

# March 2020 Scribe Newsletter

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# March 2020—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

## “Writing the Renewal Grant”

This week, I have been awash in words. Between the Renewal Leave Grant, two sermons, a Bible study, a newsletter article, and numerous emails, I feel like all I've done this week is write. Then, write some more. Then, write some more. Then... you get the idea.

But the hallmark achievement of the week has been completing the first draft of the Renewal Leave Grant. This accomplishment marks the result of many hours of work, data collection, meetings, and – you guessed it – writing. But writing was only the last step. Before then, we needed information from all of you, and you came through brilliantly. I was so impressed that we received almost 100 responses from the Renewal Leave Team's Survey. The results from that survey really helped us to hear what it was that you, the congregation members of CtK, wanted and craved for yourselves and this community during the Renewal Leave. So, thank you!

Once we received that information, we tabulated the results and began forming a rough outline of what that Renewal Leave will look like. The results indicated that there was a lot of support and desire for more opportunities for congregational networking and fellowship and combined worship services; so that will be part of the plan. Also included will be ways to delve deep into understanding your spiritual gifts and how your gifts interface and interact with the gifts of others. A process for discovering your spiritual gifts and a follow up retreat to learn more about them will be part of your time together, too.

In the last week, then, the Renewal Leave Team has been hard at work crafting that language to be used in the actual grant. Once we have a chance to review it and edit it, we will present it to the Church Council at their meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. With their approval, it will be finalized and sent off to the Lilly Foundation for their consideration. We will know whether we are awarded the grant by late August. (Just a reminder: the actual Renewal Leave won't take place until Summer 2021.)

Thanks for all of your participation and prayers. Keep 'em coming!

Peace,  
Pastor Tim

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# March 2020—Council's Corner

Greetings from your Church Council!

Here's what's been happening. . .

Council and congregation members are continuing to team up to accomplish some great work. Thank you to all of you who are lending your time and expertise to keep a variety of necessary projects moving forward.

**Garden Suites (Formerly known as Children's World) update:** The Garden Suites team has made good progress in the last weeks. We are in conversation with a local non-profit organization interested in leasing the Garden Suites space. For privacy reasons, we can't name the agency at this time, but good discussions are taking place. Part of the delay in moving forward is that our Church bylaws require congregational approval before Council can move forward to sign a lease agreement. The lease opportunity will be further addressed at the Semi-annual Meeting on May 17th, and a vote will be held to give Council the approval to move forward with a potential lease agreement.

**Renewal Team Planning:** Pastor Tim will be taking renewal leave during the Summer of 2021. Thank you to all of you for attending the planning meetings that have been held and for completing the surveys of your top choices for congregational renewal leave activities. Your input has given direction to the renewal team to complete work on the Lily Foundation grant request. For more information please check out the Renewal Leave page on our church website. We need you! CtK will be hosting the Ecumenical Lenten worship service and soup supper on March 25th. We are asking CtK'ers to please bring soup and/or bread — so keep watch, sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Think and pray about it. . . The Semi annual Meeting is coming up on May 17th. At this meeting, elections will be held for Church Council and the Endowment Fund Board. We are seeking a few people that can serve on these two boards and get the chance to work with other wonderful congregation members already serving. If you have questions or are interested in serving, please let Pastor Tim know.

Submitted by:  
Holly Landgren, Council President

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# March 2020—By the Numbers

## January 2020 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	Jan.	YTD 2020
Synod	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,299
World Hunger	\$ 515	\$ 515
Social Ministry	\$ 1,926	\$ 1,926
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 3,741</b>	<b>\$ 3,741</b>

## Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 21,652	\$ 21,652
Facility Donations	\$ --	\$ --
Expenses	\$ 25,932	\$ 25,932
Net Operating Income	\$ (4,280)	\$ (4,280)
Endowment Fund Balance	--	\$176,234

## February 2020 Attendance

Date	Behold 5:26 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Total
<b>01/29—02/02</b>	7	51	61	119
<b>02/05—02/09</b>	n.a.	42	52	94
<b>02/12—02/16</b>	10	63	67	140
<b>02/19—02/23</b>	5	39	64	108

## March 2020 Worship Assistant Schedule

	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ushers</b>					
<b>8:00am</b>	Jeff & Donn Wince	Ken & Linda Hartlein	Roger & Cora Landgren	Larry & Margaret Hjermstad	Jeff & Donn Wince
<b>10:30am</b>	David Smith	David Smith	Dominique Holling Rick Jones	Rick Jones David Smith	Dominique Holling David Smith
<b>Lay Assistants</b>					
<b>8:00am</b>	Lynn Mitzlaff	Amy Wendland	Holly Landgren	Dianne Milarch	Aurora Rose
<b>10:30am</b>	Carol Orłowski	Carol Orłowski	Mandy Gardner	Eryn Orłowski	Eryn Orłowski
<b>Communion Assistants</b>					
<b>8:00am</b>	Ken & Linda Hartlein Lynn Mitzlaff	Brigitte Cunningham Mike Smedley Amy Wendland	Brigitte Cunningham Holly Landgren Gary Rollstin	Jo & Dianne Milarch Gary Rollstin	David & Wendy Gonzales Aurora Rose
<b>10:30am</b>	Catherine Hawk Dominique Holling Jigger Staby	Catherine Hawk Janeann Jones Jigger Staby	Catherine Hawk Janeann Jones David Smith	Janeann Jones Jigger Staby	Catherine Hawk Janeann Jones Jigger Staby
<b>Sound Board Technician</b>					
<b>8:00am</b>	Dave Mitzlaff	Bruce Wongstrom	Bruce Wongstrom	Bruce Wongstrom	Kalyn Hutt
<b>10:30am</b>	Charlie Hakes	Charlie Hakes	TBD	TBD	Charlie Hakes

# March 2020—Faith Formation News

## Lenten Photo Challenge

The year 2020 connotes vision – at least to me – so for the 2020 season of Lent CtK once again issues a Lenten Photo Challenge. There is a word for each day that is inspired by the lectionary readings – let this word inspire you to pause, reflect, and get creative. Each day, take a picture of how you perceive the day’s word - no explanation needed. Challenge yourself to take a picture every day, but you can participate as much or as little as you like. Share your pictures in any of the following ways:

1. Send daily pictures to [christian.ed@ctkdurango.org](mailto:christian.ed@ctkdurango.org) with the day’s word in the subject line
2. Post daily pictures to Instagram, #ctkdurango, #[*wordoftheday*] (for example, #dust)
3. Post daily pictures and word to your Facebook page and tag Christ the King Lutheran Church – Durango
4. Post daily pictures and word to CtK’s Facebook wall ([Christ the King Lutheran Church – Durango, https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-The-King-Lutheran-Church-Durango/187432911296106](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-The-King-Lutheran-Church-Durango/187432911296106))

Invite your friends and family, those near and far, to participate in this challenge as well. Each Sunday there will be a slideshow of all the week’s photos (those sent to [christian.ed@ctkdurango.org](mailto:christian.ed@ctkdurango.org)) in the Sanctuary and on our website ([ctkdurango.org/worship/lenten-photo-challenge/](http://ctkdurango.org/worship/lenten-photo-challenge/)).

**View submissions at** <http://www.ctkdurango.org/worship/lenten-photo-challenge/>

You don't have to be a great photographer. This challenge is about paying attention and being intentional. It’s not about getting the perfect shot with the perfect light and the perfect filter (but if that’s your jam, go for it!).

Take the time each day to live into Lent and share with our community a glimpse into your Lenten life.

(See the next page for the word list →)

# *Lenten Photo Challenge*

## *February*

26 Dust

27 Reconsider

28 Anger

29 Childlike

## *March*

1 Ministry

2 Journey

3 Weakness

4 Search

5 Comfort

6 Compassion

7 Deliverance

8 Rebirth

9 Confidence

10 Promise

11 Shame

12 Complaint

13 Gather

14 Stop

15 Water

16 Truth

17 Rock

18 Law

19 Establish

20 Obedience

21 Beginning

22 Guilt

23 Justice

24 Thankful

25 Healed

26 Vision

27 Repentance

28 Witness

29 Grief

30 Three

31 Alive

## *April*

1 Astonished

2 Knowledge

3 Opponent

4 Plot

5 Prophet

6 Fragrance

7 Depart

8 Troubled

9 Receive

10 Denial

11 Believe

# March 2020—Social Ministry News

## Lenten Focus on World Hunger

From your persistent friends on the Social Ministry Committee:

The First Sunday in Lent falls on March 1st this year. And as we have for several years, the Social Ministry Team would like to focus the congregation's attention on hunger; hunger in the US, and hunger around the world. As a visual aid to assist us with this task, the ELCA has provided us with Lenten devotional calendars designed to help us think about and understand hunger. We hope you received one of these calendars and will use them during Lent—they were given out on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you did not receive one and would like one, please check with Linda in the Front Office.

In addition, as part of the ELCA's campaign to raise money for ELCA World Hunger, we have set a goal of \$5000 for Christ the King. If each person in the congregation put aside 50 cents a day during Lent, we would more than fulfill this modest goal. Please prayerfully consider this worthwhile cause. You may put your contributions in the Noisy Offering or put a check in the offering plate with "World Hunger" on the memo line. To further help us reach our goal of \$5000, the Noisy Offerings for both March and April have been designated for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you all for your generosity and for all you do in God's name.

## Olive Oil Project

This project is an ELCA partner project that supports over 1700 small farmers represented by the Palestine Fair Trade Association. This association empowers marginalized, Palestinian rural communities caught in conflict so they can sustain their livelihoods. You are invited to join us on March 8<sup>th</sup> after each service when we will be doing a tasting of three types of organic olive oil that you may purchase from the land of Canaan. If there is demand, we will take orders. Come taste and learn more about this project. Contact Wanda Ellingson for more information – [johnandwanda@bresnan.net](mailto:johnandwanda@bresnan.net) or 970-385-4882.

## The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission

On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, CtK will welcome Patterson Yazzie, the Mission Director for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. He will be leading a Q&A between services that day to talk about the ministries of NELM and answer any questions that you may have about the Mission. We are currently working on setting a date(s) for folks from CtK to travel to NELM to install solar light kits in people's homes and to do some other work projects around the Mission Campus. The plan is to do this in April, but dates have not yet been confirmed. Please let me know if you would be interested in this trip by emailing me at [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org).

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# March 2020—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 “The Untethered Soul: the journey beyond yourself” by Michael Singer. 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 “Inspired” by Rachel Held Evans. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Lynda Morris.

## Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

You are invited to join us each Thursday from Noon-1:15 PM in the CtK Community Hall for our Midweek Bible Study. We are currently studying *2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians*. Please join us and bring your lunch if you wish. Our discussions are engaging and span a variety of topics. For more information, call the church office at 247-5310.

## Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women’s Group are currently reading the book “What’s So Amazing About Grace” by Phillip Yangtze. 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 “Consider the Women.” This is a provocative guide to three matriarchs of the Bible. 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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# March 2020—Fellowship Groups

## 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. 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 March 12<sup>th</sup> discussion will be about “A Gentleman in Moscow” by author, Amor Towles. A popular book, “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker will be the topic of our discussion on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and then, another popular book, “The Sun Also Rises,” by Ernest Hemingway will finish out our discussions on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We are then on Summer Break until September 12<sup>th</sup> (so stay tuned for our book line up in the Fall).

*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! For more information about any of our reads or activities, please contact Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327.

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## March 2020—In Other News. . .

### Mission Endowment Fund Grant Awards for 2020

The Mission Endowment Fund of Christ the King Lutheran Church received 14 grant applications from around the corner and around the world. The Board is happy to announce the grantees for 2020.

#### **The Congregation**

- Christ the King Lutheran Summer Camp
- Kathleen Duft
- Children’s World

#### **The Community**

- Compañeros
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of SW Colorado
- Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ
- The Gideons of Durango

#### **The World**

- ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission
- The Sheppard Foundation for Hope
- ELCA World Hunger
- Village Aid
- La Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala
- St. Luke’s of Logan Square: One Body, Many Members curriculum

Thanks to the congregation of CtK for supporting us in this mission.

The Mission Endowment Fund Board:

Wendy Gonzales, President; Lynn Mitzlaff, John Condie, Gary Rollstin, and Julie Williams

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## Important March Events

- Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – “Dr. Seuss Sunday” – Pastor Tim presents his sermon in *Seussian rhyme!*
- Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Soup Supper at 6:00pm hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 1159 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Durango.
- Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Savings Time BEGINS at 2am – “spring forward” 1 hour prior to bedtime on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Olive Oil Project: Olive Oil from the land of Canaan will be available for purchase after each service; see John Condie or Wanda Ellingson for more information.
- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** – Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Soup Supper at 6:00pm hosted by Summit Church (previously known as First United Methodist), 2917 Aspen Drive, Durango.
- Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – *NO* Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Soup Supper today.
- Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – CtK will welcome Patterson Yazzie, the Director of the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. He will guest speak during the Intergenerational Faith Formation Sunday School hour.
- Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Ecumenical Lenten Worship & Soup Supper at 6:00pm hosted by Christ the King Lutheran Church, 495 Florida Rd., Durango.

## Plan Ahead

- Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday worship at 8am and 10:30 am at CtK.
- Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Maundy Thursday service at CtK at 6:00pm with traditional foot washing (optional); music led by CtK’s Chancel Choir.
- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday service at CtK at 6:00pm; music led by Joyful Noise.
- Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Eve Dinner & Worship at 5:00pm at CtK. Reservations are required; see Mandy for more information.
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Easter SONrise Service at Greenmount Cemetery at 6:30am.
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Brunch at CtK from 9:15am—10:15am.
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Worship at CtK at 8:00am with music led by Joyful Noise & 10:30am with music led by Cancel Choir.
- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – “Earth Day Sunday” (actual Earth Day date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- Friday/Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>** -- Rocky Mtn. Synod Assembly, Albuquerque, NM.

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**— Congregational Semi-annual Meeting & Potluck luncheon; NOTE:  
ONLY ONE WORSHIP at 9:30am THIS DAY. Worship music led  
by Joyful Noise.

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** – Pentecost Sunday. REMEMBER to wear **RED**.

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Love Out Loud Week

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>** – CtK's Church-wide Campout at Chris Park;  
*ONE 10:30am Worship at CtK on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** – CtK Day Camp

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## March 2020—Prayer Requests

### 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
- Technical Sgt. & Special Air Force Agent Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

### CtK family & friends in need of prayer...

- Judy Olson
- The Family of Lon Erwin
- Shirley Buslee
- Larry & Lauren Rardin
- Beverly and Paul Dittmer
- Mary Southworth
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- LuLu Mae Hess
- Bev Brown
- Lori Lachelt
- Kayla Hefner
- Carol Gunderson
- 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.

- Mandy Gardner, CtK's Director of Faith Formation. She was approved by the RMS ELCA for Endorsement in March 2019.
- All those battling mental illness and addictions.
- Each person in our CtK church family.

*To add or remove names from this list, email [Linda](#) in the Church office or call: 970-247-5310.*

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