

The Canticle

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

January 2018



Bishop Search Process Begins: Attend a Regional Meeting on January 6 or January 13

What are the characteristics, skills, and experience that we need in our next Bishop? With Bishop Rob's announcement of his plans to retire, the Standing Committee met to outline the steps in the process that will lead us to an election on October 27, 2018.

The process begins with gathering information from both clergy and lay members of the church, through both an [online survey](#) and regional meetings. The Front Range Region meeting is set for Saturday, January 6, at St. James, Wheat Ridge, and the High Plains Region meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, at Christ Church, Denver.

Here are the questions we'll be asked to respond to:

1. What do we value about our Region and congregations?
2. In what areas and growing edges do we hope our new bishop will help us focus?
3. Name the gifts and qualities you hope for in a new bishop.
4. What else do we need to pay attention to? What hasn't been said?

The complete timeline for the Bishop Search Process is included on page 8.

Twelfth Night Celebration Friday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 5, is considered that last day of the Christmas season—and the time to take down all the Christmas decorations. (In some places, burning Christmas greens was also a part of this tradition, providing a bonfire). We'll plan on pizza for supper, after we take down the Christmas decorations in the church.



Crafters of the King

Monday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Our newly forming craft group will meet this month on January 8, given the New Year's Day holiday. Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month. Come and share what you know — and learn something new!

Annual Reports Due on Friday, January 12

In order to prepare for our annual meeting, all committee chairpersons are asked to submit their annual reports from parish groups and committees to the church office by Friday, January 12. Please email your contributions to [Mary Weekley](#) or put your report in the Parish Administrator's box in the office. Thanks for your help.

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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.*

Worship Services

Sundays, January 7, 14, 21 -
7:45 and 9:45 am
Sunday, January 28 - 9:00 am
Fridays, 7:00 am
Morning Prayer

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Vestry Nominations Due in by January 21

In December, we started our open nomination process, inviting members of the congregation to assist the vestry in recommending candidates. The details of this process were outlined in the December Canticle and are available in the church narthex, along with nomination forms and eligibility requirements.

We have one 2-year and two 3-year positions open. Candidates can be nominated for both 2-year and 3-year positions. All nominations must be submitted by Sunday, January 21; the Vestry will then review them and finalize the slate.

“The Way” Begins

Wednesday, January 17 and January 31

6:00 – 8:00 p. m.

Each of us is on a spiritual journey and "The Way" offers an opportunity for us to share this journey with others. We'll begin on Wednesday, January 17, with an introductory dinner and meeting for both candidates and mentors who would like to explore this Way of fellowship, shared reflection on scripture, and worship.

2017 Budget Conversations

Sunday, January 21, following both services

The Vestry and Finance Committee will be holding an informational meeting about the budget prior to the Annual Meeting. The Vestry will provide more detailed information to the congregation, following their budget meeting on January 20. Your participation in this work is very important; please make every effort to attend one of these meetings.

Sunday, January 28

Community Service and Parish Potluck – 9:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting – 10:45 a.m.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Church of Christ the King will be held on the last Sunday of January, following an All-Parish Service at 9:00 a.m. and a potluck brunch. At that time, we will honor people who have offered service to and through the church, elect people to the Vestry, distribute the annual report, and meet in ministry groups to discuss plans for the coming year.

This meeting is open to all and we especially encourage newcomers to attend. A signup sheet for the potluck will be available on January 14; child care is available upon request.

Eucharistic Visitor Training

Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m.

Deacon Joe and Deacon Linda Brown will be leading a training for current and future Eucharistic Visitors. These people take communion to members of our congregation who are unable to attend church, following services on Sunday. If you are interested in attending—or would like more information—please contact Deacon Joe (jmazmail@gmail.com; 904-252-8234). The scheduled training is open to anyone in the diocese with the permission of their rector/priest in charge. Also, in order to take the training you must register with Diocese. Please call Dianne Draper (303-837-1173, Ext 2004) to complete the registration.

Deadline:

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

Website: www.ctkarvada.org

Clergy Letter

Making Space for the New

Dear People of God,

I'm not sure just what started it, but part way through Advent I had an irresistible urge to clean—not just my desk, but my office as well. Most of the time the clutter doesn't bother me; in some ways, it actually helps me to remember what needs to be done. But then that morning, I knew it was time to clear away the stuff that had been piling up for the last year—or more!

Clearing away what is old, and making space for what is new. I think this is part of what Mark is talking about when he writes: "No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins and the wine is lost, and so are the skins ..." (2:22). And over the past few months, I've become aware that we have a lot of stuff that we no longer use—stashed in closets and file drawers all around the church, taking up space. Finding room for new wine can be a little tough.

Of course, Jean Thayer and Linda Palmer recognized this when they started to work on reorganizing the library this past year. And the difference is—to say the least—obvious! Now we can find the books we're looking for, and there is room to add new ones as well. And we were recently offered four round tables, thanks to friends of Rob and Martha Jones, and in order to fit them into the closet, I did move around just a few things—rearranging, rather than removing. But clearly, there are also things that can be removed or reordered to take up less space—and to be more accessible when we do need them.

So over the next few months, I'd like to propose that we set aside some days for cleaning out spaces that are filled, one area at a time. This needs to be a team effort, so we can sort through what we want to save and what can be disposed of. And while this work is primarily physical, it also has significant spiritual effects. As we let go of some of the material stuff in our lives, it is easier to let go of emotional and spiritual burdens, allowing God just a little more space to move within us.

I'm not sure how long I can keep my office from filling up again; all I know is that for the moment, it feels good to have cleared out some of the mess. And who knows what will happen in Lent? Maybe I'll start working on the files in the drawer.

May God be at work in your life during this coming year, in ways both familiar and new.

In God's peace,

Becky+

Worship and Music

Community Service and Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 9:00 a.m.

We gather this week as the whole parish to worship together and share brunch. The Annual Meeting begins at 10:45 a.m.; child care is available during the meeting, upon request.

Worship Team Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

We will review our Advent and Christmas services and begin our planning for Lent. Come and join our conversation—and let us know what you think!

Worship Leadership

We welcome two new MC's to our leadership roster this month: Chelli and Sean McGaughey. If you are interested in assisting with leadership in worship, please contact Rev. Becky or Deacon Joe.

Faith Formation

Sunday Church School

“A Word to Grow On”

All of our children begin Sunday mornings in worship with their parents. Before we begin the readings, children are invited to the front, where one of the clergy introduces the gospel with “A Word to Grow On.” Their teacher then takes them to one of the classrooms, where they hear the gospel and participate in activities that help them understand the reading.



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 am to 8:00am

We are currently discussing readings from the book *Bible Stories Revisited: Gospel of Luke*, by Macrina Scott. This month, we will be talking about Chapter 9, “Riches and Poverty.” Please let Tom Scholle know if you are planning to attend.

Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Esther-Macrina Chapter of this national organization meets each month in the library off Kempshell Hall. In November, we will be discussing chapters 9 and 10 of, *Jesus: First Century Rabbi*, by Rabbi David Zaslow.

Hospitality

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour(s)

It's a bit like the miracle of the loaves and fishes—there always seems to be something to eat after church on Sundays. But actually, people do sign up to bring food and assist with setting up and cleaning up after coffee hour. We appreciate your help with this ministry of hospitality.

The Lunch Bunch Thursday, January 11, 11:30 a.m.

Members and friends of Christ the King gather for lunch each month at a local restaurant. For more information, please contact the [church office](mailto:church@christtheking.org) (303-424-5288).

Caring Connections

Deacon's Corner

The new day shelter located in The Rising Church in Old Town Arvada is in need of new or used blankets and sleeping bags to give out to folks in need this winter. If you have any blankets or sleeping bags to donate, please leave them in the box in the narthex and I will deliver them to the shelter. The Rising Church also provides a “severe weather” shelter and could always use volunteers. I have been regularly visiting the shelter and am a volunteer for the overnight shelter.

Deacon Joe



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

Open Plate Offering for January

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

St. Clare's Table

Tuesday, January 9, 5:00 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 100 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 cook, serve, or clean up, please contact [Mark Molello](mailto:Mark.Molello@episcopalchurch.org) (720-284-7563).



Neighborhood Dinner

Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.

We return to our regular dinner schedule this month, following the holidays, and we're serving a buffet of hearty soups, along with salads and desserts. We can use lots of different soups, so please bring your favorite to share with our guests. A signup sheet will be in the narthex on January 7.

Assistance at Peck Elementary

As we continue to develop our relationship with Peck Elementary, we find that there are a lot of ways that "our" school can use our help. Here some upcoming volunteer opportunities in January:

- Our Librarian resigned right before break and we could use some volunteers to help our staff in the library for the next few weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am-1:00pm. We have trained paraprofessionals who will be in the library, but additional help would be nice.
- January 11 – 6:30-7:30am – PTA Breakfast "Donuts with Dudes" – Students are encouraged to bring any male adult to join them for a free breakfast before school. We are decorating with a Stock Show theme. Any volunteer help is always appreciated to help set up/clean up, provide bake goods, or just be a "Dude" in a cowboy hat making kids feel welcome.
- We will be looking for volunteers to help with community visits after the January 18th Arvada Community Meeting, which will be here at Peck.
- January 30– Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:30-6:00pm – Snacks would be appreciated. (We have a second evening of conferences on February 1st when the PTA is bringing food).
- Our Xeriscape Garden could use some love, if there is someone with an eye for curb appeal.



To volunteer, check with [Deb Pearce](mailto:Deb.Pearce@episcopalchurch.org), the principal at Peck or [Rev. Becky](mailto:Rev.Becky@episcopalchurch.org). A copy of this information will also be available on the table in the narthex.

Missionary Reports

Cathy's Caribbean Quarterly

December 11, 2017

This past hurricane season was a rough one throughout the Caribbean as I'm sure you've heard. Hurricane Maria is the one who inflicted the most damage to the Dominican Republic, but thankfully we didn't have the significant damage that many of the other islands suffered. Thankfully God moved hearts to make gifts to improve housing this past year and



we've assisted 9 families so far to improve their living circumstances. The projects have ranged from minor repairs, to partial or complete new roofs and even a new home. Jan has a new home now, pictured here with before and after shots. He invited a neighboring family to shelter with him during the storms that hit this fall, as they await their turn for assistance.



There are many families still living in leaky and insecure structures needing assistance. Should you feel drawn to help with this project, please send a check to **SAMS with "Donahoe Project" in the memo line** and 100% of your gift will go towards improving housing for people in need in my community. Please pray for discernment in which families to help and to what extent.

At the university this year, I have had a total of 9 classes with about 180 students. Most of the classes have been in the neurology tract and have been a mix of the old and new curriculum students. We are 3 years into the new curriculum and there are notable improvements with the students' understanding and abilities. God has continued to shape my teaching style, to which many students seem to respond well. Please pray for wisdom with my teaching.



I am very grateful for your support and that God has given me the opportunity to be a part of these ministries. May you have a very Merry Christmas and may God fill your 2018 with amazing blessings!

In Christ,
Cathy

Editor's Note: We were able to welcome Cathy to our service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 31.

Cathy Donahoe is a SAMS Missionary and Physical Therapist serving in the Dominican Republic. Cards/letters: Cathy Donahoe, Apartado 587, San Pedro de Macoris 21000, Dominican Republic; Email: cathyd@turbonet.com website: www.cathydonahoe.net

Core Communities

Vestry Highlights December, 2017

Reports received:

- ◆ The Finance Committee is concerned that we are behind in our pledges and that only one fundraising event has been planned. This could mean that we will not meet our budget for 2017.
- ◆ Bob DeLong reported that income was up in October but down again in November. We still have some bills to catch up on, including our diocesan pledge.
- ◆ Bob Mickelson reported that the electrical work on the entrance to the building has been completed, and that the shingled roofs are finished, leaving only the flat roof. He also mentioned that several people have spoken

to him about establishing a safety committee to review and update our emergency plan. Finally, the City of Arvada is working with Bob Matter (A New Spin) to resolve the issue of the storage trailer at the northeast corner of the parking lot.

- ◆ Dave Burry has repaired the crash bar on the front door that wasn't working.
- ◆ Rev. Becky announced that Bishop O'Neill assigned Deacon Joe Mazza to Christ the King in November. She also reported that our youth group has begun to meet, we have signed a contract with Comcast for telephone and internet service, and the dates for the "Journey into Faith" workshop have been rescheduled for March 2-4.
- ◆ The Executive Committee recommended the following schedule for including congregational input into two long-term decisions: Selling the rental house and installing solar panels. The schedule is as follows:
 - ◆ February, 2018 – Initial presentation and conversation about selling the rental house
 - ◆ March, 2018 – Initial presentation and conversation about installing solar panels
 - ◆ April, 2018 – Congregational meeting to vote on these two projects.
- ◆ The materials for Vestry nominations are in the narthex; all Vestry members are asked to talk to potential candidates.
- ◆ Mark Molello reiterated the request that the money from the Christmas Tea be set aside for replacing the flooring in Kempself Hall.

Actions taken:

- ◆ Approved a snow removal contract with Hill Lawn and Garden.
- ◆ Approved the schedule for presentations and discussions about selling the rental house and installing solar panels.
- ◆ Scheduled Vestry meetings for January:
 - ◆ January 20, 9:00 a.m. – Vestry Budget meeting
 - ◆ January 21 – Congregational meeting to review the 2018 budget
 - ◆ January 23 – Vestry meeting to approve the 2018 budget
 - ◆ January 28 – Annual meeting
- ◆ Decided to have the table discussions at the annual meeting focused on ministry areas.

Next meeting: Saturday, January 20, 9:00 a.m.



New Stones on a Firm Foundation: Building Up the Household of God

Many thanks to all who have sent in their pledges for 2018. As of December 30, we have received 59 pledges for 2018, for a total of \$172,112. If you have not yet pledged, cards are available on the table in the narthex.

Property (Fixers and Tenders) Saturday, January 14, 8:30 a.m.

If you have some time to help with minor repairs (e.g., replacing light bulbs), yard work (depending on the weather), or straightening out some overgrown closets, please join us.

Treasurer's Report

Total Ordinary Revenue (November, 2017)	\$15,430
Total Expense (November, 2017)	<u>\$21,306*</u>
Net Ordinary Income (November, 2017)	\$(5,876)
Total Year-to-Date Revenue	\$224,866
Total Year-to-Date Expense	<u>\$215,810*</u>

Net Year –to-Date Ordinary Income:	\$ 9,056*
Decrease in Mortgage Payable (Year-to-date)	\$ 20,664

*These figures do not include the mortgage principal payments.

Beyond our Walls

Timeline for Bishop Search

The Standing Committee has outlined the following timeline for the search for our new bishop. As a part of this process, we will have a Search Committee and a Transition Committee, each with a specific scope of work. Here is the planned sequence of events as we search for the 11th Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Colorado:

November 1, 2017-February 1, 2018: Organize Search Committee and produce diocesan profile

February 1, 2018: Diocesan profile posted and nominations open

February 1-March 1, 2018: Receive candidate materials

March 1-May 30, 2018: Screen candidates, including medical and psych screenings

June 2018: Interview finalists

July 12-14, 2018: Candidate retreat

July 30, 2018: Announce slate of nominees

August 2018: Receive petition candidates

October 10-15, 2018: Walkabouts

October 27, 2018: Election

November 1, 2018-February 28, 2019: Certification of election and receipt of consents

March 15, 2019: Bishop elect assumes duties

For more information about the Bishop Search, go to www.bishopsearchco.org.

Lenten Retreat: March with the Mystics

March 16 - 18

Cathedral Ridge

Today in 21st century, the message and example of the mystics speaks to us more than in any previous age. *The New Science* reveals to us what the mystics have always known and experienced...that we are all interconnected energetically. Join us as we explore the lives and experiences of such famous mystics as Julian of Norwich, Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, and Hildegard of Bingen, together with some less well-known but equally relevant ones. We will discover how they each speak across the ages to inform us in our lives in our current turbulent times.

Our time together will be spent in the beautiful retreat setting of Cathedral Ridge, with a mixture of community prayer, silence, presentations, and small group time. There will be ample opportunity to journal, hike, or rest, and with good food and cozy lodging this will be a wonderful way to be intentional about your Lenten practice.

This year's retreat will be led by the Rev. Michelle Danson, Episcopal priest, spiritual director, retreat leader, and educator.

The cost for this retreat is \$150; registration will open on the [diocesan website](#) on January 15.

The cost of the retreat includes two nights' stay in a single room at Lupine Lodge, and all meals and retreat materials. Discounted pricing is available for guests wishing to book a double room.

Parish Life

Thank You's

Thank you to the **Halgren family** for donating four round tables.

Thank you to **everyone who helped to make our Christmas Tea** a success: carton carriers and sandwich makers, table setters and scone bakers, dish washers and centerpiece designers, tea brewers and platter servers, favor makers and cookie bakers—it takes a lot of hands to create this event.

Thanks to all the members of the Altar Guild and everyone who assisted with decorating the church for Christmas. Your work is especially appreciated during these busy holy-day seasons.

Many thanks to members of **Worshiping Voices Choir** and **Chi Rho Handbell Choir** for the special music they provided for Christmas services. The many hours of practice is a testament to the dedication each member has for beauty we call music. You all made Christmas Eve and Festival of Lessons and Carols so very special and meaningful. We are all so blessed to have these choirs present at so many services throughout the year!

Readings for January, 2018

January 7 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Psalm 29

Mark 1:4-11

January 14 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Samuel 3:1-10

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

John 1:43-51

January 21 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Psalm 62:6-14

Mark 1:14-20

January 28 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalm 111

Mark 1:21-28



January Birthdays

Kaleb Lewis	Jan 2
Jim Atkinson	Jan 14
Connie Fellers	Jan 15
Heidi Langdon	Jan 15
Mykala Hammit	Jan 22
Carrie Matter	Jan 26
Samantha Bredine	Jan 30
Christopher Romero	Jan 30

January Anniversaries

Daniel and Audrey Ohamaka January 16



Please remember to reload and use your King Soopers and/or Safeway Gift Card every time you grocery shop or buy gas. We receive 4 to 5% of your purchase as a donation to Christ the King, every time you use your card.

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

If you need to replace your card or buy a new card, call the office at 303-424-5288, or check with Jeri Burry on a Sunday morning.

Through December 2017, CTK has earned \$4,755.01.



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>New Years Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 7:00pm DOK 7:00pm CoDA Book Study	3 7:30pm AA Mtg	4 6:30pm Planina 7:00pm CoDA 7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir	5 7:00am Morning Prayer	6 9:00 am Front Range Region Mtg St. James, Wheat Ridge
7 7:45am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist & Church School 2:00pm Girl Scouts	8 10am -noon <i>Crafters of the King</i> 7:00pm Handbells	9 12:00pm Clergy Text Study 5:30pm St Clare's Table 7:00pm CoDA Book Study	10 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm AA Mtg	11 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Planina 7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir 7:00pm CoDA	12 7:00am Morning Prayer	13 8:30am Fixers & Tenders 9:00am High Plains Region Mtg Christ Church, Denver
14 7:45am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Holy Eucharist & Church School 3:00pm Girls Scouts	15 <i>MLK Day Office Closed</i> 6:00pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm Handbells	16 12:00pm Clergy Text Study 7:00pm CoDA Book Study	17 6:00pm "The Way" 7:30pm AA Mtg	18 6:30pm Planina 7:00pm CoDA 7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir	19 7:00am Morning Prayer	20 9:00am Vestry Budget Mtg 9:00am Discernment Committee
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