

March 2019 Scribe Newsletter

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Pastor Tim’s Thoughts—March 2019

Taking the Psalms – and Hunger – Seriously

In 1940, Dietrich Bonhoeffer published a book called *The Prayerbook of the Bible*. It was a short book that described how Christians can and should use the Psalms to direct their prayer life. Importantly, though, he taught that individuals should pray the Psalms *communally*. The idea, in brief, is that the Psalms are filled with prayers of lament and prayers for healing and prayers for vengeance and prayers of praise (among many other things); but, how do we pray these things if we are not currently experiencing hunger or lament or pain or praise? Should we just skip over those particular Psalms and pray only the Psalms that speak to our current experience? By no means, says Bonhoeffer.

Instead, he offers a perspective on the Psalms which I have found extremely helpful in my own (prayer) life. In regard to Psalms of suffering, he writes “No single human being can pray the psalms of lamentation out of his or her own experience. Spread out before us here is the anguish of the entire Christian community throughout all time.” You see what he did there? He asserts that we pray the Psalms *even if they seem not to apply to us in the moment* because we know that they apply to someone in the Christian community in that moment.

This I find helpful as I think about the theme of world hunger for the season of Lent this year. I am not a person who experiences chronic hunger. (In fact, I admit that I often experience quite the opposite!) But by praying the Psalms, I can lift up my prayers on behalf of those who are experiencing hunger or need – and the Psalms, indeed, have a lot to offer in that regard. So, in addition to a monetary collection for ELCA World Hunger that we are offering this year (more on that in the Social Ministry article this month), I am also going to be adding daily prayer of Psalms to my routine for the season of Lent. I invite you to join me in this discipline as well.

“Let my prayer rise up as incense before you, O Lord. The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.”

Peace,
Pastor Tim

Faith Formation News—March 2019



Our congregational project for Lent this year is ‘Wreck This Lenten Journal’, inspired by Keri Smith’s “[Wreck This Journal](#)”. We hope that it will help you intentionally live through Lent and perhaps inspire you in the process.

CtK has a few journals with instructions in the Welcome Center that are up for grabs, but you can use your own journal or notebook, as long as it contains at least 40 pages. You can download instructions

here: <http://www.ctkdurango.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Lenten-Journal.pdf>. Lent – and the journal instructions – begin on March 6th (Ash Wednesday). Join our CtK family in journeying through Lent together.

Social Ministry News—March 2019

Lenten Hunger Focus: ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving

This year at Christ the King will be focusing on the Lenten journey using four disciplines identified on a Lenten calendar we will be using: self-examination and repentance; prayer and fasting; works of love; and sacrificial giving. We will describe some of the resources on 2/24 and 3/3 in advance of Ash Wednesday on 3/6.

Please be sure and pick up the resources on one of those Sundays. There will be bulletin inserts used for the 6 Sundays in Lent that will highlight efforts of reducing hunger across the world.

CtK has set a goal of \$5,000 to be raised during March and April. A suggestion from the ELCA was to set a goal for each household to contribute \$2/day for the 40 days. Over 800 million people in the world suffer from hunger and 10% of people live on \$2/day or less. We felt this might be a stretch for us. Please be in prayer about how you can learn, grow and reflect during this Lenten time.

Bible Studies—March 2019

February's Bible Studies

Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets on Mondays from 5:30-7:15pm in the Chapel. We are currently studying through “personal reflections.” For more information, contact Sharyn Butler.

Great Ol' Broads of God (GoBoGs)

GoBoGs invites you to join them in study and fellowship. They meet at CtK in the classrooms W6/W7 each Monday from 4:00-5:30 pm. (The first Monday of each month is dedicated to Share The Care, GoBoGs' outreach mission.) They are currently studying “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Lynda Morris.

Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

The class meets each Thursday from 12:00 noon—1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and join us for engaging discussion on a variety of topics. Currently, the group is in a course called “The Apocrypha.” For more information, call the church office at 247-5310.

Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women's Group are currently reading the book “Love Wins” by Rob Bell. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. We meet each Thursday at 1:30 pm in the CtK Library. For more information, contact Stella Welcher.

Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently the Spiritual Study Group is reading and discussing “Love Without Limits” *Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions* written by author, Jacqueline A. Bussie. Please join us for lively, enriching discussions! The Spiritual Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Aurora Rose.

CtK Women's Group—March 2019

CtK Women's Group March meeting is on Saturday, March 2nd

Regular monthly meetings provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and support with and from our sisters and friends at CtK. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Saturday morning March 2nd at 9 AM for food, fellowship and devotions. It is a treat to get to know each other better.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the women's group offers a variety of fellowship opportunities throughout each month. During March, join us for an outdoor expedition (details to follow) on Saturday, March 9th. The group will meet at 9:30am that day at the Durango Joe's located at Towne Plaza. We'll also have "Girl's Night Out" on Friday, March 29th at 5:00 PM at Los Amigos located in the Main Street Mall. Please TEXT Monie Schlarb for more info: 970-764-0226.

See you there!
CtK Women's Group

Fellowship Groups—March 2019

Fellowship Group News

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters would like to invite all those interested in quilting (or wanting to learn how to quilt) to join us. We've had two of our Piecemakers recently relocate out of state, and would welcome your participation. You'll find us a warm and accepting group who makes quilts for baptisms, the sick and elderly, as well as for various mission projects for those in need here at home and abroad. If you would like more information, please give Judy Danielson a call at the Durango Quilt Company: 970-247-2582. The Piecemakers regularly meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the CtK Community Hall. However, this month—March--we will meet on both the 2nd AND 4th Wednesdays: so Wednesday, March 13th, and Wednesday, March 27th. We look forward to seeing you!

CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the CtK Library. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 14th, and our discussion will be about a book by Jane Harper, "The Dry." Our upcoming reading list for the next few months is as follows: April 11th, "The President is Missing" by Clinton & Patterson; May 9th, "Keeper of the House" by Shirley Ann Grau; June 13th, "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende, and on July 11th, "Dear Bob & Sue" by Karen Smith and Matt Smith. And remember, you are invited to drop in at any time and join us for some lively and enriching literary discussions—new members are always warmly welcomed! Please call Stella Welcher for more information.

Prayer Requests—March 2019

In Our Prayers

Please keep the following Military men and women in your prayers...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Janeann Jones

- Major Ryan Bankhead—Brother of Eryn Orłowski
- Sgt. John Dee—Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- Sgt. Chris Gomez—Nephew of BJ and Danny Pierce
- Staff Sergeant (SSgt.) Airman Paul Herr—Nephew of Gary & Carol Orłowski
- Hugh Jones, Jr. Sailor—Son of Rick & Janeann Jones
- Sgt. Brandon Minser —Son in-law of Wendy Krull
- LCDR Andy Schaaf—Son of Merilee and Mark Fleming
- Major Clayton Stransky—Nephew of Kip and Laura Stransky
- Staff Sgt. Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

CtK Family & Friends Who Are in Need of Prayer...

To add or remove names from this list, please contact Linda White

- Mandy & Maggie Gardner
- Larry & Lauren Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- Shirley Buslee
- LuLu Mae Hess
- Lucille Ball
- Janet Evers, mother of Mike Johnson
- Paul Schnackenberg, brother of Carroll Groeger
- Stephanie Williams
- Aria Yazzie
- Bev Brown
- Lori Lachelt
- Kayla Hefner
- Carol Gunderson
- Lou Steele
- CtK's ministry and partnership with both the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ and San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church in Zaculeu, Guatemala.
- CtK's Homebound Ministry and all those who serve our homebound members through this ministry.
- Paul Gebo who will soon be undergoing the "Call Process" for his first call.

- Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She is currently in the Endorsement Phase of the Associate in Ministry program--her Approval Interview is in March.
 - All those battling mental illness and addictions.
 - Each person in our CtK church family
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