

September 2020 Scribe Newsletter

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September 2020—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

"Holding Future Plans Lightly in the Midst of Covid"

One of the things that was quickly learned as COVID-19 wrapped itself around the globe was that future plans need to be held lightly. Events like vacations or work travel or even sporting events are all subject (and likely) to change in a moment's notice. One of my plans that changed because of COVID was my Renewal Leave.

We had been talking about this for many months, preparing the congregation for a three-month leave. We held meetings and took polls of the congregation, and ended up writing a detailed grant application that would help fund this time of leave. The theme that we had used for the Renewal Leave was "Rooted" – the thought being that this would be a time to reconnect with our roots within ourselves, within our community and with God. However, as the reality of COVID set in, it became clear that postponing this Renewal Leave for another year was necessary. So, now my leave is scheduled for summer 2022.

Boo.

On the plus side, it means that we have more time to prepare for this time of renewal! Yay! To that end, I am excited to announce plans to begin working towards this Renewal Leave with an Enneagram Seminar on Saturday, November 21, 2020 via Zoom. I have found the Enneagram to be a marvelously useful tool in learning more about myself over the past many years. But it is so rich and complex, helping me to understand my relationships, my leadership style, and even my spirituality. I am excited to be able to lead this seminar for you at CtK (and beyond!). If you're interested in learning more about the Enneagram and beginning your own preparation for a time of Renewal, please let me know. A signup page for this seminar will be coming to our website soon, along with materials that you can read ahead of time.

Peace,

Pastor Tim

September 2020—By the Numbers

Please note: At the end of the year, several members did not receive their contribution statements because their spam blocked our newly created email address. CtK's recent contribution statements were emailed in July from fin.sec@ctkdurango.org. So if you have any questions or concerns, please use this email address to contact us. Thank you.

July 2020 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	July	YTD 2020
Synod	\$ 1,546	\$ 11,754
World Hunger	\$ 415	\$ 5,747
Social Ministry	\$ 1,915	\$ 10,647
Total Benevolence	\$ 3,876	\$ 28,149

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 25,769	\$ 195,906
Facility Donations	--	\$ 200
Rental Income	833	833
Expenses	\$ 23,709	\$ 172,327
Net Operating Income	\$ 2,894	\$ 24,613
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 161,343

August 2020 Attendance (all worship via Zoom unless otherwise noted) *

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sun. 9:15 AM	Total
August 2		60	60
August 5	6		6
August 9 Outdoor Worship		45 online 64 in-person	109
August 12	3		3
August 16		56	56
August 19	6		6
August 23		61	61
August 26	7		7
August 30	Not	available at	this time
GRAND TOTAL	22	286	308

***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).

September 2020 Webinar Worship Assistant Schedule

Worship Webinar Readers	Sundays 9:15 AM
September 6	John Condie
September 13 -outside	Carol Orłowski
September 20	Eryn Orłowski
September 27	Amy Wendland

September 2020—Faith Formation

CtK Kids Sunday School

Join us on (most) Sundays at 10am for fellowship, a little study of the day's Gospel reading, and a fun activity using stuff you already have at home! This is geared for Elementary aged kids, but younger kids are welcome to join if they have a parent helper.

Who: Elementary aged kids and Ms. Mandy. If you have an idea to teach or share, email [Mandy](#).

What: Highs & lows, gospel reading/video/retelling, found-items craft project.

When: Sundays (*except* when we have a live outdoor service), 10-10:30am.

Where: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8348891263?pwd=cUZJNmXuM2pkQnp5eGNGalVUKytzUT09> or Meeting ID: 834 889 1263. The Password is the same as always. If you don't know it, email [Mandy](#).

September 2020—Social Ministry News

CtK, Habitat Thanks YOU!

BIG thanks to our volunteers who came out to help at our CtK Habitat Build Day. We weren't working under our normal conditions, and it was hot. But Pete Olson and John Condie managed to put up all the batten on the back side of the house, and it looked very nice and finished! There would have been more volunteers if I had done a better job of explaining the build day was on Friday instead of our usual Saturday. I apologize. Thanks, guys.

Rap Fairley
Social Ministry CtK Habitat Coordinator

Our Local Ministrys Partner Update

As we continue though this year with the local impacts of the pandemic, our local ministry partners, for the most part, have seen dramatic increases in their services. We would like to encourage the congregation to connect directly with these groups for two purposes: 1) with your financial support if possible; and 2) to explore any ways you might be able to help during this time. Several groups do have some potential projects that require volunteers. Volunteer situations would all be treated safely; but we understand that many of our people are not comfortable with any physical contact. That is understandable. But some of us are yearning for ways to actually HELP. So we encourage you to connect directly with these groups. Check out the information below to help you determine what ministry might be of interest to you in our continuing efforts to maintain CtK's deep connection with these groups during such trying times.

Durango Food Bank: www.durangoareafoodbank.org 970-375-2672

Habitat for Humanity: www.habitatlaplata.org 970-382-2215

Manna: www.mannasoupkitchen.org 970-385-5095

Volunteers of America: www.voacolorado.org 970-259-1021

The Social Ministry Team will be working to identify some potential projects, ideas that we will share with everyone at our Sunday, September 13th "God's Work. Our Hands" outdoor worship. So, stay tuned for those ideas, and we welcome ideas you may have that will enable CtK'ers to be safely involved with activities that are both beneficial to our community and show God's love!

Jigger Staby
Social Ministry

September 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 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 “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor. *NOTE: During the health crisis, they are conferencing via Zoom at 592-847-8387; the password for this meeting is Testify. The Zoom meeting ID is 966-5642-4190. Please join them for study sessions that are deeply rewarding. For more information, contact Kayla Hefner at 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. *However, class is currently conferencing via Zoom. You can join Pastor Tim for class by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/698922754>. Pastor Tim is currently discussing 2nd Timothy. After that will be Titus. Our discussions are engaging and span a variety of topics. Please “zoom in!”*

Khuvara (“Circle of Friends”)

The Khuvara Women’s Group is starting a new book for discussion entitled, “Everyone’s Normal Till You Get to Know Them” by John Ortberg. We are currently meeting each Thursday at 1:00 pm at Fassbinder Park. Please wear a mask and bring a lawn chair. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. If you have any questions, please call Stella at 970-903-9327.

Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

The Spiritual Study Group typically meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the CtK Chapel. However, *meetings are currently suspended until further notice.* For more information, contact Aurora Rose at 970-382-1848.

September 2020—Fellowship Groups

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters are continuing to make quilts or face masks. The Piecemakers regularly meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 am until 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month. On Thursday, September 10th, we will discuss “This Tender Land” by William Kent Kruger. The October 8th book selection is “Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes, and then in November on the 12th, we will discuss a book by Honey Mon entitled, “Eleanor Oliphant.” We will close out the year in December on Thursday the 10th by discussing a book by Kim Richardson, “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.” Anyone can attend one or all of the book discussions. If you are interested in attending, please call *Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327 for more information.*

September 2020—In Other News. . .

CtK Currently Remains Closed

Upon recommendations from the Office of the Bishop, *“congregations and communities of faith are to continue to prioritize worship opportunities that are safe, accessible, invitational, meaningful, and sustainable. The use of an online/digital platform remains the highest recommended format for corporate worship through at least the end of the calendar year. Any in-person worship experience should prioritize an outdoor venue, small groups, physical distancing, and the use of face coverings. There is a strong likelihood that corporate, in-person worship that is able to include all parishioners inside of a church building will not be advisable well into 2021.”* While the Bishop does not have the authority to mandate congregations to do this, the recommendation of the Bishop does carry significant weight in our decisions, along with the guidance of local public health officials. While disheartening news, CtK will continue 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, and two more outdoor worship services are planned: Sundays, September 13th and October 4th. These outdoor services will also be streamed via Zoom. CtK continues to offer Thursday Noon Bible Study 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).

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. 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. 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>.

On Sunday, September 13th, an outdoor worship service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church starting at 9:15am! This worship service will ALSO be live streamed via Zoom using our usual Sunday worship link, so you can join us from home if you do not wish to be here in person. For more detailed info, call Pastor Tim at 970-426-9681.

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 Pastor Tim at pastortim@ctkdurango.org, or call him at 970-426-9681.

Coffee Chat with PT

'Have a need or desire to set aside some one-on-one time with Pastor Tim? Join him via Zoom for a chat over coffee (or tea or water or whatever) during these "Virtual Office Hours." If you don't have access to Zoom, leave a comment when you sign up with your preferred number. (Only Pastor Tim will see these comments). I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Morning appointments from 8am-12pm; you can email Pastor Tim at pastortim@ctkdurango.org, or call him at 970-426-9681.

Memories of the Corona Virus-19 Project

As the Covid-19 Pandemic rages on, it has become obvious that the CtK ComMission Team's project to collect memories of the affect this pandemic has had on our church community should carry on; perhaps without a deadline. In case you missed the first notification of the project, here is a brief synopsis and an invitation to join us in our effort to preserve something about this huge, historic event.

Covid-19 has changed all of our lives in some way: how we work (or don't work), how we spend our free time (if we are not first responders or caregivers who don't seem to get much free time), how we worship, how we stay in touch with each other, and so much more. State and local rules to help us stop the spread of this infection, for which we have no cure and no vaccine, seem to change daily if not hourly. The ComMission Team wonders how it has affected you and your family, how you have been coping with the circumstances, maybe even what new and wonderful things you have learned or decided to try during this challenging time. So, send us your stories, poems, drawings, photography – anything that can be kept in a binder/book format in our Church Library. Share your stories – happy, sad, funny, innovative, thoughtful, or insightful. We welcome your input.

Please email your contributions to Megan Reid at: mreid1451@bresnan.net or regular mail to: 2403 Thomas Avenue, Durango, CO 81301. Be sure to sign and date your contribution and let us know the best way to contact you if we have any questions. Megan can also be reached at 970-247-2577.

A Note of Thanks...



To My CtK Family and Friends,

Thank you all so much for your prayers and well wishes! They strengthen me each day when I recall them.

*Love,
Julie Williams*

CtK Membership Activities for September

The CtK Membership Team has been planning diligently for some upcoming activities in the near future to help keep CtK'ers connected while apart, all while keeping your utmost safety and health in mind. They have planned several hiking excursions, nights "On the Town in Durango," and CtK's popular "Euchre Night." Here are a few activities comming up quickly:

September 19th, hike the Vallecito Trail. All interested hikers are to meet at the CtK parking lot for a 9:00am departure.

September 26th, you can join fellow CtK'ers for a night on the town at 4 Leaves Winery in downtown Durango; be at the Winery by 5:00pm.

At this time, **Euchre Night** is being scheduled for the first Saturday of each month beginning at 7:00pm on the front lawn of CtK. Bring a deck of cards, and your own refreshments for the evening.

Please keep in mind that all planned activities are subject to change based on current Covid conditions, and masks and social distancing are expected to be practiced per County requirements at the time. So be sure to keep an eye on the **Save These Dates** section below for the most current, up-to-date information. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Kayla Hefner at 970-759-1636.

The logo features the words "Save These" in a light orange, cursive font above the word "DATES" in a large, bold, dark blue serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a network or antenna with three orange dots and blue lines.

Important September Events

Please continue to check our CtK Website for updates. Unless otherwise noted, all worship services will be offered via Zoon — see above “Webinar Links” for more info, or email pastortim@ctkdurango.org. Thank you!

Sunday, September 13 — An outdoor worship service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church starting at 9:15am. It’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday! This worship service will ALSO be live streamed via Zoom using our usual Sunday worship link, so you can join us from home if you do not wish to be here in person. For more detailed info call Pastor Tim at 970-426-9681.

Saturday, September 19 – Join fellow CtK’ers for a hike along the Vallecito Trail. We’ll meet at the CtK parking lot at 9:00 AM for departure. And yes, please “mask up.” For more info., contact Kayla Hefner at 970-759-1636.

Saturday, September 26 – Enjoy a night on the town with fellow CtK’ers at 4 Leaves Winery in downtown Durango; be at the Winery by 5:00pm.

Wednesday, September 30 – Behold Mission Partner Fundraiser from 6:00pm-7:30pm to support our two mission partners, NELM and Guatemala. More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned for this exciting event.

September 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)

- 1st 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...

- Wendy Gonzales
- Carol Orłowski
- The Family of Jigger Staby
- The Family of David Smith
- Julie Williams
- 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 was 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.
