

November 2021 Scribe Newsletter

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November 2021—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

"A Time To Create"

Renewal leaves – more often called sabbaticals – are intentional times away from the rhythms of work life. In academia, sabbaticals are often times for intentional and intense writing and publishing, research and data collection. But in the church, leaders are specifically encouraged *not* to work during their time away. A renewal leave is just what it sounds like: time for renewal.

That's not easy for me. I can hardly imagine what it will be like to not work, to not have a big project, to not be on a deadline for something. So, I struggled a little when I was first asked what I planned to *do* during my renewal leave. But now, I think I have it figured out.

I will enjoy creating things.

I really enjoy tinkering in my workshop. I don't have a dedicated space for all of my tools and stuff. They're all tucked away in the little recesses of our garage, sharing space with our cars, water toys, and bikes. But the thought of having the luxury of time to just be in there, to let my creativity flow and make something grand or teeny or useful or useless or pretty or Frankensteinish... that sounds absolutely lovely. And a great way to do something while also not working!

My creativity will no doubt be expressed in other ways, too. I do imagine that I will spend a good deal of time writing. Whether anything I write ends up being published is hardly the point; I just know that I do my best thinking and processing with the written word.

I'm certain that creativity is an essential part of our faith. We are all created in the image of God, and God is the Master Tinkerer. We are called to participate with God in the ongoing process of creation, adding our own little dash of color to the world. (This is one of the reasons that I *love* our annual Art Gallery & Gala at CtK! It gives us all an opportunity to express our faith through art, and then we get to celebrate together and learn from each other in seeing what everyone has made. Make sure you come to our Art Gallery & Gala this year on Saturday, November 6th from 5:00-7:00pm!)

Do you feel the same way about creativity and faith? If so, I'd LOVE to learn more about how creativity is expressed in your life.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

November 2021—Faith Formation

“Parables: 6th Annual Art Gala”

The 6th Annual Art Gala is almost here! When: Saturday, November 6th at 5pm.

Artwork is due at CtK By Wednesday, November 3rd.

What’s your favorite parable? Which one makes no sense to you? Which one speaks to your soul? These are some of the many questions you can ask yourself in preparation for this year’s Art Gala! Choose a parable and respond to it artistically – a painting, drawing, sculpture, music, dance...and if you don’t have artwork to display, that’s OK too! Join us at 5pm on Saturday, November 6th, dressed in your “Durango finest” for a fun and elegant evening of art and fellowship.

Visit <https://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/parables/> for a list of parables for inspiration.
[Email Deacon Mandy](#) with questions.

November 2021—CtK Youth

“Youth Fundraiser Updates & Info”

Wait until you see what the Youth created at their Ceramics Painting Party!

We had an awesome time talking and getting creative. You’ll be able to purchase their creations at our Holiday Bake Sale fundraiser, coming up at the end of this month (or possibly the beginning of next month). A huge shout-out to the [Durango Arts Center](#) for hosting us, and to Wanda Ellingson for the Thrivent Action Team Card that covered the cost.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us get to the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering!

November 2021—By the Numbers

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

September 2021 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	September	YTD 2021
Synod	\$ 1,749	\$ 16,181
World Hunger	\$ 615	\$ 11,418
Social Ministry	\$ 1,980	\$ 17,891
Total Benevolence	\$ 4,344	\$ 45,491

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 25,309	\$ 232,082
Facility Donations		\$ 90
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 7,500
Expenses	\$ 30,390	\$ 250,935
Net Operating Income	\$ 4,248	\$ 11,263
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 201,627
Building Fund Balance		\$ 12,664
Love Fund Balance		\$ 25,254

Oct 3rd – Oct 31st 2021 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
October 3		38 P + 28 D	22 P
October 6	0 P + 0 D		
October 10		62 P + 32 D	35 P
October 13	4 P + 2 D		
October 17		46 P + 32 D	32 P
October 20	12 P + 2 D		
October 24		35 P + 34 D	21 P
October 27	3 P + 0 D		
October 31		40 P + 24 D	27 P
GRAND TOTAL	19 P + 4 D	221 P + 150 D	137 P

Note: P = the number of **PEOPLE** attending in-person worship at CtK.
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).

November 2021 Worship Assistant Schedule

Sunday Worship Assistants 9:00 am Inside Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.	Usher	Reader
November 7 – 9:00 am	Gary Henschen	Eryn Orłowski
November 14 – 9:00 am	John Condie	Karen Rosenberger
November 21 – 9:00 am	Catherine Hawk	Amy Wendland
November 28 – 9:00 am	Gary Orłowski	Carol Orłowski

November 2021—Social Ministry News

Community Thanksgiving News!

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is on for this year, albeit as takeout only. That means that CtK will be creating the stuffing again. We will need volunteers for chopping, cooking, and smushing, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 23rd) from 4pm – 6pm. However, Manna is renovating the main building so we will be using their culinary kitchen which is a little smaller than the usual place. That means we probably can't handle quite as many volunteers. If you are interested, please call John Condie at (970) 799-1851 or email him at johnandwanda@bresnan.net. As soon as our slate is full, we will have to stop taking volunteers, so call early and often.

Thank you from the SM committee!

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 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 1st Bank. You can donate at www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday web site.

Let's spread the love!

November 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)

November 2021—Fellowship Groups

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemakers’ are sending a huge shout out and many Thank You’s to everyone for supporting the ministry during our October Sale. Thank you!!

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. . You’ll be surprised at what we do and the fun and camaraderie we all share.

For more information about the meetings, 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. “The Only Woman in the Room” is our book discussion for Thursday, November 11th, and we’ll finish out the year on Thursday, December 9th, 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*.

November 2021—In Other News. . .

Worship Information

Sunday, 9:00 AM – INDOOR & LIVE STREAM

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

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](#).

A Special Thank You

CtK Family,

My family and I would like to thank all of you at CtK who have made a very difficult situation just a little bit easier. Each prayer, phone call, text and hug have gone a long way towards making this a little more bearable. To those who have made donations in Jeff's memory I thank you. CtK was a big part of Jeff's life and he would be happy that he is being remembered in this way.

Thank you,
Donn Wince and Family

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 - All are welcome!

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Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers again this year. The system is different, however. If you are interested in ringing, go to their sign-up website:

<https://volunteer.usawest.org/OpportunityShiftSelectionKettle.aspx>

There, you can pick a date, time, and location to ring. CtK has always been very supportive of the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign. Let's do the same this year.

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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 be found online 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, 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–November

*CtK's Noisy Offering designee for the month
of November is the **Housing Solutions for the Southwest***

Looking Ahead

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

Sunday, November 14th – CtK Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting

In Person or via Zoom at 10:00am. (Following the 9:00am Worship Service)

For meeting info, materials, or help:

<https://www.ctkdurango.org/learn-more/documents/>

or contact the Church Office: 970-247-5310

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88645783325>

(Use the usual CtK Password When Prompted)

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

November 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](#))

- 1st 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](#))

- The Family of Jeff Wince
- 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!

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