

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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God’s Will

As a pastor one of the most frequently asked questions I get asked is, “what is God’s will for my life?” In a never-ending search for answers I did what I so often do, I found a book to read. The book I found is entitled The 4 Wills of God: The Way he Directs Our Steps and Frees Us to Direct Our Own by Emerson Eggerichs. He identifies four specific Bible verses that tell us God’s will, those verses being:

John 6:40 - *For my **Father’s will** is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.*”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is **God’s will** for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3 - *It is **God’s will** that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.*

1 Peter 2:13-15 - *Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.*

He freely admits that these four passages does not limit God’s will for us human beings. But he says that these four reveal for us the guardrails for us knowing and doing God’s will in todays world.

- 1) Belief in Jesus Christ
- 2) Thankfulness in all circumstances
- 3) Sexual purity
- 4) Submitting to authority

Belief in Jesus Christ is fundamental to being a Christian. If you are reading this you probably have no problem agreeing with this one. Thankfulness in all circumstances we also probably don’t have a hard time agreeing with this; yet struggle too always be thankful. Sexual purity, likewise we agree with, but without question this is under attack in our world today and thus has even impacted the Church, tragically. Now submitting to authority is in some ways difficult because we feel we have the right to question those over us. Yet, what if that is God’s will? (And it appears to be as such.)

He argues that if we want to know God’s will, we must be doing God’s revealed will in the Bible. That if we are not, how then can we expect God to communicate His will in other ways in our lives. Plus, if we are, then we have the freedom to choose in those areas where God isn’t specifically speaking. The key then is to do God’s will as the Bible has made clear to us and not worry about those things that are not spoken specifically about in the scriptures.

For the Praise of His Glory,  
Pastor Darren

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February Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 5: Tim Paulson, Chad Dischinger 12: Al Olson, Sharon Radke 19: Ralph Anderson, Diane Dodge 26: Brian & Maria Anderson	<u>Nursery</u> 5: 12: 19: 26:	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 5: 12: 19: Community Meal 26:
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Leadership Team Note

- New membership class happening February 11th.
- Pray for the Evangelical Covenant Church - big decisions happening at the annual meeting this summer.
  - After an extra principal payment, the Building Loan will have a balance of around \$80,000.

Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Do you have a wood burning fireplace? A firepit? A woodburning stove? Campfires? These firestarters 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.



Book Club

Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30pm.  
The book selection is "Becoming" by Michelle Obama



Are you looking for the Worship service but cant seem to find it?

A few things changes with YouTube for us (all out of our control).

To find the Worship service on YouTube, Go to our homepage

<https://www.youtube.com/@dasselcovenantchurch8696>  
Next, click the LIVE option.

All of our livestream services are available under this tab.

To help this process, please subscribe to our YouTube page. This will set all videos we produce at the top of your YouTube page.

You can also find the Worship service on the Church website <https://www.dasselcovenant.org/worship-services.html>

Please email or call the church office if you have any questions!

Church Family Humor

By Su Asplin

-What do you call a man in your toolbox?

Hammar

-What do you call a man in your mailbox?

Bill

-What do you call the other man in your toolbox?

Allen

FEBRUARY 2023 "THE WAY"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 The Way at DCC 6:30pm	2	3 Friday Night Frenzy at FBC 9pm-12am	4
5 9am Sunday School & Confirmation Sledding at DCC meet at noon	6	7	8 The Way at DCC 6:30pm	9	10	11
12 9am Sunday School & Confirmation Super Bowl Party at DCC	13	14	15 The Way at DCC 6:30pm	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	20	21	22 The Way at DCC 6:30pm	23	24	25
26 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	27	28				

DCC=Dassel Covenant Church

FBC=First Baptist Church

January Church Attendance

1st	Sunday: 103	Online: NA	Total: 103
8th	Sunday: 107	Online: 64	Total: 171
15th	Sunday: 105	Online: 60	Total: 165
22nd	Sunday: 101	Online: 60	Total: 161
29th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:





## **FEBRUARY YOUTH events**

**FEBRUARY 1ST  
YOUTH GROUP @ DASSEL COVENANT (6:30PM)**



**FEBRUARY 3RD  
FRIDAY NIGHT FRENZY @ FIRST BAPTIST 9PM-12AM**



**FEBRUARY 5TH  
SLEDDING (MEET AT DASSEL COVENANT) NOON**

**FEBRUARY 8TH  
YOUTH GROUP @ DASSEL COVENANT (6:30PM)**



**FEBRUARY 12TH  
SUPER BOWL PARTY @ DASSEL COVENANT**

**FEBRUARY 15TH  
YOUTH GROUP @ DASSEL COVENANT (6:30PM)**

**FEBRUARY 22ND  
YOUTH GROUP @ DASSEL COVENANT (6:30PM)**

### 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.



*Thank you for the Poinsettia & card for Christmas. It is much appreciated.  
Annabelle Johnson*

### Dassel Covenant Friends & Family Winter Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp.

Friday, February 24, 2023, beginning at 6:00pm through Sunday, February 26, check out time is 2pm.

Loon Lodge and Edlund Retreat Center have been reserved for us. Come and enjoy our beautiful camp and the many activities offered. Or, just come and relax and have someone else do the cooking!

We will do our own "potluck" lunch on Saturday & breakfast on Sunday.

Each family unit will be assigned their own bedroom. Bring your own bedding and towels.

Activities may include:  
Snow Tubing, Snow Shoeing, Hiking, Sauna  
Gym-9 Square, Basketball, Dodgeball,  
Carpetball, Laser Tag (additional cost)

Cost:  
(2 nights and 2 meals, breakfast & supper on Saturday)  
Adults (13 and up) \$55  
Youth (5-12 years) \$27.50  
Child (0-4 years) free  
Friday Night lodging + Breakfast & Supper Saturday = \$39.00  
Saturday day + supper = \$12.50

Questions? Talk to Amanda or Marcia  
RSVP by February 12, 2023

**No Regrets - Men's Conference**  
**Saturday, February 4th, 7:30am - 1:30pm**  
**Remote hosting at our church**

Each day presents circumstances that cause us to lose our hope and courage. As traditional institutions fail to grant security, where can we turn? David the Psalmist stated long ago: "He alone is our rock, our salvation and our fortress". Jesus is the solid ground. Knowing Him is the answer to life's greatest challenges. Together we will explore exactly how to build your life on the solid foundation of God and His Word. There will be group worship, compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it and seminars on the topics of most interest to you. Take advantage of this day to avoid the distractions of life and renew your dependence on Christ, the solid rock on which we stand.

Any questions, please talk with Matt Fusari.

Signup at church or at our website:  
<https://www.dasselcovenant.org/mens-no-regrets-conference.html>

More information at:  
<https://www.noregretsconference.org>



**KIDSQUEST UPDATE**

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in live, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12*

With a few changes to our calendar, we are back on track at KidsQuest!  
 Our Christmas program was livestream and can be viewed on YouTube, or our website! With illness and the weather, we had to make some changes!  
 Our NEW KidsQuest calendar was changes to accommodate The Way youth group! We want to share the space and work together! For the month of February, we will begin our night with opening & the Bible lesson. Following the opening & lesson, we will be doing a fun activity as a whole group! Parents are welcome to join the fun!

February schedule:

Feb 1: Meal & BINGO night!

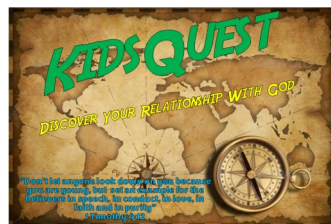
Feb 8: Game Night

Feb 15: Box Race Night

Feb 22: Lake Beauty Bible Camp promo & Trivia

We are in need of volunteers. Come by yourself or with a friend. We are also looking for more Bible Lesson leaders. We have the topic ready, and are looking for others to help lead the lesson. This could be with song, puppets, acting, reading a story, telling about yourself, and any variety of other ways!

Thank you to all of the volunteers and for all of your support!  
 Amanda Fusari—KidsQuest Director



**February Birthdays**

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|----|--|
| 2  | Renee Swanson<br>Wendy Johnson                                     |
| 5  | Ross Beckman<br>Brooke Cron<br>Hayzle Tompkins                     |
| 7  | Tom Nelson<br>Sharon Hultgren*                                     |
| 9  | Cash Olson   |
| 11 | Walter Diederich   |
| 12 | Steve Schwalbe<br>Atreya Butcher                                   |
| 13 | Arlene Beckman*<br>Clarice Mattson*<br>Erik Haapala                |
| 14 | David Pritchard  |
| 15 | Joe Beckman  |
| 17 | Wendy Isakson  |
| 20 | Nathan Carlson<br>Kenna Gasta                                      |
| 21 | Jan Pritchard  |
| 22 | LuAnn Weseloh  |
| 25 | Violet Woetzel*<br>Alexis Weseloh<br>Cliff Eng<br>Abigail Amundson |
| 27 | Joan Johnson*  |

\*80+ years

**February Anniversaries**

Kevin & Tracy Hanson  
 February 14 1998

\*50+ years

**Cornhole Tournament  
 coming in March!  
 Watch for details!**

**Lake Beauty Bible Camp  
 Summer Promo night**

**Wednesday, February 22. 2023**

**6:00pm**

**Meet in the church sanctuary.**

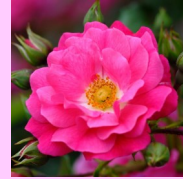
**All are welcome to come and hear  
 about camp!**

**Camp representatives will be shar-  
 ing about summer camp. If you are  
 curious about what  
 happens at camp, this is for you!  
 Questions? Talk to Amanda Fusari**





# February 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30pm KidsQuest Meal 6pm KidsQuest 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC	2 9am Seated Fitness	3 Friday Night Frenzy (youth) 9pm- 12am FBC	4 7:30am-1pm Men's No Regrets Conference
5 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 12pm Youth Sledding at DCC	6 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	7 6:30pm Chris- tian Education	8 6pm KidsQuest 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC	9 9am Seated Fitness	10	11 7am Men's Bible Study Membership Class
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19 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11:15am Community Meal	20 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	21 7pm Leader- ship Team	22 6pm KidsQuest LBBC Promo 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at DCC	23 9am Seated Fitness	24 Lake Beauty Bible Camp DCC Friends & Family Camp 6pm	25 7am Men's Bible Study LBBC Friends & Family Camp
26 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship LBBC Friends & Family Camp to 2pm	27 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	28 6:30pm Book Club				

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## Community Meal

*All are WELCOME!*



**You are invited to a Community Meal**  
**Sunday, February 19th, 2023 at 11:15am**

**Dassel Covenant Church**  
**251 Lake Street. Dassel, MN 55325**

***Come and enjoy Baked Potato bar & all the  
fixings 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, March 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

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**Sign up by the church office if you would like to help  
cook & serve, bring bars, or clean up!**

# Leadership Team meeting , January 2023

The following are highlights from the submitted reports.

Reports:

- **Pastor Darren:** New membership class happening February 11th, Two transfers of membership. Cornhole Tournament happening sometime this winter. Monday night prayer attendance is growing. LBBC has a candidate for the Executive Director position. ECC update - the annual meeting this summer will be pivotal. A vote will be taken for two churches to see if they are allowed to stay in the ECC (based on human sexuality practices). The Leadership Team will begin discussions and start working on a contin-gency plan for Dassel Covenant depending on which direction the ECC chooses to go with human sex-uality.
- **Youth Pastor:** Sledding event in February, lock-in over spring break, local mission trip in July (Willmar and DC areas), summer - camping trip whitewater trip. Average of 18 kids on a Wednesday night.
- **Care & Life:** no report submitted
- Christian Education: things are still going well with the combined youth groups. They took some time to assess progress.
- **Properties & Maintenance:** no report submitted
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Women’s Ministry will have a fund balance for 2023 (transferring over their own current funds), they will not be included in the 2023 budget. The Farm Committee is discussing if there’s a more efficient way to utilize/manage the account/land. 2022 had a net income of \$17,698, which will be moved to the Over/Under fund.  
The current building loan balance is \$99,836.  
Stewardship & Finance brought a motion to the Leadership Team to use \$20,000 from the Over/Under fund to make a principal payment on the building loan. Susan seconded the motion; the motion passed.  
Stewardship & Finance brought a motion to the Leadership Team to approve Paulette Dahlseng and Mike Seaberg as the 2023 auditors. (Both are currently on the S&F committee as members at large.)  
One will serve for one year, and the other will serve for two years. Marcia seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- Ron will talk with Worship & Music regarding stipends in 2024 for the volunteer worship leaders.
- **Visitation:** no report submitted
- **Worship & Music:** no report submitted
- **Women Ministries:** no report submitted

Old Business:

- **2023 Budget**
- Not much change in the income
- Expenses - increases in salaries, donations to LBBC, Northwest Conference, ECC
- Utilities - budgeting a 6% increase
- Building insurance - 20% increase
- Marcia seconded the Stewardship & Finance motion to approve the proposed 2023, pending congregation approval on 1/29/2023.

New Business:

- Ballot presented for two open Leadership Team positions:
- Four nominees for two open positions: Bonnie Eng, Debbie (Gordy) Nelson, Al Olson, Tom Nelson
- Written ballot - are snow birds able to vote? According to the DCC Constitution, all voting must be done in person during a meeting.
- The Constitution says the Leadership Team is to present annual mission and ministry objectives to the con-gregation.
- An initial discussion was started and will continue in February with the new members.
- Ron will meet with the Nominating Committee to discuss a new nomination for the 2024 Nominating Committee.
- There were no notes in the Suggestion Box.

The minutes were closed, while Susan read a letter of closing thoughts as her term is at an end.

Minutes were reopened. Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Torrey seconded the motion; the motion passed.

## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel

Financial Summary

12/31/22

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	23,729	309,601
Actual Expenses	24,710	291,903
Total Income Less Expense	(981)	17,698

Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2021 298,652

**Building Fund**—Beginning Balance 1/1/2022 13,720

	This Month	YTD
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	4,845	37,450
Designated Memorials	0	8,971
Payments: Payments to NCP	8,600	50,282

**Current Building Fund Balance 9,859**

Building Loan 1/1/2020		<b>144,610</b>
2019 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	4,356	35,913
Principal Payments-Memorials	3,800	8,861

**Current Loan Balance 4/30/2020 99,836**

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)

## Office Hours

Staff Meetings are Tuesday at 9:30am

<u>General office hours:</u>		<u>Pastors Office Hours:</u>	
Monday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Monday:	In Office
Tuesday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Tuesday:	In Office
Thursday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Wednesday:	In Office
Friday:	Closed	Thursday:	In Office
		Friday:	Off