The Canticle



Clergy Letter

It's Epiphany, CTK Family!

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome to the season of new light, new life, new beginnings, and the new things God is doing in us and through us in the world!

In the wake of the Christmas Season and the birth of Christ, this new season begins with it the story of the Epiphany of the Magi upon arriving at the home of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus after their two-year, one-way sojourn following the Christmas Star. While the day of Epiphany celebrates their story, this season is a time to contemplate our own life-changing encounters with the divine, our own Epiphanies. Against this setting of what will take us from January 7th to February 14th (Ash Wednesday), this Sunday's Epiphany celebration will be the first of many invitations to contemplate and share where each of us has encountered the divine in our own lives and journeys.

The seasons of Advent and of Lent invite us into contemplation of the great mysteries of the Incarnation and of the Resurrection. Part of that mystery is our invitation as Children of God and as Siblings in Christ to take part in both. At the close of the Christmas Season, we enter into Epiphany still living into the mystery of Christmas, in which we are invited into the incarnation as participants, continuing to act as God's incarnated hands and heart and love born into our world in Christ. The call to act with those same hands, heart, and love is entrusted to each of us as members of Christ's body. This new season, as we seek God in the unexpected times and places of our own lives, glimpsing the moments of new light and life breaking through into the here and now of our world, we are continuously invited to see where we, ourselves, are drawn into this mystery by God's work in us and through us. As short as Epiphany is this year, it offers us the opportunity to see the ways in which our living into the invitation to become part of the incarnation of God's love in the world is affirmed and amplified in our Lenten invitation into the mystery of becoming resurrection people in a world desperately in need of hope, renewed life, and the Spirit's transformation.

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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

Check us out on Facebook!

We're also on YouTube!

Worship Services

Sunday, January 7 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 14 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, January 21 Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube Sunday, January 28 Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

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Deadline:

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

As we enter into this season of unexpected revelations and serendipitous encounters, we also enter into the promise of a new calendar year together. Aside from our liturgical celebrations, this means that we're also gearing up for our Annual General Meeting after church on Sunday January 28th, where we'll be approving the 2024 budget, electing three new members to our vestry, and getting updates on several of our ongoing parish projects and ministries, including our Lenten series this year!

Wishing you all a happy new year, a happy Epiphany, and looking forward to another season of joy as we look together for the new things God is doing—in our lives, at CTK, and in our wider world!

Many blessings,

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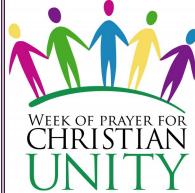
Austin

Hospitality

Family Movie Night Saturday, January 20, 5:45p.m., in the parish hall.

Join us for an evening of entertainment and fresh popped popcorn. We will be watching Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. (2005) PG





Food For Thought

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 -25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally.

What is the point of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

With more than 100 years of history, this annual observance involves Christian communities throughout the world. At least once a year, *Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer* for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

What is the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024?

The chosen theme is "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as your-self" (Lk10:27). Click here for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This includes 8 days of Biblical reflections and prayers.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions, take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 818

Vestry Corner

Vestry Update

The Vestry reviewed the first draft of the 2024 budget. Currently the expenses appear to approach \$296,000. We are still accepting pledges for 2024 and we have some income from renting our space to several entities. The Christmas Tea and craft sale did bring in about \$5000 for the general fund this year. We'll also look for more fund-raising opportunities. We'll continue to collect open plate donations for the general fund in January. What we do is because of your support, and we thank you. The Stewardship Committee will be acknowledging you pledge for 2024.

Mike Paugh reported on some of the things that were completed. We have new Chapel Doors that are metal and close well. A third door has been replaced on the office of Mirror Image Arts. They have both been painted and are working much better than the old ones. We are not considering Solar panels at this moment. Phil Goodman is applying for a FE-MA grant for security upgrades which will include a security assessment.

Austin reported that the services called "Fun Church" will be organized with guitar music and contemporary music We are still in process or organizing this and hope that we can start in February probably on a Saturday. More information will follow. Believe Out Loud is planning Educational Forums to be held during Lent. They are meeting twice a month and will be commissioned on the Sunday of the Annual Meeting in January. The Vestry and Austin will participate in a Mutual Ministry Review with the Diocese probably in February. We are still looking for more pictures to create the photo collage. You can send them to office@ctkarvada.org

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

Treasurer's Report

Income/Expense Report

This report is not available at this time. Please bear with us as we make changes to our bookkeeping system and check the Weekly Update for the information as it becomes available. We thank Ros Patterson for her many years of service as our bookkeeper. We say hello to Bethany Pedersen who will be working remotely.

Please be aware that reimbursement requests will now need to be scanned and emailed to finance@ctkarvada.org, a cover sheet has replaced the reimbursement forms and scanning instructions have been taped to the wall in the office by the copier. If you have used a reimbursement form for other reasons (i.e. transferring funds from one account to another) please contact Bethany about establishing new procedures.

Worship and Music



Online and In -person Services Available

Sunday Worship, 9:30am Our services are currently being held in the church with masks recommended with social distancing when You Tube possible and live streamed on YouTube along with the opportunity to participate via Zoom.



Weekday Services

Compline - Wednesdays, 8:30pm

The service of Compline "completes" the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service. Compline is currently held on Zoom. Contact the office for a Zoom invite or see the Weekly Update for a link.

<u> Morning Prayer – Fridays, 8:00am</u>

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.

Faith Formation



Contemplative Prayer Tuesdays in January, 12:00 p.m., hybrid

Rev. Austin leads the group in a twenty minute session of Contemplative Prayer. All are welcome to join in the parish hall or on Zoom. Join Rev. Austin on the 9th at 11:30a.m. to

discuss Contemplative Prayer.

Bible Study Group Tuesdays in January, 12:30pm, hybrid

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in the chapel and on Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing the First Book of Samuel. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible!

CTK Book Club Thursdays @ 3:00pm on Zoom

The group will work on completing The Red Tent, by Anita Diamant by the end of the month. Please contact Cathy Goodman if you have any questions.



Caring Connections

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will be having a meeting on



Thursday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

Open Offering for January

The Open Offering for January will go to CTK's General Fund.

Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, January 4, 8:00a.m.

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, January 4. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.



Climate Care Group Thursday, January 4, 6:00p.m. on Zoom

Please join our Climate Care team as we meet on Thursday, January 4th, at 6 PM on Zoom. We will begin discussing possible environmentally friendly projects for 2024, more new eco friendly products, speakers who can offer advice to CTK about how to work together on climate policy, and the list goes on!

Please email <u>Cathy Atkinson</u> if you would like to join us.



Crafters of the King

The Crafters are starting the new year with our regular monthly meetings. We will have time to visit and work on our projects. If you are a crafter or a quilter, we invite you to join us as we meet to work on various projects. We will continue our focus in the following areas:

- Knitting or crocheting prayer shawls for individuals who are going through difficult times and might feel comforted from having one of these blessed items.
- Creating warm hats and scarves for individuals served by The Rising and St. Clare's outreach programs.
- Completing various craft projects for sale at our annual Craft Sale.
- Working on our own individual projects.

Craft skills include knitting, crocheting, needlework, quilting, jewelry making, and other creative arts. We always have a wonderful time together visiting and helping each other as needed. Our friendships have deepened, and we derive true satisfaction from being productive and helping our church community.

The Crafters always welcome new members. We hold our meetings as follows:

 The CTK Crafters regular monthly meeting is held on the second Monday of each month (January 8, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon) in Kempsell Hall. We are planning to work on our projects either new or current.

The Quilters and Crafters Open House Craft Day is held on the fourth Saturday of each month (January 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.) in Kempsell Hall. Feel free to drop in to join us for however long you wish. You can bring a lunch with you if you wish and enjoy fellowship and an amazing look into the world of quilting and crafting!

The 2023 annual Craft Sale was held on December 3 (in conjunction with the Christmas Tea). The Craft Sale was also open to the public from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Sales

around our church services on December 4 and December 10 also helped our sales. This year's sale was a resounding success, and the Craft Sale raised a remarkable sum (almost \$3,000) for the CTK General Fund! Our craft members and other supportive individuals donated a variety of wonderful creative and



useful crafts to our sale. We had several new neighborhood visitors who responded to church advertising and signs about the sale. The Crafters really appreciate our customers and the generous support and our church community!

Please contact Pat Barker, Kay Seiler, or Peggy Broderick for more information about the Crafters for the King group.



Social Justice Conversations Tuesday, January 23 7:00p.m. on Zoom All are welcome!

The Social Justice Conversations group will meet January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are wel-

come to join in the conversation.

Do you have a recommended book, movie, documentary, or other learning opportunity focused on social/racial justice and reconciliation you would like to share? We would love to hear from you and include your recommendation in the Canticle. We also welcome you to visit and lead a discussion. Write to us here.

Caring Connections Continued

St. Clare's Table Tuesday, January 9, 3:30p.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. Carpooling is available contact Mark with any questions.



Ladies Bunco Wednesday, January 17, 11:00a.m.

January LADIES' BUNCO is Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in Kempsell Hall. In November we played singles, the November Bunco Queen was Carol Johnson, Jeri Burry was second place and third place was Kay Seiler.

Please bring a snack to share. I will provide the soda and paper products. All ladies are welcome and you may bring your friends. If you have any questions contact Kay Seiler.



Open House Craft Day January 27, 10:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

Feel free to drop in to joins us in Kempsell Hall on January 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or for however long you wish. You can bring a lunch and enjoy fellowship

and an amazing look into the world of quilting and crafting.

Food Pantry

Bring your food on Sunday morning and place it in the basket next to the soundboard. The ushers will take the basket up along with the collection plates. After the service the food is taken to the kitchen and placed in plastic bins.

Assistance for the Hearing Impaired

Bring your FM radio and headphones and hear the entire service in crystal clear tone on channel 87.7. If you don't have a radio, please ask the usher for a radio you can use during the service. Please return it to the ushers when the service is over. You can use these with provided headphones or with your own personal headphones.

Outreach thanks everyone who participated in the Community Table's 25x25 Food Drive. We will announce our total pounds collected after the drive wraps up. The outpouring of generosity by our congregation is always impressive & heartwarming.

The Crafters for the King wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2023 Craft Sale. This year's

Craft Sale was our most successful one yet! We were able to raise a grand total of \$2,8821.00 (as of 12/15/23) which goes into the CTK General Fund! Special kudos to the following individuals who contributed to this year's success:

- Rev. Austin for supporting us
- Jessica Starbird for handling all of the notices, advertising and signage for our sale
- All the crafters and other individuals for contributing a variety of beautiful and creative handmade items for our sale
- Kama Linscome and Diane Mickelson and their team of volunteers for welcoming us to share their special Christmas Tea day
- All the Crafters for the King members for helping with pricing, as well as set up and take down in the Narthex
- Our cashiers for handling all sales
- Every other person for pitching in to help us in so many valuable ways

 Our customers for supporting us, including our parishioners, the attendees at the Christmas Tea, and the new individuals from our neighborhood who were attracted by our external advertising

This year's Craft Sale was truly successful because of the wonderful support of our parish community! Thank you.

Mike Paugh took a few minutes during announcements on

December 17th to share thanks: > to all the Alter Guild members, and their spouses, > all of you who do so many things around here throughout the year, parish clean-up days, those who helped clean out classrooms and closets, > to those of you who organize things like the craft sale and the tea and movie nights, > to all of you who sign up for coffee hours, > to those of you who make sure we can stream our services and who

figure out how to make the sound system work in the parish hall, >to those of you who serve on various committees or lead special services like morning prayer and compline, >to those of you who show up on random weekdays and clean up leaves or tend your adopted plots, >to those of you who represent CtK at the Rising and St. Claires and Arvada Days and Pride festivals.

Thank You LEMs, Meri & Glenn, altar guild, both choirs and Andi for your time and talent this past Christmas.

Parish Life

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
David Hatfield	23
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.

Larry Healy & Molly Foley-Healy 12



Readings for January

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

January 14—The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

January 21—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

January 28—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

Fixers & Tenders

Will meet January 13. Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.



CTK Annual Meeting Sunday, January 28, 11:00a.m., Hybrid.



Teachings, Reflections & Discussion

In the next step of Christ the King's Believe Out Loud discov-

ery process, the Welcoming Taskforce invites you to participate in several upcoming community conversations. These sessions have been designed to answer questions raised from the community survey and 1:1 listening meetings. They also will provide us with another opportunity to share ideas, questions, and concerns about becoming a Welcoming Community with and for individuals who identify as LGBTQ+.

Believe out loud educational forums will be held at our normal forum time at 11:15am in the parish hall. Please plan to extend your coffee hour fellowship into these important conversations if you can! Come explore with CTK members, Episcopal Church leaders, and representatives from the greater Denver community. These are the dates and topics:

- February 18 Why do the welcoming process if we're already a welcoming parish? w/understanding the Acronym LGBTQIA2+
- February 25 Church and Scriptural teaching historically justifying exclusion and condemnation of LGBTQIA2+ people
- March 3 The Science/Story/Wisdom of Gender and Sexuality & Trans 101
- March 10 Recent events and "hot topics" (civil rights including marriage legalization, abuse and discrimination, medical care, bathroom use, PDA)
- March 17 Intersectionality: Welcoming and inclusion that celebrates and honors the totality of who we each are (i.e., gender, ethnic background, age, origin, etc.)
- March 24 (Palm Sunday) How will CTK implement being a Welcoming Community and prepare for possible external threats?

Each session may include:

Opening prayer and Introduction to the session/speaker - 5 minutes

Presentation - 25 minutes

Quiet time for reflection/journaling - 5 minutes Small group conversation - 10 minutes

Large group, questions and shared wisdom - 10 minutes Closing – announce next session and prayer.

This process and decision impacts all of us. We hope you will choose to attend all or most of the sessions. ~ The CTK Believe Out Loud leadership team (Dan and Rachel Mondragon, Kathy Atkinson, Karen Barritt, Molly Foley-Healy, Jean Thayer, Ros Patterson, Merri Crawford, Mike Paugh, and Rev. Austin Leininger).

Parish Life Cont.

Volunteers Needed

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers. Responsibilities include reviewing church income and expenditures, evaluating and making recommendations to the vestry and rector regarding future expenses, and helping prepare the church's annual budget.

Photos Needed

Please email photos of all CTK members, families, and pets for a photo-mosaic of CTK as the Body of Christ to of-fice@ctkarvada.org.

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in community is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." Community is where humility and glory touch. ~Henri Nouwen



Beyond Our Walls

Peacebuilding Online The 1st Sunday of Each Month at 2:00p.m.

Peacebuilding Online, from Episcopal Peace Fellowship, first Sundays of each month, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, online. A series of programs from diverse presenters on issues related to peacebuilding. Race, Fear, Trauma, Community Organizing, Conversation Across Difference, etc. Diverse programs intended to connect with different people in different ways, but with the unifying theme of Peacebuilding. For full event listings, please visit epfnational.org.

Calling All Creation Care Advocates: Let's Celebrate Creation in 2024!

Tuesday, January 16, 12:00-1:00p.m. Several times a year, we are called to participate in special celebrations—secular, liturgical, and ecumenical—that invites us to rejoice in God's gift of creation and recommit ourselves to its nurture and protection. During this one-hour session, the creation care team will help you begin planning for three rich opportunities to celebrate and renew your commitment to caring for creation in the year ahead. *April 22: Earth Day *April 25, May 6-8: Rogation Days *September 1—October 5: Season of Creation. Grab your lunch and join us! Register Here.



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 (<u>full list</u>) and use them yourself at any time. With the RaiseRight <u>mobile app</u> it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards, use enrollment code 23D7D74L55288 to set up an account. Or you can print an <u>order form</u> 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 last Monday of the Month. Have questions about the RaiseRight Program contact <u>Barbara Jennings</u>

Place your RaiseRight order by Sunday, January 28th!

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 <u>church office</u> (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.

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 12:00pm Contemplative Prayer 22:30pm Bible Study	3 8:30pm Compline	8:00am Break- fast at the Rising 3:00pm Book Club 6:00pm Climate Care Meeting	5 8:00am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Undecorating Party	HAPPY EPIPHANY
7 9:30am Holy Eucharist	8 10:00am Crafters of the King 4:00pm BOL Mtg. 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	9 2011:30am What is Contemplative Prayer 12:00pm Contemplative Prayer 12:30pm Bible Study 3:30pm pm St. Clare's 2017:00pm Exec Cmmte Mtg.	10:30am Worship Committee 6:45pm Finance Meeting 8:30pm Compline	3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Wor-shiping Voices	12 8:00am Morning Prayer	13 9:00am Fixers & Tenders
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