

# October 2021 Scribe Newsletter

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# October 2021—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

## "The Gift of Time"

I did my best to be patient towards the end of August, when I had been told that I would be notified of the status of the grant that I had submitted for my upcoming renewal leave. Each morning I would check my email with bated breath, hoping to get some news – *any* news – one way or the other. Then, it came. On a Tuesday morning while I was on the phone with my friend Bryan, my computer dinged – a signal that I had received an email. I quickly opened my email and saw that it was from the grant program organization. I opened the email, feeling very much like a high school senior opening an admissions letter from a university, only to see the words, "Unfortunately, your proposal was not among those selected for funding this year."

Boo.

Now what?

To put it succinctly: we're still on! While the decision about this grant is unfortunate, it doesn't change much about my plans for next summer. Because while the money we had requested was sizeable, the vast majority of it was to cover expenses for one international trip for me and my family. At this point, that particular trip won't happen; but that's okay! The point of this renewal leave isn't about one experience. It is about the gift of time.

When I arrived at CtK eight years ago, Lydia was three years old, and Micah was almost two. I remember thinking how busy I was at the time, shuffling the kids to and from preschool every day amidst my own schedule full of meetings and visits and travel for various committees and boards on which I sat. But life has only gotten more complicated over the years, and my schedule now boggles my mind. As the kids have grown older and their participation in sports and other extracurricular activities has expanded, the time our family has together in any given week has slowly diminished. We still do our best to hold to the commitment to have dinner together each evening, but sometimes that's about all we get.

One of the focal points of the renewal leave has always been about the gift of time that such a leave would afford me. Not time for work, but time to just be: to be alone, to be with God in prayer, and to be with my family. Grant money isn't needed for that. All that is needed is, well, time! I'm already looking forward to the sense of rejuvenation and renewal that this gift of time will bring.

What will I *do* with all this time? That will be detailed in my Scribe articles over the next few months. Stay tuned.

Pastor Tim

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# October 2021—Faith Formation

“The New Devotionals Are Here!”

And that’s pretty terrific. If you haven’t gotten yours for the 4th quarter, holler on Sunday or at *Behold!* on Wednesday.

But did you know that “Christ In Our Home” has an Audio option? *And* that both “Christ in Our Home” and “The Word in Season” have large print editions? *And* that there’s a Spark Family devotional as well? *AND* that there are devotionals specifically for Advent and Lent?

Help CtK to help you strengthen your at-home faith journey by letting us know if any of these devotional options sound appealing to you. [Email Deacon Mandy](#) to discuss your needs!

Deacon Mandy

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# October 2021—CtK Youth

“Fancy Dinner Youth Fundraiser”

Visit [ctkdurango.org/signup](http://ctkdurango.org/signup) There are **TWO (2) (due) STEPS** to complete to sign up. We know that seems like a lot, but it’s FANCY and we want to do it right. [Email Deacon Mandy if you need assistance.](#) ( [deaconmandy@ctkdurango.org](mailto:deaconmandy@ctkdurango.org) ) There’s even a take-out option available!

We have two other Youth events this month that we’d love you to join us for: Spooky Silent Sunday (Oct 10<sup>th</sup>) and Ceramic Friday. Visit [www.ctkdurango.org/youth-events](http://www.ctkdurango.org/youth-events) for more details!

# October 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.

## August 2021 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	August	YTD 2021
Synod	\$ 1,578	\$ 14,432
World Hunger	\$ 415	\$ 10,803
Social Ministry	\$ 1,867	\$ 15,911
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 3,860</b>	<b>\$ 41,146</b>

## Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 22,867	\$ 206,776
Facility Donations		\$ 90
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 6,667
Expenses	\$ 28,347	\$ 216,303
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,646	\$ 2,769
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 200,143
Building Fund Balance		\$ 12,494
Love Fund Balance		\$ 25,819

## Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
<b>September 1</b>	16 P + 4 D		
<b>September 5</b>		46 P + 30 D	31 P
<b>September 8</b>	10 P + 3 D		
<b>September 12</b>		49 P + 29 D	45 P
<b>September 15</b>	12 P + 2 D		
<b>September 19</b>		36 P + 32 D	24 P
<b>September 22</b>	6 P + 4 D		
<b>September 26</b>		40 P + 24 D	28 P
<b>September 29</b>	13 P + 3 D		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>57 P + 16 D</b>	<b>171 P + 115 D</b>	<b>128 P</b>

**Note:** P = the number of **P**EOPLE attending in-person worship at CtK.  
D = the number of **D**EVICES signed into Zoom or Livestream, NOT the number of INDIVIDUALS (since more than one person can watch service on a single device).

# October 2021 Worship Assistant Schedule

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Worship Assistants</b> <b>9:00 am Inside Sanctuary</b> <b>unless otherwise noted.</b> <b>10:30 am Outside Front Lawn</b> <b>unless otherwise noted.</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Reader</b>
<b>October 3 – 9:00 am</b>	Gary Orłowski	Molly Bodewes
<i>October 3 – 10:30 am</i>	<i>Catherine Hawk</i>	<i>Eryn Orłowski</i>
<b>October 10 – 9:00 am</b>	Carol Orłowski	Holly Landgren
<i>October 10 – 10:30 am</i>	<i>David Smith</i>	<i>Karen Rosenberger</i>
<b>October 17 – 9:00 am</b>	Gary Orłowski	Amy Wendland
<i>October 17 – 10:30 am</i>	<i>John Condie</i>	<i>Eryn Orłowski</i>
<b>October 24 – 9:00 am</b>	Carol Orłowski	Barb Wirsching
<i>October 24 – 10:30 am</i>	<i>Catherine Hawk</i>	<i>John Condie</i>
<b>October 31 – 9:00am</b>	Gary Orłowski	Carol Orłowski
<i>October 31 – 10:30am</i>	<i>John Condie</i>	<i>Eryn Orłowski</i>

## October 2021—Social Ministry News

Bread for the World Sunday!

***OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – Bread for the World Sunday!***

We will celebrate Bread for the World Sunday on October 17th at Christ the King Lutheran Church. CtK has been a long-time partner and supporter of this Christian advocacy organization. Bread for the World ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)) has been working to fight hunger and poverty here in the U.S. and all over the world; progress has been made in policy, partnering with local governments, non-profits and churches to get at the root of some of these issues. However, COVID-19 has had significant impact on the ability of people to put food on the table, while trying to deal with their employment, housing and all the issues impacted by COVID.

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Your voice matters and needs to be heard now, and always. Go to the Bread website and see how you can personally get involved, support financially, or pray for solutions to these critical issues for our brothers and sisters across the world. In particular, there is a focus on concentrating on the first 1000 days of a child's development and care. You can read more about that on the website.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Jigger Staby  
Social Ministry Team

### ***Christmas is Coming!***

The Social Ministry Team invites you all to participate in the “alternate giving” program through the ELCA Good Gifts, online catalog. You can choose from more than 50 gifts that will not only help people around this world, during this Covid pandemic, but honor your family and friends, in giving a lasting gift that will make a difference in the lives of God’s children whom we never met. Go to [goodgifts@elca.org](mailto:goodgifts@elca.org) and help share God’s love.

But there is MORE!!!!!!

Don’t forget to put Colorado Gives Day on your calendar! This will be held on Tuesday, 12/7/21. If a nonprofit organization receives 10% of the total money raised on that day, that same nonprofit receives 10% of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund that is powered by Community First Foundation and presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Bank. You can donate at [www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday](http://www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday) web site.

Let’s spread the love!

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## **October 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 and discussing the topic, "Rooted: Our Christian Heritage." Attendees can choose to meet for class in-person OR via Zoom. The link to access these meetings via Zoom is:

<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>

The "regular password" is needed to access the meeting via Zoom. If you need the password, contact the church office at **970-247-5310**. We gladly invite and welcome any and all to join the class. I look forward to seeing each of you!!!

## Khuvara ("Circle of Friends")

The Khuvara Women's Group current book discussion focuses on "Book of Joy" by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams. All women are encouraged and welcome to attend and we gladly invite new members to join us. We meet each Thursday from 1:00pm-2:30pm outside in the CtK Columbarium. For more info, call Stella at 970-903-9327.

## Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently, the Spiritual Study Group meets on Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:30pm via Zoom. We're reading "Love Is The Way" by Bishop Michael Curry. Starting in November, we'll be moving on to a study from Gather Magazine on the Gift of the Holy Spirit. For more information, or the Zoom link, contact Aurora Rose. (970-382-1848)

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# October 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 in the CtK Community Hall. The quilters are currently working on new items for their upcoming sale on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Items range in price from \$7 – 100+ and include items such as home-sewn gifts/products potholders, aprons, wall hangings, table runners, quilts and more! Come before and after services to help support this wonderful ministry. New members are warmly invited to join the quilters and help create these quilts for baptisms, graduations, pray quilts for those who are ill or homebound, long-term care residents (Four Corners and Mancos Nursing Homes), and for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, AZ. If you need a sewing machine, two extra machines were donated to the group—you are welcome to use one. And, if quilting is a craft that has often interested you, but you don't know how to quilt, there are quilters who will gladly teach you. They will help ensure you that your creation will be one you can feel proud about giving to someone in need. So, do consider coming to our next meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. You'll be surprised at what we do and the fun and camaraderie we all share.

For more information about the meetings and/or the quilt sale, please call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327. We look forward to seeing you!

## CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3PM outside in the CtK Columbarium. On Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll talk about Kristin Hannah's book, "Four Winds." "The Only Woman in the Room" is our book discussion for Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, and we'll finish out the year on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, with a discussion of "Let Him Go" by Larry Watson.

You are invited to join us--anyone can attend one or more book discussions. If you are interested in attending, please *call Stella Welcher at 970-903-9327*.

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# October 2021—In Other News. . .

## Worship Information (Through October)

### **Sunday, 9:00 AM – INDOOR-IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAM**

We hope you'll join us in the CtK Sanctuary. All are welcome! (Masks are recommended)

### **Sunday, 10:30 AM – IN-PERSON, OUTDOOR (front lawn/parking lot)**

The 10:30am outdoor worship will continue through October. We will then move to a single, indoor service at 9:00am. Sign-up for the outdoor service is not required; however, if you choose to sit on the front lawn and HAVE NOT been vaccinated, masks are strongly encouraged; and physical distancing between households is required for everyone.



## **Wednesday “Behold!” 6:00PM – IN-PERSON—CtK Community Hall + Zoom**

Click [Here](#) to zoom-in. If you need the password, please contact [Pastor Tim](#).

NOTE: For the time being, we will NOT be having dinner with our Behold! worship service.

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

### [News You Can Use](#)

#### **CtK’s Post-pandemic Opening**

As CtK begins to open post-pandemic, we are calling on everyone to prayerfully consider how you might use your time and talents to help propel CtK forward in this new hybrid in-person/techno-based way of doing church. We have the technology. Now, we need *YOU!* Currently, we are seeking to fill ALL categories of worship volunteers:

- Altar Guild Assistants
- Worship Assistants
  - Ushers
  - Readers
  - Communion assistants
- Soundboard/camera operators
- Presentation computer operators
- Online church host. **This person would be basically acting as a “virtual greeter/online chat person” for worship services.**

If you feel you might be interested in any of these volunteer positions and/or if you have any questions, please give Pastor Tim a call (**970-247-5310**) or touch base with him between Sunday services. Training will be provided for all volunteers. Thanks for your consideration. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for all of our volunteer spots during CtK’s Rally Day — “God’s Work. Our Hands.” to be held on Sunday, September 12th. Stay tuned for further details.

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Chancel Choir is once again filling the Sanctuary with their melodious voices. Please contact Jared Wright, Choir/Music Director if you would like to sing. Jared can be reached at 970-759-1834 or email [chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org](mailto:chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org) - All are welcome!

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#### **Mission Endowment Fund!**

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee of Christ the King Lutheran Church is now accepting grant applications for projects that support the mission of Christ the King. The mission is “To love and serve God by proclaiming Christ’s gospel, strengthening worship, deepening

discipleship, and serving our congregation, community and world.” The application deadline is December 15, 2021. The Mission Endowment Fund Grant Application may found on line at <http://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/documents/>. You may file it electronically, or print it and submit a hard copy. For further information contact the Mission Endowment Fund at [mef@ctkdurango.org](mailto:mef@ctkdurango.org), or you may talk with any of us.

Yours in Christ, the CtK Mission Endowment Board.  
Holly Gonzales, John Condie, Gary Rollstin, Lynn Mitzlaff, and Megan Reid

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## Save the Dates–October

*CtK’s Noisy Offering designee for the month  
of October is the **Bread for the World***

### **Looking Ahead**

***Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Fancy Dinner Youth Fundraiser*** - Let the CtK Youth pamper you with good food and good service at this Fancy Dinner Fundraiser! Reservations are required – Signup here: <https://www.ctkdurango.org/signup/>

**\*\*Limited Seating – Signup closes Sunday evening, October 3rd\*\***

***Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Spooky Silent Sunday with Swanson - and the Youth of CtK!***  
Come marvel at the skills of the brilliant pianist Adam Swanson, in the return of his Silent Sunday Series at the Durango Arts Center. We hope you’ll join us for a great afternoon in the theatre and a great bonding opportunity for CtK’s Gathering-bound Youth. Be sure to check out <https://www.ctkdurango.org/youth-events/> for more information.

***Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>*** – The Piecemakers will be holding a sale before and after each service. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new materials for new items to be made and donated. There will be items of all sizes ranging in price from under \$10 to larger items for under \$200.

***Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>*** – Youth will meet at DAC to paint Christmas Pottery for our upcoming Christmas Bake Sale!

***Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>*** – CtK’s Annual Art Gallery & Gala. The theme is “The Parables.”

***For all events and activities, please check the CtK website for the most current updates.***

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# October 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 Jared](#))*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mitch Bugaj stationed at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA—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 Jared](#))*

- Stetson Keegan
- The Family of Tom Duft
- The Family of David Smith
- The Family of Ann Duft
- Pete Olson
- Dave Mitzlaff
- Stella Welcher
- Laura Stransky
- Roger Landgren
- Darlene Warring
- Bonnie Rossmiller
- 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.
- All those battling mental illness and addictions.
- Each person in our CtK church family.
- All K-12 and college students, their families, and their educators as they begin the new school year in the midst of the Delta variant outbreak in our community.
- All the front-line workers who continue to keep Durango and our surrounding communities safe, healthy, fed, educated, and mentally and spiritually fulfilled during the Covid-19/Delta variant crisis. May God bless and protect EVERYONE!

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