

DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH

251 Lake Street
Dassel, MN 55325

Leading People to a Transforming Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
Tuesday	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	KidsQuest
	6:00pm	Men’s Group
Thursday	6:30pm	The Way Youth Group
	9:00am	Seated Fitness
Saturday	7:00am	Men’s Bible Study

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

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Dassel Covenant Courier

April 2023

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Legacy

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.
– 2 Timothy 1:5

Our Christian faith is meant to be shared and passed on to the next generation. In Paul’s last letter (2 Timothy) he writes Timothy, his mentee, and reminds him of two other people who have had a profound impact on his faith – his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. This is what it means to have a spiritual legacy.

First, who were the individuals who passed on their faith to you? Have you ever considered how your life has been influenced and impacted by such individuals? Have you ever taken the time to thank them? If not, why not? Maybe, a phone call or a letter is due to them. Such a phone call or letter would be a great encouragement and inspiration to them.

Second, who are the individuals that you are passing your faith unto? Believe it or not, you have a faith in Jesus that is worthy of being passed on to someone else. You do not need to be a spiritual giant, you simply need to share your need for Jesus to another person. In my experience I have discovered that when you start to share your walk with Jesus it is then that you begin to really grow.

Imagine, not a church that has all the answers, but a church that is humble enough to admit their need for Jesus. I truly believe God can and could do more with this kind of church than a church filled with well-versed and studied individuals. Not that being well-versed and studied is wrong. Such humility might be the greatest missing piece in our world today- especially in the church. We need less people with all the answers and more people desperate for the Answer- which is a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. So the third question is, how much do you need Jesus? That is the legacy we need to pass on to one another.

This is why I love the hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour”. Look at the chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

I truly believe that showing such humble need for Jesus can be our greatest legacy that we pass on to our next generation. You don’t need to have it all figured out or to share your opinion as if you are trying to when a debate. You need Jesus.

May we become more and more a people that relies on Jesus and less on our ability to have all the answers. This is how we can pass on the legacy of our Christian walk.

For the Praise of His Glory,
Pastor Darren

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April Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 2: Ralph Anderson, Diane Dodge 9: Brian & Maria Anderson 16: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt 23: Chad Dischinger, Dan Rinden 30: Tim Paulson, Jim Hallquist	<u>Nursery</u> 2: Colton & Amber 9: Brenda 16: Kristi & Karlie 23: Catherine & Larissa 30: Jess & Kenna	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 2: 9: Easter Breakfast 16: Community Meal 23: 30:
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Leadership Team Note

- Developed an interim pastor job description
- Met with Kara Stromberg, NWC to discuss interim pastor candidates
- Technology recommendations

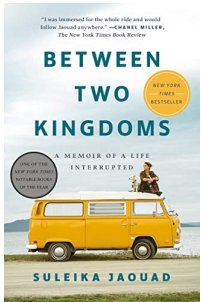
Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Do you have a wood burning fireplace? A firepit? A woodburning stove? Campfires? These firestartes are a 'sure fire' way to light your fuel source. Made from egg cartons, sawdust and wax OR muffin liners, sawdust and wax, these firestarters burn for 15 to 25 minutes. Bag of a dozen - mixed egg carton and muffin liner - only \$5. Available in the office.

Mustard Seeds

Mustard Seeds Potluck
Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm
All are welcome! Bring a dish to share!

Book Club
Book Club will be meeting
Tuesday, April 25th at
6:30pm.
The book selection is
"Between Two Kingdoms"
by Suleika Jaouad



Church Spring Cleaning

Spring Clean Up Day has been a long standing tradition for DCC, but this year there will be a different approach. On Sat. April 15 from 9-11 we will tackle all of the inside tasks, mainly Fellowship Hall chairs and the pew cushion in the Sanctuary.

Outside jobs: window washing and yard/ grove clean up etc, are tentatively scheduled for May 13th assuming the snow will be gone and conditions permit. There will be follow up details in the May Newsletter.



March Church Attendance

5th	Sunday: 84	Online: 45	Total: 129
12th	Sunday: 178	Online: 62	Total: 140
19th	Sunday:113	Online: 51	Total: 164
26th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

Church Family Humor

By Su Asplin

- What do you call a social gal with a good grade?
Deb bee
- What do you call a generous women?
Sharon
- What do you call a car in need of gas?
Hunger Ford

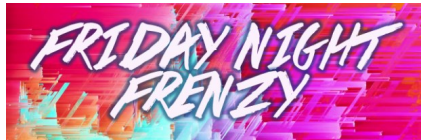
April 2023 "The Way"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 9am Sunday School & Confirmation <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3	4	5 6-8pm The Way youth group	6	7 9pm-12am Friday Night Frenzy	8
9 9am Sunday School & Confirmation <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10	11	12 6-8pm The Way youth group	13	14	15
16 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	17	18	19 6-8pm The Way youth group	20	21	22 8am LBBC Spring Cleaning Day
23 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	24	25	26 6-8pm Last The Way youth group of the school year	27	28	29
30 9am Sunday School & Confirmation						



APRIL YOUTH EVENTS

April 5th
Youth Group @ Dassel Covenant (6pm-8pm)



April 7th
Friday Night Frenzy @ FBC
(9pm-12am)

April 12th
Youth Group @ Dassel Covenant (6pm-8pm)

April 19th
Youth Group @ Dassel Covenant (6pm-8pm)

April 26th
Last Youth Group of the school
year @ Dassel Covenant
(6pm-8pm)



The church van will leave for First Baptist at 6:10pm.

Mission Trip Needed:

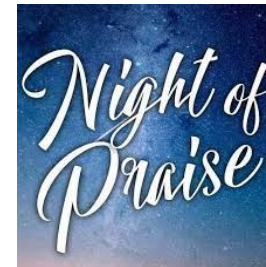
Prescription medicine containers for Ecuador Mission Trip. The mission team will be bringing the containers to be used in the medical clinic. They must be WASHED and LABELS REMOVED. Please place in the box by the Missions display.

Home For At Risk Children (Santiago Partnership)

The Home for At Risk Children is in need of new twin size quilts. We brought down quilts for them 2016, but there are now 20 children instead of 10 that were originally in the Home. If you would like to donate a quilt top or money towards the purchase of supplies for the quilts, please mark your check "Ecuador Quilts". It takes about 5 yards of fabric for the top and another 5 yards of fabric for the backing. Fabric costs have risen to almost \$13 / yard.



KIDSQUEST UPDATE



You are invited to a Night of Praise!
Wednesday, April 26th, 6:30-7:30pm
We will be singing praise songs, hearing about the Gospel, and
witnessing special surprise!
ALL are invited to come!

Spring Work Day at Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023

2023 Work Day Schedule (tentative)

8:00-9:00 AM Check-in at Eagle Ridge Rec Center (Gym). Coffee, juice, and cookies are available.

8:30-11:30 AM Work Day Projects (Cabin cleaning and much more!)

11:45 AM Delicious Buffet Lunch served in Lakeview Dining Hall. Prizes and awards announced.



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ at Dassel Covenant Church-

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

We are exhorted to pray and to invest our lives in the continual advancement of the kingdom of God! Prayer is ESSENTIAL as modeled in the life of Jesus during his ministry on earth. We are so grateful for the many opportunities we have to gather for prayer with our Dassel Covenant Church family including: Monday evenings at 6:30, during various small groups meeting throughout the week, via notifications sent out during the week for specific prayer requests/needs, prayer times within our homes and as individual believers who seek God through his Word and in prayer. **And with that mindset, we are adding another prayer opportunity on Sunday mornings from 8:30-8:55 am. TAKE 25 minutes to pray!** Would you consider being a part of TAKE 25?

We will meet in the Green Room just off the sanctuary until we outgrow that space!!! Our focus will be praying for: our church, our time of transition, wisdom/guidance for members of our leadership team, direction in selecting our interim pastor, spiritual renewal/revival and so forth. We need 2-3 volunteers to assist us in leading this weekly Sunday morning time of prayer! If you would consider being a volunteer to lead this time of prayer on an as needed basis, please connect with Mary Rinden or Al Olson. We will post the schedule of prayer leaders for each week in the Green Room. We look forward to having you join us for prayer on **Sunday, April 16th at 8:30 am.**

HE IS RISEN

Easter Schedule 2023

Palm Sunday
April 2nd

Sunday School & Confirmation at 9:00am
Worship at 10:00am

Maundy Thursday
April 6th

Holy Communion Service at 7:00pm

Good Friday
April 7th

Community Service at Dassel Covenant Church
7:00pm

Easter Sunday
April 9th

Sonrise Service at 8:00am
Easter Breakfast following the Sonrise Service
Sunday School 9-9:45am
Resurrection Celebration Service at 10:00am



April Birthdays

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

*80+ years

April Anniversaries

Ralph & Karee Anderson
April 16, 1994

Andy & Tracy Kraemer
April 18, 1998

Rick & Marcella Craswell
April 26, 1992

Tom & Sandi Effertz
April 27, 1984

*50+ years

Office Hours

Staff Meetings are Tuesday at 9:30am

General office hours:

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

Pastors Office Hours:

Monday: In Office
Tuesday: In Office
Wednesday: In Office
Thursday: In Office
Friday: Off



April 2023



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						1 7am Men's Bible Study
2 9m Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	4 6:30pm Christian Ed	5 5:30pm KidsQuest Meal 6pm KidsQuest 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC	6 8:30am Visitation 9am Seated Fitness 6pm Women Ministries 7pm <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7 7pm <i>Good Friday</i>	8 7am Men's Bible Study
9 8am Sunrise Worship 8:30am Breakfast 9m Sunday School & Confirmation 10am <i>Easter Worship</i>	10 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	11	12 6pm KidsQuest 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC	13 9am Seated Fitness	14	15 7am Men's Bible Study 9-11am Church Spring Cleaning
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23 9m Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 5pm Mustard Seeds	24 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	25 6:30pm Book Club	26 6:30pm KidsQuest Praise Night 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC (last of the year)	27 9am Seated Fitness	28	29 7am Men's Bible Study 10am Ladies Salad Luncheon
30 9m Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship (Women Ministries Sunday)						

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Community Meal

All are WELCOME!



You are invited to a Community Meal

Sunday, April 16th, 2023 at 11:15am

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, June 18th 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

2023

Women's Spring Salad Luncheon

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

10:00am

Come and enjoy wonderful salads, great conversation, and an excellent program!

Get your FREE tickets in the church office or online at
<https://www.dasselcovenant.org/2023-ladies-salad-luncheon.html>

Sign up by the church office if you would like to bring a salad to share.

Leadership Team meeting , March 2023

The following are highlights from the submitted reports.

Pastor Darren: Plans are underway for the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. Pastor Darren reported that the Cornhole tournament and silent auction raised just under \$2800. All of the proceeds will be split between Dassel Elementary School for a gaga pit and the D-C Girls' Swim Team for new parkas. He also highlighted the Rural Impact Leadership Conference which was held in Alexandria on March 18. Confirmation will be May 21 and Pastor Darren's last Sunday will be May 28.

Youth Pastor: Tim updated the Team on the youth program and upcoming events. The students are looking forward to the lock-in on March 28-29. He reported that the regular youth group will meet through April 26. The month of May is off because of the many year-end activities at school. The summer schedule and events are being planned along with the local mission trip in July.

Stewardship and Finance: Ron reported on the March 12 meeting of the Team. Items included: Women Ministries donations and fund transfer, LBBC line item and fund balance, Farm Committee, CD's to be re-invested into one CD, Elder Fund audit, and building insurance update. See the S&F report for more details.

Ministry Team Reports:

- A summary of events sponsored by Care and Life is in the meeting packet.
- A written report from the Christian Education Team included the following: there is no Sunday School the first day of Spring Break (March 26) and there will be Sunday School on Easter (April 9). The Confirmation class will help serve the Easter breakfast; there are 2 candidates for Adventures in Leadership; Senior Sunday is May 14; so far, there are 8 students signed up to attend LBBC this summer.
- It was reported that the Community Lunch sponsored by Women Ministries on March 19 was great. The next one is scheduled for April 16. April 30 is Women Ministries Sunday. Technology Update: Amanda Fusari presented information on the equipment recommended by Chad Ardoff to improve the Livestream capabilities. Chad will meet with Ron about the cost of the equipment. In addition, we discussed a new telephone system and adding security equipment with the technology bequest funds.

Motion to accept all the reports as presented was made by Ron, seconded by Marcia. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Custodian's review has been completed.
- Worship Leader Position - The position was offered and graciously declined.
- NWC Annual Meeting, April 28-29, 2023, Bemidji. Ron and Becky Hungerford and Pastor Darren are delegates.
- Vitality and Relational Covenant - tabled until we have a conversation with Bill Ward.
- Review and establish clear guidelines to resolve conflict - tabled until we receive guidance from NWC.

New Business:

- Suggestion to have prayer meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. Al will talk to Mary Rinden about leading this.
- Developing a Security Plan - information from our insurance carrier was distributed to read and study.
- Ministry Team Guidelines and policies - tabled due to time constraints
- Interim Pastor Job Description - Kara Stromberg suggested we develop a job description before we meet on March 28. The Senior Pastor job description will be our guide. We will have a workshop session to get this done.
- Benevolent funds discussion

Calendar Items:

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Special meeting with Kara Stromberg, NWC

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Regular meeting

Devotions

- Benevolent Funds were audited

- DCC Statement and Policy on Sexual Morality
- Relational Covenant
- Discuss, review and establish clear guidelines to resolve conflict
- Interim Pastor
- Worship Leader Position
- Active and inactive membership

- Rural Impact Leadership Conference, March 18, 2023, Alexandria
- NWC Annual Meeting, April 27-29, 2023, Bemidji
- Leadership Team Special Meeting with NWC representative, March 28, 2023 6:30 pm.
- ECC Annual Meeting, June 28-July 1, 2023, Garden Grove, CA

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.

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