

# May 2021 Scribe Newsletter

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# May 2021—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

## Summer Worship Schedule

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

It was such a joy to utter those words with you on Easter Sunday. It felt so good to be able to worship with you at Greenmount Cemetery, and again inside our sanctuary, and again outside in our front yard! Thank you to all who made those worship services possible.

One of the most frequent comments I heard after Easter was whether we would consider having an outdoor worship service every week now that the weather is nicer. Many people feel more comfortable coming to worship outdoors than indoors, and we just happen to live in a *gorgeous* setting where the weather is pleasant, more often than not. I'm happy to say that the answer is: YES! Beginning on Sunday, May 30, we will offer a weekly outdoor worship service in addition to our livestreamed, indoor worship service. This will enable more of our church family to gather (TO-GATHER!) in a way that is within more individuals' margin of acceptable risk.

**Starting May 30, we will have three weekly worship opportunities through the summer:**

- **Sundays at 9:00am, indoor, in-person AND LIVE-STREAMED (Note the slight change in time from what we've been doing).**
- **Sundays at 10:30am, outdoor, in-person, but not live-streamed.**
- **Wednesdays at 6:00pm, in-person, outside (weather-permitting). We will not have dinner with our *Behold!* worship service for the time being, and we're still investigating how to make this worship service an effective hybrid experience – that is, in-person and online.**

This is a pretty crazy time in terms of the pandemic in our little area of the world. Vaccination efforts have been going very well here in La Plata County, helping our adult population to feel safer when returning to more sociable activities. At the same time, the virus is still circulating in our community, and worrisome variants are here, too. The affected demographics have shifted, however, now to affect more children and youth, for whom the vaccine is not yet available. Thankfully, children and youth have not seen cases rise to the level of severity as happened with older adults; but it is still a serious sickness that can have lasting effects.

So, as we gather for worship and other activities, please be sure to do what you can to keep others safe. If you are not feeling well, or haven't felt well over the past few days, please refrain from joining us in worship or other church activities in person. If you have been quarantined because of close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19, please refrain from joining us in worship or other church activities in person. If you are healthy and would like to join us in person, please wear a mask (over your mouth and nose) – even if you have had a full course of the vaccine. And, finally, remember that – although you might feel as though physical

distancing doesn't matter, especially once you've been vaccinated – others may feel very differently; so, please maintain a safe distance between yourself and members of other households.

The day is coming when these precautions will not be needed, but we're not there yet. Thank you for your understanding and integrity in following these rules in our life together. Stay tuned for further developments and updates!

Peace,  
Pastor Tim

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## May 2021—Faith Formation

### Ordination & Installation of Deacon Amanda Gardner

Save the Date!

Ordination & Installation for Mandy Gardner as Deacon at CtK is scheduled to Livestream on May 23rd at 2pm! You can join on our regular Livestream channel—just [click here](#).

*As I said in my sermon on April 25th, I wish everyone could be in the Sanctuary in-person for this special occasion but having you all join me via the Livestream would be a blessing!*

### Day Camp needs YOU!

Day Camp gets to be in-person this year! Hooray! But with lots of changes. Hooray?  
**Yes! Hooray!**

Without these changes and precautions, we couldn't have Day Camp at all, so I'm very grateful. And once again, we need your help.

Go to [ctkdurango.org/day-camp-21/](http://ctkdurango.org/day-camp-21/) and scroll to the **Help Support Day Camp** section to find out all the ways we NEED your HELP. Some ways are the same, some are different, some are previously unheard of! But we need to accomplish them all, together, to bring Christ's love to the Day Campers in La Plata County.

Thank you in advance!

If you have additional questions, [email Deacon Mandy](#).

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# May 2021—CtK Youth

Day Camp 2021!!

**Calling all Jr. Counselors and Campers!**  
**It's almost time for Day Camp!**  
**Day Camp 2021**  
**July 12-16**

Lots of things are different this year, as our Youth can attest. At least we can still have Day Camp! It's going to be a LOT different this year, however.

The schedule is different, the registration process is different, the health checks are different... But the one thing that will always stay the same is Jesus and His love for us! Let's share that love with our community!

Go to [ctkdurango.org/day-camp-21/](http://ctkdurango.org/day-camp-21/) to register to be a camper (K-6th grade) or a Jr Counselor (7th-12th grade). All the info you need is there, hopefully; but if not, [email Deacon Mandy](mailto:mandy@ctkdurango.org).

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## May 2021—By the Numbers

***Please note:** CtK contribution statements are emailed quarterly from [fin.sec@ctkdurango.org](mailto:fin.sec@ctkdurango.org). Email [churchadmin@ctkdurango.org](mailto:churchadmin@ctkdurango.org) with questions, corrections or if you need a paper statement mailed.*

### March 2021 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	March	YTD 2021
Synod	\$ 2,016	\$ 5,351
World Hunger	\$ 1,950	\$ 4,780
Social Ministry	\$ 1,430	\$ 5,362
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 5,396</b>	<b>\$ 15,493</b>

### Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 29,126	\$ 77,326
Facility Donations	---	\$ ---
Rental Income	833	\$ 2,500
Expenses	\$ 28,992	\$ 81,763
Net Operating Income	\$ 967	\$ (1,937)
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 191,015
Building Fund Balance		\$ 11,646
Love Fund Balance		\$ 24,102

## March 28—April 25, 2021 Attendance \*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wed. 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun. 9:15 AM</b>
<b>March 28</b>		66 D + 36 P
<b>March 31</b>	4 D	
<b>April 4 Easter Sunday</b>		6:30am, Greenmount = 35P 9:15am, CtK = 46D + 30P 11:00am, CtK Outdoor=62P
<b>April 7</b>	4D	
<b>April 11</b>		55D + 24P
<b>April 14</b>	5D	
<b>April 18</b>		47D + 26P
<b>April 21</b>	6D	
<b>April 25</b>		58D + 25P
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>19D</b>	<b>272D + 238P</b>

**\*Note:** D = the number of DEVICES signed into Zoom or Livestream, NOT the number of INDIVIDUALS (since more than one person can watch service on a single device).

P = the number of PEOPLE attending in-person worship at CtK.

## May 2021 Worship Assistant Schedule

<b>Sunday Worship Assistants</b> <i>Inside Sanctuary @ 9:15am unless otherwise noted.</i>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Reader</b>
<b>May 2</b>	David Smith	John Condie
<b>May 9</b>	Gary Orlowski	Carol Orlowski
<b>May 16</b>	Don Gonnevill	Carla Gonnevill
<b>May 23</b>	David Smith	Amy Wendland
<b>May 30</b>	Catherine Hawk	Holly Landgren

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# May 2021—Social Ministry News

## Habitat for Humanity Update

There is lots going on at Habitat right now, notably getting ready for the 2021 build. That build will be another duplex, 2 stories with 3...possibly 4...bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. The site is back at Fox Farms in Bayfield, and the **Save the Date** for CtK's build is Saturday, June 5. (**Please NOTE:** we are back to **SATURDAYS.**) Habitat will break ground after they receive the bids for the infrastructure and have chosen a contractor. It should be sometime soon.

Usually, Americore comes at the beginning of a build to do the framing. That is not happening this year; so, Habitat really needs volunteers to help with that aspect of the project. In addition to the new build, Habitat has bought back some of their earlier homes. (Their owners have prospered and moved on to bigger homes elsewhere - success stories!) In the meantime, Habitat is renovating these homes and will resell them to new partners. Volunteers from The Hammers Club, many of whom are retirees, help with the renovations as well as the new build. If you would like to join them, please call Tami Joslin at 970-382-2215.

Additional details for CtK's Habitat Build, signup, and restrictions will be announced as they become available as well as being published in the next *Scribe*. If you have questions, please call Rap Fairley at 410-474-3571.

Rap Fairley and the Social Ministry Committee

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# May 2021—Bible Studies

## Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets each Monday from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Silent meditation and prayer sessions are followed by a book discussion. Currently, the discussion topics delve into the ways the contemplative path calls us to connect our inner search for transformational growth with the external realities of how we live and act, what we eat and wear, etc.

**NOTE:** Meetings are currently being held via Zoom. For the Zoom link and other pertinent information, please text Sharyn Butler at 970-759-6355. Thank you.

## Great Ol' Broads of God (GoBoGs)

GoBoGs invites you to join them in study and fellowship each Monday from 4:00-5:30 pm. Share the Care, GoBoGs' outreach mission, is addressed upon requests. They are currently finishing a study based on "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. The next study will focus on the book, "You Are Loved and Free" by Micah Ruth. Also, during the Lenten Season, they are discussing contemporary reflection questions relating to this season's Gospel scriptures, as posed by Father Kevin.

**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 (Thursday) Bible Study led by Pastor Tim

Bible Study class meets on Thursdays from 12:00-1:15 PM. We are studying the Petrine Epistles (1 & 2 Peter) and currently reading the first chapter of 1 Peter. Invite others to join us if you would like! The link to access these meetings via Zoom is located below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83113251991>

If you ever misplace this link, you can also find it on our website at <https://www.ctkdurang.org/worship>. You will need the “regular password” to access the meeting. If you don’t have it, contact the church office at 970-247-5310.

I look forward to seeing you all!!!

### 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. All women are welcome, and we gladly invite new members to join us. For meeting time/place during Covid, please call Stella at 970-903-9327.

### Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently, the Spiritual Study Group meetings are suspended until further notice due to Covid-19. For more information, contact Aurora Rose.

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## May 2021—Fellowship Groups

### CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters continue to meet regularly on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 am until 2 pm. Everyone is welcomed to join us. For more meeting information, please call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

### CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club currently meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3PM via Zoom. This month, on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss a book by Susan Wiggs, "The Lost and Found Bookshop." Our last book study for the season will be on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, when we discuss "Migrations," a book by Charlotte McConaghy. We will take a break for the summer months and return to meet again in September.

Anyone can attend one or more book discussions, so we hope you will join us. If you are interested in attending, please *call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327 to get the Zoom link information.*

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## May 2021—In Other News. . .

### Limited In-person Worship Sundays at 9:15\* AM--Please Sign-Up

**\* Beginning Sunday, May 30th and through the Summer, In-door/In-person Worship will begin at 9:00 AM.**

Those who wish to join us for our worship service at 9:15am on Sunday mornings *must* sign up in advance. You can do so by navigating to our sign-up hub on our website (<https://www.ctkdurango.org/signup/>). If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone to sign up on your own, please notify Pastor Tim or the Church Office. At this time, we can accommodate up to 30 people in the Sanctuary. Masks are required to be worn at all times, and physical distancing between households is required.

Thank you for your help in making this a safe experience for all. If you have any questions, please contact [Pastor Tim](#).

Congratulations to CtK's Graduates



***Kathleen Duft, graduating with an R.N. from Regis College, Denver, CO***  
Kathleen is the daughter of Ann & Tom Duft

***Paul Duft, graduating from Durango High School, Durango, CO***  
Paul will be attending Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO in the Fall.  
Paul is the son of Ann & Tom Duft

***Embrey Saville, graduating from Durango High School, Durango, CO***  
Embrey will be attending Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ in the Fall, majoring in  
Forensic Chemistry.  
Embrey is the daughter of Nonette & Jeff Saville

***Emily McVaugh, graduating from Escalante Middle School, Durango, CO***  
Emily is the daughter of Sara & Mike McVaugh

***Dalton Valdez, graduating from Kindergarten and will be entering First Grade in the Fall***  
Dalton is the daughter of Robin & Anthony Valdez, friends of Deacon Mandy Gardner.  
Dalton regularly watches "CtK Kids" videos to learn about Jesus & CtK. She calls Deacon  
Mandy her "God Teacher."

***CtK wishes all of you God's blessings for a bright, successful future.***  
***You make all of us—your family and CtK—proud!***

## Save the Dates–May

*CtK's designee for Noisy Offering donations collected during the month of May is the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ.*

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Meeting – 10:00am. [Click here to join via Zoom, “regular” password.](#)

**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00pm:** Ordination & Installation of Deacon Amanda Gardner by ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop James Gonia. Join us [Livestream](#) from the CtK Sanctuary.

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am:** In-door, In-person, AND livestreamed worship; for in-person, sign up at <https://www.ctkdurango.org/signup/>

**10:30am:** Outdoor, In-person (not livestreamed) worship.

### Looking Ahead

**Monday-Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>**—8:30am—12:30pm for kids entering K—6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2021. Click [HERE](#) for info/registration.

**Saturday/Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>** – CtK's Annual Campout at Chris Park/Haviland Lake. Stay tuned for details. . .

*For all events and activities, please check the [CtK website](#) for the most current updates.*

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## May 2021—In Our Prayers

### Military Prayer Requests

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

*(To add or remove names from this list, please [contact Linda](#))*

- 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
- Master Sargent Stephen Van Dover—Nephew of Nancy Van Dover

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

(To add or remove names from this list, please [contact Linda](#))

- The Family of Julie McCallister
- The Family of LuLu Mae (Sue) Hess
- Stella Welcher
- Carol Orłowski
- Roger Landgren
- Julie Williams
- Laura Stransky
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- Bev Brown
- Lori Lachelt
- Kayla Hefner
- Carol Gunderson
- Deacon Mandy Gardner who will be Ordained and Installed by Bishop Gonia on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 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.
- 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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