVD sale. Advent Begins Advent Calendar	28 Office Closed  3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	29  2:00pm Bible Study	30  8:30pm Compline			