

# Q1 2024 Scribe Newsletter

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# February 2024 – Church Explained

## Ash Wednesday & The Calendar Year

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 those calendar days. Enjoy!

<https://www.ctkdurango.org/pastor-tims-thoughts/church-explained-feb-2024/>

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# February 2024 - Faith Formation

## CtK Kids! Labor Day Episode

Deacon Mandy asks questions focusing on how much we know about CtK’s own on-site library. Have you used it lately? Take the survey and test your knowledge.

<https://www.ctkdurango.org/faith-formation/faith-formation-feb-2024/>

And now a ♪ from CtK’s Music Director

## The Tune of Your Heart

The source of all life resonates from our Creator and Heavenly Father pulsating in the tunefully beautiful beating of our hearts. When our hearts are in perfect tune, the heart beats on anonymously pulsating in the perfection of rhythm created by the Good Lord. What about our Spiritual Hearts? Have you thought about that? Read Psalm 150 which reminds us to “Let All Things Praise the Lord.” Combine Psalm 150 with The Lord’s Prayer and perhaps the “Tune of Your Heart” will resound with perfect tuning. The Chancel Choir, the Praise Band, Soloists, Instrumentalists and the largest CHOIR AT Christ the King—YOU, THE CONGREGATION, through worship tunes praising GOD (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) combine to effectively keep our hearts in tune with the Word of God in the name of Jesus Christ!

Patty Mack  
Music Director

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# February 2024 - CtK Youth

It's Back to School Time Again!

## Weekly Youth Zoom – New Day and Time!

It's a new semester, which brings new class schedules, especially for our college Youth.

So for Winter/Spring Semester: Join us every MONDAY from 3-4pm. Join from wherever you are during any or all of that hour. Email Deacon Mandy for the Zoom credentials.

You won't know how fun it is until you try!

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## February 2024 - By the Numbers

***Please note:** CtK contribution statements are emailed quarterly from [fin.sec@ctkdurango.org](mailto:fin.sec@ctkdurango.org). Email [churchadmin@ctkdurango.org](mailto:churchadmin@ctkdurango.org) with questions, corrections or if you need a paper statement mailed.*

### December 2024 Financials

Our Gifts Blessing Others	December	YTD 2024
Synod	\$ 3,715	\$ 23,233
World Hunger	\$ 440	\$ 5,275
Noisy Offering	\$ 429	\$ 19,330
Social Ministry	\$ 1,750	\$ 22,605
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 6,333</b>	<b>\$ 70,442</b>

### Financial Update

Gifts Received	\$ 53,515	\$ 336,274
Facility Donations	\$ 255	\$ 3,930
Rental Income	\$ 833	\$ 10,000
Expenses	\$ 32,008	\$ 364,400
Net Operating Income	\$ 22,595	\$ 13,875
Endowment Fund Balance		\$ 193,201
Building Fund Balance		\$ 25,165
Love Fund Balance		\$ 23,857

## January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Attendance

Date	Wed. 6:00 PM	Sunday, 9:30 AM
January 3	3 P	
January 7		17 P + 55 D
January 10	8 P	
January 14		32 P + 42 D
January 17	10 P	
January 21		51 P + 41 D
January 24	3 P	
January 28		86 P + 22 D
January 31	6 P	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>30 P</b>	<b>186 P + 160 D</b>

**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).

## February 2024 - Social Ministry News

### CtK Love Fund

#### The Love Fund at Christ the King

You are, hopefully, aware that Christ the King maintains a small pool of money to assist church members and attendees experiencing short-term financial emergencies. We refer to this as the Love Fund. However, you may not be aware of the origin of the fund nor how it is maintained. We hope to remedy that, as the woman whose generosity started it deserves remembering!

Sandy MacAlister was a long-time, active member of Christ the King. When she passed away in 2003, tragically at an early age, she left a sizable bequest to the church. Most of it went to set up the Mission Endowment Fund, but a smaller amount was earmarked to establish what came to be called the Love Fund. It has been used ever since by our pastors, with the advice of the Social Ministry Committee, to aid parishioners in need.

Grants from the fund are gifts, given in Christian love, and there is no mention nor expectation of payback, though some recipients have done so. The money has been used for emergency car repairs, rent or mortgage payments, medicine, legal fees, and many other needs. Whenever feasible, checks are written directly to providers—mechanics, landlords, doctors, etc. Since it is meant for short-term, emergency problems, repeat requests are not normally accepted, though exceptions can be made. Money for the Love Fund comes entirely from donations earmarked for the fund; nothing comes from the church's general fund.

If you are having temporary financial difficulty, please talk to Pastor Tim or Deacon Mandy. They will first attempt to connect you various community sources that may be able to help, but if that is impossible, the Love Fund can be

considered. As with any communication to the pastor, it is all held strictly confidential.

The flip side, of course, is that if you are in a sound financial position, please consider donating to the Fund. Make a note on a check put in the offering plate or on cash put in an offering envelope—or do what Sandy MacAllister did; remember it in your will.

Thank you for reading this far,  
The Social Ministry Committee.

## **Noisy Offering Partner for February (and March): ELCA World Hunger**

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### **February 2024 - 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. Our current study is following the series, "The Chosen", with weekly discussion following an episode, scripture readings, and study guide. For more information contact [Kayla Hefner](#).

**\*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.

#### **Women's Bible Study (Tuesdays) led by Deacon Mandy**

This newly formed group meets on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:15 PM. We are currently discussing "Women & God" by Kathleen Nielsen. We hope you can come and join us each week!

Please RSVP to Deacon Mandy if you plan on joining us for the Tuesday sessions. Email: [Email Deacon Mandy HERE](#)

To purchase the current book - [CLICK HERE](#)

#### **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 every Thursday at 1:30. We are currently meeting on Zoom but hope to meet in person soon. We begin by going around and sharing anything that is concerning us about ourselves, our family or friends, or someone in the congregation. We then have a prayer for people in need in our families, our congregation and friends. We always have a book that we are discussing. This week we will begin a new book called, "The Most Misunderstood Women of the Bible", by Mary E. DeMuth. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact me at 651-303-8450 or [Judy\\_olson@yahoo.com](mailto:Judy_olson@yahoo.com).

### **Spiritual Study Group (SSG)**

Our group meets on Wednesdays at 3:00pm in the Chapel. For more information, or the Zoom link, contact Aurora Rose. (970-382-1848)

## **February 2024 - Fellowship Groups**

### **CtK Piecemaker Quilters**

We had a wonderful holiday break! We will be posting our schedule very soon. Please be sure to check back for more news! 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](mailto:judy_olson@yahoo.com)

### **CtK Book Club**

Our book club is currently meeting via Zoom on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 P.M. This month we are reading "Mad Honey" by Jodi Piccoult. It is a sad story about teenage romance. This particular book is writtne by two authors, each one writing about different characters in the book. Both are very good writers.

In the following months, we will be reading:

March – West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

April – Go as a River by Shelley Read

If you have any questions, contact Judy Olson at (651-303-8450) or [judy\\_olson@yahoo.com](mailto:judy_olson@yahoo.com).

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## **February 2024 - In Other News. . .**

### **Worship Information**

**Sunday, 9:30 AM – IN PERSON & 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 [Pastor Tim](#) or [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!*

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 **CtK Praise Ensemble, “Lost, Found, & Redeemed”** is rocking the rafters in the Sanctuary. Our rehearsals are Monday evenings from 5:15pm – 6:15pm.

The **Chancel Choir** is filling the Sanctuary with their melodious voices. The choir meets for rehearsals on Monday evenings from 6:15pm – 7:15pm.

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](mailto: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 Director or Anita Ashby if you would like to ring. Jared can be reached at the church office or email [chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org](mailto:chancelchoir@ctkdurango.org) – All are welcome!

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The noisy offering partner for February & March is: **ELCA World Hunger**

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### Save the Dates – February

**Sunday, Feb. 4** – Join us for Scout Sunday! Scout Troop 538 will be with us and will have a short presentation and will host our after church fellowship time.

**Sunday, Feb. 4 – Birthday Sunday!** Be sure to join us as we celebrate our CtK members who have birthdays in February! Join us for fellowship and cake! Amen!

**Tuesday, Feb. 6** – From 3pm – 5pm La Plata Family Centers Coalition pairs with Morehart Murphy to give away coats, warm clothes, and more! Be sure to contact LPFCC for more info. [amber@lpfcc.org](mailto:amber@lpfcc.org)

**Sunday, Feb. 11 – Fat Tuesday Celebration!** Laissez les bon temp rouler! Come celebrate a Mardi gras themed fellowship after our 9:30am worship service.

**Sunday, Feb. 11 – Superbowl Sunday!** Be sure to join us as we cheer for our favorite teams in fellowship! Bring your favorite “football game” themed snack and come to the Community Hall and watch the Superbowl!

**Wednesday, Feb. 14** – Join us for our annual Ash Wednesday service. We will have a Soup Supper before our service during our usual “Behold!” worship time. Dinner at 5:26pm and our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00pm.

**Thursday, Feb. 15** – From 2pm – 6pm, the La Plata Family Centers Coalition will be offering a free Dental Screen for kids. Contact LPFCC for more info. [amber@lpfcc.org](mailto:amber@lpfcc.org)

**Saturday, Feb. 24 – Scouting for Food!** Be sure to join Scout Troop 538 as they round up food for good causes. The truck will be parked in the CtK parking lot from 9am – 12pm. Drive-Thru and donate some nonperishables. Amen!

**\*\*\*Coming Up in MARCH:**

**Wednesday, March 13 – VOA Shelter from the Storm Event** – David Smith will be representing CtK as the Table Captain. More news coming soon!

**Lent, Holy Week, Easter Eve, EASTER!!! Coming Soon!!**

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

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