

November 2022 Scribe Newsletter

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November 2022—Pastor Tim's Thoughts

Deep Thoughts...

Pastor Tim is deep in thought and will share those with us soon. Stay tuned...

November 2022 - Faith Formation

Continue to Deeply Form Your Life!

As we continue to delve into the practices that make a life deeply formed in Christ, CtK welcomes guest speaker Rhonda Muckerman on November 6th. Rhonda will give us a lesson on Jin Shin Jyutsu after worship (from about 10:45 – 11:45 am) in the Community Hall.

You don't want to miss this amazing seminar!

Jin Shin Jyutsu is an ancient form of healing from Japan. It translates as “The Art of the Creator through the Man of Compassion” or simply put, the “Art of Happiness.”

Jin Shin Jyutsu (JSJ) works on all levels—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual—to restore us to our optimal state of health. It is a gentle, yet powerful form of healing that opens up and fortifies the energetic meridians in our body which have shut down due to stress or the effects of an unhealthy lifestyle, etc.

A remarkable aspect of JSJ is that we can apply it to ourselves in many simple ways. Rhonda L Muckerman is a registered practitioner of JSJ since 2005. She enjoys teaching people how to utilize this ancient healing art to relieve stress, balance emotions, and improve all aspects of our health.

See you on November 6th at 10:45am in the Community Hall and let's get happy!

November 2022 - CtK Youth

Youth Group Art Gala Entry: A Primer

The Youth got REALLY creative with their Art Gala Project, and to appreciate it in its entirety, you need to be familiar with Twitter. And a bunch of Biblical women.

What is Twitter?

Twitter is a social media site, and its primary purpose is to connect people and allow people to share their thoughts with a big audience. The art project begins in a particular Biblical woman's

Twitter profile (it's a great read). You'll see a tweet from her and the attention (good and not-so-good) that the tweet garners.

What's a Twitter handle?

A Twitter handle is simply the Twitter name shown when you post a Tweet. When you are using Twitter, you are encouraged to use what is called a Twitter handle. Many personal Twitter users use a Twitter handle that is more personal to them or their friends. Pay close attention to the individual handles in the art project; they're pretty on-point.

What's a Hashtag?

Hashtags begin with the pound symbol and are followed by a keyword. Hashtags are a great way to tap into conversations happening on Twitter. You'll find a very popular hashtag in the art project, along with some others that flesh out the other people responding to the thread.

What's a Thread?

A thread is a series of connected Tweets that allows you to provide additional information about the same Tweet. You'll see lots of Biblical Women responding and retweeting in the project.

Who are the characters in the project?

Without giving too much away, you should be familiar with the Bathsheba/King David story and a few other Biblical women.

Bathsheba was married to Uriah, one of King David's generals. While she was bathing, David saw her and was overcome with lust. David was the king and no woman in his kingdom would have the power or authority to deny his sexual advances. David further abuses his regal power to cover up his adulterous rape and its ensuing pregnancy by having Bathsheba's husband murdered in cold blood. Ultimately, David is held accountable for his sin. In their art project, the Youth imagine that the modern Twitterverse, rather than the prophet Nathan, is how David is held accountable.

Susanna: A beautiful Hebrew wife named Susanna was falsely accused by lecherous voyeurs. As she bathes alone in her garden, two elders spy on her and lust for her. When she makes her way back to her house, they accost her, demanding she have sexual intercourse with them. When she refuses, they have her arrested, claiming that the reason she sent her maids away was to be alone as she was having intercourse with a young man under a tree. She refuses to be blackmailed, is arrested, and is about to be put to death for adultery when the young Daniel interrupts the proceedings, shouting that the elders should be questioned to prevent the death of an innocent. After being separated, the two men are cross-examined about details of what they saw, but since they are lying, they disagree about the tree under which Susanna supposedly met her lover. The false accusers are put to death, and virtue triumphs.

Tamar: Tamar was married to Judah's eldest Son, Er, who God deemed wicked and killed. Because of the law of Levirate marriage, Judah gave his next eldest son to be Tamar's husband. But he did wrong in the sight of God as well, so God killed him, too. Judah now thought Tamar

was the one causing all this – it couldn't possibly be because his sons were awful people – so Judah refuses to give his youngest son to Tamar in marriage. This is very bad for Tamar – it basically ends her purpose in life, to have children. So she disguises herself under a veil and pretends to be a sex worker and Judah himself sleeps with her. As “payment” for her services, Tamar demands Judah's staff and signet and cord. Smart thinking, because when she turns up pregnant – with twins – Judah wants her burned to death. But when Tamar produces Judah's own belongings as proof that she didn't stray from the family, Judah acknowledges that “She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.”

Deborah: According to the Book of Judges, Deborah was a prophetess of the God of the Israelites, the fourth Judge of pre-monarchic Israel and the only female judge mentioned in the Bible.

Thecla: Thecla is a first-century noblewoman of Iconium (in modern Turkey). When she hears Paul preach in her hometown, she is so absorbed in his message that she neither eats nor drinks for three days. She promptly becomes a Christian and decides to remain unmarried and celibate, as Paul advised. Unfortunately, this is seen as a subversive act by her fiancé and her family, and Thecla is violently persecuted by being burned in a bonfire. Miraculously, the flames do not touch her, and she is spared. After this close brush with death, she leaves Iconium and follows the Apostle Paul to Antioch. There, Alexander, one of the city's leaders, desires Thecla. When she rejects him, Alexander hauls her in front of the governor, who sentences her to be thrown to wild beasts in an arena. Again, she miraculously survives this persecution—and emerges from the arena unharmed. After her second miraculous deliverance, Thecla is freed, and she goes in search of the Apostle Paul once more. When she encounters him in Myra, he commissions her to spread the Gospel of Christianity, teach the Bible, and even baptize converts. Paul seems to be the only man in Thecla's life who doesn't objectify her, but sees her as an ally in evangelism.

Eve: We figure you know all about her. We also imagine she's a bit sick of taking all the blame, btw.

Judith: A daring and beautiful widow, Judith is upset with her Jewish countrymen for not trusting God to deliver them from their foreign conquerors. She goes with her loyal maid to the camp of the enemy general, Holofernes, with whom she slowly ingratiates herself, promising him information on the Israelites. Gaining his trust, she is allowed access to his tent one night as he lies in a drunken stupor. She decapitates him, then takes his head back to her fearful countrymen. The Assyrians, having lost their leader, disperse, and Israel is saved. Though she is courted by many, Judith remains unmarried for the rest of her life.

Sophia: Sophia appears in many passages of the Bible as the female personification of wisdom. As such, she gets the last word in the imagined Twitter thread.

See you at the Art Gala!

November 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.

September 2022 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	September	YTD 2022
Synod	\$ 2,132	\$ 17,048
World Hunger	\$ 460	\$ 12,443
Social Ministry	\$ 2,510	\$ 18,498
Total Benevolence	\$ 5,102	\$ 47,988

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 30,861	\$ 246,579
Facility Donations	\$ 225	\$ 1,964
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 7,500
Expenses	\$ 28,297	\$ 251,769
Net Operating Income	\$ 3,621	\$ 4,274
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 168,771
Building Fund Balance		\$ 15,641
Love Fund Balance		\$ 29,351

October 2nd – 30th, 2022 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
October 2		77 P + 30 D
October 5	9 P	
October 9		66 P + 31 D
October 12	20 P	
October 16		70 P + 26 D
October 19	9 P	
October 23		63 P + 38 D
October 26	14 P	
October 30		57 P + 33 D
GRAND TOTAL	52 P	333 P + 158 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).

November 2022 - Worship Assistant Schedule

Sunday Worship Assistants <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Usher	Usher	Reader
November 6 – 9:30 am	Carol Orłowski	Carla Gonnevill	Barb Wirsching
November 13 – 9:30 am	Gary Henschen	David Smith	Karen Rosenberger
November 20 – 9:30 am	Barbara Hawxhurst	David Smith	Carol Orłowski
November 27– 9:30 am	Barbara Hawxhurst	Gary Orłowski	Carol Orłowski

Sunday Media Desk <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Pro Presenter	Camera Op.	Sound Board
November 6 – 9:30 am	Anita Ashby	David Smith	Gary Orłowski
November 13 – 9:30 am	Catherine Hawk	Gary Rollstin	Gary Orłowski
November 20 – 9:30 am	Anita Ashby	Gary Rollstin	Gary Orłowski
November 27 – 9:30 am	Catherine Hawk	Gary Rollstin	David Smith

November 2022 - Social Ministry News

[We Will Make Stuffing Again This Year!](#)

So the holiday season is starting! While the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is now, regrettably, a thing of the past, Manna Soup Kitchen has taken over the task. CtK will fulfill its usual commitment to the community on Thanksgiving by assembling the stuffing, so please put the annual Stuffing for the 400 Party on your calendar on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (which my calendar says is the 22nd of November). We will meet at Manna Soup Kitchen to chop vegetables, cook the sausage, tear the bread and smoosh together the ingredients for our now legendary stuffing. If you have any questions, you may call Jeff Saville @ (928) 699-5779 or ask John Condie, who can often be found loitering in the welcome center by the donuts before and after the 9:30 service.

The Noisy Offering Recipient for November is Housing Solutions for the Southwest – thank you CtK!!

Christ the King Mission Endowment Fund

Grant Application Deadline – 15 December, 2022

What is the Mission Endowment Fund?

The fund was designed to support Christ the King Lutheran Church in its mission. The Fund receives unrestricted gifts and bequests from congregation members and their families, and friends of Christ the King.

This is a permanent endowment fund that is separate and distinct from the everyday operating funds of the church. The assets are held by the ELCA Endowment Fund Trust to provide for their long-term stability and growth, so donors can be confident that their gifts will endure to continue God's work within our congregation, the community of Durango, and the world.

How do I apply for a Mission Endowment Fund Grant?

Applications can be made at any time of the year, but the Board meets once a year, in January, to review all applications that were received prior to December 15st of the previous year.

The application form can be found on the Christ the King website at ctkdurango.org/learn-more/documents/ in a fillable .pdf format.

To submit it, you may email to mef@ctkdurango.org.

Or it can be mailed to the church at:

Mission Endowment Fund
Christ the King Lutheran Church
495 Florida Road
Durango, Colorado 81301-4730

If you have questions about filling out the application, or what kinds of projects or agencies might be appropriate, feel free to contact the board at mef@ctkdurango.org. Or, of course, you may talk with any of us at church.

Yours in Christ,
The MEF Board

John Condie, Lynn Mitzlaff, Megan Reid, Renate Widder, and Gary Rollstin

Christmas is coming!!!!

The Social Ministry Team invites you all to participate in the ELCA Good Gifts program that keeps on giving. Using the online catalogue, you can choose from more than 50 sustainable gifts, in honor of family and friends, to give to people throughout the world who are in desperate need. Go to goodgifts@ELCA.org to start shopping.

There is Still More!!!!

Don't forget to put Colorado Gives Day on your calendar! This will be held on Tuesday, 12/6/22. Community First Foundation and 1st Bank have partnered with sponsors around the state to provide \$1 Million Incentive Fund that will make your donation more powerful for local nonprofits. Go to www.coloradogives.org/cogivesday website to donate.

Let's spread the love!

November 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

Bible Study class meets on Thursdays from 12:00-1:15 PM. 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 currently discussing "Love Wins" by Rob Bell. If you can't meet on Thursdays and would like to know more about the book, please contact 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)

November 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 would like to work on the paraments but not quilt, contact Carol Orłowski at 248-245-3541. We are now starting to make Christmas stockings for the less fortunate in La Plata County. Some of these people had never had a Christmas stocking. Last year we made several hundred and they were so appreciated.

If you would like to join us in this endeavor, Contact Judy Olson. We will provide you with a pattern, Christmas material, and lining. 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@yahoo.com 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 November 10, we will be discussing Imagine Me Gone by Adam Haslett.

The following months we will be reading:

- December – Christmas Luncheon
- January 2023 – Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- February – We Begin at the End by Chris Whitker
- March – Ladies Midnight Swimming Club by Faith Hogan
- April – Mesa Verde Victim by Scott Graham. (Scott is a local writer)

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.

November 2022 - In Other News. . .

Worship Information

Sunday, 9:30 AM – INDOOR & LIVE STREAM

We hope you'll join us in the CtK Sanctuary and online. 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 @ 5:26pm 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

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.

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The **Chancel Choir** is filling the Sanctuary with their melodious voices. The choir meets for rehearsals on Monday evenings from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

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!

The newly formed **Handbell Ensemble** is ringing out the good news and praises!

This group practices on Sunday mornings @ 8:30am. Please contact Jared Wright, Choir/Music Director or Anita Ashby if you would like to ring. Jared can be reached at 970-759-1834 or email chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org – All are welcome!

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Continued Studies – The Deeply Formed Life

November 6th after worship – Join us for a Jin Shin Jyutsu session, led by Rhonda Muckerman. Be sure to check out the “[Faith Formation](#)” section of the newsletter for an in depth look at the seminar description. See you there!

Save the Dates – November

*CtK’s Noisy Offering designee for the month of November:
Housing Solutions for the Southwest*

- Sunday, November 6th – Birthday Sunday! Join us after our 9:30am service for fellowship and cake as we celebrate the CtK November Birthdays! Cheers!
- Sunday, November 13th – Join us immediately after church for our Semi-Annual Meeting. We will discuss our previous meeting minutes, the budget, do some voting, and have a jolly-good time!
- Sunday, November 13th – Join us for a potluck meal after the Semi-Annual Meeting
- Saturday, November 19th – Join us for a Fall Hike and Fellowship. Contact the church office for more information.

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The Altar Guild and Piecemakers quilting group are pleased to present new paraments to the congregation beginning with the Tree of Life for the Days After Pentecost season. The Tree of Life growing from the Father’s creating hands recalls the tree of life in the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 1:9). It also recalls the tree made into a cross on which Jesus was crucified. By His death our sins are forgiven and we receive new life in Him. The words, “Behold, come be made new” recall Revelations 21:5 where John writes of his vision of a new heaven and earth and God proclaims, “I am making all things new.”

Our Many Thanks to Pastor Karen & Diego for visiting in October!

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

November 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](#))

- Codey Roy (US Air Force) & Jared Peterson (US Army), Great-Nephews of Megan Reid
- 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](#))

- Cheryle Brandsma
- The Family of Larry Rardin
- The Family of Ardys Daniels
- 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 continue their fall semester. Keep them safe and help them remain studious during the school year.
- 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.
