

# June 2020 Scribe Newsletter

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# June 2020—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

“Summertime 2020—Stay Connected Online!”

Summertime at CtK has always brought about a different tempo. Whereas the academic year (September thru May) is usually full of meetings and events, summer normally sees only a few big events as people are away traveling, or hiking, or fishing, or gardening, or...

This year, things will be a little different, I think. There may indeed be some travel that people are able to do, but for the most part I imagine many people will stick around home. Lots of typical vacation destinations are still closed or only partially open, anyway. So, let me assure you that as you begin your summertime plans that – whether you are at home or venturing away for the first time in months – that CtK and its ministries will be continuing. Online worship services will continue. Online Bible studies and fellowship groups will continue. Online M-Team meetings will continue. And these are things you can access from anywhere, so long as you have WiFi or cell phone reception and a data plan.

Please also be assured that the CtK staff, Council and I are addressing what the future of *in-person* events and meetings might look like at CtK. The date for those in-person events is still unknown, but in the meantime there are many things that we will need to change or adapt regarding our physical space to keep people as safe as possible. I will keep you all posted as more information becomes available about the resumption of in-person events.

I appreciate all of your flexibility, patience, humor, and grace during these months. I'm grateful to have such a wonderful congregation to accompany me through these wildly extraordinary times.

Peace,  
Pastor Tim

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# June 2020—Council's Corner

Greetings from Church Council!

Pastor Tim and our staff continue to amaze us with their creativity and timeless efforts to keep us connected in this virtual world we are currently experiencing. We all are looking forward to the time when we can worship and have fellowship with each other in person. Until that time comes, please continue to join us for online worship and fellowship. And on Sunday afternoons, Pastor Tim offers in-person Holy Communion.

You are also invited to join us for our **VIRTUAL** semi-annual meeting this Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> immediately following the 9:15am virtual worship. We'll begin the meeting at around 10am. You can stay connected by zooming in using the links listed below.

## **Via Computer/Laptop:**

Worship Service at 9:15am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/530311237>

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (beginning around 10am):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81322886237>

TO ACCESS THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER THE PASSCODE: 1964.

## **Via Cell Phone:**

1. Call (301) 715-8592
2. When prompted, type in the meeting room number: 813 2288 6237
3. When prompted, type in the meeting passcode: 1964

You and your voice are needed at this meeting! We will have an important vote requesting the congregation to empower the Church Council to move forward in signing a lease with potential tenants for the Garden Suites space. Several CtK'ers are also needed to serve on Church Council and the Mission Endowment Board, so please prayerfully consider being an important member of one or both of these ministries. Thank you.

Holly Landgren  
CtK Council President

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# June 2020—By the Numbers

## April 2020 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others April YTD 2020

Synod	\$ 2,955	\$ 6,979
World Hunger	\$ 3,057	\$ 4,502
Social Ministry	\$ 300	\$ 4,502
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 6,312</b>	<b>\$15,984</b>

## Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 49,244	\$116,317
Facility Donations	\$ ---	\$ 150
Expenses	\$ 23,008	\$100,204
Net Operating Income	\$ 26,236	\$ 16,264
Endowment Fund Balance	--	\$142,839

## May 2020 Attendance (all worship via Zoom unless otherwise noted) \*

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sun. 9:15 AM	Total
<b>May 3</b>		75	75
<b>May 6</b>	8		8
<b>May 10</b>		66	66
<b>May 13</b>	7		7
<b>May 17</b>		65	65
<b>May 20</b>	14		14
<b>May 24</b>		63	63
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>298</b>

**\*Note:** These numbers just reflect the number of DEVICES signed onto the Zoom worship services, NOT the number of PEOPLE (since more than one person can watch on a single device).

## June 2020 Webinar Worship Assistant Schedule

<b>Worship Webinar Readers</b>	<b>Sundays 9:15 AM</b>
<b>June 7</b>	Amy Wendland
<b>June 14</b>	John Condie
<b>June 21</b>	Carol Orlowski
<b>June 28</b>	Eryn Orlowski

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## June 2020—Social Ministry News

### CtK's Habitat Update

May 4th was a big day for Habitat for Humanity. They broke ground on the 2020 build and reopened the Restore! The Restore is virtually open for business. To shop there, please go to Habitat's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/HFHLPC/> and scroll down to **Posts**. Click on the first entry, about the new virtual Restore, and follow the directions from there — it's easy!

As for the build, Christ the King Lutheran's date of May 16th has been postponed to a later, as-yet-to-be-determined date. Right now, Habitat is working on the infrastructure for the duplex and does not need groups. They are developing a strategy for having volunteers work and hope to start with groups the beginning of June or July. Keep in mind, like everything else these days, their plans are subject to change. As soon as CtK has additional information, we will notify you. So, stay tuned.

Everyone take care!  
Rap Fairley  
CtK Social Ministry Committee

### Help Needed in Our Community

As our community deals with the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, some of our partner ministries are working hard to support the needs of those in the community with few resources. **VOA** is asking folks to remember Mothers at this time, in honor of Mother's Day. You can mail a check to Volunteers of America, 1055 Avenida del Sol, Durango, CO 81301 to support mothers and children at the Safehouse. You may also donate on the phone: 970-259-1021. **The Durango Food Bank** is also working tirelessly to provide food to so many people. Please consider supporting their food drive at <http://durangoareafoodbank.org/online-food-drive/>. **Manna** is providing meals to those in need throughout this time as well; all food may be picked up at their site.

The graphic on the following page offers various ways to help and support Manna, and in turn, help those people in our community who are food insecure.

Blessings, and thanks for your ongoing support to these nonprofit organizations.

Jigger Staby  
CtK Social Ministry Team

# DONATION STATION

**Here are ways you can contribute to Manna while we work the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis.**

To limit person-to-person contact, donations of physical items can be dropped off on the donation table at our back door, or can be mailed to 1100 Avenida Del Sol, Durango, CO 81301.



## MONETARY DONATIONS

Funding helps us continue our work. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 1196, Durango, CO 81302. Online donations can be made at:

[www.mannasoupkitchen.org/donate](http://www.mannasoupkitchen.org/donate)





## BACKPACK DONATIONS

We are sending the following nonperishables to 480 students and families weekly. You can help us stay stocked on: instant oatmeal, canned fruits and veggies, instant mac and cheese, ramen, canned soups, and kid snacks.



## KITCHEN DONATIONS

The following items will help us in making our daily grab-and-go lunches: deli meat, deli cheese, Ziplock bags, plastic grocery bags, foil, pasta, cabbage, carrots, onions, rice, dried beans, and shelf-stable goods.

# June 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. **NOTE: Meetings are currently suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Sharyn Butler, 970-759-6355.**

## 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. **NOTE: During the health crisis, they are conferencing via Zoom at 592-847-8387, the password for this meeting is Testify. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Kayla Hefner, 970-759-1636.**

## Midweek Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

Bible Study class meets each Thursday from 12:00-1:15 PM in the CtK Community Hall. **Class is currently conferencing via Zoom. You can join Pastor Tim for class by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/698922754>. The class is currently reading and discussing 1st Timothy.** Our discussions are engaging and span a variety of topics. Please “zoom in!”

## 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. **NOTE: Meetings are currently suspended until further notice.**

## Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently the Spiritual Study Group is reading and studying “Consider the Women,” a provocative guide to three matriarchs of the Bible. The Spiritual Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Welcome Center. Please join us for lively, enriching discussions! For more information, contact Aurora Rose. **NOTE: Meetings are currently suspended until further notice.**

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# June 2020—Fellowship Groups

## CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters have *suspended their meetings until further notice due to covid-19*. However, in keeping with their ministry of reaching out and helping others by way of their craft, many of the quilters have been busy making much-needed facemasks while maintaining their stay-at-home order. If you would like to join them in this ministry or need a mask, please contact the coordinator, [Carol Orłowski](#). 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 everyone soon! **So stay tuned for future meeting times or contact Judy, 970-247-2582 for more information. Till then, stay safe and well. Thank you.**

## CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the CtK Library. *However, due to the covid-19 pandemic, we are suspending our meetings until further notice. So, stay tuned for future meeting times or contact Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327 for more information. Thank you.*

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# June 2020—In Other News. . .

## CtK Currently Remains Closed. . .

Orders from the governor's office and recommendations from the Office of the Bishop have led us to the conclusion that we must **extend our suspension of in-person worship services and meetings until further notice**. At this time, worship services for Wednesdays at 6pm and Sundays at 9:15am (worship, then fellowship) are offered online via Zoom; Thursday Noon Bible Study is also offered online each week. It is hoped that the form of these online services will be meaningful to you. (*\*For more information on Zoom webinars, please refer to the webinar links list below*).

One notable change, however, as the Stay-at-Home order is eased so is the ability for Holy Communion to be celebrated. (Yay!) You should be able to access a sign-up page from our website ([www.ctkdurango.org/worship](http://www.ctkdurango.org/worship)) that will enable you to choose a time slot to come to CtK's campus to receive this Sacrament each Sunday. Up to six people can sign up for any particular 15-minute time slot, which will give time for prayer requests and distribution of communion in a safe way. Please refer to the sign-up instructions for more specific guidelines and rules for celebrating this Sacrament in as safe a way as possible.

Christ the King Lutheran Church continues to need your financial support, especially in this time of need. Giving financially to Christ the King Lutheran Church is vital to continue these ministries that work to sustain and strengthen you and your faith in these trying times. You can

give to Christ the King Lutheran Church in many ways. Visit <http://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/give> for more information and links to give online.

During this unprecedented time in our lives, you are encouraged to do whatever you can to promote the public health, especially for those who are most vulnerable. If you are healthy and are able to help with grocery shopping, to run errands, or help in any other way, please email [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org). He will do his best to connect those who have needs to those who have offered their help.

Remember to take care of yourselves. Go for walks. Laugh and talk with neighbors (from a safe distance and wearing your facemask). Wash your hands well and often. Enjoy the beauty of creation in which we live. Get off your computer and away from news and just read a book for a while. Play a board game. Take part in fun faith formation resources that we have available to you online at [www.ctkdurango.org](http://www.ctkdurango.org). Be patient, kind, and compassionate as always. Remember that this hardship will come to an end. Pray that it comes quickly.

## Webinar Links

**Each Sunday until further notice, at 9:15am please join Pastor Tim for Sunday's Worship Webinar and Fellowship. You can access Sunday's worship webinar by clicking this link:** <https://zoom.us/j/530311237>

Fellowship Time after ALL of our worship services (Wednesdays and Sundays) can be accessed by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/3445934929>.

**Each Thursday at Noon please join me for our Thursday Bible Study, where we are just finishing up our study on 2 Thessalonians. You can join me for that Bible Study by clicking this link:** <https://zoom.us/j/698922754>.

If you have any trouble accessing these meeting sites, please let me know. You can email me at [pastortim@ctkdurango.org](mailto:pastortim@ctkdurango.org), or call at 970-426-9681.

# Save These DATES

## Important May Events

**NOTE:** *Given the current pandemic crisis, the following dates are “tentative” at this time. Please continue to check our [CtK Website](#) for updates. Unless otherwise noted, all worship services in May will be via Zoom — see above “Webinar Links” for more info, or contact Pastor Tim. Thank you!*

**Sunday, May 31st** — Congregational Semi-annual Meeting – This will be a **VIRTUAL meeting**. *Details are listed below:*

### Congregational Meeting

This Sunday, May 31, we will hold our semi-annual congregational meeting via ZOOM immediately following our worship service which will begin at 9:15am. Use the following links to access these important events.

Worship Service at 9:15am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/530311237>

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (beginning around 10:00am): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81322886237>

TO ACCESS THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER THE PASSCODE: 1964.

The links above can also be found on our website at <http://www.ctkdurango.org/worship>.

If you do not have the ability to access our meeting on your computer, you can use your phone and call into the meeting, instead. To do so, follow these instructions:

1. Call (301) 715-8592
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3. When prompted, type in the meeting passcode: 1964

### Meeting Materials Now Available Online

Go to <http://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/documents/> to access materials for our Congregational Meeting to be held this Sunday, May 31, following our (Zoom) worship service.

## Materials include:

- Meeting Instructions
- November 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2019 Annual Report
- May 2020 Agenda
- May 2020 Ballot for Congregation Council and Mission Endowment Fund Board

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>** – CtK’s Church-wide Campout at Chris Park;  
*has been cancelled due to Covid-19.*

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Stay tuned for details about CtK’s Day Camp at Home.

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# June 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)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mitch Bugaj stationed in Germany—Nephew of Ronnie Zaday
- 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...

- The Family of Ardis Ellingson
- The Family of Shirley Buslee
- Laura Stransky
- 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 has been approved by the RMS ELCA for Endorsement.
- All those battling mental illness and addictions.
- Each person in our CtK church family.
- All the front-line workers striving to keep Durango and our surrounding communities safe, healthy, fed, educated, and mentally and spiritually fulfilled during the Covid-19 crisis. May God bless and protect EVERYONE!

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

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