

# May 2019 Scribe Newsletter

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## Pastor Tim’s Thoughts—May 2019

### Summer Photo Challenge: Pics with Pastors

Summer is quickly approaching, and the warmer weather means that more people will be going on vacations, camping trips, or to family reunions. Indeed, I will be taking some time this summer to do those very same things. It is good for our bodies, minds and souls to get away at times.

However, as your pastor, let me encourage you NOT to take a vacation from God this summer. As far as it is within your power, I hope that you might keep up your worship attendance with us at CtK. This church just isn't complete without you, so please come!

If you *are* out-of-town, though, I invite you to participate in a Summer Photo Challenge. Wherever you might be, visit a nearby church for worship or just to drop in and visit. You can find ELCA churches through the website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org); but you could also visit a church of a different denomination. While you're there, take some pictures of the building. Take a picture of their Sanctuary (not during worship, please!). And, finally, ask to take a picture (a selfie!) with the Pastor!

If you've got the time, jot down some notes about your experience. You can use these questions to guide you:

- What do you like about the church building / property?
- How does the congregation welcome or interact with visitors?
- Ask one of the members: what brought you to this congregation? What makes you stay?
- Ask the Pastor: what ministry or ministries thrive in this congregation?

You can bring these pictures and responses to me at the church, or send them to me electronically at [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org). I'm eager to see all of the responses we get!

Finally, let me encourage you to sign up for the *Simply Giving* program that enables you to have your offering to CtK automatically withdrawn from your checking account on regular intervals. Summer is the hardest time for churches financially because people are gone and forget to make up their offerings later on. *Simply Giving* helps you by giving you one less thing to try to remember; and it helps the church by giving us a more predictable stream of contributions. If you have questions, see me or Beth Stelz for more information.

Peace,  
Pastor Tim

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# By the Numbers—May 2019

## February, 2019 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	March	YTD 2019
Synod	\$ 1,913	\$3,103
World Hunger	\$3,307	\$3,722
Social Ministry	\$1,160	\$2,500
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$6,380</b>	<b>\$9,325</b>

## Financial Update

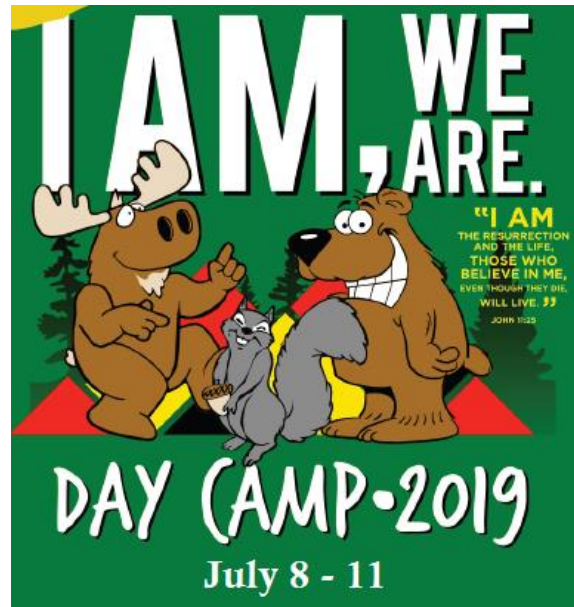
Gifts Received	\$ 38,259	\$ 90,990
Facility Donatons	\$ 50	\$ 650
Expenses	\$ 32,648	\$ 88,800
Net Operating Income	\$ 5,661	\$ 2,840
Other Income	\$ 826	\$ 947
<b>CtK Net Income (excludes changes in market value)</b>	<b>\$ 6,487</b>	<b>\$ 3,787</b>
<b>Endowment Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 163,538</b>

## April, 2019 Attendance

Date	Behold 5:26 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Total
4/3—4/7	CtK Lenten SS = 75	52	57	184
4/10—4/14	FUMC Lenten SS = 9	67	73	149
4/18, Maundy Thurs.				45
4/19, Good Friday				55
4/20, Easter Eve				32
4/21, Easter Sunday	6:30AM Sunrise = 26	77	126	229
4/24—4/28	2	63	41	106

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# Faith Formation News—May 2019



Registration is now open for Day Camp! Don't wait – go online and register your kids (PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) now! We also need Jr. Counselors, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

<http://www.ctkdurango.org/ministries/>  
Click on **Day Camp**

Start thinking about how YOU can help with this awesome outreach program. CtK keeps the cost SUPER low (just \$30 for the week), plus we offer scholarships so every child who wants to can attend. We rely heavily on donations of time, money, and food from the congregation every summer – can you help?

Look for the signup poster at the Congregational Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to donate money, write DAY CAMP DONATION in the memo line of your check.

Service opportunities include:

- Housing for Rainbow Trail Counselors: 2 male, 2 female; Sunday – Thursday nights. Can be in one house with separate rooms or 2 different houses. Host provides breakfast Monday – Friday and a place to sleep.
- Snacks: Healthy, light snacks for about 75 campers. Past snacks were animal crackers, baby carrots, trail mix, yogurt, clementines. Dietary restrictions will be communicated in late June/early July.

- Counselor dinners: Have the 4 Rainbow Trail counselors over for dinner, take them out, or give them a gift certificate to take themselves out. Monday or Tuesday nights.
- Counselor lunches: Deliver 4 lunches to the church on a morning you choose, Monday – Thursday.
- Kitchen help: Hand out snacks and drinks Monday – Thursday mornings, 9a-12p.
- Preschool teacher: Music, Arts & Crafts, and Bible stories with preschool campers, Monday – Thursday mornings, 9a-12p. Lesson plans & materials provided.
- Arts & Crafts teacher: Monday – Thursday mornings, 9a-12p. Lesson plans & materials provided.
- Thursday BBQ help: Food donations (burgers, hotdogs, buns, other BBQ food); grill cooks, set up and clean up help needed, 4:30p-7:30p for Day Camp Family BBQ.

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## CtK Youth Group News—May 2019

The CtK Youth Group will end the school year with a “De-Stress Fest” on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7:30 PM. All youth 5<sup>th</sup> graders (going into 6<sup>th</sup>) through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend. There will be lots of fun, games, and prizes – all to help you unwind from the school year and kick off summer vacation.

See Christina if you are able to help with donations of Thrivent dollars, food, gift cards (Starbucks, WalMart, Amazon, etc.) to be used for prizes. There were nearly 40 youth in attendance last year, so we greatly need your support and help, and we sincerely appreciate whatever you can assist with. And please consider being a youth chaperone! We need you!

Remember to congratulate the following CtK Youth who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Kristina Bodewes, Lana Bodewes, Evan Gonzales, and Jessica McVaugh.

Kudos to our 2019 high school graduates: John Awe (DHS) – he will be going into the Navy; Noah Bodewes (DHS) – he will be attending Colorado State University (CSU) in the Fall; and Amla Wolf (AHS) – undecided at this time. Our best wishes to them for continued success in all their endeavors!

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# Social Ministry News—May 2019

## Love Out Loud

SAVE the dates: June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>!

Join fellow CtK'ers and folks from other area churches as we come together to spread works of kindness throughout the Durango Community.

This year, we have an extra weekend planned for even more opportunities to serve. Stay tuned for details. CtK Coordinators:; Beth Stelz and Dominique Holling

## Habitat Update

**Habitat for Humanity: CtK's Build Day** comes early this year Saturday, **June 1st**. We will be back at Fox Farms in Bayfield working on another duplex... FRAMING -- one of the really fun parts of building. We need volunteers to work on site and to help provide lunch that day (the usual sandwiches, chips, salad, drinks, and dessert). A signup sheet will be in the Welcome Center beginning May 11th. So if you would like to volunteer please do so – we can certainly use your help. For those who sign up, someone will be calling you with more details the week before the build date.

And YES! You really are helping others! The following is from one of the Habitat Partners (recipient of a Habitat home).

*It has been an amazing experience of hard work, love, kindness, and learning. The kindness of others, the willingness to teach someone new things, is hope when a family has disparity in their life. The ability to create a new life for our children is evident in Habitat. I remember just praying and sitting there looking at that empty lot. My children were dancing on top of the foundation in the cold winter months, sitting in that little trailer with mittens on after work and school — organizing tools and getting supplies ready for the build. We did not give up even though we were in a tough place. There is a dedication in the families that commit to this endeavor. It has helped me teach my children and myself. It not only creates a home, but character, integrity, a change in self-awareness, and the love of community. Hopefully, I can receive the education to find a job where I can help people like this.*

NOTE: If you really enjoy our build day, Love Out Loud is also sponsoring a Build Day the following Saturday, June 8. Sign up for that is separate! ~ Rap Fairley for CtK Habitat

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# Bible Studies—May 2019

## May'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.

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## CtK Women's Group—May 2019

CtK Women's Group next monthly meeting is on Saturday, May 4th

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 May 4th at 9 AM for food, fellowship and devotions. In addition to our monthly meetings, the women's group offers a variety of fellowship opportunities throughout each month.

During May, join us for an outdoor expedition on Saturday, May 18th. We'll meet at **8:30am that day at the Durango Joe's** located at Towne Plaza and then head out to Lightner Creek to hike Dry Fork. Please RSVP via text to Monie no later than May 16<sup>th</sup> for the hike.

We'll also have "Girl's Night Out" (GNO) on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Meet at 5:00 PM at Los Amigos** located in the Main Street Mall. For GNO, confirm by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Text Monie Schlarb for one or both events: **970-764-0226**.

See you there!  
CtK Women's Group

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## Fellowship Groups—May 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. 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, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and our discussion will be about the book, "Keeper of the House" by Shirley Ann Grau; then on June 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll discuss "In the Midst of Winter" by Isabel Allende, and on July 11<sup>th</sup>, "Dear Bob & Sue" by Karen Smith and Matt Smith.

***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 contact Stella Welcher for more information.

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# Prayer Requests—May 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*

- Merlwyn Clausen
- Kip & Laura Stransky
- Mandy & Maggie Gardner
- Larry & Lauren Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- Shirley Buslee
- LuLu Mae Hess
- Lucille Ball
- Paul Schnackenberg, brother of Carroll Groeger
- 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 is currently undergoing the "Call Process" for his first call.

- Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She was approved by the RMS ELCA for Endorsement in March.
  - All those battling mental illness and addictions.
  - Each person in our CtK church family.
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