

August 2022 Scribe Newsletter

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August 2022—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

Pastor Tim Is On Renewal Leave

August 2022—Thoughts from Chaplain Paul

“What Is Your Bread?”

*“I don't preach a social gospel; I preach **the** gospel, period.
The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person.
When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, 'Now is that political or social?'
He said, 'I feed you.' Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.”*

These words from Archbishop Desmond Tutu have long inspired me. They haunt me, as well, because they stand as an unflinching challenge to demonstrate our faith through works. I hear echoes of Saint James' “faith without works is dead” (2:17, cf. 2:26). James specifies the sort of work he means when he says, “If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what good is that?” (2:15-16). “Daily food,” points directly to Jesus' “give us today our *daily bread*” (Matt. 6:11; Luke 11:3).

The good news—the gospel—is bread. What is it about this simple staple, that it stands as emblematic of nourishment, both bodily and spiritual? In the book of Exodus, we hear of God feeding the Hebrews in the desert with “bread from heaven” (16:4). The Hebrew word “manna” literally means “what is it?” (מַנְהוּ, or “mān hū”), and the text seems to imply that “what it is” is some sort of quail droppings! (16:13). But the word that God uses for this gift is “bread.” And, of course, at the “last supper,” the Passover meal that Jesus Christ shared with his disciples, Jesus broke *bread* and gave it for all to eat, saying, “This is my body.” He instructing them to eat it “for the remembrance of me”—words that harken back to the *first* Passover supper, when the Hebrews prepared to escape their enslavement in Egypt. God instructed them to eat unleavened *bread* to mark that “day of *remembrance*” (12:14)! The words “remembrance” and “bread” are not used arbitrarily. Rather, they point to the constancy of God's presence and love throughout God's relationship with us.

What is your “bread”? I am actually asking two questions here. First, what is the bread that you *need*? What is it that nourishes you, body and soul, and what do you hunger for? If James, or Bishop Desmond, or I were to ask you how we can be Christ for you, how would you respond? And how would you, in receiving or getting to share this nourishment, *remember* the largess that is the sacrifice and the eternal life of Jesus Christ?

And second, what is the bread that you *have*? What are your God-given gifts with which you can feed the hearts and spirits (and yes, bodies) of your sisters and brothers? How do you feel called to serve Christ by serving others—and how do you respond to that call? We are each extended an invitation from God to love God by loving one another. In that invitation is the promise that your

faith and your relationship with Jesus will take root, grow, and blossom through your responses. And it also contains the assurance that this call is wholly for your benefit, and never for your condemnation. Serve as you are able, and know that there is no such thing as “not good enough” in God’s eyes. You are loved as you are, and God, through the Holy Spirit, will continue to invite and encourage you; and next time, and the time after that, you will serve more fully, more passionately, more *neighborly*. And each time you will find that your faith has grown a bit stronger, your heart a bit larger, and your love a bit more fearless.

Next month we celebrate “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday (also known as “Rally Sunday”), a day for us to commit our lives to serving others. As we prepare our hearts for this day, let us be nourished by the living bread, the body of Christ. And let us use that nourishment to *be* Christ’s body, using our hands (and minds and hearts and souls) to do God’s work for the benefit of the world. Saint Francis of Assisi advises us to, “Preach the gospel at all times; if necessary, use words.” May our works be our proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. And may that good news...be your bread.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul

August 2022 - Faith Formation

Day Camp Was Amazing!

4 Rainbow Trail Counselors

11 Jr Counselors

32 Campers

1 Ronald the cat

It was a beautiful week of faith and fun!

Thank you to everyone who fed the counselors (Dian May, Carol Orlowski & Bev Dittmer) and the myriad of secret squirrels who ordered snacks and supplies from the Walmart Day Camp Registry. A special thanks to those who contributed money to pay for the campers’ scholarships: There were 6 this year!

August 2022 - CtK Youth

College Bound!

This month we say goodbye to our college-bound youth, Kristina Bodewes and Matt Pane.

Kristina made quite a mark this summer when she trekked off on the Colorado Trail, dedicating her hike to [Compañeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center](#). It has been lovely to get to know this sweet soul, and I know she will continue to give back to her community, which, for the next 4 years, will be UC Boulder.

CtK has had the privilege of watching **Matt** grow up into quite a leader, in Youth group, Day Camp, at *Behold!* and in the many sports he at which he excelled.

He's off to the Colorado School of Mines, where he will continue to do good things.

Many blessings to you both. Let us know if you ever need anything from your CtK family. Be sure to come visit us when you can!

August 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.*

June 2022 Financials

| Our Gifts Blessing Others | June | YTD 2022 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Synod | \$ 1,504 | \$ 11,212 |
| World Hunger | \$ 460 | \$ 11,063 |
| Social Ministry | \$ 650 | \$ 12,143 |
| Total Benevolence | \$ 2,614 | \$ 34,418 |

Financial Update

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Gifts Received | \$ 21,883 | \$ 162,172 |
| Facility Donations | \$ 645 | \$ 1,289 |
| Rental Income | \$ 833 | \$ 5,000 |
| Expenses | \$ 23,879 | \$ 167,462 |
| Net Operating Income | \$ (518) | \$ 998 |
| Endowment Fund Balance | | \$ 176,161 |
| Building Fund Balance | | \$ 14,685 |
| Love Fund Balance | | \$ 28,127 |

July 3rd – 31st, 2022 Attendance

| Date | Wed. 6:00 PM | Sunday, 9:30 AM |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| July 3 | | 57 P + 33 D |
| July 6 | 20 P | |
| July 10 | | 55 P + 29 D |
| July 13 | 27 P | |
| July 17 | | 44 P + 31 D |
| July 20 | 18 P | |
| July 24 | | 72 P + 41 D |
| July 27 | 17 P | |
| July 31 | | 52 P + 33 D |
| GRAND TOTAL | 82 P | 280 P + 167 D |

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).

August 2022 - Worship Assistant Schedule

| Sunday Worship Assistants <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted. | Usher | Usher | Reader |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| August 7 – 9:30 am | Catherine Hawk | David Smith | Karen Rosenberger |
| August 14 – 9:30 am | Carla Gonnevill | Barbara Hawxhurst | Lynn Mitzlaff |
| August 21 – 9:30 am | Lynn Mitzlaff | Anita Ashby | Carol Orlowski |
| August 28 – 9:30 am | Catherine Hawk | Barbara Hawxhurst | Amy Wendland |

| Sunday Media Desk <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted. | Pro Presenter | Camera Op. | Sound Board |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| August 7 – 9:30 am | Dan Graves | Angelia Graves | Dan & Angelia |
| August 14 – 9:30 am | Anita Ashby | Gary Rollstin | TBD |
| August 21 – 9:30 am | Catherine Hawk | Gary Rollstin | TBD |
| August 28 – 9:30 am | Anita Ashby | Gary Rollstin | TBD |

August 2022 - Social Ministry News

[“Habitat for Humanity – Updates & Noisy Offerings!”](#)

Habitat for Humanity is our August recipient for the CtK Noisy Offering!

This summer, John Condi, Larry Rardin, Kim Hobby, Bev Dittmer, Jim May, and Rap plus Jackie and John Coskin, for a total of 8 participated in the Habitat Build/helped prepare lunch. A special thanks to Larry Hjermstad whose Thrivent donation was used to pay for the volunteers’ lunch.

Build Status of Duplex (Updated)

- The exterior walls are all built and the 2nd floor interior walls in the west unit are complete.
- All of the sewer, water, electrical, and other connections have been made; the backfill has started around the front portion of the homes.

- Americorps volunteers ran down to Tempe for a week to volunteer at the wheelchair games in Tempe, AZ.
Habitat has also built interior walls in the east unit and sheath the exterior. Roofers to come out soon along with a crew to build the stairs.

Our special thanks to Anita Ashby for picking up the slack and meeting with Rachel, not to mention following up on the Temple Talk. You rock!

Thank you to everyone for giving of their time and talents. We look forward to August!

August 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. our new study is on Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English anchoress and mystic. We will be using readings, videos, the book "Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic- and Beyond" (Matthew Fox) and discussions to guide our study. 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 Deacon Mandy

******NOTE***: Bible study is cancelled on Thursday, August 4th. For questions, please contact the church office.***

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”)

We are a group of ladies that get together every Thursday at 1:15 P.M. In the community hall. We start a check of how everything one is doing and say a prayer for all of those in need with our group, our congregation, and friends. We are discussing *The Deeply Formed Life* by Rich Villodas. It is the same book that the church is reading and discussing with Deacon Mandy on Sundays. If you can’t meet on Sundays and would like to know more about the book, please join us. Judy Olson judy_olson@yahoo.com or 651-303-8450.

Spiritual Study Group (SSG)

Currently, the Spiritual Study Group meets on Thursdays from 3:00pm - 4:30pm on-site in the Chapel. (Unless Covid case numbers rise, in which case we will go back to Zoom). We’re studying “*The Difficult Words of Jesus*” by Amy-Jill Levine. For more information, or the Zoom link, contact Aurora Rose. (970-382-1848)

August 2022 - Fellowship Groups

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The CTK quilting group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the community hall. We make Baptism and prayer quilts for members of our congregation as they are needed. We also make quilts for our local nursing homes and the Navajo Nation through NELM. This year we are also making new paraments for our sanctuary.

If you are interested in quilting, please join us. If you would like to quilt but don’t know how, join us and we will teach you. Judy Olson. judy_olson@yahoo.com or 651-303-8450.

CtK Book Club

Our Book Club meets in the Community Hall at 3:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. On August 11, we will be discussing *Still Life* by Louise Penny. The following months we will be reading:

September - *The Lady's Midnight Swimming Club* by Faith Hogan

October - *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro

November - *Imagine Me Gone* by Adam Haslett

December - Christmas Luncheon

If you like to read and discuss books, please join us. We would love to have you.
Judy Olson at judy_olson@yahoo.com or 651-303-8450.

August 2022 - In Other News. . .

Worship Information

Sunday, 9:30 AM – INDOOR & LIVE STREAM

We have updated our worship time! We hope you'll join us in the CtK Sanctuary. All are welcome!

Wednesday "Behold!" 6:00PM – IN-PERSON - CtK Community Hall

We are having dinner before Behold! Come and join us for food and fellowship @ 5:30pm prior to the Wednesday evening service.

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

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 Deacon Mandy a call (970-247-5310) or touch base with him between Sunday services. Training will be provided for all volunteers. Thanks for your consideration.

The Chancel Choir is once again filling the Sanctuary with their melodious voices.

We have also begun ringing the bells! Our new handbell ensemble will begin rehearsals and performing soon! 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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CtK Summer Book Study

Join us for our summer book study! Pick up your books June 5th or 12th – Reading begins the week of June 13th! Discussion sessions are every Sunday following the 9:30am service, (Approximately 10:30am), in the Community Hall.

Save the Dates – August

*CtK's Noisy Offering designee for the month
of August: **Habitat for Humanity***

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Opportunities to Volunteer in Your Community

Alternative Horizons (Email: alternativehorizons.org)

Alternative Horizons has a 24/7/365 hotline. We staff the hotline with volunteers. Right now our numbers are down and we are in need of volunteers. It takes 15 or more volunteer to fully staff the hotline. Was wondering if there might be a chance for AH to talk with church members about the volunteer position. A lot of time with direct contact people get what they need to know about the volunteering more so than on a flyer. Or maybe you could get an announcement in the Newsletter. Really anything would help. If an individual would just like to come and do the training, that would be fine too. They would just have to let me know that they want to come. No commitment necessary.

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

August 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. 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 Li Miller
- Pastor Art Meyer & Family
- Ken Zipperer
- The Family of Dan Graves
- The Family of Dave Mitzlaff
- Brigitte Cunningham
- The Family of Jeff Wince
- Stetson Keegan
- The Family of Tom Duft
- The Family of David Smith
- The Family of Ann Duft
- Pete Olson
- 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 their summer season. Keep them safe in their travels and ready for a new school year to come.
- 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!
- Tim Orłowski as he continues his renewal leave. Help him to carry your message of love and to be refreshed and renewed during this time of rest and reflection. For the Orłowski family in their travels and to all our congregational families during this time. Amen!

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