

June 2023 Scribe Newsletter

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June 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 translation that is right for you.

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June 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. June 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.”

June 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!

June 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.*

April 2023 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	April	YTD 2023
Synod	\$ 1,448	\$ 6,093
World Hunger	\$ 440	\$ 1,755
Noisy Offering	\$ 7,668	\$ 16,240
Social Ministry	\$ 4,125	\$ 10,105
Total Benevolence	\$ 13,682	\$ 34,193

Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 21,113	\$ 88,425
Facility Donations	\$ 275	\$ 950
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 3,333
Expenses	\$ 31,300	\$ 123,948
Net Operating Income	\$ (9,079)	\$ (31,239)
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 177,806
Building Fund Balance		\$ 18,448
Love Fund Balance		\$ 28,261

May 3rd – 31st, 2023 Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
May 3	14 P	
May 7		60 P + 25 D
May 10	8 P	
May 14		78 P + 27 D
May 17	7 P	
May 21		70 P + 23 D
May 24	12 P	
May 28		73 P + 22 D
May 31	15 P	
GRAND TOTAL	56 P	281 P + 97 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).

June 2023 - Worship Assistant Schedule

Sunday Worship Assistants <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Usher	Usher	Reader
June 4 – 9:30 am	Anita Ashby	Carla Gonnevill	Addison Ashby
June 11 – 9:30 am	John Condie	Wanda Ellingson	Aurora Rose
June 18 – 9:30 am	John Condie	Wanda Ellingson	Carla Gonnevill
June 25 – 9:30 am	John Condie	Gary Henschen	Eryn Orłowski

Sunday Media Desk <u>9:30 am Inside Sanctuary</u> unless otherwise noted.	Pro Presenter	Camera Op.	Sound Board
June 4 – 9:30 am	Dan Graves	Angelia Graves	D & A Graves
June 11 – 9:30 am	Dan Graves	Angelia Graves	D & A Graves
June 18 – 9:30 am	Catherine Hawk	Gary Rollstin	Gary Orłowski
June 25 – 9:30 am	Catherine Hawk	Gary Rollstin	Gary Orłowski

June 2023 - Social Ministry News

Habitat for Humanity Update

Habitat for Humanity: CtK’s Habitat Build Day is **Saturday, June 10th from 8:30 am till 4:30 pm**. This Sunday, June 4th, is the last day to sign up. We need volunteers to help with the rehab and serve lunch. All volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver which is now available on the Habitat sign-up table in the visitors’ center or on site if you forget. Anyone 16 or 17 years old must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian as well and the parent or guardian must be on site.

A lot of the construction volunteering guidelines are common sense. Please bring sunscreen, hat, and work gloves, preferably leather. It is fine to bring your own tools if you want; just be sure they are all labeled with your name. Having your own water bottle is also a good idea. It is mandatory to wear closed-toes shoes (preferably work boots – NO sandals). Volunteers will be contacted the Monday prior to workday either by email or phone call with further details such as directions to the site, where to park, any updates, what we’ll be doing, etc. Please direct any question to Rap Fairley at 410-474-3571.

June 2023 - Bible Studies

Circle of Contemplative Prayer

The Circle of Contemplative Prayer meets the 1st, 3rd, and (if applicable) 5th Monday at 5:30pm. 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 is on a hiatus. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 22 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm on-site in the Chapel. For more information, or the Zoom link, contact Aurora Rose. (970-382-1848)

June 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 Orlowski 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.

June 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 June is: Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (**NELM**)

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Save the Dates – June

Sunday, June 4 – Birthday Sunday – Be sure to join us as we celebrate our CtK members who have birthdays in June! Did someone say cake and fellowship??

Sunday, June 4 – Self Guided Tour of CtK Indoor Community Spaces – Please enjoy a self-guided tour of our indoor community spaces before Sunday’s worship service to inform the post-service brainstorming session on next steps. Please consider asking and answering the following questions by posting your input on the whiteboard outside of the sanctuary, sending an email to the [church office](#), or providing your thoughts in person at the meeting. We welcome all thoughts and perspectives. Then join us for the Community Hall remodel meeting after our 9:30am service on Sunday June 4th. See you there!

– How are the spaces currently used?

– What are our priorities for the future?

– What needs to go?

– What do we need to keep?

Saturday, June 17 – CtK outdoor hike! We will be doing an in-town hike at Dalla Mountain Park. We will meet at the church at 8am and depart for the trailhead at 8:15am.

Saturday, June 17 – Don’t miss Aurora Rose in **Sing Me A Question** – A one woman production of Broadway show tunes that ask questions! 2:00pm in the CtK Sanctuary. The performance is a **benefit for Lutheran Disaster Relief** and donations of any amount will be appreciated. See you at the show!

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