

**DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH**

251 Lake Street  
Dassel, MN 55325

*Leading People to a Transforming Relationship with Jesus Christ*



**Weekly Activities & Ministries**

Sundays	8:30am	Take 25 Prayer
	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Sept-May)
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	4:00pm	KidsQuest (Sept-April)
	6:30pm	Men's Group
	6:15pm	Jr High Youth Group (Sept-April)
	7:30pm	Sr High Youth Group (Sept-April)
Thursday	9:00am	Seated Fitness
Saturday	7:00am	Men's Bible Study

**\*Visit the Church website & social media for more information and details!**

**[www.dasselcovenant.org](http://www.dasselcovenant.org)**



*Dassel Covenant Courier*

*April 2024*

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*“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.*

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;*

*for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”*

*Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a*

We are very excited as we see buds forming on shrubs and the tiniest of greenery beginning to sprout. And, as exciting as signs of the season of spring are, the signs and sounds of joy in our church are all the more praiseworthy! God is working among us and we are grateful!!

The following are a couple key events we want you to be aware of and praying for in April.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Orientation for the Pastoral Search Committee with Superintendent Stromberg**

We are praising God for the very capable Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) who were affirmed unanimously at the special congregational business meeting held March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The PSC will be meeting with our Northwest Conference Superintendent Kara Stromberg and our new Associate Superintendent Scott Nelson on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April to be oriented to the orderly search process they will undertake in conjunction with the NWC for the next settled pastor for our church. Please be in prayer for this meeting and for each step of the search process that God will lead our team to the pastor of God's choosing for Dassel Covenant.

**Northwest Conference Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference will be held April 25-27 at Redeemer Covenant Church in Brooklyn Park and Online.

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning will consist of meetings for the pastors of the NWC Ministerial Association. Delegates and everyone who wishes to participate will come for Friday evening and Saturday. We are so grateful to the NWC staff and for the support they provide our church.

It is such a joy to serve with you,  
Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda

## April Volunteers

Ushers

7: Al Olson & Russ Fusari  
 14: Jon Young, Diane Dodge, Wayne Koehnen  
 21: Brian & Maria Anderson  
 28: Leon Nordberg & Marlene Blunt

Nursery

7: Carolee Michel  
 14: Kristi Mackenthun  
 21: Catherine Young  
 28: Colton & Amber Tompkins

Coffee Cart

7: Judy Riebe  
 14: Amanda Fusari  
 21: Amanda Fusari  
 28: Marlene Blunt

Fellowship Time

7:  
 14:  
 21: Community Meal  
 28:

- Leadership Team Note**
- Security cameras have been installed thanks to a generous technology donation
  - The Search Committee will be meeting on April 9 with Kara Stromberg and Scott Nelson from the Northwest Conference
  - Meeting with Ministry Team leaders on April 22, 5:00 p.m.

**Plarning**

*Join in the fun of Plarning!  
 Wednesday, April 10th from 9-11am!*

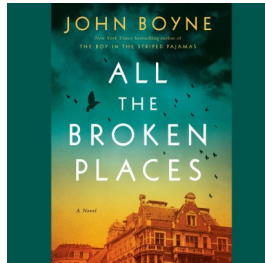
7 plarn mats are completed and sent to Oak Heights Covenant Church in Hutchinson. Common Cup ministry will distribute them to the homeless in Hutchinson and the cities.

Please keep bringing in those plastic bags, a box is located in front of the office marked "plarn".



**Book Club**

Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm. The book selection is "All the Broken Places" by John Boyne. All are welcome to join book Club!



<b><u>March Church Attendance</u></b>			
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sunday: 91</b>	<b>Online: 36</b>	<b>Total: 127</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Sunday: 82</b>	<b>Online: 30</b>	<b>Total: 112</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Sunday: 98</b>	<b>Online: 42</b>	<b>Total: 140</b>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Sunday: 95</b>	<b>Online: 38</b>	<b>Total: 133</b>
<b>31st</b>	<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Online:</b>	<b>Total:</b>

**Suicide Prevention Skills For Rural Ministry Course for clergy and lay leaders**

There is an opportunity for interested individuals in our church to complete the Suicide Prevention Skills For Rural Ministry course. It is FREE for all participants and is being offered to pastors and lay leaders of all religious traditions. It consists of a 6-hour online curriculum (own pace) and 4 weekly discussion groups on Zoom (noon – 1:30 pm) with others taking the course. There are three cohorts (April 16-May 7; April 18-May 9; Sept 17-Oct 8) and you must register by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see the church bulletin board for details.

# April 2024 Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	4	5	6
7 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 4:30pm Sr High at Pizza Ranch	8	9	10 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	11	12	13
14 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 1pm Youth & Family Event: Skatin Place	15	16	17 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	18	19	20
21 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	22	23	24 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	25	26	27
28 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	29	30				



# Youth Events:

Junior high (7th-8th grade) will meet from 6:15 - 7:15 pm with Randy and Julie  
Senior high (9th-12th grade) will meet from 7:30 - 8:30 pm with Randy and Deb

## Events



Senior High at Pizza Ranch  
Sunday, April 7th. Meet at Church at 4:30pm  
Bring money for pizza and the arcade.

Skatin Place, St. Cloud, Sunday, April 14.  
Meet at church at 1 pm, we will return at approximately 5:00.  
Admission will be covered. Bring \$ for skates/inline rental (\$5.00) plus concessions.



Regular youth group April 3, 10, 17, 24.

### Looking ahead to May:

Mark your calendar for spring cleanup day at LBBC on Saturday, May 18. Camp staff will assign projects to get camp ready for summer. Lunch is provided for all volunteers. It's really a fun day and open to anyone who wants to participate.



# KIDS ZONE

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG KIDS EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2024  
4:00PM-5:00PM

PLAY IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT. BOUNCE HOUSE WILL BE READY AS WELL AS OTHER FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES.

SUPPER AT 5:00PM.

HOT DOGS, CHIPS, AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE.



THIS IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BETWEEN BIRTH AND 6TH GRADE.

DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH

# Community Meal

All are WELCOME!



You are invited to a Community Meal  
Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 11:15-12pm

Dassel Covenant Church  
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

Come and enjoy a Taco bar, dessert, and good conversation!

Freewill donations are accepted, but not necessary.

Questions? Call the church office at 320-275-3315

\*The next Community Meal will be Sunday, May 19th at 11:15am

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.—John 6:35



# Ecuador Missions

The mission trip impacted me because I got to know the people on the team and we encouraged each other. People worked together and created relationships with each other. It was in my heart to go on a mission trip to Ecuador since 2019. Tim and Leon encouraged me to go. I liked working on the paver project and helping with games at VBS. I became friends with Augustin. We have similar interests (soccer, working on the paver project). At the end of the week, we traveled to a waterfall park. That's where we got to talk and we took a picture together. The people at Piedra Viva church impacted me with their kindness and the love they showed our team.

—Chad Dischinger



# Let's Celebrate!

## April Birthdays

1	Yazmyn Butcher	18	Randy Dischinger
4	Amber Diederich		Deborah Koehler
5	Mark Latt		Rob Hastings
6	Josh Samuelson		Howard Anderson*
9	Bob Hedin	20	Heidi Guennigsmann
	Brockway Forsman		Dean Hendrickson
10	Nick Swanson	21	Mark Hammar
	Carlie Young		Jim Larson*
12	Stella Turja	22	Dan Wuotila *
13	Craig Kay		Ben Michel
14	Jim Johnson	23	Erhard Woetzel *
15	Becky Hungerford		Katie Johnson
16	Dan Latt		Ryan Schoenherr
	Maria Anderson	24	Paulette Dahlseng
17	Alan Olson	25	Sharon Revard
	Kenden Schultz		Barb Lothe *
	Karlie Keith	26	Kyndra Nelson
	Kendyl Olson		Stuart Johnson *
		28	Adriana Forsman
			Eric Dahlseng

\*80+ years

## April Anniversaries

Andy & Tracy Kraemer  
April 18, 1998

Tom & Sandi Effertz  
April 27, 1984

\*50+ years

### Pastors Office Hours:

Sunday: In Office  
Monday: In Office  
Tuesday: In Office

### General office hours:

Monday: 8:30am-3:00pm  
Tuesday: 8:30am-3:00pm  
Thursday: 8:30am-3:00pm

## Help send our kids to Summer Camp!

This year, we are working toward sending every kid to camp for **FREE!** Lake Beauty Bible Camp is special place for our kids to connect with God. Please consider helping sponsor a camper!

The goal is to raise enough funds for 30 students!



Full cost for a camper:

Frontier Kids = \$250

Trailblazers = \$460

Junior High = \$475

Senior High = \$480



Donations can be made to Dassel Covenant Church with "Lake Beauty Bible Camp Fund" in the memo.





# April 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	2 6:30pm CE	3 9am Kitchen Committee 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	4 9am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Women Ministries	5	6 7am Men's Bible
7 8:30am Take 25 Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 4:30pm Sr High at Pizza Ranch	8 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	9	10 10am Planning 4pm KidsQuest (Potato Races) 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	11 9am Seated Fitness	12	13 7am Men's Bible Study
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21 8:30am Take 25 Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11:15am Comm. Meal	22 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 5pm Mutual Ministry meeting 6:30pm Prayer	23	24 6pm KidsQuest Awards Night & Meal 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr	25 9am Seated Fitness 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat	26 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat	27 7am Men's Bible Study 9am-4pm Quilt Retreat
28 8:30am Take 25 Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 4pm Young Families Event	29 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	30 6:30pm Book Club				

2024 WOMEN MINISTRIES

# SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*  
-Colossians 2:6-7

Grow with God as we celebrate Spring at our annual Salad Luncheon. You are invited to dine on delicious salads, experience wonderful conversation, and have the honor of hearing from Pastor Annette Jackson.

Pastor Annette Jackson attended Crown College where she received her degree in Pastoral Ministry & Psychology. She serves as the Family Ministry Pastor of Woodridge Church. She lives in Plymouth with her family

**Saturday, April 20th, 2024**  
**10:30am**  
**Dassel Covenant Church**  
**251 Lake Street**  
**Dassel, MN 55325**

Freewill donation will be taken to benefit the area food shelf

[www.dasselcovenant.org/2024-ladies-salad-luncheon.html](http://www.dasselcovenant.org/2024-ladies-salad-luncheon.html)

Get your **FREE** tickets online or in the church office



# Leadership Team meeting , March 18th, 2024

## Reports:

**Pastors' Report** - Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda informed us that 8 people have completed the membership class. Those attending were encouraged to complete the membership application in the next month, if they desire to do so. They plan to offer an early summer baptism and will also conduct another membership class before the new pastor is called. The Rural Impact Leadership Conference was held on March 16 in Alexandria. This conference is sponsored jointly by the Northwest Conference and Oak Hills Christian College. It focused on the challenges faced by churches in rural and small towns in Minnesota. Pastor Marv, Pastor Linda, Al, Nancy, Marcia and Randy attended.

Holy Week services are being planned and all are invited to participate. The pastoral search committee is scheduled to meet on April 9 with Kara Stromberg and Scott Nelson from the Northwest Conference.

**Stewardship and Finance Team** - Ron gave a summary of the financial reports. There are no updates on insurance at this time. We have several CD's and as they mature, will be combined and reinvested. Right now, we are behind in income and expenses, but this is typical. The weekly support needed to meet the budget is published in the newsletter and regular giving is encouraged.

Motion to approve the Pastors' report and the Stewardship and Finance report as presented was made by Andy, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

**Security Update** - Tom informed us that the security cameras and additional wireless access have been installed. Other security issues were discussed.

Meeting time will be changed to 5:00 p.m. going forward.

Next meeting will be with Ministry Team leaders, Monday, April 22, 5:00 p.m.

Agenda item for April - special meeting to discuss Vitality recommendations - next steps



**HELP WANTED** - Over the years we have been blessed with faithful volunteers to assist in mowing the grounds, but time is catching up with the crew. We need some "new blood" to add to the team as "many hands make light work." Mowing season typically runs from mid May through mid October. We have had five teams but there is some attrition. If you are interested please contact Cliff Eng or mention it to Amanda in the Church Office.

## KIDSQUEST

Our big event in March was learning about Ecuador! We had a missions day where the Missions Team that went to Ecuador used the time to teach the KidsQuest crew about their time in Ecuador with crafts, games, and food! We even sang a song in Spanish! Thank you to the Missions Team for sharing your experience with us and teaching us about a different culture.

You are invited to our KidsQuest Awards Night! Wednesday, April 24th at 6pm. We will have our Awards Ceremony in the Sanctuary followed by a family meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us any time! We would love to have visitors or new volunteers. Programming begins at 4:00pm every Wednesday. We have a snack and homework help starting at 3:30pm.

- April 3: Regular KQ
- April 10: Potato Races
- April 17: Regular K!
- April 24 6pm KQ Awards Night and Family Meal



## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary  
2/29/24

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	40,002	64,013
Actual Expenses	17,810	40,677
Total Income Less Expense	22,193	23,335
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2023		19,938

<b>Capital Improvement Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2024			10,400
	This Month	YTD	
Contributions: Capital Im. Fund contributions	170	865	
Transfer from Carry over/under	0	30,000	
Payments: Custodial Fee	125	125	
<b>Current Fund Balance</b>			<b>41,140</b>

<b>Women Ministries Fund Balance (1/1/2024):</b>			\$12,092.58
	This Month	TYD	
Income: Total Income	673.00	908.00	
Expenses: Total Expenses	1,675.26	2,207.74	
<b>Current WM Fund Balance (2/29/2024)</b>			<b>10,792.84</b>

The 1st Sunday of each month, we will be taking a special offering for the Benevolent Fund. The money collected for the Benevolent Fund helps support those from our Church family in a time of need.

**Don't forget about the online giving option!**

[http://www.dasselcovenant.org/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.dasselcovenant.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)