

May 2023 Scribe Newsletter

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May 2023 - Pastor Tim's Thoughts

Church Explained

Pastor Tim hosts “Church Explained”, a monthly video that features discussions and brief educational summaries on topics related to CtK and our Lutheran Church, traditions, and faith. This month’s episode is all about selecting a bible that is right for you.

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May 2023 - Faith Formation

Day Camp is all about Grace!

Day Camp 2023 is once again the 2nd full week of July — July 10-13 to be exact — and we need your generosity once again!

The [Wal-Mart registry](#) is ready for your perusal and purchase power.

Rainbow Trail [Counselors need to be fed](#) and cared for.

[Campers can register here](#) – invite every potty-trained kid you know!

[Find more information \(dates, times, ages, etc.\) here.](#)

Here’s what Rainbow Trail has in store for us:

“This summer, we will be looking at the radical and unwavering way that God loves us. We’ll explore Grace—the unearned, undeserved, unwavering and unconditional love that God has for us.

As people, and especially as American people, we are taught that hard work brings results; that we are expected to go out and earn a living; that we take risks and sometimes they pay off, sometimes they don’t. We learn that we are rewarded in life depending upon what WE DO. And that is the way it works among us humans. To approach our days otherwise would often be careless and in all likelihood, irresponsible. But in looking at God’s love for us, it’s not about what WE DO. It is about what God has already DONE. It is about being considered worthy enough by our creator to be loved, no matter what. It has been said that there is nothing we can DO to make God love us more that God already does. And there is nothing we can DO that will make God love us any less. God loves us. Period. That’s grace.

From a paycheck perspective, that doesn’t make sense. From a legal perspective, it makes no sense. Honestly, from a HUMAN perspective, it just doesn’t add up. We are loved, no matter what? Really? Yes, really. We will learn together about this grace—this unconditional love—that passes all understanding. This grace, that is a free gift from our creator. This grace, that is

already ours. May God bless you as you guide the children and as you explore together this world of unlimited love given to us by our God. This world of grace.”

May 2023 - CtK Youth

Day Camp need YOU(th)!

Ready to be a Jr. Counselor for Day Camp, July 10-13? Mandatory meeting Sunday, July 9th?

All the info you need, like dates, times, etc., can be found [here](#).

Or jump straight to the [registration form](#).

If you've never been a Jr Counselor before, don't be worried. We're all in this together – it's All About Grace. What could be better? Every Day Camp is different from the one before it, and it's always the absolute best time. So sign up NOW – what are you waiting for? Get a friend from school to volunteer with you if you want; the more, the merrier.

[Holler if you have questions or concerns](#). Hugs!

May 2023 - 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.

March 2023 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	March	YTD 2023
Synod	\$ 1,553	\$ 4,645
World Hunger	\$ 440	\$ 1,315
Noisy Offering	\$ 3,013	\$ 8,572
Social Ministry	\$ 3,480	\$ 5,980
Total Benevolence	\$ 8,486	\$ 20,511

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 22,581	\$ 67,313
Facility Donations	\$ 225	\$ 675
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 2,500
Expenses	\$ 30,837	\$ 92,644
Net Operating Income	\$ (7,197)	\$ (22,156)
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 173,133
Building Fund Balance		\$ 18,248
Love Fund Balance		\$ 29,300

April 2nd – 30th, 2023 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
April 2		81 P + 28 D
April 5	12 P	
April 6 (6:00pm)		35 P + 22 D
April 7 (6:00pm)		45 P + 20 D
April 8 (5:30pm)	59 P	
April 9 (SONrise)	21 P	
April 9		95 P + 36 D
April 12	6 P	
April 16		66 P + 26 D
April 19	8 P	
April 23		74 P + 24 D
April 26	12 P	
April 30		77 P + 21 D
GRAND TOTAL	118 P	473 P + 177 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).

May 2023 - Worship Assistant Schedule

Sunday Worship Assistants <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Usher	Usher	Reader
May 7 – 9:30 am	Carla Gonneville	John Condie	Aurora Rose
May 14 – 9:30 am	Anita Ashby	Catherine Hawk	Lisa Weber
May 21 – 9:30 am	Gary Henschen	Gary Orłowski	Amy Wendland
May 28 – 9:30 am	John Condie	Anita Ashby	Addison Ashby

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

May 2023 - Social Ministry News

Habitat for Humanity Update

CtK’s Habitat Build Day, June 10, is closer than you think! The sign-up sheet will go out on May 21st. Volunteers are needed to help build and a couple more to help with the lunch set up.

While June 10th is our usual Saturday work day, the *LOCATION* is different this year. We are back at 1470 Florida Rd, renovating Units 1 and 7 from previous years. Habitat will notify CtK closer to the date what exactly we will be doing.

Further information will be forthcoming in May.
If you have questions, please call Rap at 410-474-3571.

May 2023 - Bible Studies

Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets each Monday from 2:00pm-4:00pm. ***Check back soon for and update to our schedule as we transition into the summer months.*** 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. For more information contact: Sharyn Butler csharynb@yahoo.com and/or Dian Jenkins jenkdian@gmail.com

****NOTE:** We are currently 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 & 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 meet in the Community Hall every Thursday at 1:15. We begin with a check-in of how every one is doing. We then have a prayer for people in need in our families, our congregation and friends. We are just starting a book by Anne Lamont called Grace. We are currently meeting on Zoom but hopefully we will meet in person soon. If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Margaret Hjermsstad and she will put you on the list to join in our conversation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-303-8450 or Judy_olson@yahoo.com

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)

May 2023 - Fellowship Groups

CtK Piecemaker Quilters

The CtK quilting group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00am 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, please contact Carol Orłowski at (248)245-3541. We hope you enjoy the new paraments that were displayed. We are currently working on things for our sale in the fall.

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. For other questions, you can contact Judy Olson at (651)303-8450 or judy_olson@yahoo.com

CtK Book Club

Our book club gets together in the Community Hall on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 P.M. We are currently meeting on Zoom. This month we are reading *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. It is a story of a Quaker woman coming to the United States from England and finding the differences between the two countries.

We will be reading the following books in the coming months:

June. The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
July. The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
August. The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict
September Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
October Lightening Strike by Kent Krueger
November Horse by Geraldine Brooks

If you have any questions, contact Judy Olson at (651-303-8450) or judy_olson@yahoo.com.

May 2023 - 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 her during the week. 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 Director if you would like to sing. Jared can be reached at 970-759-1834 or email chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org – All are welcome!

The CtK **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 the church office or email chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org – All are welcome!

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The noisy offering partner for May is: **Habitat for Humanity**

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Save the Dates – May

Saturday, May 6 – Blood Drive in Memory of David Mitzlaff. [CLICK HERE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT](#)

Sunday, May 7 – Annual Meeting – Following our 9:30am worship service. Attend the meeting, hear our annual reports, vote on new Council Members, etc. See you there! Join us in-person or online. [CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM](#) (usual password)

Sunday, May 7 – Pot Luck Meal – Following our annual meeting there will be a pot luck meal. Stay for the meeting and then come and eat with us. Yum! This is also **Birthday Sunday!** We will be celebrating all of our CtK May Birthdays! Did someone say cake?? Woohoo!

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