

Leading People to a Transforming Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	8:30am	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



Dassel Covenant Courier
February 2024

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“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11

It’s a joy to be part of the body of Christ where we can encourage each other in our life with Jesus. As a church family we offer many opportunities to build one another up and strengthen each other. In our life in Christ. We want to take a minute to highlight two very special opportunities we are focusing on that we hope will be a true blessing to each of you.

Marriage Enrichment Event February 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
This is an event that has been well-received by churches over our years of pastoral ministry. Our presentation will draw from extensive research by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. The Gottman’s are among the nation’s preeminent authorities in joyful, lifelong marriages. We have also walked alongside many couples over our years of ministry and have our own “laboratory” of 49 years of marriage to each other. We will be sharing very practical biblical principles to help strengthen everyone’s marriage. We’ll have fun together as we learn how to enhance our marriage relationship. Whether you’ve been married a short time or very long time, you’ll find this to be a wonderful time for you and your spouse. Lunch and childcare will be provided. And, get this, it’s FREE!

Church Membership Class March 10 and 17, 11:30 – 1:00 pm.
Do you see Dassel Covenant Church as your “home church,” but you’ve not yet become an “official” member? We encourage everyone who has not yet joined to participate in this membership class, as this is a great opportunity to learn more about our local church as well as our denomination. This is normally a four session class, but we will carefully distill the information into just two sessions. There is no obligation to join after participating, though these two sessions will give you all the information you will need to join now or sometime in the future.

We also want to invite your prayer for the establishment of a Pastoral Search Committee in the near future. Please pray for God to provide a GREAT team of people to work on this significant process.

Finally, we are excited to announce that Pastor Hollis Kim will be our guest speaker, Sunday February 25th while the two of us will be taking some vacation to his home state of Hawaii from February 19-26.

It’s a joy to serve the Lord with you!

Pastor Marv & Pastor Linda

February Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 4: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt 11: Jim Hallquist, Dan Rinden 18: Chad Dischinger, Tim Paulson 25: Al Olson, Russ Fusari, Sharon Radke	<u>Nursery</u> 4: Catherine Young 11: Kristi Mackenthun 18: Hastings Family 25: Tim & Candy Paulson	<u>Coffee Cart</u> 4: Judy 11: Amanda 18: Marlene 25: Rinden's
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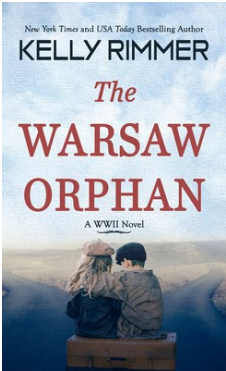
<u>Leadership Team Note</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Building loan payoff was approvedSecurity cameras quote was approvedSpecial meeting on January 22 to discuss the search process Joint meeting with Ministry Team chairs will be February 12	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 4: 11: 18: Community Meal 25:
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Book Club

Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm.

The book selection is “Warsaw Orphan” by Kelly Rimmer

All are welcome to join book Club!



Mustard Seeds

The Mustard Seeds will be getting together at Church on Sunday, February 18th at 5:30pm.

More information to come!

January Church Attendance			
7th	Sunday: 103	Online: 42	Total: 145
14th	Sunday: 101	Online: 45	Total: 146
21st	Sunday: 126	Online: 39	Total: 165
28th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

Church Membership Class

Are you interested in learning about Dassel Covenant Church? Do you want to become a member of the church?

New membership classes will be offered in March! Sunday, March 10th & Sunday, March 17th, both from 11:30am-1pm. Lunch will be served.

If you are interested, or have questions, please talk to Pastors Marv & Linda

*You do not have to become a member if you take the class. You can go just to learn!



February 2024 Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 2:30-4:30pm Ice Fishing
4 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	5	6	7 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	8	9	10
11 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 5pm Super Bowl Party	12	13	14 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	15	16	17
18 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	19	20	21 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	22	23	24
25 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	26	27	28 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	29		

January 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

Unite is happening July 15-19, 2024. Eligible students are those in 9th-12th grade. The \$100 commitment deposit is due February 4. Checks should be payable to Dassel Covenant Church. The CE Team feels it is important that this deposit is out-of-pocket in order for students to have an investment in this trip. Please talk to Randy if you are planning to attend.

Saturday, Feb 3 - 2:30-4:30 pm - **ice fishing** (lake to be chosen by the experts). This event is for all interested students. Meet in the upper church parking lot at **2:00 pm**. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring fishing gear if you have it.

Sunday, February 11, 5:00 pm - **Super Bowl Party** for youth and families

Not only will we be watching the game on the big screen, there will be good food, Bingo and prizes for those who wish to participate.

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the fundraiser meal on January 17!



Marriage Enrichment Event

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

9:00am-3:00pm

Lunch and Childcare provided

FREE for Couple

This special event is designed for couples who are married or engaged to be married. The day will include an informed presentation of very helpful information that will enrich your experience as a couple along with food and fun together.

**discover how to build your friendship*

**learn keys to solving problems...solvable and unsolvable*

**practice preventing conflict from happening and deescalating if it does*

**hear from others in various seasons of life who have learned from their own life-experiences*



Register online at: <https://www.dassalcovenant.org/marriage-enrichment-event.html>

Registration closes February 4th, 2024

Presented by
Pastors Marv & Linda Norlien

Community Prayer Service

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

5:00pm

Dassel History Center

All are invited to
Worship, Praise, Lament,
Confess, & Pray.

A soup & bread meal will be
served following the service.

Sponsored by the Dassel Ministerium

**Men's
No Regrets
Conference
February 3,
2024
7:30am-1pm**

**The event will
be streamed
to Dassel
Covenant!**

**noregretscon-
ference.org**

A Message from Ecuador

On January 6, Al received a text message from Augustin at Piedra Viva Church in Rumipamba, Ecuador.

Augustin: Hello Alan, how are you all doing?

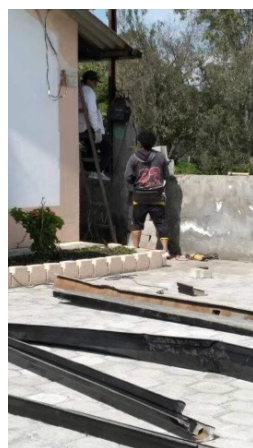
Al: Hola Augustin, we are doing good. We hope you and your family and everyone at Pedra Viva is doing well. We all enjoyed the opportunity we had to spend time with all of you this fall. It was great to be together. May God bless you.

Augustin: All the brothers of Piedra Viva are very well thanks to the love of our Lord Jesus. I inform you that today all the brothers of Piedra Viva carried out a minga and worked placing the paving stones that you gave us. We are very grateful to you because thanks to your help we managed to pave the church patio and today we are moving forward to paving the surrounding area.

Al: Great job, it looks wonderful, thank you for the information and the photos.

Augustin: Thank you brother and may God bless you all.

See the photos of the area surrounding the church. Prior to the paving stones, dirt and weeds were between the wall and the church building.



Let's Celebrate!

February Birthdays

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

*80+ years

February Anniversaries

Kevin & Tracy Hanson
February 14, 1998

Doug & Michele Ailie
February 21, 2004

*50+ years

General office hours:

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

Pastors Office Hours:

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

Did you know we are helping Dassel Elementary with our plastic bags?

Please consider saving your plastic bags (of many kinds) to help Dassel Elementary get a 100% recycled bench for the school!

Check out the big white box by the church office for what types of plastic you can donate!





February 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9am Seated Fitness 6:30pm WM meeting	2	3 7:30am-1pm No Regrets Men's Conference 10am-4pm
4 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 5pm Community Prayer Service	5 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 4pm Leadership Team 6:30pm Prayer	6 6:30pm CE meet- ing	7 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High YG 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High YG	8 9am Seated Fitness	9	10 7am Men's Bible Study
11 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	12 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 4pm LT & Minis- try Team meeting 6:30pm Prayer	13	14 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High YG 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High YG	15 9am Seated Fitness	16	17 7am Men's Bible Study 9am-3pm Marriage Enrichment Event
18 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11:15am Community Meal 11:15am Salad Luncheon Meeting 5:30pm Mustard Seeds	19 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	20	21 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High YG 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High YG	22 9am Seated Fitness	23 LBBC Friends & Family Camp	24 7am Men's Bible Study LBBC Friends & Family Camp
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2024 Dassel Covenant Friends & Family Winter Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp.

Please sign up as soon as possible if you are planning to attend the Winter Friends and Family Retreat at LBBC on February 23-25. The deadline is February 9. The cost is \$114 for adults; youth and children are free. **Payment is due February 15.** Checks should be made payable to Dassel Covenant Church and given to Marcia. The cost includes 2 nights lodging plus 2 meals (Saturday breakfast and Saturday supper). Activities include: fun in the gym, laser tag (additional cost) sledding, snowshoeing if there is enough snow, ice skating, broomball, sauna, board games. We will do our own sandwich/salad potluck lunch on Saturday and Sunday potluck breakfast. More information will be emailed to attendees, so please sign up on the clipboard outside of the church office.

If you have any questions, please talk to Marcia or Amanda.



KIDSQUEST

What a fun month January was! We had some special visitors to help with the Bible lesson. The puppets were back!! Thank you Marcia, Russell, and Connor for your help.

Randy also had RC Cars to race for game time! Check out the pictures below!



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.

February 7th: BINGO Night

February 21: Lake Beauty Bible Camp Promo Night



Leadership Team meeting , January 15, 2024

Reports

Motion to approve the submitted reports except Stewardship and Finance by consent agenda was made by Ron, seconded by Tom. The submitted reports include Pastors’ report, Christian Education and Women Ministries.

Ron highlighted the Stewardship and Finance report as of December 31, 2023. The financials will be covered with the congregation at the annual meeting. The actual income for 2023 exceeded the expenditures. There were two large donations designated to the building fund at the end of December which will allow us to pay off the building loan.

Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Diane to pay off the building loan with the building fund balance (\$9,275) and the remaining amount (\$18,500) from the over/under fund. Carried unanimously.

Stewardship and Finance recommends that future Building Fund donations will be applied to the Capital Improvement Fund in anticipation for upcoming projects (parking lot, building maintenance, carpeting). In addition, to paying off the building loan, the surplus in the Over/Under Fund will be transferred as follows:

- 1. \$30,000 to Capital Improvement Fund
 - 2. \$3,000 to the Flower and Alter Fund
 - 3. \$4,000 to the Lake Beauty Bible Camp Fund
- \$5,000 to the Pastor Search Fund (new fund)
\$45,000 will be kept in the Over/Under Fund.

Motion to second the recommendations of the Stewardship and Finance Team was made by Tom. Carried unanimously.

Ron covered the 2023 actual income and expense budget. The 2023 audit will take place on Thursday, January 18, 2023. The Benevolent Fund will be audited on Tuesday, January 16, 2023. Motion to approve the Stewardship and Finance report was made by Wayne, seconded by Marcia. Carried unanimously.

2024 Proposed Budget

Ron presented the 2024 proposed budget. Motion to approve and bring to the congregation for approval on January 28, 2024 was seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

Security Team Update

Andy Kraemer met with a representative from Security & Sound Company, St. Bonifacius to determine the location for security cameras in the church building. Tony Amundson is willing to work with this person to get it set up. Tom made the motion to approve the use of Technology Funds to cover the cost up to \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

Ministry Teams

Discussion of the approval of ministry teams took place. The bylaws state the configuration of Ministry Teams shall be reviewed regularly by the Leadership Team.

The following Ministry Teams were reviewed and approved:

1. Mission, Evangelism and Outreach - Lisa Nordberg, Chair. Members: Tim Paulson, Brian Anderson, Tracy Kraemer, Tracy Hanson. Motion to approve was made by Wayne, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.
2. Stewardship & Finance: Ron Hungerford, Chair; Kristin Carlson, Bookkeeper; Marlene Blunt, Financial Secretary; Gwen Hallquist, Treasurer. Members: Paulette Dahlseng, Tom Efertz, Jim Hallquist, Mike Seaberg. Motion to approve was made by Wayne, seconded by Diane. Carried unanimously.

Visitation - Diane Dodge and Lois Dahl, Co-chairs. Members: Jan Pritchard, Betty Ness, Sharon Revard, Margaret Engelson, John Crayford. Motion to approve was made by Wayne, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

The rest of the Ministry Teams will be reviewed and approved at the February 12, 2024 meeting.

Wayne thanked the Team for the opportunity to serve the last three years.

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel
Financial Summary
12/31/23

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	74,479	327,871
Actual Expenses	27,969	271,688
Total Income Less Expense	46,510	56,183
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		309,601

<u>Building Fund</u> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859	
	This Month	YTD	
Contributions:	Building Fund contributions	22,095	53,105
	Designated Memorials	0	85
	Transfer from Carry over/under	0	20,000
Payments:	Payments to NCP	25,119	73,774
Current Building Fund Balance			9,275
Building Loan 1/1/2023			99,836
2023	Principal Payments-Regular Giving	8,776	34,084
	Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0	20,000
	Principal Payment-Memorials	30	85
Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023			45,667

Women Ministries Fund Balance (10/31/2023): **\$12,092.58**

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