

CHRIST THE KING'S MESSENGER

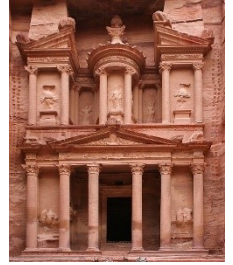
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Obadiah 1–4 (ESV) — 1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the LORD, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: “Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!” 2 Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. 3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?” 4 Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares YHWH. (Pictured: Petra, part of where Edom was once located)



As we enter into a new year, the book of Obadiah came into focus in my mind as a fitting devotion subject for 2024 through one word: pride. Edom, the nation descended from Esau, was supposed to be a brother to Israel, descended from Jacob. But just like Jacob and Esau had fallen into conflict for a while, Edom and Israel were at odds with one another for most of their history. This came to a head when, during one of the sackings of Jerusalem by Babylon, some from Edom were there to encourage or even participate in the looting and destruction. As such, the Lord sent His prophet Obadiah to warn Edom and its people that their pride and hatred of their brother will end only one way: in destruction.

That warning remains for us today. As we start off a new year, it can be hard for us to walk in humility when our plans are going well. Success can be a blessing, but sometimes success and stability can lead us away from God and teach us instead to depend on ourselves and our wisdom. For Edom, who lived in rocky cliffs, they felt secure against any army that would come for them. Today, maybe it's the wide range of stock or crop investments that make us feel untouchable. Edom also boasted in their wisdom and learning. How quick are we to puff ourselves up when we or our kids do well on tests, exams, and reviews? These things might seem small, but when our first instinct is to promote ourselves rather than praise God, we're falling into the same trap of pride that Edom fell into. From this pride, helping the lowly can quickly seem like a waste of time, especially when your time is better spent building yourself up. Though many of you need to be lifted up this year, all of us need our pride checked often. But God doesn't want to leave you in your pride to meet the same fate of destruction that eventually came to Edom. God has a better path laid out for you today.

Obadiah mentions in verse 21 that one day “Saviors shall go up [from] Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.” The words of the Apostles, the Gospel hope of the King who came at Christmas to lift up the valleys (broken people) and lower the mountains (proud people) did come to Edom and has come to you. Jesus came to save the lowly and humble the proud so they could be saved. So

if the year ahead seems terrifying to you, the hope of Christ is there for you. And if you have been boasting and over-confident in your own wisdom, Christ also came to humble you and give you a better foundation. Don't make the same mistake that Edom made: trust in the Lord and seek His way humbly, because your plans will not last forever. Only the Word of God and the life Christ gives will last forever. Build your life on those eternal things and watch how the rest falls into place! :) Pastor Joe





Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 21, 2024
Following the Worship Service Approx 10:45

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to vote on important Church business. Non-members are welcome to attend, listen, and be informed

Thank you to:

Brandie Hulstein
 Jim Otter

Revised Schedule for January 21
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 10:45 AM Annual Meeting (approximately)

Denis Parsley (completing Jim Gawerecki's term)

who have been faithfully serving on our Trustee board. Their terms will expire in 2024.

Dave Krusemark for filling Gene Bouw's term (1 year left of term).

Marcine Olsen will be stepping down from the board (1 year left of term).

Trustee board positions will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Nominees are:

Laurel Berg, Dave Krusemark, Jason Lindquist, Jim Otter, Jane Smith

If you have turned in your report.

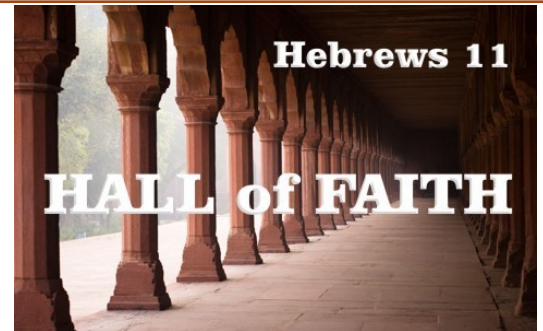
Thank you

If you still haven't turned in your annual report, remember the deadline is January 1.



God's Hall of Faith

Who were these people entered into God's Hall of Faith in chapter 11 of Hebrews? Why are they held up as examples of faith? What are their stories and what do they have to do with me?



January 7	What is Faith?	Hebrews 11: 1 - 3	Pastor Tim
January 14	Abel – A Better Offering	Hebrews 11: 4	Pastor Tim
January 21	Enoch – Walked with God	Hebrews 11: 5 - 6	Pastor Tim
January 28	Noah – Blind Obedience	Hebrews 11: 7	Pastor Tim
February 4	Abraham – Forward-Looking Trust	Hebrews 11: 8-10, 17-19	Pastor Tim
February 11	Sarah – From Laughter to Labor	Hebrews 11: 11 - 12	TBD

Cash Basis
Balance Sheet

Christ the King Free Lutheran Church
Financial Report
As of November 30, 2023

Revenue
Expenditures

	<u>Nov 30, 23</u>		<u>Nov 23</u>
ASSETS		Revenue	
Checking/Savings		General Revenue	18,174.24
Bank Total		Outreach Revenue	6,868.90
Building		Total Revenue	<u>25,043.14</u>
Altar Guild	338.39	Expenditures	
Building Fund Account	161.09	Building & Grounds	2,595.56
Total Building	<u>499.48</u>	Discipleship Expenditures	327.10
General Total		Family Support	326.49
General	74,063.16	Misc.	836.44
Truth Help	155.08	Office	478.69
Total General Total	<u>74,218.24</u>	Outreach Disbursement	
Outreach		20 %Outreach	6,264.21
20% Offering	4,169.40	Samaritan's Purse	148.80
Children's Mission Offering	364.50	Total Outreach Disbursement	<u>6,413.01</u>
Thrivent	2,360.41	Payroll Expenditures	15,296.79
Total Outreach	<u>6,894.31</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>26,274.08</u>
Share And Care	785.36	Net Revenue (Deficit)	<u><u>(1,230.94)</u></u>
Special Accounts			
Internship Fund	6,800.00		
Local Outreach Ministry	7,123.71		
Church Missions	1,493.74		
Marriage Ministry	307.98		
Scholarship	322.26		
Youth	8,713.93		
Total Special Accounts	<u>24,761.62</u>		
Total Bank Total	<u>107,159.01</u>		
Total Checking/Savings	<u>107,159.01</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>107,159.01</u></u>		



Present: Dave Sutherland, Denis Parsley, Alan Warner, Marcine Olsen, Jim Otter, Heather De Wilde, Dave Muller, Brandie Hulstein **Absent:** Dave Krusemark

Also Present: Pastor Tim Johnson, Pastor Joe Larson.

President David Sutherland called the meeting to order. Devotions were led by Brandie Hulstein by reading from Luke 12:15 - 21. How will you utilize your time so you can look back and with Paul confidently say that you ended well? Brandie H. led in prayer. Denis Parsley will lead devotions in January.

The Treasurer's report for November was presented. Heather D. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

The Payment of bills, Brandie H. moved to approve the bills, seconded by Heather D. Motion carried.

Ankeny Church Plant: The November financial report was presented. Ankeny will be adding budget report for annual meeting.

Outreach: Jim O. moved to approve outreach, seconded by Dave M. Motion carried.

AFLC \$ 469.40 Food Shelf \$ 100. Abels \$ 100.

CRU-Jeff \$ 500. CRU-Paul \$ 500. Steele \$ 100.

Brazil Student \$ 100. Alpha Center \$ 300.

Kvale's(Wycliffe) \$ 500. Atlas for Life \$ 200.

Children's Life \$ 200. PAS Wellness Room \$ 100.

Lost Timber \$ 100. Ankeny Church Plant \$ 500.

Lake Benton Food Shelf \$ 100. New Life \$ 300.

The secretary's report from the November 9, 2023 meeting was presented. Heather D. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Marcine O. Motion carried.

Elders' Consultation: Pastor Tim reported for the Elders. Discussed new members: Donna Smith, Bruce Schiefelbein, and Jane Schiefelbein. Discussed membership records for those who have passed, baptized, etc.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Tim: Submitted a report of his activities for the last month. He discussed small groups.

Pastor Joe: Submitted a written report of his activities for the month. Pastor Joe requested vacation December 19 - 22, Brandie H. moved, seconded by Heather D. to approve, motion carried. Dave M. moved, seconded by Marcine O. to approve request for vacation January 5 - 6,

motion carried. Pastor Joe requested paternity leave for when the baby is born. Heather D. moved, seconded by Brandie H. to approve 1-week paid time off. Motion carried. Pastor Joe presented a request to update/change his office hours beginning January 8, 2024; Brandie H. so moved, seconded by Jim O. motion carried.

Youth Ministry and Family Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Pastor Joe reported Bob & Jeanette Larson hosted a youth/family study in December.

Old Business: Agenda for Annual meeting: remove intern section, update terms of trustees.

Wireless microphone: waiting for quote. Collene

Staff Evaluations: Will discuss at end of meeting

Policy for CTK pastor for AFLC assignments:

Tabled Denis P.

New Business: Kitchen update: Heather D. reported Sharon Amdahl and others would like to remove wallpaper in the kitchen& paint. It should take a weekend to complete. Need paint and possibly patch materials. Dave M. moved, seconded by Marcine O. to approve up to \$500. Motion carried.

Records for Congregation: Alan W. led discussion. Move to January agenda.

Constitution review: The committee would like to meet with the Trustees & Elders December 17 after worship service and December 20 in the evening.

Lutheran Ambassador donation: Pastor Tim explained the current financial support for subscriptions. Put in bulletin and include online link. At next meeting designate two weekend for a special offering.

Homeschool group report: Received several thank you notes from families and a donation of \$ 205. Going well both ways.

Other: Alan W. reported there are light bulbs above the music area that are burnt out. Alan asked if Justin Olsen could be contacted to update the lightening.


Alan W. moved, seconded by Denis P. to enroll Bruce Schiefelbein, Jane Schiefelbein, and Donna Smith to be confirmed members. motion carried.

Dave S. adjourned the meeting. The meeting was closed in prayer. Brandie Hulstein, recording secretary {Draft subject to approval}



Notice:
Check the website, KLOH or KNWC for cancellations or changes due to the Weather

Chatter-Sewers (Quilting) will meet January 3 @ 1 PM



Men's Bible Study
Saturday, January 6 @ 7 AM

- 2 Matthew Amdahl
- 2 Wendy Woelber
- 2 Kari Rupp
- 3 Everly Hoheisel
- 3 Lincoln Hoheisel
- 7 Carmen Paulson
- 8 Rich Hess
- 9 Linda Bruns
- 11 Cody DeRuyter
- 11 Alyssa DeRuyter
- 11 Trinity Halling
- 15 Hannah Berg
- 15 Seth Forness
- 17 Mason DeRuyter
- 19 Caelyn Haag
- 24 Trey Boelman
- 27 Barb Hubner
- 27 Vicki Severeid
- 29 Dave Krusemark
- 29 Chase Lueck
- 30 Mary Stangeland
- 30 Gary Winter
- 30 Joanne Winter
- 31 Jenny Otter
- 31 Jane Schiefelbein

Elders Business Meeting
Thursday, January 18 @ 7 PM

Trustee January 11
MEETING
7 PM



Sunday, January 21 @10:45 AM
Following the Worship Service



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

New Zoom Bible Study: Viewing Current Events Through the Bible, led by Pastor Tim every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 7:20 PM, beginning January 17. A Zoom link will be sent out via email to all CTK emails in our Prayer Chain system. If you have certain events you would like covered, please contact Pastor Tim.

News Letter DEADLINES

January 21

Thank You



Family of Christ the King!

Thank you so much for the flowers I received while I was in the hospital—Also thank to Pastor Tim & Cindy for all the visits & phone calls. Very much appreciated

I'm doing much better! Thanks for streaming all the church services!
Carol Farmer

Thank you Christ the King,

For the flowers, prayers and everyone who brought meals. It was very appreciated when I had my knees replaced.

Thanks Again! Tami VanderPlaats

Dear Family of Christ the King,

Thank you to everyone for the thoughtful gifts, cards & words of encouragement this Christmas season. I have appreciated them & appreciate all of you.

Collene Landgren

I would like to thank you for the wonderful service and lunch served for Mom, Blanche Quincey.

Also for the plant I took home to remember mom & the service for many years.

Barb Zorr

Christ the King Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received after my surgery. They helped brighten my days

Leasa Kulm

There came wise men for the East following the star...They found the Christ Child, bowed down and worshipped Him.

Thanks for being a blessing to us. Merry Christmas

Tim & Sheila Steele



Open House Baby Shower For

Sarah and baby boy Larson

January 14, 2024 2:00 PM



At Christ the King Free Lutheran Church

Join us to bless Pastor Joe & Sarah

as they welcome their first baby!



They are registered at:



<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/sarah-larson-january-2024-pipestone/1SNUAZE1FOYHL>



Christ the King serves

February 1, 2024 2-5 PM

at the Pipestone Food Shelf.

They are requesting 2-4 people
Contact Diana Uilk or the church

office at 507-825-5958

if you are willing to help.

Thank you!



CONSTITUTION MEETING

The Constitution Review Committee is encouraging the congregation to join them for an informational meeting on their recommended changes to our constitution after worship on December 31 and after brunch on January 7. You will be receiving the current constitution and proposed constitution in your box at church

as well as the proposed one in the mail. These changes will be considered at our Annual Meeting on January 21.



NERF Wars - Watch for more information!!

Pastor Joe's New Office Hours: Starting January 8

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:30 – 3:30 // Fridays: 9:30 – 1:30

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Pastor Joe meets with youth at PAS

Family Studies for January: With Baby Larson due on 1/23, we'll want to keep our options flexible. As such, I think it would be good to aim for the following schedule

(all at the usual 4:30 PM):

January 7: Family Study at a host home (youth family as host), re-gifting party

January 14: Youth-only study at CTK

January 21: Family Study at CTK (potluck for food)

January 28: Family Study at CTK (potluck for food)

February 4: Family Study at host home (Wayne and Jane Smith's a possibility)

Doing potluck style at CTK for the prime "baby zone" should make it easier should we need to call one off the week the baby arrives. I'll keep everyone updated as Baby Larson figures out when he wants to show up. Thank you for your understanding!

For other youth activities, please keep an eye out for NERF war dates. We will be hosting that event likely in February or March, depending on input from other youth groups. If you have questions, please contact me anytime.

Thank you for your participation. I look forward to having an extra little one with us at family studies going forward :) - Pastor Joe





Darwin & Alma serve the Lord on the US-Mexican border in and around the two sister cities of Nogales, AZ and Sonora, Mexico. Their day-to-day ministry entails youth ministry, Gospel proclamation, discipleship and mentoring of leaders for the Alianza Apostólica Luterana Mexicana (AALM). Pray for Darwin & Alma as God guides them in a new season of service. Their ministry focuses on evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and training trainers for church planting.



We received the following from Tigest Assefa with Children Life Foundation. CTK supports this with a monthly donation of \$200.

Greetings Supporters,

As the year is ending on behalf of Children Life Foundation, I would

like to thank you for the support and donations that have made Children Life Foundation stand strong throughout the year. We have been able to continue to support the children in Ethiopia along with the widows. This would not have been done without your help. Thank you for sowing your love in the way you could, because it means the most.

We are excited for the next year and what God has in store, we hope to see your effort for this cause as well.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year, may 2024 bring your prosperity and blessings.

Sincerely, Tigest Assefa

Prayer Concerns

- * Wisdom to lead, serve and teach in such a way to create multiplying generations of trainers in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.
- * Open hearts to receive and put into practice new teaching and methods.
- * Prayer for our children and other family
- * For all Pastors /workers
- * Travel mercies as we travel
- * More prayer support by those who will commit to be informed and pray on a regular basis.



MERRY *Christmas* 2023

Thank you for your endless support towards Children Life Foundation. childrenlifefoundation.org

Alpha Center **BABY SHOWER**

Throughout the entire month of January, you can drop off baby items at AMaVo Boutique or any Sioux Falls Lewis Drug location. The Alpha Center uses all donated baby items for its client incentive programs.

The children's offering will be given to the Alpha Center to be used for items for the Baby Shower and the client incentive programs. You can also donate any item or take them directly to the mentioned locations.



JANUARY

Matthew 5:16
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Altar Guild

Ushers

Cal Hulstein

Justin & Calyn Hulstein

Greeter / Family of the Week

- January 7 Laurie Westerbur
- 14 Darron & Sheila Westfield
- 21 Calvin & Janelle Weatherly
- 28 Lori Williams; Jacie

Acolytes

- January 7 Keegan Otter
- 14 Kenley DeWilde
- 21 Jordan DeRuyter
- 28 Kynslee Hulstein

Money Counters/ Trustees

Alan Warner
Denis Parsley



Sound Tech

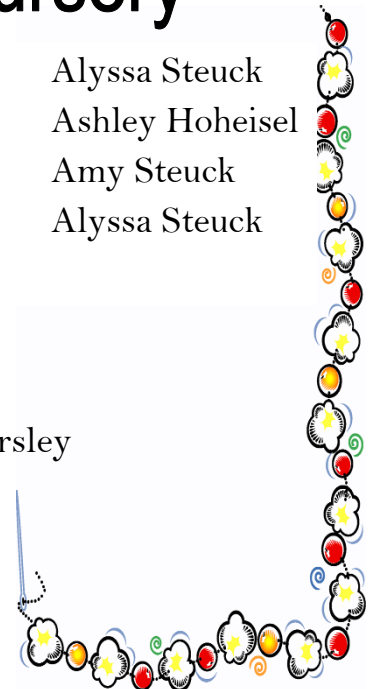
- January 7 Alan Warner
- 14 Kyle DeWilde
- 21 Dave Sutherland
- 28 Alan Warner

Nursery

- January 7 Alyssa Steuck
- 14 Ashley Hoheisel
- 21 Amy Steuck
- 28 Alyssa Steuck

Worship Leaders

- January 7 Kari Rupp, Donna Smith, Charles Hoffman, Susan Parsley
- 14 Praise Band - Sheila Westfield
- 21 Bill Steuck, Irene Warner, Laurel Berg, Judy Steuck
- 28 Matthew Amdahl, Janelle Brockberg, Jane Smith



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Annual Report Information Due!!	2	3 1:00 Quilters Meet 7:30 Choir Practice	4	5	6 7 AM Men's Study
7 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Congregation Meeting 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study	8	9 9 AM Home-school group	10 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice	11 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting	12	13
14 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM All Ages Sunday School 2:00 PM Larson Baby Shower 4:30 PM Youth only Study	15	16 9 AM Home-school group	17 6:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	18 7 PM Elders Meeting @ CTK	19	20
21 8:45 AM Prayer 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Fellowship Brunch 10:45 AM Annual Meeting 10:45 AM Confirmation 10:50 AM No Sunday School 4:30 PM Youth / Family Study Messenger Information Due	22	23 9 AM Home-school group	24 6:00 Year 3 Confirmation 7:30 Choir Practice	25	26	27
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