

January 2022 Scribe Newsletter

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January 2022—Pastor Tim’s Thoughts

“Rooted in Family & New Experiences”

NOTE: Pastor Tim will be on his Renewal Leave from June 6 – September 19, 2022.

One day in the middle of the COVID era, Micah and I had a day to ourselves. The weather that day was rainy and incredibly smokey due to the fires in Pacific Northwest. At a loss of what to do for a whole day given that scenario, we decided to pull out a book that had been given to us by a family friend. It is called “Adventure Challenge: Family Edition.” (I highly recommend this activity book; find out more about it at www.theadventurechallenge.com.) The premise of the book is that you choose an adventure knowing nothing about it other than the title and a few generic details (e.g., do this activity outside / inside; you’ll need a car to do this activity; this activity may cost some money; etc.). But importantly, you don’t know the details of the adventure until you pick one and scratch off the square with the description and rules. Once you scratch off the square, you are committed. You *have* to do that activity.

The activity that Micah chose that day directed us to get \$10 in quarters then to drive around to find at least three different places with claw machines and take turns trying to nab a toy. I hadn’t played with one of those claw machines in years. They were always such a waste of money in my estimation. But this adventure demanded that we do it. So, we did. And that adventure turned out to be SO MUCH FUN! Not so much because we actually did win a couple times, but because it was an adventure that we got to do together. We got to hunt for claw machines in and near Durango. We got to chat with random people around town about their experience with claw machines, and whether they knew where to find one. We got to drive around town, listening to music of our choosing and singing along loudly and dramatically. And, of course, we got to actually play with these machines and watch with disbelief as it dragged a toy out of the pile of stuffed animals! It was great!

One of the things that I am looking forward to most about my Renewal Leave is all of the time that I *don’t* have scheduled and pre-planned. As procrastinator-y as I am, I have to admit that most of my life is pretty scheduled. I have definite patterns and routines that I follow most days. My calendar is a Godsend, helping me to know where to be and when. So, for these upcoming fifteen weeks of Renewal Leave, I’m looking forward to more impromptu adventures and exploring and learning. I’m looking forward to more adventures like the one that I had with Micah, that are unexpected and gloriously refreshing. Those are experiences, I have found, that refresh my spirit.

If you’d like to know more about my upcoming Renewal Leave and how you might use the same time as a way to rejuvenate and renew your spirit, please come talk to me. I’d love to share more details with you.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

January 2022 - Faith Formation

“What Was Your Favorite Christmas Gift?”

Often, mine is one I gave. Growing up, I loved messing with my greedy little sister. One year she wanted a fan brush for her oil paints. So I got one for her and put it in a GIANT box and wrapped it up. Then I took a pencil and taped hair procured from my hairbrush into the shape of a fan at the end of the pencil. Then I wrapped it very obviously in the shape of a fan brush. Both the “brush” and the real brush in the giant box went under the tree. Christmas morning, with nary a greeting, she raced to the tree, grabbed the obviously wrapped brush, and yanked off the wrapping. When she saw it was nasty hair taped to a pencil... well, she was mad. And she threw it across the room. That’s when I decided: I’m never going to ask for particular gifts ever again, because I never want to seem that selfish and greedy. You can ask my dear daughter Maggie the nightmare of wanting to give her mother a gift but having to pay attention to who I am to find just the right thing. Which, she knows, also isn’t necessary – I just want time with her. I don’t want things.

But, I must say, child *nailed it* with the most lovely, most thoughtful, most time-together-reading-this gift I have ever received. As you can see from the picture above, the a book by Charlie Mackesy titled *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. It is glorious. The text, the pictures...glorious. I bet they have it down at Maria’s or Y.E.S.S. The Book Hutch. Go grab a copy for yourself, your parents, your kids, your aunt, your uncle, your friend, your hairdresser, your *whomever*. And that’s all I have to say about that.

January 2022 - CtK Youth

“Fun Comes Quickly In 2022”

All are welcome to join the CtK Youth on Sunday, January 2nd, after worship (about 10:30am) for a welcome to 2022 party! We’ll eat and play games and see Garrett (he’s been away at boarding school) and we’ll talk about the Youth Group schedule for 2022. And we’ll relax and just hang out. It’ll be super fun – see you there!

January 2022 - 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.

November 2021 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	November	YTD 2021
Synod	\$ 2,197	\$ 19,969
World Hunger	\$ 425	\$ 14,658
Social Ministry	\$ 1,667	\$ 21,398
Total Benevolence	\$ 4,289	\$ 56,025

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 31,710	\$ 286,915
Facility Donations	\$ ---	\$ 590
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 9,167
Expenses	\$ 31,936	\$ 312,167
Net Operating Income	\$ 608	\$ (15,484)
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 203,055
Building Fund Balance		\$ 12,949
Love Fund Balance		\$ 26,265

Dec 1st – Dec 29th, 2021 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM
December 1	4 P + 5 D	
December 5		67 P + 38 D
December 8	9 P + 2 D	
December 12		75 P + 38 D
December 15	0 P + 4 D	
December 19		64 P + 29 D
December 22	0 P + 3 D	
December 24 (5pm)		75 P + 53 D
December 24 (7pm)		16 P
December 26		37 P + 37 D
December 29	0 P + 3 D	
GRAND TOTAL	13 P + 17 D	334 P + 195 D

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).

January 2022 - Worship Assistant Schedule

Sunday Worship Assistants <u>9:00 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Usher	Usher	Reader
January 2 – 9:00 am	John Condie	Wanda Ellingson	Eryn Orłowski
January 9 – 9:00 am	Carla Gonnevill	David Smith	John Condie
January 16 – 9:00 am	John Condie	Wanda Ellingson	Karen Rosenberger
January 23 – 9:00 am	Catherine Hawk	Carla Gonnevill	Eryn Orłowski
January 30 – 9:00 am	John Condie	Wanda Ellingson	Amy Wendland

January 2022 - Social Ministry News

Annual Holiday Thank You!

All of us at the church who coordinate our congregation's outreach to the community want to thank everyone who participated in our many holiday activities.

For all of you who cut, cooked, and smushed the annual Thanksgiving Stuffing—Job well Smushed! We even got a shout out from the staff at Manna that made it into the Herald. Special thanks to Jeff Saville for coordinating the whole thing.

To all of you who adopted a child for the Family Center's Toy Drive—a heartfelt thank you from the staff of the center and the children and families blessed by your generosity!

Special thanks to all the Quilters that made the stockings for the children of the Family Center and all of you who brought goodies, toys and toothbrushes to fill them!

Thanks for your many other gifts blessing others, and in particular, your support of our mission church partners.

NELM Support

The Twelve Days of Christmas....thanks to the generosity of many members, we were able to share God's love with our extended family, our Mission Partners at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rockpoint, AZ. A few particular thank yous go out to Don Bruning, Bob Harms, Dan & Angelia Graves, Wanda Ellingson, John Condie, Tom & Dottie Robinson, and the Piecemakers.

12+ quilts made with love by our Piecemakers
11 kids winter coats
10 bed sheet sets
9 Holy Bibles ("Diyin God Bizaad–The Holy Bible in Navajo language")
8 boxes of facemasks
7 or more outfits for young boys
6 hats and gloves
5 Tylenol bottles
4 desk organizers (and extra folders galore, a 3-hole punch, pencil sharpeners and a desk chair)
3 microwave/toaster ovens
2 crockpots, 2 large cooking pots and 2 first aid kits
And a wish of God's unending love

"So grateful - Yá'át'ée'h Késhmish from all of us. Wishing you a season of hope and abundance. Blessings, Pastor Kate Adelman"

Zaculeu, Guatemala

Christ the King joined Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN, in raising money for one of our families at Augustine Lutheran Church in La Libertad, Guatemala. Pedro, the three-year son of the head of this church, was born with intestines on the outside of his body. He was operated on as an infant and requires a second surgery now. The public clinic in the remote area near the church cannot operate due to COVID, but a private clinic is willing to perform the surgery at a cost of \$2500. Our Savior's raised \$1750 and Christ the King raised \$1725 during our special collections on December 5th and 12th.

January 2022 - 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. The group's 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. For more information contact: Sharyn Butler csharynb@yahoo.com and/or Dian Jenkins jenkdian@gmail.com

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.ctkdurango.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 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 and we have moved 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)

January 2022 - Fellowship Groups

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

Update from Piecemakers

The Piecemakers & other CtK-era joined forces with Hug-Li® doll creators and LPFCC volunteers to sew, stuff, and help distribute 227 Christmas stockings! We're already looking forward to Christmas 2022!! THANK YOU to all who so generously donated items to fill the stockings and help bring a bit of joy to so many this Christmas.

We've decided to add another day each month for those who would like to join our ministry. Beginning in January 2022, the Piecemakers will meet at 10:00 on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. (Jan. 10th & 24th) Join us for either or both of those days! If you've always wanted to learn how to sew, now is your chance! We have experienced sewers who LOVE to share their knowledge and love of the craft.

We'll have year-end numbers (for donated quilts) ready for the next Scribe.

As always, thank you for your support of this ministry!!

CtK Book Club

The CtK Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 3PM outside in the CtK Columbarium.

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*.

January 2022 - 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](#).

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.

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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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Save the Dates – January

*CtK's Noisy Offering designee for the month of January is the **Durango Food Bank***

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

January 2022 - 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.